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### **PIPELINE**

#### **GOP** women meet

The monthly meeting of the Suburban Republican Women's Club will be at the Courthouse Grille, 41661 Plymouth Road in Plymouth, 11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 24.

The speaker will be former state Sen. Bruce Patterson. Visitors and guests are always welcome. Cost is \$12.

For reservations and menu choice, call (313) 532-3932.

#### Trivia night

The Plymouth-Canton Branch, American Association of University Women, will host its first Trivia Night Friday, April 1, at the Barn at Colony Farms, on Colony Farms Drive in Plymouth. Games begin 7 p.m., with

the doors open at 6:15 p.m. Participants will use knowledge of facts and factoids to have fun with family and friends while benefiting AAUW's scholarship fund. Tickets are \$20 per person or \$160 for a team of eight. Money prizes will be awarded for first and second place.

Limited space is available. For ticket information, call Sharon at (734) 453-5009 or e-mail aauw\_plymouthcanton@yahoo.com

#### Mercury and Venus

The Plymouth District Library will host the monthly program, Stars, Moons and Planets, 7 p.m. Monday, March 21.

For more information the library at (734) 453-0750.

#### Mother knows best

Local women and girls are invited to send us (in 50 words or less) the best advice you received from your mom. Include a photo of your mom or, better yet, you and your mom. E-mail your best submission and photo (jpg format only) to bkadrich@ hometownlife.com.

Include your first and last name and hometown and identify your mother (first and last name, please). Include a daytime phone number or cell phone where you can be reached during business hours. The photos and advice will appear in the Thursday, May 5, Salute To Women edition of Hometown Life Woman. Deadline to submit advice and photo is 5 p.m. Friday, April 15.

#### Student scholarships

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce has kicked off the fundraising drive for its Student Citizen Scholarships. Chamber officials said some \$2,700 had already been donated, "assuring each student will receive \$540."

The chamber will reward up to five Plymouth/Canton students with Student Citizenship Scholarships based on community service only, not grade point average. There will be a selection committee who will pick one student each from Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools, the Starkweather Education Center and a non-PCCS student living in the district. Contributors will be recognized on the chamber's web page and at the Showcase of Plymouth on May 23.



Media specialist Karen Ensor leads the students in campfire songs in Smith Elementary School's Camp Read-A-Lot.

# Tried and true

## Schools show reading really is fundamental

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Kay Elaster knows kids hear the message so much, they might tend to tune it out. She understands it sounds a little trite and a lot corny.

But Elaster, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools ELA and social studies curriculum coordinator, knows one major thing about it.

Reading really is fundamental. That's why Plymouth-Canton, like school districts across the country, puts together a massive effort to support March is Reading Month, the annual focus on getting students excited about reading.

"If you can't read, you can't access other areas of the curriculum," Elaster said. "I know it sounds trite, but reading really is fundamental."

Different buildings celebrate the month, which Elaster pointed out was originally established partly as a means of recognizing the birthday of Dr. Seuss, in different ways. Most bring in guest "celebrity" readers; this year's guests ranged from school board President John Jackson to new Michigan Secretary of State Ruth Johnson.

#### **BASED ON THEMES**

And teachers at many of the district's buildings put together themes, such as the "Gadgets and Gizmos" theme at Dodson Elementary. Bentley Elementary's "Reach for the Stars. Reading is Out of This World" plan had a space-



Olivia Buzelli listens to the sound of the ocean.

based theme. Allen Elementary used "The Wild Adventures of Reading" to talk about wildlife and reading, using author and wildlife photographer Nic Bishop (who spoke at several schools) as a presenter.

At Smith Elementary, teachers set up Camp Read-A-Lot for the 11th year, putting up tents, laying in a 'lake" and using a variety of stations in an effort to energize kids about reading.

"The idea is to celebrate March is Reading Month with something that gets the kids excited about reading," said Karen Ensor, the media specialist at Smith. "It's not just your ordinary, 'come to the library to sit and read' activity."

Indeed the program, and a similar one at Hoben Elementary, uses a variety of work stations to get the point across that reading is required for just about everything. There's a bird-watching station and stations for star-gazing and wild flowers. Kids can "fish" in a fake lake or snag a spider in the spider pit. The fish and the spiders come with questions attached to them that require the kids to read in order to answer.

The lake is where 7-year-old second-grader Luka Pierson spent a good deal of time.

"I like the activities," Luka said. "Fishing is my favorite, because it's

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# **Public gets** a look at budget woes

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When administrators for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools made their presentation on the 2011-12 budget at Tuesday's Board of Education meeting, several school board members called for more public involvement in the process.

The administration is giving them what they wanted by making the same presentation at an educational meeting to the general public Wednesday at 6 p.m., in the cafetorium at Discovery Middle School.

While school board members will be at the meeting, no decisions will be made and no other school business will be discussed, board President John Jackson said.

"The administration is going to make the presentation they made to us and they're going to take questions," Jackson said. "We want to let people know what situation we're in."

The "situation" to which Jackson referred is an estimated \$17 million deficit being projected for the 2011-12 school year. That number has been pushed upward by a variety of factors, including a state-mandated boost in retirement payouts, the loss of one-time funding such as the federal stimulus money and Gov. Rick Snyder's proposed \$470 cut in per-pupil spending.

Among the options being considered by the board are the closing of an elementary school and moving the Starkweather Educational Center, changes to the Talented and Gifted program, changes in busing and staff reductions.

The closing of an elementary school appeared to be the toughest to swallow for a board trying to keep cuts out of the

"I realize we have to take some bigger steps," Vice President Dianne Gonzalez said. "But this (closing a school) is going to be an emotional decision."

Jackson said several board members and Supt. Craig Fiegel were in Lansing this week for talks with the Michigan Association of School Boards, and heard enough to want to pay heed to board member Steven Sneideman's call for more public involvement.

"When we were in Lansing we were told legislators weren't hearing as much about school issues as they were about other

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#### **ECONOMIC EDUCATION**

What: Public meeting on 2011-12 Plymouth-Canton Community Schools budget Where: Discovery Middle School When: 6-8 p.m. Wednesday

Why: Plymouth-Canton Community Schools administrators will present recommendations on cuts to deal with a projected \$17 million deficit

### **Near miss**

Kayla Bridges (33) goes up for a layup despite defensive attention from Inkster's Kelsey Mitchell during Friday's Class A semifinal at Breslin Center. Bridges led the Chiefs with 12 points, but Inkster won 39-38. Turn to today's sports section for more on the game.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# Former lacrosse coach faces porn charges

BY DARRELL CLEM OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Facing what his defense attorney called "crushing accusations," a Canton resident who coached the Plymouth High School girls lacrosse team and supervised a younger girls basketball league is facing a March 25 court hearing on charges he distributed child sexually



rial on the Internet and used his computer to commit crimes. Stephen

abusive mate-

and grandfather, stood mute Thursday as 35th District Judge Michael Gerou entered

a 64-yearold divorcee

Jay Nyquist,

"He's very scared and he's very concerned about the serious charges that have been brought against him," defense attorney John McWilliams said, standing outside the courtroom after Nyquist's arraignment.

a not-guilty plea for him on

multiple child pornography-

related felony charges.

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**Delightful dancing** 

planetdance studio of Canton recently won top honors at the 'Countdown Dance Competition' in Waterford. The team consists of 60 members from all the local areas. In July the team will travel to Ocean City, Md., for the national finals. The team won the following awards: Top Mini Duo/Trio, Top Junior Solo, Top Junior Duo/Trio, Top Junior Small Group, Top Junior Large Group, Top Teen Solo, Top Teen Duo/Trio, Top Teen Small Group, Top Teen Large Group, Top Teen Line, Top Senior Solo, Top Senior Duo/Trio, Top Senior Small Group and Top Senior Large Group. The team also had the highest scoring 11 & under and 12 & over routines. planetdance is located at 44314 Cherry Hill in Canton. For information visit www.planetdancestudio.com.

### Yard-waste pickup begins first week of April

Household yard waste collection in Plymouth and Plymouth Township will resume early next month.

In Plymouth Township, curbside pickup of yard waste begins Monday, April 4. In Plymouth, pickup begins Tuesday, April 5. Yard waste is picked up weekly on the same schedule as household trash

and recyclables collection.
Yard waste such as grass clippings, leaves and garden prunings can be put into the brown paper yard waste bags available from local retailers, or in a clearly marked trash can designated for that purpose. Plymouth residents

should mark yard-waste cans "compost only"; township residents should mark theirs with yard-waste stickers (available at township hall) or with two large Xs or Cs. Make sure one a label faces the roadway when the container is set out.

The maximum container size is 35 gallons in the township, 32 gallons in the city. Filled containers should not exceed 50 pounds.

Dirt is not accepted as yard waste.

Both communities also offer brush and branch collection.

In Plymouth Township, brush and branches up to six inches in diameter can be tied in bundles and set at the curb.
In the city, brush and
branches no more than two

branches no more than two inches in diameter can either be tied in bundles up to four feet long, or set out in a properly marked compost can or a yard-waste bag.

Bundles should be tied with a natural material such as twine or cotton string, not with wires or plastic ties, and should weigh no more than 50 pounds each.

For more information, township residents should call the solid waste department at (734) 354-3270, Ext. 4. City residents should call (734) 455-1392.

# New downtown restaurant replaces 1999 Tavern

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A downtown Plymouth

restaurant that closed four months ago is expected to reopen this summer with a new name, a new theme and new ownership.

Panache 447 — the number is the restaurant's address on Forest Avenue — is planned for the space formerly occupied by the 1999 Tavern, which closed in November.

Panache will have an "edgy" feel, will feature locally produced produce, meats and dairy products to the extent possible, and will have a menu tilted toward fresh seafood, said Robert Kolo, an adviser on the project.

"Plymouth won't have anything like this," said Kolo, who promised a "unique dining

experience."

The development includes extensive remodeling of the restaurant, and the addition of a second-floor, 66-seat dining room and 11-seat bar area, in a space the 1999 Tavern had used for offices and storage. The main floor will have 155 seats, Kolo said.

The Plymouth Planning Commission on March 9 recommended approval of plans for the expansion to the second floor, and the Plymouth City Commission is expected to take up the issue at its Monday, April 4, meeting.

"These changes are going to be significant," said Kolo of the planned remodeling and expansion. Nothing from the interior of the 1999 Tavern will be recognizable, he said. The interior of Panache will

be "very chic, very trendy, very edgy," he said.

The expansion to the second floor will require the restaurant to provide three parking spaces, said Don Wortman, a

planning consultant to the city.

Kolo said the building owner and the owner of the former 1999 Tavern are resolving the parking issue as part of the business transaction with Panache; Wortman said the three-space deficiency could be addressed either through a lump-sum payment, a lease, or a special assessment.

Kolo said Panache's menu is still being developed, but that it will emphasize fresh seafood. It will also feature specials that will change with the seasons, he said.

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issues," Jackson said. "The consensus seemed to be it was either because the public didn't know or they didn't care, and they felt it was the former. We

got together with administration and came up with this solution."

On Tuesday, Sneideman and others called for more public involvement as the district moves through the budget process (the board has to approve its budget by June 30).

"I have a concern about

the public not being involved so far," Sneideman said.
"Maybe over the next couple of months we can get them more involved. Last year, dealing with a \$7 million problem, we got them involved. This year, its a \$20 million problem and they should be involved. These are their schools."



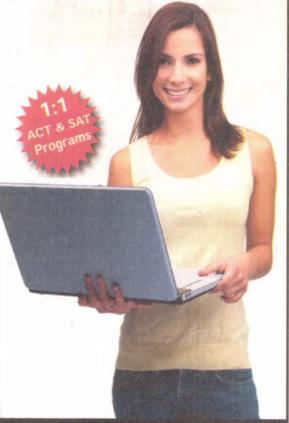
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# Police: Arrest part of porn 'epidemic' Break-in suspects are charged in second case

**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

A Canton man's arrest on charges he kept child pornographic images on his home computer and shared them online underscores what authorities say has become a growing problem on the Internet.

"It's probably up to epidemic proportions now," Michigan State Police Sgt. William Liczbinski said.

Liczbinski's remarks came as the multi-agency Michigan **Internet Crimes Against** Children Task Force had a press conference Thursday inside the Livonia-based MSP criminal investigation division, on the day Canton resident Stephen Jay Nyquist, 64, was arraigned in 35th District Court in Plymouth on 12 felony charges

Liczbinski said authorities are sifting through thousands of pornographic images they say they found on Nyquist's home computer — some involving girls and boys Liczbinski said appear to range in age from 5 years old to pre-teen.

Authorities searched Nyquist's home Tuesday and arrested him amid allegations he shared child pornographic images with an undercover police officer in Burlington, Wis., who contacted the Michigan task force.

Michigan State Police Detective Lt. Thomas Kish said some of the children in the images are known to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Authorities have no evidence any of the images are of local

of any sexual contact the defendant may have had with

"No local victims have been identified," Kish said.

Moreover, authorities said they weren't sure if Nyquist, while allegedly online with the undercover officer, believed he was communicating with an adult or a minor.

Liczbinski obtained a search warrant for Nyquist's home, and Kish said Nyquist cooperated with authorities by admitting he kept child pornography on his computer and traded images online.

Nyquist, a divorced grandfather, has lost his job as a coach for the Plymouth High School girls lacrosse team and as a supervisor of a basketball league for girls in grades three through eight.

Gerou ordered Nyquist to

Though he has no criminal history, Nyquist has been charged with six counts of using his computer to communicate with another to commit a crime, three counts of distributing child sexually abusive material and three counts of possession of child sexually abusive material.

Defense attornev John McWilliams said the allegations against Nyquist have caused "fear, concern and embarrassment" for a defendant who is "presumed innocent" as the case moves forward.

Kish has said anyone who has information about child pornography should contact law enforcement authorities or report it online at www.michiganicac.com.

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BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The suspects arrested March 8 as plainclothes and uniformed police officers interrupted a home break-in in Plymouth Township are facing additional charges in a burglary last month in the city of Plymouth.

Alexander Passaniti, 26, and Christina R. Henson, 27, were each charged Friday in 35th District Court with one count of second-degree home invasion and one count of larceny in a building. The charges stem from a Feb. 15 burglary of a house in the area of Amber Trail and Sheldon Road, said Plymouth Lt. Jamie Grabowski, the detective in charge of the case. A door had been forced open and jewelry was reported stolen from the home, Grabowski said.

Passaniti and Henson, both of Northville Township, were already facing identical charges in the March 8 break-in of a house on Amherst Court in the township. They were being trailed by a Wayne County undercover police unit at the time, and those officers, along with uniformed township officers, arrested them, Passaniti in a nearby yard after he fled the house and Henson in the vehicle in which they had arrived, police said.

The glass in a door had been

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Henson

smashed, police said, but noth-

ing was reported stolen. Henson was also charged with possession of heroin in that case. Sgt. Steve Rapson, who is in charge of the township police detective bureau, said suspected heroin was found in her purse upon her arrest.

Police said Passaniti and Henson have confessed to both incidents. Jewelry and a tire iron found in Canton Township linked the pair to the Feb. 15 Plymouth burglary, Grabowski said. Other jewelry reported stolen in that incident was not recovered.

Both Passaniti and Henson were being held Friday in the Wayne County Jail on bonds of \$300,000 each, and Judge Michael Gerou set identical bonds for the new charges.

They both on Friday waived their right to preliminary hearings on all charges, and are scheduled to be arraigned in Wayne County Circuit Court on Friday.

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McWilliams said Nyquist is "presumed innocent" on six counts of using his computer to communicate with another to commit a crime, which carries a 10-year prison term; three counts of distributing child sexually abusive material, a seven-year felony; and three counts of possession of child sexually abusive material, a four-year felony.

#### **MONTHS OF WATCHING**

Authorities say the incidents happened from Jan. 30 through March.

Nyquist coached the Plymouth/Canton/Salem girls unified lacrosse team last school year and had just one practice this year as coach of Plymouth High's team. He is no longer coaching lacrosse or supervising the Community Education Girls Basketball League for girls in grades three through eight - a position he held since 2007.

The school district was "shocked and disappointed" to learn of Nyquist's arrest, according to a statement released by Frank Ruggirello Jr., the district's community relations director. The district has informed Nyquist that he is no longer an employee and told him to stay off school

ties have confirmed Nyquist had no criminal history.

#### IN PLAIN SIGHT

Nyquist, dressed Thursday in blue jeans and a gray, longsleeved Army shirt, faces a March 25 preliminary exam to determine whether he should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

"The alleged behavior of this defendant is that of a predator hiding in plain sight," Wayne County Prosecutor Kym

Worthy said in a statement. Gerou entered a not-guilty plea for Nyquist and set a \$50,000/10 percent bond, which McWilliams said would be posted for the defendant's release.

However, Gerou ordered Nyquist not to use a computer or access the Internet and not to have contact with anyone under the age of 18.

According to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, Nyquist is accused of engaging in crimes using his computer while he was in contact with an undercover officer in Wisconsin who notified the Michigan Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, which searched Nyquist's home Tuesday and arrested

The computer-based crimes allegedly happened in the 1500 block of Hampshire, near Haggerty and Lilley, though authorities aren't aware of any direct sexual contact between

#### seek psychiatric care within 24 hours after his release on hond. McWilliams described Nyquist as a divorced grandfather whose family was not in the courtroom Thursday. The attorney indicated Nyquist exam before his March 25

might waive his preliminary hearing — a move that would automatically send the case to circuit court. McWilliams said there is

concern that Nyquist potential-

ly could be "self-destructive" as

he faces criminal charges, and he said Nyquist will be receiving psychiatric help.

"My experience with these cases is that they are heartbreaking for the community and heartbreaking for the person who is accused,' McWilliams said. "We'll just have to see how this particular case plays out."

McWilliams described Nyquist as having "fear, concern and embarrassment" over the criminal charges.

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# Spanish teacher wins human rights award

BY MAGGIE WUNDERLICH CORRESPONDENT

Kate Hunt of Allen Park teaches her students Salsa and Merengue, but not in a dance studio. She teaches them to cook Hispanic recipes and sing Spanish songs, but she's not a culinary arts or music teacher.

Rather, Hunt teaches Spanish to high school students at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

But that's not all. Now in her 21st year at P-CEP, Hunt continuously develops and implements programs which enhance cultural awareness in the school and the community. That's why the Michigan Education Association is recognizing her with the Elizabeth Siddall Human Rights Award, to be presented April 29 at the MEA Human Rights & Excellence Awards Banquet in Lansing.

Hunt grew up in Livonia and was always interested in language.

"As a child, I remember creating my own language," Hunt said.

GROWING INTEREST
Her interest grew and by high

school, she took Spanish courses. She felt like she truly learned the language during her year abroad program with the University of Michigan/Cornell in Spain. Hunt then pursued and attained a degree in Spanish and Secondary Teaching Certificate at the University of Michigan. Hunt further expanded her experience and education with a summer abroad program in Mexico and attained a Master's degree in Foreign Language and post graduate work in Bilingual Education from Eastern Michigan University.

"I appreciate this recognition," said Hunt, "and I am proud to accept the award on behalf of all the amazing, talented teachers and heartfelt staff, principals and assistant principals in the Plymouth-Canton district who care. They should all receive an award. They all help me do what I do inside and outside the classroom."

Hunt teaches Spanish using the TPRS method (Teaching Proficiency through Reading and Story-Telling), which prioritizes the development of fluency over grammatical accuracy.



Spanish teacher Kate Hunt is being honored with the Elizabeth Siddall Human Rights Award by the MEA.

She believes this allows for more natural learning. She also likes to bring real-world experiences into the classroom, including Hispanic food, songs and dances.

One of Hunt's past programs was making a connection between her students and Hispanic senior citizens from Río Vista Senior Citizens Apartments. The students interviewed the seniors, shared Spanish and learned about the culture first hand. She believes this cultural awareness promotes acceptance of differences.

PEN PALS

A current program is "Amigo Secretos" whereby advanced students become pen pals in Spanish over the course of a year with first and second graders from Maybury Elementary in Detroit. This connection between the younger and older students is culminated when they meet in May and speak and read in Spanish.

Hunt believes the students learn more Spanish when they have to speak to native speakers and she inspires them not to fear speaking a second language.

Another ongoing program is one where Hunt encourages and assists students to teach Spanish, over a few weeks, to students at Hulsing Elementary in Canton.

Additionally, Hunt requires community service hours from her students, whereby they choose a project that brings the Spanish language or culture into the community. Students sometimes choose to tutor, make Hispanic food for their family or teach others Spanish. The class also participates in charities such as Latino Family Services and

Backpacks for Success, which helps needy children and families.

Her two majors goals are teaching a life-long lesson of tolerance by helping students and the community to understand and accept different cultures and teaching that bilingualism is an attainable goal that is worth it.

"I am reaching my dream to reach kids that I would not have reached before," Hunt said.

She'd like to continue to build and improve programs to reach out to the community and for students to learn about the culture around them and around the world. She wants them to take what they learn from the classroom and share it with others, even with something as simple as cooking a Hispanic dish or singing a Spanish song.

Through these types of programs and charities, Hunt believes her students are building connections to Hispanics in the community and enhancing international or intercultural awareness.

To find out more about the above charities, go to: www.backpacksforsuccess.org or www.latinofamilyservices.org

# Saturday Japanese school helps to bridge two cultures

BY MAGGIE WUNDERLICH
CORRESPONDENT

Imagine your first day of school in a foreign country. You don't know the language, rules or routines and what's worse, you don't know a single person. In Michigan, this is what it's usually like for a Japanese child who moves here because of a parent's 3 to 5 year job assignment.

About 1,000 Japanese students attend public schools in the Metro Detroit area, includ-

ing Plymouth-Canton schools. The highest concentrations attend Novi and Walled Lake schools.

The families who plan to return to Japan typically enroll them in Saturday Japanese schools. The Japanese School of Detroit, in Birmingham, was founded in 1973 with only 23 students. Now JSD teaches about 800 students, with the majority in elementary. JSD's goal is for the children to retain the Japanese language and

keep up with their peers back home.

"They [also] recover their much needed confidence and pride in themselves," said JSD Assistant Principal/ Consultant Keiko Hong.

In 2010, about 60 local educators attended the JSD Open House, which focuses on bridging the two cultures and helping local educators to better understand Japanese students. The educators observed JSD classes, participated in

activities and learned about the Japanese culture. They also heard a presentation by local participants of the International Educators to Japan Program.

The IEJ Program is a cultural exchange program sponsored by the Japanese Business Society of Detroit and coordinated by the Institute for International Studies and Training in Japan. Its goal is to help local educators gain insight and understanding of what life is like in Japan for

their Japanese students.

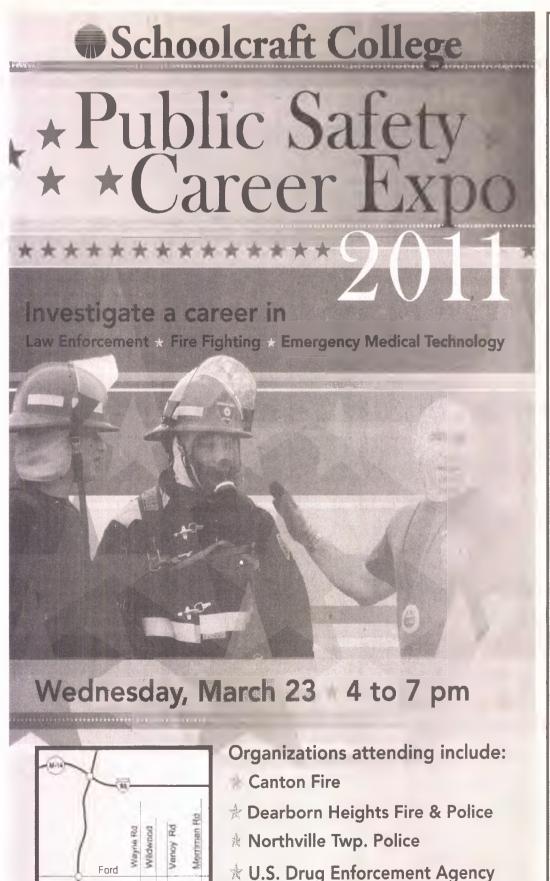
"What an amazing experience," said Shannon Hadley of Novi High School.

The biggest difference between American and Japanese schools, according to JSD Principal Kenji Kimishima, is the federal government's role. In Japan, the Ministry of Education creates a national curriculum, including what each school must teach, how to teach it and which books to use. In the United States,

each state determines its own curriculum.

Because of this, JSD is able to keep their students on the same track as their counterparts in Japan. Of course, Saturday school means these children have a week's worth of curriculum crammed into one day and weeklong homework assignments. This is in addition to the homework they already have from their American schools.

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# Robbery try case sent to circuit court: one charge dropped

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An armed robbery charge against a Plymouth man accused of trying to hold up the city's Tim Horton's restaurant was dropped Friday, even as the suspect was sent to Wayne County Circuit Court on a related charge.

Kent A. Middleton, 46, had been charged with armed robbery and assault with intent to rob while unarmed, but the robbery charge was dropped as Middleton appeared in 35th District Court for a preliminary hearing before Judge Michael Gerou. Eric Sterbis, an assistant Wayne County prosecutor, later said there wasn't enough evidence to support an armed robbery charge.

Middleton, who remained in the Wayne County Jail Friday on a \$750,000 bond, was sent to circuit court on the remaining after waiving his preliminary hearing Friday. He is scheduled to be arraigned in circuit court on Friday.

Middleton is also charged as a habitual offender, which could increase the length of any prison sentence if he is

convicted. According to police, the robbery attempt occurred



Middleton

March 6 at the Tim Horton's at Plymouth Road and Mill. A man walked in with his hands in his pockets, police

said, and demanded money from the register.

When the cashier set the cash drawer on the counter, however, the man reached for it with both hands, and the cashier pulled it away, police said. The man left the restau-

The cashier called 9-1-1, and police found Middleton at a nearby apartment complex and arrested him on an unrelated warrant. He later confessed to the robbery attempt, said Plymouth Lt. Jamie Grabowski, who is in charge of the police detective bureau.

Sterbis said that although Middleton reportedly had a hand in a coat pocket during the robbery attempt, there was no evidence a threatening gesture or statement was made, and that the cashier did not believe he had a weapon. Police did not find a weapon when they arrested Middleton.

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fun to use your hands and try to catch the fish."

**INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY** 

The interactivity of the camp is also the backbone of its success, according to Ensor, because it's designed to hook students who might not necessarily be frequent readers.

"Kids who already read are going to keep reading," Ensor said. "This is for those kids who might need that extra boost."

Jackson, who made a point to read to his own children when they were young, has already been a guest reader at Bentley and Tonda elementaries, and is set to read at Hoben Elementary Monday.

"I think it's important to be in the classroom, to be in touch with the students," said Jackson. "I read to my kids from the time they were real little, and I think it's important. This is a chance to do the same with the kids in the district. I get a kick out of it."

State Rep. Kurt Heise was one of the many celebrities who made appearances as guest readers. Heise, the Republican from Plymouth Township, read at both Allen and Isbister elementaries.

"As a dad, I know how important reading is to each child's development, self-confidence and future success," said Heise. "I enjoy this opportunity to read to students and encourage them. I hope this will become an annual tradi-

Elaster stressed the importance of parents reading to their children at home.

"One of the things you can



Lake McIntosh, a 6-year-old first-grader in Mary Leach's class at Tonda Elementary, assists Michigan Secretary of State Ruth Johnson in reading to the class.

do is read daily to children," she said. "Share all different types of books with them, explain that reading will take you through life. We read for different purposes, and there are different types of reading. Reading will take you wherever you need to go."

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# St. John's hosts organist performance Plenty to consider when

"Resounding Art in a Sacred Space," the concert series of St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Road in Plymouth, will host a performance by organist Julie M. Ford on Sunday, March 27, at 4:30 p.m.

Ford is the Minister of Music at St. John's Episcopal Church. She holds an undergraduate degree in Organ

Performance from Western Michigan University and a graduate degree in Church Music from the University of Michigan. Organ teachers have included Karl Schrock, James Kibbie, and Michael Burkhardt.

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In her duties at St. John's. Ford oversees the entire music program, including directing four musical ensembles, and plays organ and piano for services. The church's pipe organ was built in 1971 by the renowned Gabriel Kney pipe organ company, and is particularly known for its design in the style of a North German Baroque pipe organ. The church recently purchased a new Kawai grand piano that

will also be featured on the program.

An admission donation of \$5 for individuals and \$15 for families is suggested for this concert. For more information on this program, the concert series, or the parish, please telephone (734) 453-0190, Ext. 16, or visit the church website at www.stjohnsplymouth.org.

researching mutual funds Q: Dear Rick: I am a mutual fund investor. I've been investing in mutual funds for more than 20 years. I do my own research and I have my own criteria for selecting funds. When I pick a fund, my main focus is on performance. I generally look at a fund's threeyear track record. I've been pretty

thing that you look at, other than performance, in selecting funds. A: There are several factors I use when selecting a mutual fund. Performance is ultimately the most important factor. Other factors, however, are

successful in selecting funds, but

I'm curious whether there is one

equally as important. Even when considering performance, it's more than just looking at a three-year track record. I look at three-, fiveand 10-year track records. I believe looking at longer periods of time can ensure that you have a more complete picture of a fund.

When doing research, I spend quite a bit of time focusing on the fund's management team. I generally don't want to see a fund that has constant turnover in management. I have found that mutual funds that are able to keep management in place generally will be less volatile than funds which are constantly changing up their team. I also prefer funds that are managed by a team vs. an individual. I have found that funds that use the team approach are better able to manage their way through the crazy gyrations of the market.

Another factor I focus on with regards to the management team is whether members are investing their own money in the fund. I prefer mutual funds where management has money invested. My experience has been that when

a mutual fund manager has his/her own money invested, he/she is more sensitive when it comes to dealing with issues such as

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Rick Bloom

manager to have all his/her money invested in their own fund or fund family. However, I want to see more than just a token investment.

fees and taxes. I don't expect

a portfolio

There are literally tens of thousands of different types of mutual funds, therefore you must have a process to sift through them to select the most appropriate fund for your situation.

We invest money to make money, so performance is paramount. However, it is not the only consideration, particularly when you only look at short periods of time. Investors need to be focused on many issues, including corporate governance. I want to make sure that when I invest my hard-earned money in a company — such as a mutual fund that it plays by the rules. I don't want to invest in companies that play loosey-goosey with the rules.

One last note, there's something even more important than picking the right investment and that is to make sure you have the right allocation for your situation. Good luck!

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

### Computer classes offered for seniors at local team room

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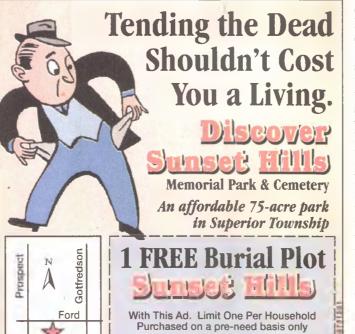
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be provided. Classes are Wednesday mornings from 9-10:30 a.m., and the \$20 cost per class includes tea and

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# "How I was able to shave 9 MINUTES OFF MY MARATHON"

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takes all the preservatives, "meat products", synthetic/enriched nutrition and turns it into fuel to grow a human being. Amazing!

youth of America, the body

The human body is so sophisticated that you can run, bike, swim, ski, and whatever else you want to push your body to do, it can and will get stronger and faster. I meet people all the time who go from being a complete couch potatoes/junk-food junkies to running full blown marathons, triathlons, eco-challenges, and ultra-marathons.. pretty cool!

Mike came into my office with no pain or pre-existing conditions, no complaints. Not one! He was a young man, no older than 25 yrs. old, worked at an office, had friends and family like everybody else. So when I met him, I asked "why ARE you here?" He explained that he was an avid runner. And I mean avid...not only did he run marathons, but he did ultra-marathons. He flatly said "running is my life". He went on explaining "I had a friend video tape one of my races and I noticed that my stride or gait while running wasn't even". Mike noticed that one of his feet hit the ground differently, while biking he had to "stretch" one leg longer to pedal and once he saw the video of himself during a race he knew something was off.

Mike had heard how I was able to help a co-worker named Carl. Carl told him about how he no longer felt pain and that the range of motion in his neck after years of being stiff improved so well, he could actually turn his head to the left to change lanes while driving. So Mike thought just maybe I could help him.

Mike continued to keep up his training and

followed the recommendations I had given him. After a while Mike came into the office sharing that he was able to shave 9 minutes off his average marathon time...needless to say; we thought he was exaggerating a bit. Until of course he told us the name of the race and we looked him up. Beyond Amazing!

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# Paralyzed vets open fund with foundation

The Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America has established an endowment fund with the Canton Community Foundation to create a planned giving program for the organization with some 550 members.

Michael Harris, MPVA executive director, said his board of directors chose the Canton Community Foundation for its expertise in nonprofit planned giving.

"This is one of the areas in which we are lacking," said Harris, a Westland resident. "People want to donate to us and we need to get our name out there."

Creation of the endowment is a positive move for both organizations. It broadens both organizations' exposure with donors and the public. The potential for collaboration between the foundation



Jaclyn Kochis, MPVA director of development and public relations (from left), Jim Fausone, foundation board member, Mike Harris, executive director of the MPVA and Joan Noricks, foundation president take part in the signing of an MPVA endowment with the Canton Community Foundation.

and the MPVA is expected to strengthen both organizations through projects both can complete for southeast Michigan.

"It assures donors who support the MPVA that their funds are being managed and reported on properly by the foundation," said CCF

board member Jim Fausone, an attorney and partner with Fausone Bohn, LLP, and Legal Help for Veterans, PLLC.

#### ANNUAL INTEREST

Through the Canton foundation, the MPVA will receive an annual distribution from the interest on the endowment to use for its purposes. The MPVA is strengthened by investing its money and receives a greater return than if they invested on their own, said Joan Noricks, foundation president.

MPVA donors also receive a state tax credit because the organization's endowment is placed with a certified community foundation, Noricks said.

"This is an example of why we exist," Noricks said. "We have been moving forward with this educational program letting nonprofits know the type of services we can provide them. This is proof that it works."

The new partnership followed the foundation's successful Veterans Educational Summit - "Navigating the Waters of VA Benefits" in

September. A well-known veterans' advocate, Harris spoke at the event about available social services for veterans.

Working together again on a veterans' summit in 2011 is a potential project for the foundation and the MPVA, Noricks said.

#### **SERVING VETERANS**

A former Marine, Harris leads the Novi-based MPVA that serves disabled veterans. His organization assisted veterans receive some \$10 million in benefits in 2010. "We are a small organization in numbers, but we have a loud voice," Harris said.

In addition to working with veterans to obtain benefits, the MPVA is a advocate for veterans and even non-veterans who are disabled or paralyzed to provide the highest quality of life. That includes working

with companies and organizations to ensure that access and other civil rights are provided for people with spinal cord

injuries and other disabilities. Harris has worked with the developers of Comerica Park, the River Walk Conservancy and the University of Michigan to provide access. The U-M stadium now provides 329 seats for people in wheelchairs.

"It's about finding the right people who have an understanding of what it means to be in a wheelchair," Harris said.

Approximately 1,200 spinal cord injuries are reported annually in the United States, with approximately 200-300 reported in Michigan. Membership in the MPVA is open to all veterans with disabilities. Veterans' disabilities need not be service related, Harris said.

# Comic Opera Guild brings 'Grand Duchess' to the stage

It's not often that a performer finds the "perfect" role. If it happens early on, it may be the only role an actor is known for, as in the case of former Ann Arborite Tom Hulse's "Mozart" (in Amadeus) and Christopher Reeve's "Superman." If it happens later, people wonder where the actor has been all this time.

Barbara Scanlon has been everywhere. A veteran performer on Broadway, she spent many years on the road, crossing the country in tours of shows such as "Phantom of the Opera," in which she played roles such as Carlotta and Madame Giry. The international tour of "Evita" broadened her career horizons to include a large portion of the globe.

Possessing a soprano voice of surprising range and clarity, Scanlon can navigate a great variety of roles, as she has done with the Comic Opera Guild. Her first role with the company was that of Ruth in 2007's "Pirates of Penzance," a comic character in the low mezzo range. The following year, she sang the role of Madame Pompon in "The Fortune Teller," in the high soprano range.

#### SCANLON STARS

**What**: Offenbach's operetta "The Grand Duchess of Gerolstein," presented by Comic Opera Guild

**When**: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 2; 2 p.m. Sunday, April 3

Where: The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton Tickets: \$20 for adults; \$17 seniors; \$15 students

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The constant in the two roles was comedic ability.

#### PERFECT PLATFORM

The Guild's upcoming production of Offenbach's operetta "The Grand Duchess of Gerolstein" provides a platform within which Scanlon can use her entire vocal and comedic range at the same time. Written for Hortense Schneider, a huge star in Paris in the 19th century, the role



Barbara Scanlon (The Grand Duchess) and David Troiano (Fritz) in The Grand Duchess of Gerolstein, being presented by the Comic Opera Guild April 2-3 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

of the Grand Duchess has been embraced by many of the world's most famous divas, especially later in their careers.

"The benchmark of the role is the ability to command both the top and the bottom of the female vocal register and be a fine actress at the same time," said Thomas Petiet, who will direct the show. "Not an easy task, but one that Barbara Scanlon accomplishes neatly."

This production of The Grand Duchess will be a premiere in Michigan, and the introduction of a new English version. Written in 1867, the show poked fun at all things military and was a great hit not only in Paris, but in England as well. Ironically, the Franco-Prussian war broke out three years later, and the work was banned due to the French defeat in that war. It is unfortunate that the generals could not see the wisdom of the show and thereby avoid a useless war. Today, Petiet said, its message still rings loud and clear, even though presented in a light and melodic way.

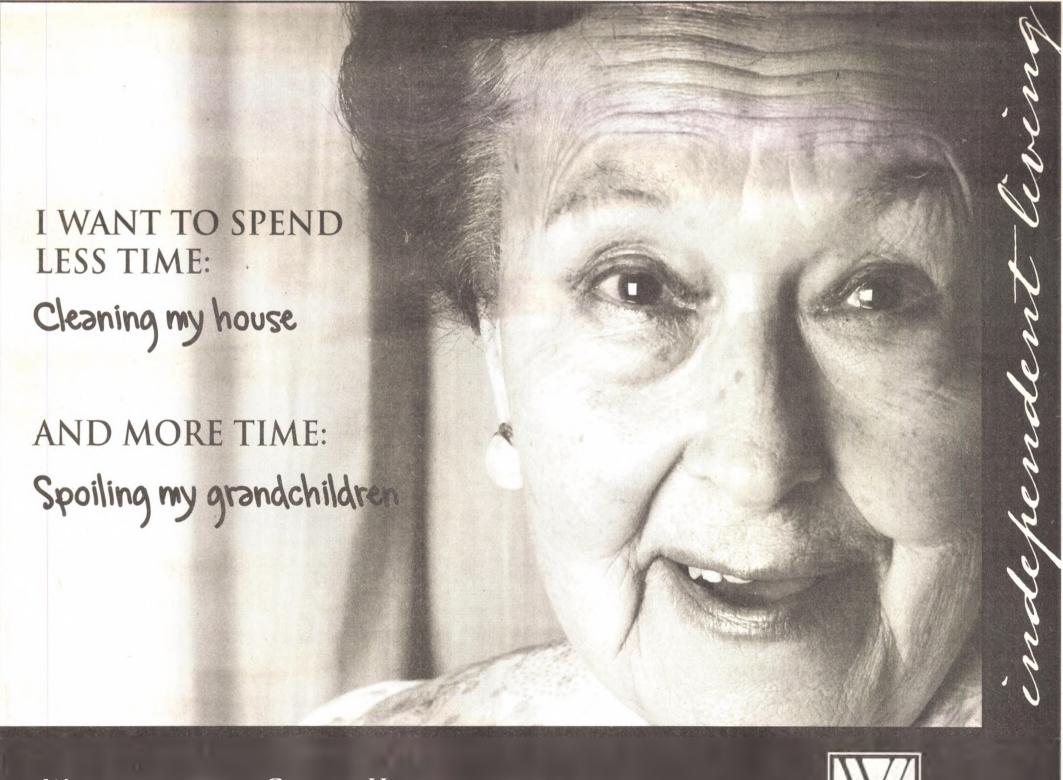
#### PLOT THICKENS

With war impending, the Duchess of a small nation is convinced to involve herself with the troops to inspire them. In doing so, she comes upon Private Fritz, a handsome but unmotivated soldier, and immediately gets a crush on him. Reveling in her authority, she promotes him to Commander in Chief of the army in order that he attain enough status to marry her. Fritz is totally oblivious of her intentions, however, and must lead the troops when the enemy

arrives. He is a disaster at this, as might be expected, and a conspiracy, led by General Boum, is formed to eliminate him. Both Fritz and the conspiracy are ultimately inept enough that Gerolstein is defeated. Fritz, stripped of his title, winds up happily in the arms of his girl friend, Wanda, and all realize that in the end, military victories or losses don't change things that much.

Scanlon is joined by a talented cast, led by professionals David Troiano as the lackadaisical Private Fritz, Chris Grapentine as the pompous General Boum, and Gilbert and Sullivan expert Mitch Gillett as the foppish Prince Paul. Bob Douglas, a veteran of COG shows since 1975, portrays Nepomuc, secretary to the Duchess. Newcomers Katherine Kujala as Fritz's sweetheart Wanda and Matt Peckham as Prime Minister Dietz round out the principal cast.

In addition to being directed by Petiet, the show is choreographed by Patricia Petiet. The soloists, chorus and orchestra will be conducted by Steve Dedoes. Costumes are by Diane Larue.



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# Governor's visit brings out boos and red-shirted UAW members

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

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Greeted by a chorus of boos from UAW members, Gov. Rick Snyder cited Ford's new Michigan Assembly Plant as a shining example of the type of change for a better future that he wants for Michigan.

A 21-year plant employee and UAW representative, Dwayne Walker said he found the comparison ironic — very ironic in light of Snyderbacked legislation to allow emergency financial managers to have expanded powers that include voiding collective bargaining agreements.

"He had his say so. We like to think that that (the new plant) was all in place under Gov. (Jennifer) Granholm and President (Barack) Obama," said Walker, a Westland resident. "He (Snyder) showed up at the right time. We're very pleased to be up and running. It's been kind of a sigh of relief—you never know how these things will turn out."

Walker was one of 1,600 UAW workers at the new plant launch celebration clad in red T-shirts that read "Solidarity in Wisconsin Day." The booing of Snyder subsided a bit after Bill Johnson, UAW Local 900 Wayne Assembly chairman, called on workers to be courteous to the speakers.

"We all came here to send a message and the message has been sent. Let's give each of the speakers the respect for their positions," said Johnson, a Westland city councilman.

Message to Snyder aside, there was a celebratory mood as Ford officially launched its redesigned Ford Focus and the Michigan Assembly Plant, retooled from a truck assembly plant with a \$550 million investment from Ford Motor Co.

"I'm so proud of our team. Not only did they build these beautiful vehicles, but also a new facility, new layout and a new product," Wayne Assembly Plant Manager Rob



Gov. Rick Snyder talks with Mark Fields, Ford President of Americas, at the launch celebration for the new Ford Focus.



Gov. Rick Snyder (left) and Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano both attended the launch celebration for the new Ford Focus at the Michigan Assembly Plant in Wayne.

Webber said.

Ford executives attending the launch included Mark Fields, Ford president of the Americas, who lauded the workers who transformed the plant into a modern facility which will be able to build up to four different vehicles on two platforms.

"You are putting out what will be a smash hit in the marketplace. This is no ordinary product. This is the next generation of the vehicle," Fields said, referring to the new Focus. "Sales of the existing Focus, built next door, were up 42 percent this year. With the Fiesta, that has lifted our share of the small car market to 6 percent."

With gas prices on the increase, the 40-miles-pergallon Focus will be popular with drivers who won't find compromises made in return for economy, Fields said.

By 2012, the Focus Electric,

along with hybrid and plug-in versions of the Ford C-MAX small minivan, will be assembled at the plant. Ford also is investing \$450 million at the plant and at other locations in Michigan to develop the Focus Electric and other electric vehicles.

"I want to thank you for the hard work of the Michigan Assembly Plant team. I'm proud this was done through American investment and UAW jobs," Fields said. "Who says we can't compete when we're competitive?"

Wearing a green tie in honor of St. Patrick's Day and no sign of red apparel, Snyder said that he was glad to be at the plant to celebrate the success.

"As I travel around the state talking about what we need to do, I use Ford as a role model. It was a broken model and it needed to be reinvented, and the company that stood up the most and has done the best has been Ford Motor Company," Snyder said. "All of you recognize the need to change. Change is hard. Michigan Assembly is a great role model."

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# New plant is 'shining example' of One Ford

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Top Ford and UAW officials joined Michigan Assembly plant workers Thursday to launch a new vehicle and a new plant that is expected to keep jobs in Wayne.

"I want to say thanks for giving us the opportunity to build the best car in the world with the new Focus. Thanks to the leadership of the UAW and Ford for giving us the opportunity," said Jim Stockdale, a UAW Local 900 chairperson. "This will prove that we can build the best car in the world, profitable and stylish."

Aside from some loud booing of Gov. Rick Snyder and less spirited boos aimed at Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, what Ford called a launch celebration was just that. Ford and UAW officials were effusive in praising the cooperative effort that resulted in the \$550 million makeover of the plant, which will be producing an expanded lineup by 2012.

"This started a little over two years ago when the truck plant closed. People thought that was the end of the world," said Bill Johnson, UAW Local 900 Wayne Assembly chairperson. "You can't ask for a better group of folks. A lot of people will take credit for this, but you are the superstars."

But according to John
Fleming, Ford executive vice
president for global manufacturing/labor affairs, it wasn't
just another product or plant
launch. The Wayne plant

was described as Ford's most flexible with two platforms that will be able to build four models, making it able to adjust to the market without down time.

"This is a shining example of One Ford in action — one team, one plan, one goal," he said. "We've increased communication and collaboration for the team. It's definitely not business as usual. Each plant will assemble the Focus in the same way with the same parts in the same order. We're concerned about being competitive worldwide wherever we sell vehicles."

Built on a common global platform — German, Russian and Chinese Ford plants will be on board in 2012 — the Focus will share 80 percent of the same parts in an effort to reduce development, engineering and marketing costs.

"Only 18 months ago, we stood here looking at an old obsolete dark plant talking about building a new plant," said Jim Tetreault, Ford vice president of North American manufacturing. "None of us can remember taking a whole plant of people to a new plant loaded with a new product."

Michigan Assembly workers also disassembled the old plant — something that in the past would have been contracted out, noted Jimmy Settles, UAW vice president and National Ford Department director.

"This reinforced what I know — given the proper tools, U.S. workers can accomplish anything," Settles said. "What you have done here is what America needs."

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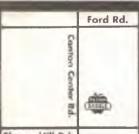


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# Beginning band starting to find its own tune

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

When a friend called to see if she knew anyone who'd be interested in a part-time job working at Evola Music in Canton and directing the New Horizons Band headquartered there, Lauren Erickson knew just who she'd recommend.

Lauren Erickson.

That was two years ago, and now Erickson is having the time of her life directing the band, originally designed as a place where adult novice musicians could learn to play. In those two years, the band has grown from four members who had a lot to learn to 17 members who are getting pretty good.

"When I took over they were definitely a beginning band," said Erickson, who earned a degree in music education, with emphasis on band and conducting, from the University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign. "This band has progressed to an intermediate band level, to the point where we're not really able to take in people at the beginning band level because the music is too hard. It freaks (beginners) out, they think, 'Oh, I can't play that. I can play Mary had a Little Lamb."

The Canton New Horizons Band is patterned after others under the international umbrella of the organization founded by Dr. Roy Ernst, who wanted to create a band open to adults who had "played an instrument in elementary school however many years ago," Erickson said, and who wanted to take it up again but needed a band situation that's really more of a beginning band setting for adults. The concept, according to Erickson, "is growing by leaps and bounds.'

Evola Music jumped in as the sponsor for New Horizons Band of Canton. The music store provides rehearsal space, support the band financially in

#### **LEARNING TO PLAY**

What: New Adult Beginning Band

Where: Evola Music on Haggerty Road in Canton

Why: For those who've wished they could dust off old instruments or who wanted to play a band instrument when they were younger, but never really had the

When: Next eight-week session starts march 31; classes meet Thursdays, 6-8 p.m.

opportunity.

Who: Open to ages 18 to second

Details: Call Lauren Erickson, (734) 453-5791.

terms of discounts on instruments and music, and the band's concerts are held there.

Patty Jones had the director's position now held by Erickson before accepting a full-time job leading the Lowery Organ department at Evola. It was Jones who initially asked Erickson to suggest a replacement. She said supporting the band is just good public relations.

"It's a great community thing," said Jones. "It gives adults who always wanted to be in a band, but never could be, a chance to be part of something. We're happy to play a part in that."

Erickson said the program New Horizons offers stands apart from other community bands, which are often audition-only and require more of a commitment than some of these beginning adults can make. There are similar New Horizons bands in Waterford and in Saline.

Instead, New Horizons offers the opportunity to meet one night a week in eight-week sessions in what is "really geared as a learning environment" where Erickson not only teaches instrumentation, but also incorporates music theory, lessons about compos-



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Lauren Erickson directs the New Horizons Band.



New Horizons Band draws members from all over the area, including band member Heidi Coash of from Ann Arbor.

Plymouth. ers and historical data.

"I heard the New Horizon's Band of Canton needed a clarinet player, so I dusted it off (after 30 years) and tried the 'freebie night' and now I'm a regular," said Gayle Bortz of Canton. "The group is so much fun, the music is enjoyable, and it's great to be playing

Tenor saxophonist Bob Pici of Westland said he relied on playing by ear during more

than 35 years of performing as a professional musician. Joining New Horizons, he said, helped him "face my fears" with regard to sightreading.

"I still have a long way to go, but I can honestly say that I have made steady progress in that area," Pici said. "It has been through the diligent efforts put forth by (Erickson)

that I have progressed as far as I have."

New Horizons, which plays jazz, Broadway tunes and some classic concert band material, is starting to reach out to the public. They'll make a presentation Monday at the Canton Public Library where they'll talk to some 50 families about instruments, what they sound like and the different qualities. The event will include a question-answer session and a performance from

Sarah Tatomir on trombone and

from Southfield.

percussionist Greg Pope are both

The band also made its first real public appearances over the Christmas holiday, performing at the Farmington Hills library and a nursing home in Saline. They also did a two-hour Christmas concert at Briarwood Mall in Ann Arbor to benefit the Salvation Army's Red Kettle campaign.

"The band members leave after their performances feeling exhilarated," Erickson said. "They're proud of their accomplishment, and they're extremely pleased their music provides enjoyment for other people. Some of this community outreach is striking a chord with our band members in a really positive way."

The next goal for the band is to grow. Erickson said she'd like to see it get to some 25 members, though not much larger because of space considerations. Regardless, the band will continue to expand its musical horizon.

"We are a small-time band with a very big heart," Erickson said. "We'll play for whomever wants to listen."

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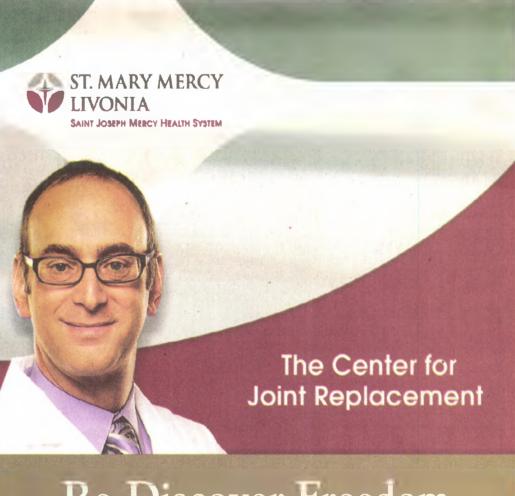
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# Veterinarian helps put red-tailed hawk back in the air

**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** This weekend is expected to

be Stella's Independence Day. And Dr. Kevin Smyth of Morrison Animal Clinic in Garden City, and his family, planned to celebrate the red-tailed hawk's release into Maybury State Park in Northville.

Stella was injured last November on a road leading into a golf course downriver, intent on catching some prey and apparently oblivious to the car which struck her. She broke her right wing and

"The biggest issue is traffic," Smyth said. "Hopefully, she learned her lesson from a car."

Stella is about a year old and besides repairing her broken wing, Smyth also attached new feathers to the shafts, using a piece of bamboo and epoxy. A falconer downriver assisted him with the hawk.

Earlier this year, Smyth received his certification as a wildlife rehabilitator from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the federal U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. His federal license makes him unique in Wayne County.

#### **MAKING REPAIRS**

For weeks, his family watched the veterinarian, a raptor rehabilitator, work with the red-tailed hawk to repair her right wing and broken feathers.

The Plymouth Township resident has a flight pen at his home where Stella's flying has been tested.

"She is in really good fly-ing shape," Smyth said. "She carries both wings just about

In all birds of preys, females are significantly larger than the male, Smyth said. The brick-and cream-colored bird weights 2½ pounds, down from three pounds and three

"She was overweight," he said. "We fed her a lot while she was recuperating. Housed outside, when it was zero or below, we wanted to make sure that she had enough calories. We started gradually cutting back on her food and flying her more and more. She is at good weight now."

Stella eats mostly frozen mice and occasionally a road kill squirrel.

"Broken to the glove," as Smyth puts it, Stella knows that he won't hurt her when she perches on his glove.





Stella, a red-tailed hawk who was rehabilitated back to health by Dr. Kevin Smyth of Morrison Animal Hospital in Garden City, is ready for her release and Independence Day this weekend. Smyth, a Plymouth Township resident, planned to release her March 19 in Maybury State Park where she can find refuge from cars.

Raptor rehabilitation is a field of veterinary medicine dealing with care for sick or injured birds of prey, with the goal of returning them to the wild. Since raptors are highly specialized predatory birds, special skills, facilities, equipment, veterinary practices and husbandry methods are neces-

Raptor rehabilitators often use falconry techniques or gain assistance from falconers to exercise the birds prior to their release, as their muscles often atrophy during their convalescence.

#### LICENSING REQUIRED

In the United States, a license is required to possess any bird which falls under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. The rehabilitators are also under some scrutiny from their state wildlife management authority as well as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

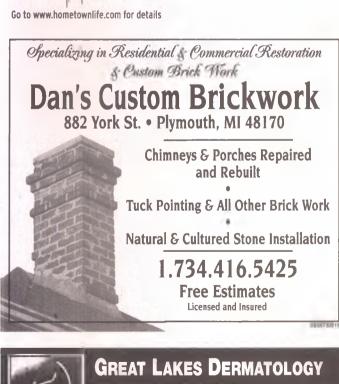
Raptors that cannot be released back into the wild are sometimes used for education or transferred to licensed falconers. Some states require that birds that cannot be placed or released be euthanized Most states do not allow rehabilitators to keep raptors under their rehabilitation permit for more than a few

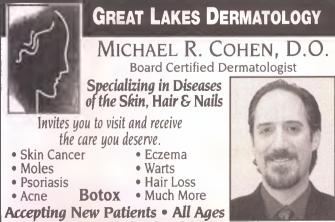
No funds for raptor rehabilitation are provided by the U.S. government, although it claims ownership of all raptors protected by the MBTA.

Coop is a Cooper's hawk which Smyth also is also rehabilitating. He suffered a concussion when he flew into a garage window in Westland. The Westland family had watched him around their house for about two years, Smyth said.

He is an adult bird, at least two years old, and his recovery has been more difficult.

"He has a lot of neurological





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Coop, a Cooper's hawk, still has a ways to go in his rehabilitation. He suffered a concussion when he flew into a window in Westland, Dr. Kevin Smyth of Morrison Animal Hospital in Garden City, a raptor rehabilitator, is nursing him back to health.

issues," Smyth said. "His balance isn't very good."

Coop is being fed by syringe special soft veterinary food.

"About 90 percent of their food is other birds," Smyth said. "These birds are great fliers but, for whatever reason, Cooper's hawks fly into windows a lot. They catch

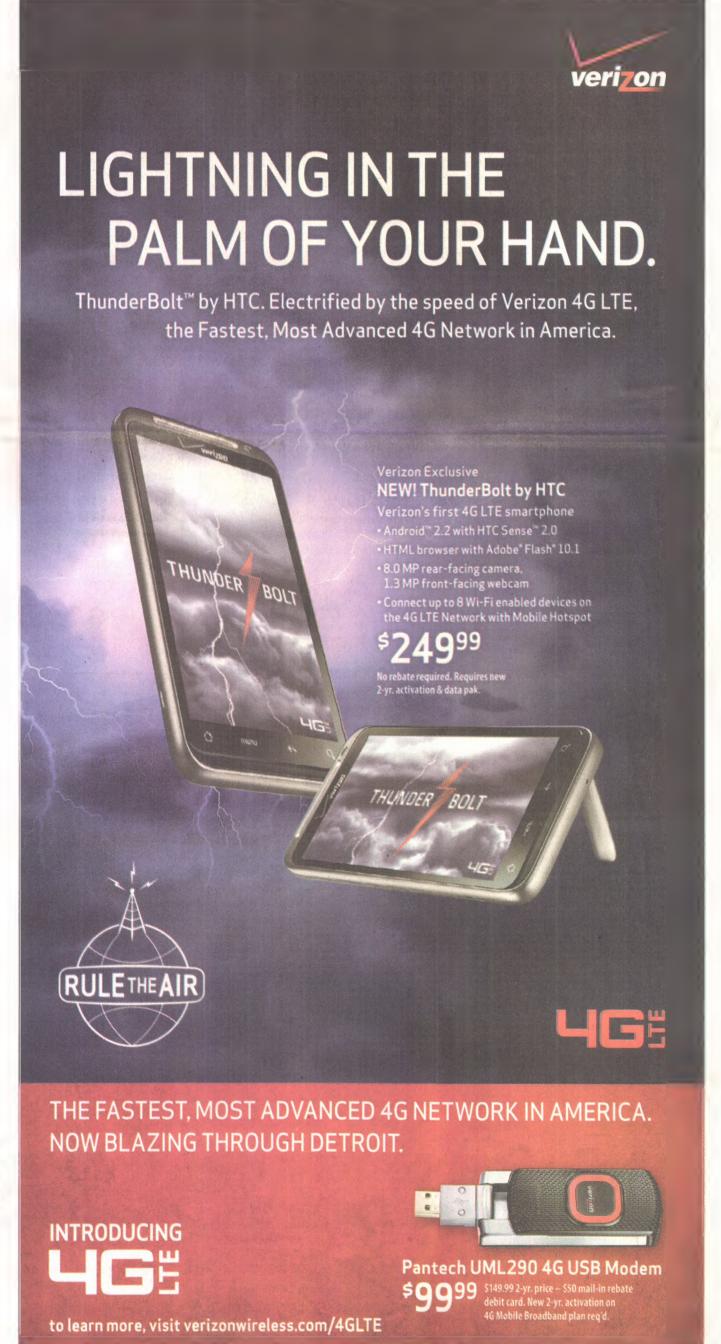
other birds in flight. They are commonly seen around bird feeders. They are not an endangered species, but they are somewhat uncommon in

If Coop recovers, he will go back to his home area in Westland from which he came. The residents who watched him for so long around their home spotted the injured bird and transported him in a live trap cage.

A Cooper's hawk is a medium-sized hawk. Adults have short broad wings and a long round-ended tail with dark bands. They have a dark cap, blue-grey upper parts and white underparts with red bars. They have red eyes and yellow legs. Adult females are much larger.

Smyth anticipates spring and summer as being his busiest rehabilitative time because there will be orphan birds and birds not surviving on their

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# BRESLIN BUMMER

Late shot misses, ends Canton's bid to reach Class A title game

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For the second straight year, Canton's dreams for a Class A girls basketball championship were dashed in a semifinal game at Breslin Center.

But last year's loss at the Michigan State University arena had nothing on Friday's 39-38 loss to Inkster as far as heartbreaking defeats go.

The Chiefs forced a turnover in their own end with about 30 seconds to play, trailing 39-38. There were six seconds left when junior point guard Robyn Mack lofted a 3-point bid from the left corner - with a spot in Saturday's championship game riding

Mack's wide-open shot hit iron, bounced straight up, but did not come back down through the cylinder. Inkster players then scrambled for the rebound that for all intents and purposes sealed Canton's fate.

"It was a good look by Robyn," Canton head coach Brian Samulski said. "One shot doesn't signify how the game turned. But I'll take any player on the team shooting that ball.

"We weren't really going to say, 'Hey, pound it inside and we'll try to go to the line.' Let's just attack and see what we get, and we got a great look. It just didn't go in."

#### **BUZZER-BEATER**

Ironically, Inkster senior guard Crystal Bradford had put the Vikings up 20-18 at halftime when her halfcourt prayer hit nothing but net. The play started with 2.2 seconds to go and Bradford was in mid-air when the buzzer sounded.

Canton's 18-17 advantage quickly turned into a two-point deficit.

"Bradford's a good player, she made a great shot," Samulski said. "We were OK at halftime, we were down two (and) she just threw one in from half court.

"And we were 6-for-14 from the line. So it wasn't that we didn't like where we were at."

Those missed foul shots — and a 6for-25 performance in field-goal tries in the first half - kept Canton (24-3)



A Canton coach consoles senior guard Melanie Pickert (foreground) after Friday's heartbreaker at Breslin Center in East Lansing.

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL SEMIFINALS

from having a halftime lead regardless of the Bradford buzzer-beater.

The Chiefs led 11-10 after the first quarter and stayed in front for most of the second quarter despite senior forward Kari Schmitt sitting on the sidelines because of early foul trouble.

"I thought we played tough, Samulski said. "Kari got into foul trouble and Robyn got into foul trouble. So two of our key kids are sitting out and

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Canton's Robyn Mack (No. 4) concentrates on the rim during Friday's semifinal.



Trying to navigate past Inkster defender Crystal Fulton (No. 11) is Canton senior forward Sara Schmitt (No. 40).

## PCEP bowlers cap solid year

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Bowling is a sport making strides at The Park, following a promising

season. The Plymouth boys

team qualified for the March 4 Division 1 state meet in Battle

Creek and just missed making the cut for the finals by 34 pins. "We had a couple of low

baker games that hurt us," Plymouth head coach Tammy Thompson said. "It was a great learning experience for us. All and all I am very proud of the boys' success (and) I feel this season was a building block for next season."

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### SIDELINES

#### Plymouth softball clinic

The Plymouth High School varsity softball team is hosting a softball clinic on March 26 at the Plymouth softball stadium.

Times are 9-11:30 a.m. for advanced players and noon to 2:30 p.m. for beginners and fees are \$40 per person (which includes lunch and a T-shirt).

The deadline to register is March 21. Call (734) 397-2733 or go to plymouthsoftball@ gmail.com or http://softball. plymouthwildcats.com/ for more information.

#### Girls on the Run

Local girls in grades threeeight are invited to participate in the Girls on the Run after-school program, via the Plymouth Family YMCA.

Girls on the Run is a program that combines training for a 5k event with uplifting, self-esteem enhancing, curriculum-based lessons. Registration for the 10-week spring season begins March 14 and continues through

Small teams of eight to 15 girls meet twice a week after school for 75-minute sessions. Trained coaches guide and mentor girls through a fun and inspiring curriculum that includes specific life lessons such as dealing with body image and the media, resisting peer pressure, making healthy decisions and contributing to their community.

At the end of the season, teams design and implement a community service project and complete a non-competitive 5k (3.1 miles) run/walk event with participants, families and friends. This year's New Balance Girls on the Run 5k is set for Saturday, May 21.

For more information, go to www.gotrdetroit.org or call director Ashleigh Shiffler at (734) 453-2904.

### Father's Day Run

The Plymouth YMCA Fathers Day Run has again been recognized as a quality physical activity by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness.

This year's run, by the way, is set to begin at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, June 19, in downtown Plymouth.

The Governor's Council endorses local, regional and state events to acknowledge an organization's ability to plan and carry out a quality event that significantly contributes to the health and well-being of Michigan residents. The Fathers Day Run exemplifies this core value and is endorsed by the Governor's Council.

"By endorsing local events all across the state, we hope to bring attention to the importance of physical activity and encourage our citizens to take responsibility for their health," said Marilyn Lieber, president and CEO of the council. "These local events

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# Salem clinic touches all the bases

BY TIM SMITH

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's no secret that the best baseball players and teams are locked in on fundamentals.

And learning about those basic skills is a good reason why youngsters should consider signing up for the Salem Varsity Baseball Clinic. The program will take place the next two Saturdays in the Salem High School gymnasium.

Kids between ages 7-15 are invited to sign up for one of four available sessions. Each session — taught by Salem coaches and varsity players — only has room for 75 players, with registration continuing until sessions are filled.

This year marks the 20th year of the Salem baseball clinic, hosted by the Salem Dugout Club. The clinic began after the Rocks won a state championship, veteran head coach Dale Rumberger said.

This (championship) win gave Salem baseball credibility to share baseball knowledge and skills with kids," noted Rumberger, about how

#### **HERE'S THE PITCH**

What: The 20th annual Salem Varsity Baseball Clinic.

When: Saturday, March 26; Saturday, April

Where: Salem High School gymnasium. March 26 sessions: From 9 a.m. to noon for players ages 11-15; 1-4 p.m., ages 7-10. April 2 sessions: From 9 a.m. to noon for ages 7-10; 1-4 p.m., ages 7-10. Info: Go to www.rocksbaseball.com or send an e-mail to salemrocksbaseball@ gmail.com

the program started in 1992. "It is also a good way for young players to kick off the baseball season."

According to Rumberger, the clinic is a "hands-on" way to help youngsters to hone those fundamentals. Everything from proper stance in the field, to baserunning and batting tips will be on the agenda.

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Players wait to begin a throwing drill inside the Salem gym during the 2010 baseball clinic.

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we were able to hang in there and stay within two or three points."

Another problem for Canton was Inkster's bigger inside presence, which resulted in a 41-29 rebounding edge and 30 points in the paint (compared to 16 for the Chiefs).

"They were very long, they're athletic," Canton senior forward Kayla Bridges said. "It was definitely a little tougher to score around the rim. But I think we did a great job."

Bridges led Canton with 12 points and seven rebounds, while Kari and Sara Schmitt each tallied eight points.

For Inkster (24-2), junior forward Kelsey Mitchell registered 16 points and 11 rebounds. Also pulling down 11 for the Vikes was Jas'Mine Bracey.

#### SEE-SAW BATTLE

Canton came out strong to open the third quarter, apparently shrugging off the effects of the Bradford triple.

Bridges sank a layup and Kari Schmitt drained a short jumper from the left side of the key to give the Chiefs a 23-20 edge with five minutes to go in the third.

Inkster regained the lead with a couple of quick buckets, but Canton senior guard CarolAnn Sexauer's trey from the left corner made it a 26-24 Canton lead about midway through the quarter. Sexauer finished with seven points.

The Vikings then capitalized on a turnover to score a layup in the final minute to send the game into the fourth all even



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'When people talk about girls basketball, I think Canton's somewhere in the conversation. And these five (seniors), they've got everything to do with that.'

BRIAN SAMULSKI, Canton coach

at 29-29.

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Sara Schmitt put the Chiefs back ahead 31-29 early in the fourth, but Canton hit an untimely cold snap — missing on four straight trips into Inkster's end.

Meanwhile, Inkster sophomore guard Paris McLeod made back-to-back layups to give the Vikings a 35-31 advantage with 5:20 remaining.

"Paris was really big in the fourth quarter," Inkster coach Peggy Carr said. "She gave us some spark and energy that we didn't have at that time."

Inkster still led 38-36 with a minute to play when the 6-1 Bracey blocked Mack's layup bid.

The teams then traded free throws, and the Vikes were up 39-38 when the Chiefs' stellar defense got the ball back with enough time to yet prevail.

#### **WINNING LEGACY**

But one tough-luck jumper later, the season was over for Canton and its superb cast of seniors — including the Schmitt twins, Bridges, Sexauer and guard Melanie Pickert.

"When people talk about girls basketball, I think Canton's somewhere in the conversation," Samulski said. "And these five right here (in the postgame interview room), they've got everything to do with that.

"It was just an honor for me to be part of what these five have done."

All of the players had reddened eyes as they sat at the podium, but Kari Schmitt later talked about how the team did itself proud.

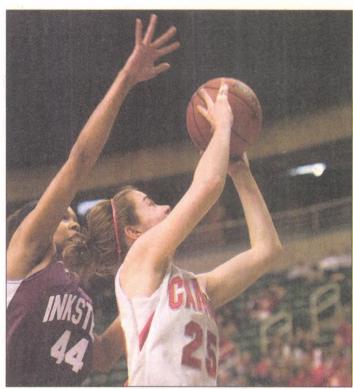
"We were happy we got here, we're proud with what we accomplished," she said. "We just didn't finish off how we liked. But we worked hard for it. We can't say we didn't work hard."

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Making a free throw in the final minutes of Friday's Class A girls basketball semifinal at Breslin Center is Canton's Sara Schmitt (No. 40).



Eyeing the Inkster basket is Canton senior forward Kari Schmitt (No. 25), under pressure from Inkster's Janae Jackson.

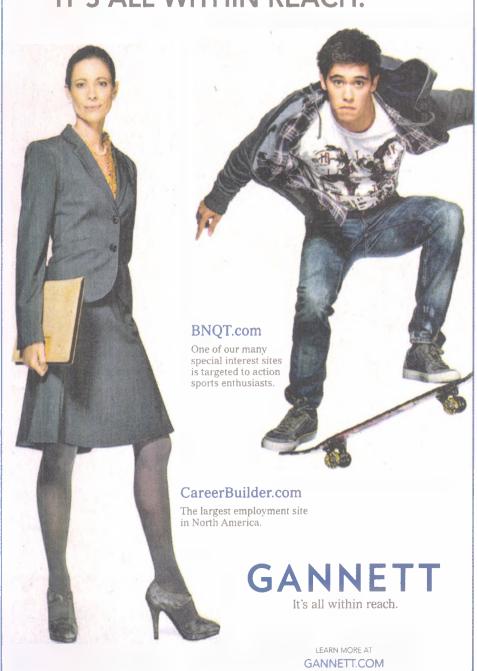


Canton's CarolAnn Sexauer (No. 21) heads toward the Inkster basket, but is pestered by Inkster's Crystal Bradford (No. 23) and Jas'Mine Bracey (No. 5).

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Attorney J.B. Bieske has represented only Social Security Disability clients for over 20 years. That is the only type of law he practices. And, he personally meets with all clients and appears himself at all court hearings. Many large firms assign clients to young associate attorneys with much less experience.



In addition to practicing only Social Security Disability law Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject. He also has been interviewed on various radio and television programs and has given

speeches to many groups.

Bieske's office staff consists of paralegals and secretaries who are also highly experienced in assisting him with Social Security Disability cases. And they are extremely helpful in answering questions with regard to the status of clients' cases and administrative procedure.

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eligible for these benefits. He offers free phone or office consultations. If Bieske represents you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

In a recent radio interview attorney Bieske explained that many people are not even aware that they are eligible for Social Security Disability benefits. These are not the same as Workers' Compensation benefits. It is possible to receive both benefits at the same time. If you have an illness or injury (whether or not related to your work), are under 65 and unable to work full-time you may be eligible. Social Security Disability benefits are based on your work record or your deceased spouse's work record (Widow's/Widower's benefits).

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### **Perfect Discovery!**

Let's hear it for the Discovery boys basketball team, which enjoyed a 16-0 season to win the Plymouth-Canton Middle School League championship. In the front row (from left) are Beau Hoffman, Seth Hubbard, Ali Abboud, Chuck Turfe, Champ Kozlowski, Ed Allen, Jon Swift, Myles Lewis, Rob Guarjdo, Julian Ledoux and Jackson Krohn. In the back row (from left) are coach Dave Van Wagoner, Brandon Gillen, Evan Klenk, Tyler Sensky, Chris Walls, Harman Sidhu, Chris Reynolds, Xavier Gardner, Coach Washington, Bryce Graves and Tyler Brooks. This season marks the eighth time in the past nine seasons that Discovery won the title — and the fifth time featuring a perfect record.

# MU bats awaken in victory over Goshen

Behind the strength of a pair of 2run homers from senior Matt Kay and a 4-for-5 day at the plate from sophomore Spencer Sarel, the No. 11-ranked Madonna University baseball team rolled to a 17-3 win on Thursday over host Goshen College (Ind.) on a blustery and sunny afternoon.

Freshman Logan Ryan earned his second win of the season on the mound, going the first five innings, striking out five while allowing just one earned run to improve to 2-0 on the year.

In addition to Kay (Canton) and Sarel's efforts at the plate, six other Crusaders posted a pair of hits as part of MU's 17run and 23-hit performance, both season

In addition to the hits and runs, the Crusaders (11-8) drove in a season-high 15 runs in the victory.

Junior Andy Omilian (Plymouth/ Novi-Detroit Catholic Central), freshman Aaron Saarela and sophomore Erik Wright (Canton) came in after Ryan and kept Goshen (5-13) off the scoreboard and struck out a combined four Maple Leafs in their four innings of work.

The Crusaders scored a pair of runs in the top of the first as Kay connected on his fourth homer of the season, driving in fellow senior Jeff Bultinck to put MU on

top 2-0 after half an inning.

The Maple Leafs responded with a pair of runs of their own in the bottom half of the inning, taking advantage of a two-out error in the Crusader infield and a double by Nick Wesman to tie the game at 2-2.



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Canton grad Matt Kay belted a pair of homers in the Crusaders' 17-3 victory Thursday at Goshen

MU took the lead for good in the top of the second, plating five runs to go back on top 7-2.

Sarel reached with a one-out single through the left side before moving to third on a single from classmate Alex Charles (Farmington/Birmingham Brother Rice).

Both runners moved up with Sarel scoring on a ground out by Bultinck to make it 3-2 for MU.

A single from junior Drew Adamiec scored Charles to make it 4-2. After moving up on a wild pitch, Adamiec came home to make it 5-2 on a single from sophomore Steve Pelletier (Farmington

Kay then stepped in and for the second straight at-bat took the Omar Hernandez offering and deposited it over the fence, this time in left center for the 7-2 lead

after an inning and a half.

Ryan got into a jam in the bottom of the second thanks to a pair of walks and an error in the infield to load the bases with just one out. The rookie southpaw got the final two batters of the inning to fly out and ground out to end the threat and keep it a 7-2 game.

After a scoreless third, the MU offense reappeared in the fourth, scoring a pair of runs.

Pelletier reached on a fielder's choice and came home thanks to a Goshen miscue on a single from Kay to make it 8-2. Kay, who moved up on the error, came home to score on a single from junior Phil Celeski for a 9-2 cushion.

Goshen got to Ryan for a run in the fifth, taking advantage of Ryan's wildness with a pair of walks, two wild pitches and a single to the hole at short to cut the MU lead to six, 9-3.

MU added another run in the seventh when senior catcher Tarik Khasawneh (Canton) singled home Charles for a 7-run lead, 10-3.

The Crusaders exploded for six runs on five hits in the top of the ninth with freshman Ryan Lech, senior Tim Duffy and senior Mike Gansser all collecting base hits and Duffy driving in a pair with his single up the middle to cap the scoring and put MU on top 17-3.

Wright came in to close out the ninth and after walking the first two hitters of the inning, struck out the next three Maple Leafs in order to seal up the win for the Crusaders.

# Novi roars to D1 hockey title

BY CHRIS JACKETT CORRESPONDENT

Joey Ferriss looked around at the few patches of green shirts remaining in the stands Saturday evening at Compuware Arena and marveled.

"Wow," said Novi's senior captain. "I thought about it, secretly. I didn't let the guys know, but I knew we could make it here. We just took it one game at a time the whole season. That's what got us the victory today; not looking ahead, not thinking about States, in November especially.'

The No. 2-ranked Wildcats' hockey team (24-5-1, No. 3 overall) had just defeated No. 5-ranked Orchard Lake St. Mary's (19-12-0, No. 14 overall) with a decisive 4-0 score to win the Division 1 state hockey championship.

The St. Mary's program had won the D1 title in 2007 and 2008 after winning the Division 3 title in 2005. Novi's 13-year-old hockey program has never won a state title and played at the D2 level until this season, never advancing past the semifinals.

The championship contest started off with both teams trading quality opportunities throughout the opening period, although St. Mary's outshot the Wildcats 6-3.

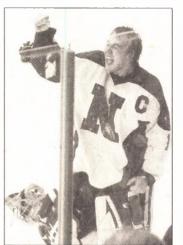
However, an Eaglets penalty 23 seconds into the second period was all the room Novi needed to get things rolling in their favor.

Just 56 seconds into the power play, a Zach Mohr slap shot from the left circle beat St. Mary junior netminder Joe Janiga (16 saves) on the near side to put Novi ahead 1-0. Senior Nolan Valleau and junior Brock Krygier set up the

With 6:22 to go in the period, the Wildcats got a buffer goal from senior Taylor Howell, who had three points on the night. Ferriss and senior Michael Kruse assisted on Howell's goal, which was knocked in from just outside the crease to the right of the goal.

"The puck went behind the net. I saw Kruse and Taylor both going to the net, so I knew they were wide open," Ferriss said. "The (defender) was coming at me, so I put it out in front of the net hoping one of them would get it."

A dominant second period featured the Wildcats outshooting St. Mary's 9-5, but senior goalkeeper Michael Pesendorfer had to come up with a handful of big stops in



Moments after blanking Orchard Lake St. Mary's 4-0, Novi netminder and Wildcat co-captain Michael Pesendorfer raises his arms to the fans and to his team's state championship.

order to maintain his 19-save shutout.

The Eaglets were unable to stay out of the box, taking their fourth penalty 35 seconds into the third period.

Ferriss capitalized on the opportunity, ripping a shot into the net with seven seconds left in the man advantage. Valleau and Howell assisted.

Just 30 seconds after the Wildcats took a 3-0 lead, a St. Mary's high-sticking penalty gave Howell a chance to put the icing on the cake 16 seconds into another power play.

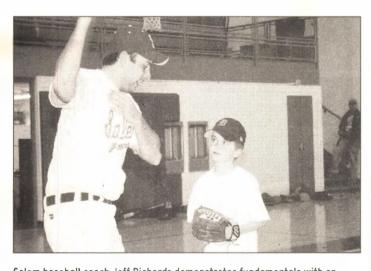
Howell knocked home his second goal of the night after Ferriss slid him a pass from behind the goal to earn his third point of the night.

"We just stuck to our game plan," said fifth-year Novi coach Todd Krygier, who was named Division 1 Coach of the Year by the Michigan High School Hockey Coaches Association before the game. "It was working. Its not like we can't score down low, but we want to make sure we're in good defensive position. To win 4-0 against a team like that is just unbelievable.'

The Wildcats outshot St. Mary's 5-0 early in the period, leading to the two power play goals, but had to fend off an Eaglets comeback attempt as Todd Krygier stood on the bench and reminded his team not to forget the Livonia Stevenson contest Feb. 16 where the No. 3 Spartans (16-7-3, No. 10 overall) scored three goals on Novi in the final 3:26 to notch a 5-5 tie.

"I think we learned from those games," Ferriss said of that game, as well as two losses against Stevenson and Salem. "I really think last week is what got us to where we are today."

Chris Jackett is a freelance writer.



Salem baseball coach Jeff Richards demonstrates fundamentals with an unidentified youngster during last year's clinic.

#### **ROLE MODELS**

Today's participants will get the chance to talk to current Salem players who learned a great deal when they took part in the clinic while growing up.

"Many of the Salem baseball players have gone through the clinic themselves," Rumberger said. "They were once the young participant and (are) now the role model.

"(It's) a good test for hard work, persistence and passion."

The first clinic sessions will be on Saturday, March 26. Kids ages 11-15 will take part between 9 a.m. and noon with those ages 7-10 following with a session from 1-4 p.m.

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DALE RUMBERGER, Salem baseball coach

On Saturday, April 2, there will be two sessions for the 7-10 age group. Those will take place from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4

The clinic fee is only \$25 per session, which includes three hours of baseball instruction, a T-shirt and snacks (following the session).

For more information, send an e-mail to salemrocksbaseball@ gmail.com or visit the Web site. www.rocksbaseball.com.

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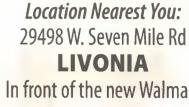


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#### SPORTS ROUNDUP

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#### Steelheaders meeting

The Metro-West Steelheaders monthly meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 5 at the Livonia Senior Center, located at the southeast corner of Farmington and Five Mile roads.

Meetings are free and open to the public. No reservations needed.

Captain Jerry Lee will be one of two featured speakers. He has over 30 years of fishing and guiding experience on the Great Lakes.

Among the topics include use of lead-core, rotators, cut bait, in-line boards and the latest downrigger savvy. His presentation also includes tips and tactics to consistently boat limits of fish for his customers on a daily basis

Captain Chip Cartwright will also unveil the latest from Wolverine Tackle, which produces the world famous Silver Streak lures.

For more information, call Jim Robertson at (734) 383-2790.

#### For girls only

Canton Arctic Edge Arena, at 46615 Michigan near Canton Center Drive, welcomes girls for some informal sticks and pucks, between 8-8:50 a.m. Saturdays.

The program carries the point-blank slogan "No Cuts! Boys!" and is just \$5 per participant. Girls must bring their own equipment or use

rental equipment available at Arctic Edge on a

After the Plymouth Whalers

defeated Windsor 6-2 on

March 5, it looked almost certain that the two longtime

rivals on opposite sides of the

Detroit River would face each

other in the first round of the

Ontario Hockey League play-

But then the Whalers lost

four games in a row and Erie

leapfrogged past them into the

Plymouth finally stopped

the skid with a 4-1 victory

Friday night at Kitchener.

first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, call (734) 487-7777 or go to www.arcticarenas.com.

#### **CAP Hall of Fame**

The Livonia Churchill athletic patrons will stage their ninth annual Hall of Fame induction dinner at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 24, at the Italian American Club, located at 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Among the inductees will be former football and track coach Bob Armstrong, baseball and hockey player Ron Griffin (1976) and the 2005 and 2006 varsity gymnastics teams coached by Christa Hinderliter and Kelly Grodzicki.

Tickets are \$35 each (if purchased by March 1) or \$40 (after March 1).

For more information, call Neal Houghan at (734) 634-5524; or e-mail nhoughan@seasons. org.

#### Combine training

Whalers snap four-game losing streak

However, with only

Saturday's regular season

finale against Guelph vet to

(36-25-2-4) could accumulate

and a sixth-place playoff spot.

Both Windsor and Erie had

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goal just seven seconds into

the second period evened the

score at 1-1 and Beau Schmitz

cracked the deadlock at 5:51.

34th goal of the season, with

The Whalers tacked on a

shorthanded, empty-net goal

Making 45 saves for the vic-

tory was Plymouth netminder

Matt Mahalak while Mitchell

Heard contributed two assists.

at 19:38 of the third when

Dario Trutmann scored.

3:49 left in the frame.

# **Detroit Cup** promotes dodgeball

BY JON GUNNELLS CORRESPONDENT

On March 5, 50 teams dodged, jumped, twirled and hurled around the Total Sports Complex in Novi for the chance to be crowned the best dodgeball team in metro Detroit in the fourth annual Detroit Dodgeball Cup.

The Detroit Dodgeball Cup isn't anything like playground dodgeball and it definitely isn't like the Ben Stiller movie, Dodgeball. There are no bullies and there are no teams comprised of Girl Scout troops or overly-enthusiastic fitness freaks.

Instead, the Detroit Dodgeball Cup had a bit of everything else - men's teams, women's teams, players from college dodgeball programs, high school students and even adults.

"One of the things that has happened is that we have a very high retention rate," Detroit Plymouth opened up a 3-1 lead Dodgeball Cup Organizer Jack Janigan said. "A lot of the same when Stefan Noesen netted his teams year after year keep coming back."

Janigan became involved with the dodgeball when he and some friends competed in local tournaments run by the Detroit Sports Club. Janigan's squad named Ball Laimbeer, became a mainstay of the tournaments and other local competitions which followed National Amateur Dodgeball Association (NADA) rules. But about three years of events and qualifiers for NADA championships in Chicago, the Detroit area tournaments fizzled out.

The problem was there were so many poorly run tournaments," Janigan said. "The refs wouldn't even know the rules so people would leave with a bad taste in their mouth about a fun game like dodgeball."

In 2008 Janigan, with the help of some former tournament organizers, decided to put together a tournament by drawing on what had worked in the past: lots of games and standard rules.

And so the annual Detroit Dodgeball Cup was born.

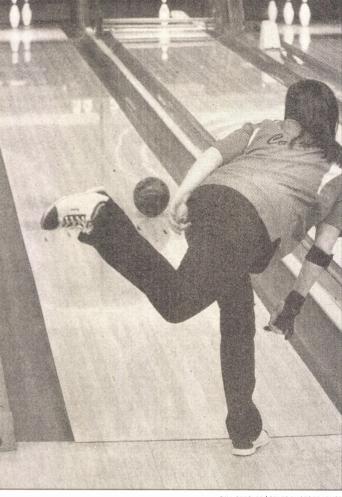
The tournament eventually got so big that Janigan had to find bigger facilities. Last year, the event moved to the Total Sports Complex in Novi to accommodate 37 teams, including squads comprised of Michigan State, Central Michigan, and Grand Valley State college dodgeball players.

This year the event hosted teams from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Canada. In the end, Western Springs Dodgeball of Western Springs, Illinois defeated mid-Michigan-based team Final Justice to be crowned the 2011 Detroit Dodgeball Cup Champions in the men's division. Final Justice won the 2010 Detroit Dodgeball Cup.

"We traveled to the Detroit Cup because we were looking a for a big tournament that had a lot of talent and would provide a good challenge for us, and we found both," Western Springs Dodgeball player Brett Furlong said. "We play in several tournaments in the Midwest and this was one we had on our calendar for a long time."

The cup was more than just a chance for Western Springs, Final Justice and others to showcase their old school playground skills as proceeds from the event benefited inner city families, Janigan said.

"The other great thing now is other, venues are seeing the success of the Detroit Dodgeball Cup and have been calling me about running dodgeball tour-



BILL BRESLER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Mackenzie Carlson, shown from earlier this season, qualified for the individual finals

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Because the Wildcats will return all of this year's boys squad, the returnees should benefit from going so far this season, she noted.

Plymouth, Canton and Salem also were represented at the recent D1 individual finals, March 5 in Battle Creek.

For the Plymouth girls team, Caitlyn Webb and Mackenzie Carlson finished 31st and 34th, respectively.

"Caitlyn is only a freshman, so I'm sure she will qualify every season," Thompson noted. "Mackenzie is a senior, so I am sorry to say she will not have another chance."

#### **BEST GROUP YET**

From Salem's boys team, senior Ryan Clark reached the D1 finals and finished in second place. He bested Wayne Memorial's Jeremy Brown 368-363 in the two-game semifinal set.

David Nikkila also reached the state meet as did Kristin Larkins and Ashley Kretschmer from the girls

"I was very proud," Salem head coach Kathie Hahn said. "All three schools had some wonderful accomplishments this season.

"I'd have to say it was our best ever as a whole group.' Canton's boys and girls teams also had a solid year, led by senior Ross Terrasi, who earned a spot in the finals.

Terrasi placed fifth out of 72 bowlers from 21 KLAA schools in the regional singles tournament and then "bowled his heart out" at the state finals in Battle Creek to finish 20th, said Canton co-coach Jim Keppen.

"(He was) still in the hunt all the way to the ninth frame of the sixth and last qualifying game," Keppen said. "The intensity, determination and great sportsmanship he displayed in his final match as a high school bowler was very impressive to all of us who were fortunate enough to see

Keppen said Terrasi needed just 20 more pins to reach the stepladder finals.

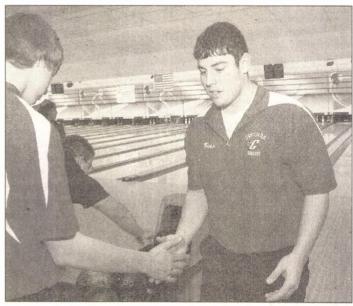
#### **REASON FOR OPTIMISM**

From Canton's girls team, senior Ashley Cade shot a 202 game at the individual regionals. But she came up just eight pins shy of qualifying for the state finals.

Another reason for optimism in the Chiefs' camp was the progress made by the junior varsity teams. The boys finished 13-3 and shared the title with Westland John Glenn; the girls showed promise with a 9-7 record.

Keppen said with four boys and three girls graduating from this year's teams, there will be plenty of room for those JV bowlers to make their mark on the varsity.

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Canton's Ross Terrasi (right), shown during a meet last year, just missed reaching the championship round at the March 5 Division 1 individual bowling finals.

#### naments for them," Janigan FROM PAGE B1 can have a tremendous impact on

health care costs that present a significant challenge for our state's economy."

For more information about the Governor's Council endorsement program, go to www.michiganfitness.org. For more info on the Fathers Day Run, contact cmorency@ymcametrodetroit.org.

#### YMCA spring leagues

The YMCA spring soccer and girls volleyball leagues are now forming.

The soccer leagues are for children ages 4-10 and will run from April 11 through June 11. There will be one practice and one game per week, on Saturdays.

Volleyball is for girls ages 9-10 and 11-12, also to run from April 11 through June 11. There will be one practice and one game per week, on Friday evenings.

Both the soccer and volleyball leagues are filled on a first-come, first-served basis and the registration deadline is April 1. For more information about these leagues, or other YMCA programs, go to www. ymcadetroit.org or call the office at (734) 453-2904.





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# Reaching out

### Jewish, Palestinian women find trust, friends through dialogue

BY JULIE BROWN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Irene Butter is a Holocaust survivor, having been in a concentration camp in the Netherlands and then in Bergen-Belsen.

"I made it to Switzerland," the 80year-old Ann Arbor resident said, adding she then lived in northern Africa before coming to the U.S. She was reunited with her mother and brother, but the pain of losing her father to illness remains.

She was among four Ann Arbor women - Be Kaimowitz, Wadad Abed and Huda K. Rosen - who spoke to the Plymouth-Canton Branch, American Association of University Women (AAUW) Thursday, March 17. The women are members of Zeitouna, a group that brings Jewish and Palestinian women together. It's named for the Arabic word for olive, both a symbol of peace and used for opposition purposes in the Middle East in cutting down olive trees.

"Our voice is international," said Abed, a Palestinian who comes from a Christian family.

The women began meeting in 2002 and now speak to a number of church, school and synagogue groups. They showed the trailer of their film, Refusing to be Enemies, at the AAUW meeting last week.

The group began around the time of the second intifada in Palestine, said Butter. "Things were getting very turbulent and hostile there," she said.

She was in a group of Jewish women who had children in Israel and met for coffee. They wanted to begin a dialogue with Palestinian

ceed, but the core group of women remains, six Jewish and six Palestinian. Butter knew Abed from a similar dialogue group and Zeitouna began.

#### **HUMAN PERSPECTIVE**

All the women are U.S. citizens with Judaism, Christianity and Islam represented. Butter was born in Germany and has been in the U.S. most of her life.

Rosen, a Muslim, came from Haifa, Israel, in 1962, Abed in 1968 from Mablus, Palestine.

"We're invited to organizations like this, to schools, to universities," Kaimowitz said. "Part of our purpose is to be a model. It puts a human face on everything."

That means listening and trusting each other, Abed said. The women, ranging in age from early 30s to 80, found "We could learn from each other and we would broaden our perspective," Butter said.

The women saw a film of a similar dialogue in California, but noted only men spoke while women served food. They chose a women's group and meet at each other's home every other week, one taking the role of "topic

There are also such jobs as facilitator and scribe, and they begin with a meal. Rosen noted the women have larger retreats.

'What we like to stress is the importance of talking to others, diaeach other and to be arguing. We're not trying to persuade each other 'I'm right and you're wrong."

Kaimowitz called herself a "standard garden variety Jew" whose family was Zionist. After the 1967 war when Israel became an occupier, her views changed.

Abed said discussing Zionism was hard: "You don't get to the second sentence because you're ready to kill one another." It helped to frame topics in terms of their own narratives, which enhanced trust.

"That's how our conversations have become richer and richer," she said.

#### **FIRSTHAND VIEW**

Some of the women visited the region in 2006, and noted how difficult it is for such mixed groups to travel together if not foreigners. "Jews aren't allowed to go to the West Bank," Butter said.

Her daughter went to Israel to find her Jewish identity and ended up marrying a Palestinian Muslim. They have two daughters.

'Through them I have learned firsthand what this conflict is all about," said Butter, who wants acceptance for her grandchildren. "They are the ones that can bring us forward. Maybe it's possible in this country but over there it's extremely difficult."

The women touched on the current uprising in Libya and recent ones in Tunisia and Egypt. "We all grew up looking up to Egypt," said Abed,

What we like to stress is the importance of talking to others, dialogue,' ... 'not to speak over each other and to be arguing. We're not trying to persuade each other 'I'm right and you're wrong."

explaining the country was a leader

in Arab eyes.

The involvement of U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger during the Nixon administration brought a sense of defeatism, she said. That has changed with recent developments and the realization that it is possible to stand up to a government that's corrupt.

"There was a sense of pride in every single Arab heart," due to Egypt's uprising, she said.

Rosen's husband was surprised the women could discuss their fears. "He said, 'I don't think men will ever admit to fears." Other topics Zeitouna has covered include loss, displacement, peace and forgiveness.

"We kind of cling to each other because within our own groups it's not easy," Kaimowitz said.

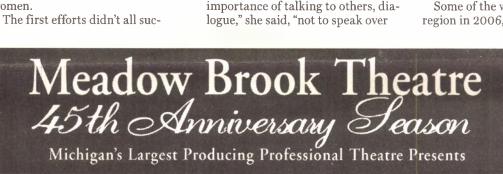
The women of AAUW, about 20 that night, were impressed with the program held at the Plymouth Community Arts Council's center.

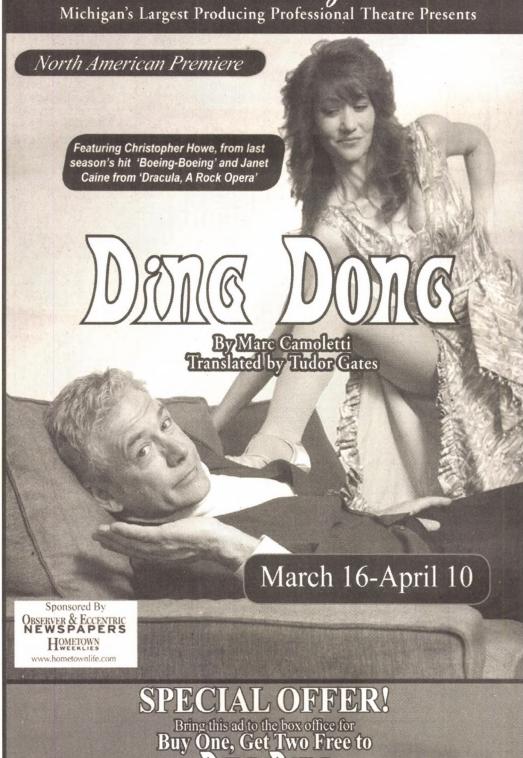
"It's been marvelous, such great dialogue," said program co-chair Shirley Zaetta of Plymouth Township. "Maybe there is a possibility for peace around the world." The retired Garden City elementary teacher liked the focus on dialogue and how each woman felt.

"I thought it was outstanding," said member Dorothy Grant of Plymouth Township, who teaches college reading and critical thinking at Schoolcraft College. "It really opened my eyes to so many things. It really touched my heart."

Grant plans a trip to Israel soon with a Catholic group, and was pleased to learn so much.

"Refusing To Be Enemies," made by a filmmaker member of Zeitouna, can be seen at www.zeitounamovie.com.





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movies, spiritual services, or sing-a-longs. In summer, theme parties allow residents to soak in the sun on the patio. The open-air pavilion is perfect for families to grill.

"We have social groups that meet 7 days a week," said Recreation Director Lori McLeskey who involves residents in planning. "We work with residents' moods for the day on the Memory Care Unit.

If residents don't want to exercise, we may switch to bowling or horseshoes. We have new Wii games like Jeopardy and Family Feud they really enjoy. When things warm up we take them to the casino, park for a picnic and have Happy Hours on Fridays."

Ann Setlock looks forward to the activities. In her younger days, the 89 year old resident was a professional bowler. The flat screen TV gets residents moving with Wii video sports. Socialization and activity improve overall health.

"They've got everything imaginable, a lot of entertainment that makes you feel you want to get up and move," said Setlock. "You want to check the calendar to see what's next."

Setlock especially enjoys listening to Jasmine Roby sing. The Assistant Recreation Director even bursts into song in hallways.

"Songs bring back memories," said Roby. "Residents have said to me this song came out when I was 15. It prods good memories."

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BY JULIE BROWN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Sister Maureen Mulcrone and colleague Amy Amador, a social worker, brought an important message to Plymouth March 15.

The women run the Mercy Education Project, based in Detroit's Corktown and serving girls and women of southwest Detroit. Sister Mulcrone, a Sister of Mercy, told of Melissa, who dropped out in ninth grade, as she spoke to Plymouth A.M.

"She had a child and then she had another child," Sister Mulcrone said. Embarrassment came when Melissa couldn't help her children with schoolwork.

"We taught this girl that her

mom could also get help at Mercy Education Project," she said.

Felicia came from an abusive home and ran away. She lived on the street and was in and out of prison before her judge helped her get to Mercy Education Project.

"A few years later, her judge came to her graduation program at Mercy Education Project," Sister Mulcrone said. Another girl made it to 12th grade thanks to an aunt's loving care, but had to drop out to care for the aunt when she got cancer.

"We are helping people whose lives have been chaotic, who have had an experience of failing over and over," Sister Mulcrone said. That includes women who've failed the GED test because their academic skills aren't up to ninth-grade level.

Amador, who holds a master's degree in social work and is executive director, described the transportation offered to participants, as well as hot meals and 65 minutes of oneon-one tutoring for the girls, age 6 to approximately 14. There are more than 70 girls in tutoring during the school year.

There's also an Emerging Leaders program in the summer held at the University of Detroit Mercy. Participants visit other colleges and places of employment over four

#### STRESSING EDUCATION

One young woman got a full ride to the University of Toledo, but didn't want to leave her family and didn't go. Parents are now involved to

encourage participation and higher education.

Amador noted almost 94 percent of residents in Southwest Detroit lack a ninth-grade education. "That's one of the things we re trying to make a dent in," she said.

The facility, located near the old Tiger Stadium, has a waiting list of some 90-120 adults, due to capacity. Volunteers are always welcome in a variety of roles.

Some of the women come from Freedom House, a facility for political refugees seeking asylum, said Sister Mulcrone, director of development and marketing for MEP. MEP started in 1992 with 14 young students and one staffer.

"We almost immediately got into offering programs for women as

well," she said.

They've just started Open Doors for women who've been in the criminal justice system, helping with resumes and job searches.

The MEP "Doorway to the Future" Dinner will be held May 5 as a benefit to support the faith-based group's work. Graduation is also held, complete with caps and gowns.

"No limos or prom dresses, but when you see mom graduate, that's a big deal," said Sister Mulcrone.

Amy Amador can be reached at aamador@mercyed.net or by phone at (313) 963-5881. The Web site is www.mercyed.net. Sister Mulcrone is at smmulcrone@mercyed.net or (313)

# Redford man hopes community gardens take root this spring

**BY SHARON DARGAY O&E STAFF WRITER** 

Fred Bynum of Redford is poised to dig, seed, water and weed this spring, but he needs a little help to get his community garden project off the ground.

Bynum, 58, has organized a nonprofit organization, the American Food Resource, to help supply fresh vegetables to local soup kitchens and food pantries. He's recruiting volunteers to help find and cultivate planting sites for community gardens throughout western Wayne County communities.

"I would like to see every community in Wayne County get involved in this program," Bynum said. "The people who volunteer their time and services will be able to take some food with them, but the majority of it will be donated to Gleaners, soup kitchens and others. The idea of the community garden is to help the

Bynum grew up in a family that gardened. He recalls that his mother grew beans, tomatoes, cucumbers, blackberries and raspberries. He wants to help others put fresh produce

A truck driver for many everywhere who were in need of food. One incident at an Ohio truck stop restaurant made an indelible impression. he ate one restaurant meal a

"I felt sorry for the man. When I was done I reached over and paid my check and his check," Bynum said. "When you're a truck driver you go to truck stops and you run into people from the area. I met people on social security and disability."

Bynum quit truck driving for health reasons, but isn't ready to retire from useful

"This is a way I can help and put food in hands that need it the most."

He contacted Gleaners for advice and said Wayne Metro Gardens Program offered the use of tilling equipment.

"We need to work fast in getting this set up so we can get land and manpower," he said.

He hopes to recruit three volunteer leaders per garden site and be ready to break ground by April 20 and plant hardy seeds by May.

Anyone interested in volunteering or in donating the use of land for a garden site, can e-mail Bynum at fred bynum@yahoo.com. Potential volunteers should include their phone number, e-mail address, zip code and state where and

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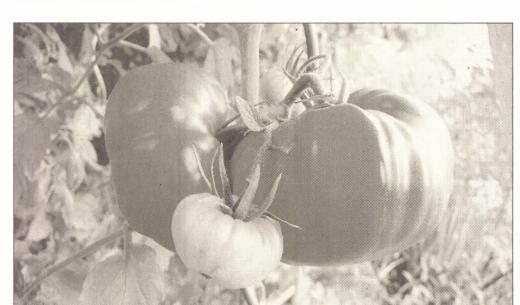
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The cost of neutering male cats will be \$55 which includes full-service veterinary care for the procedure. The cost of spaying female cats and spaying or neutering dogs will be \$85 which includes full-service veterinarian care.

"Anything to help with pet over-population has been a goal for years," stated Laura Zain, Tail Wagger's 1990 founder. "Because of the unconditional support we receive from the people of this community, our low-cost program is just another way we feel we have stepped up to the plate for those in need."

Spay Day 2011 will have limited openings on April 12, April 19 and April 26.

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Tail Wagger's 1990 is committed to helping people help animals. It supports dedicated pet owners who are in need of assistance and provides necessary funding for those animals in emergency situations.

#### SAVE THE DATE

The 1st Annual South Lyon Charity Dog Walk, "See Spot Run," will benefit Westland's Guardian Angel Animal Rescue (GAAR). Registration will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 14 at McHattie Park, located off Lafayette Street in the heart of downtown South Lyon.

The fun, family-friendly event will include door prizes,

raffle drawings, goody bags with treats for pups and their companions, prices for top individual and team fundraisers and adoptable pets on site. Walkers can walk one or two miles, with or without pets, through South Lyon.

Registration and sponsorships are available now at www.seespotrunsouthlyon. com. Cost to walk with two pets is a \$20 donation.

GAAR's volunteers are active in fostering and rescuing animals throughout southeastern Michigan.

Recently Sandra Mezza, GAAR's director, responded to a call from Commerce, where a kitten had been caught in a snare trap set in a residential neighborhood. The kitten's leg was amputated and subsequently taken to Mezza's home to recuperate. She also saved a cat from a Detroit neighbor-

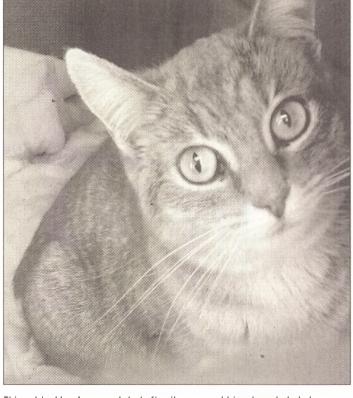


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"He weighs no more then two pounds and he is the sweetest kitty," Mezza wrote in an e-mail to the Observer. Surgery on the cat's tail was postponed because the feline was weak. Mezza said it's likely to be amputated when the cat is strong enough to endure the procedure.

The group also recently rescued an abused puppy. "He is the sweetest thing.

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This cat had her leg amputated after it was caught in a trap, but she's recovering with help and care from Guardian Angel Animal Rescue.

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- By Sharon Dargay

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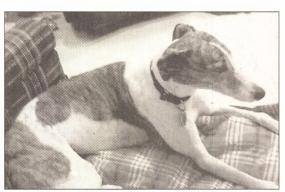
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"You don't have Fibromyalgia, you have Chronic Fatigue Syndrome." Or the second doctor, on examining the patient, finds areas of pain in particular muscles and concludes that the problem is not Fibromyalgia but is Myofascial Pain Syndrome.

Both physicians are correct. Fibromyalgia has the ability to change its expression. At times, the condition will show itself as pressure points in the elbows, shoulders,

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Current thinking is that the source of Fibromyalgia, Myofascial Pain Syndrome and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome is a malfunctioning pain center in the midbrain area. The manifestations of dysfunction vary. At first pressure point pain dominates, later on,

fatigue asserts itself, at other times, muscle groups take on an aching quality that

No laboratory test can identify which aspect of Fibromyalgia is foremost at any one

time. Some doctors make a distinction between presentations and other physicians, including me, do not. To understand their fibromyalgia problem, a patient needs to

#### **Rosary High School** Class of 1966

Planning 45th reunion in July of 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail Pam at Taffttoo@

#### **Southfield High School Class of 1981**

The 30th reunion is planned for 7 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 6, at Doc's Sport Retreat in Livonia. Tickets are \$20 per person for appetizers. There will be a cash bar. The group is looking for classmates. For more information go to Facebook Southfield High Class of 1981 or e-mail Terri Jarvi O'Brien at terri@streetmktg.

#### Wayne High School **All Classes**

Wayne High Schools Alumni Association 27th Annual All Class Reunion Banquet 5-10 p.m. Friday, May 13, at Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born, Wayne. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. The class of 1961 will be honored. Tickets are \$29 before May 1 and \$34 after. For more information call Wanda Boice at (734) 326-7767.

Livonia Home **Improvement** Show

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HOMETOWN www.hometownlife.com Saturday, March 26, 2011 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**Churchill High School** Admission is FREE!

This show will feature a collection of carpenters, electricians, concrete specialists, roofers, landscape designers, and other home improvement experts.

Plus, students from the Livonia Career and Tech Center will provide do-it-yourself project tips.

A few booth spaces remain. For details call the Livonia Chamber, 734.427.2122



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#### **GARDEN & NATURE**

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

#### LIVONIA GARDEN CLUB

Barbara Folden, a member of the Greater Detroit Arrangers Guild will show table arrangements in various designs at the club's next meeting, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, at the Livonia Senior Center, Five Mile and Farmington Road, Livonia. For more information call Susan Rakay at (734) 464-7915.

#### AT ENGLISH GARDENS

The store celebrates spring with its annual Garden Party Weekend,

April 2-3 at all stores. Here's the lineup of events:

• Year-round Garden-tainment with Melinda Myers will show how to put containers to work yearround at 1 p.m. in West Bloomfield and 4 p.m. in Royal Oak, both on April 2; and noon April 3 in Ann

• Nancy Szerlag will present Garden Success: Veggies, Flowers & Shrubs, offering tips for a successful garden and bountiful harvest at 4 p.m. April 2 in Dearborn Heights; noon in West Bloomfield and 3 p.m. in Royal Oak, both on April 3.

 Aston Ritchie from the Scotts Company will talk about caring for your lawn and answer questions about weeds, spots, shade and other lawn problems at 10 a.m. April 2 in Dearborn Heights; noon in Royal Oak and 3 p.m. in West Bloomfield, both on April 3.

 Janet Macunovich talks about low-maintenance landscapes at 10 a.m. in West Bloomfield, 1 p.m. in Royal Oak and 4 p.m. in Ann Arbor. All talks are on April 2.

 Nicholas Staddan of Monrovia Nurseries talks about new plants for 2011 at 11:30 a.m. in Royal Oak and 2:30 p.m. in West Bloomfield, both on April 2; and at noon April 3 in Dearborn Heights.

• Fran Addy of Whitney Farms offers a guide to organics at 1 p.m. April 2 in Ann Arbor.

 Representatives from Proven Winners and Four Star Greenhouses will talk about what's new to keep portable gardens looking fresh at 10 a.m. in Ann Arbor and 2:30 p.m. in Dearborn

Heights, both on April 2.

• Learn about hydrangeas at 11:30 a.m. in Dearborn Heights and 2:30 p.m. in Ann Arbor, both on April 2; and at 1:30 p.m. April 3 at both Royal Oak and West Bloomfield.

· Discover the beauty of flowering bulbs at 11:30 a.m. in West Bloomfield and 2:30 p.m. in Royal Oak, both on April 2

· Learn secrets for decorating the outdoor patio at 10 a.m. in Royal Oak and 4 p.m. in West Bloomfield, both on April 2.

· Get ideas for keeping the lawn looking greener at 11:30 a.m. April 2 in Ann Arbor.

 Loryn Lougheed shows how to have fun with vertical gardening at 1:30 p.m. April 3 in Ann Arbor.

· Learn to grown your own vegetables and herbs at 3 p.m. April 3 in Dearborn Heights. Learn about gardening with

perennials at 1 p.m. April 2 in Dearborn Heights. • Get tips on arranging flowers

at 1:30 p.m. April 3 in Dearborn Here's the schedule for free, in-

store presentations through April: Learn the basics of composting and how to recycle rain water with a rain barrel at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 26.

 $\bullet$  Store experts will show what to prune and when to prune trees and shrubs at a free presentation 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 30.

· Learn the basics of starting a garden free presentation, "Gardening 101" 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 6 and 1 p.m. Saturday, April

• Planting a Raised Vegetable Garden will give you advice to get started growing your own vegetables. The free presentation is at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 13 and 1 p.m. Saturday, April 16.

Registration is required for the fresh flower arranging workshop and kitchen herb session.

Local English Gardens stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road at Outer Driver, in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, at Maple, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506.

Send calendar items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com, Feel free to include relevant photos as attached jpgs. Or mail items to Sharon Dargay, The Observer, 615 Lafayette. level 2, Detroit, MI 48226.

### **MARCH 20-23**

#### Breakfast

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, March

Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

**Details**: All you can eat pancake and French toast breakfast includes pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, tea, coffee, milk and juice for \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, 2-10. Sponsored by: St. Theodore Men's Club Contact: (734) 425-4421

#### Lenten dinner program

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. March 23 Location: First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland, 3 Town Square, Wayne

**Details**: The Silver Strings Dulcimer of Garden City will perform after the dinner. The church provides the meat and participants are asked to bring a dish to pass and their own table service

#### Contact: (734) 721-4801

#### Lifelong Learning Forum

Time/Date: 7:30-9 p.m. six Thursdays. Began March 17: refreshments served at 7 p.m. Location: Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted Road, Farmington Details: Three programs will kick off the learning series. During "Just Breathe," participants will practice using breath to achieve a better level for mind and body health. They'll wear loose fitting clothes and bring a mat or a blanket and a pillow. Instructor Karen Renas is a board certified medical massage therapist and has been practicing for four years. Kerrie Saunders will talk about "Diet as Disease Prevention" and the Rev. Kimi Riegel, a Unitarian Universalist minister, will present "Time for Bullying to STOP." A \$5 donation is suggested. Check the church website at www.

#### Contact: (248) 478-7272

#### Purim carnival

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sunday, March

uufarmington.org for a full list of classes

Location: The Corners, 2075 Walnut Lake

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Road, just west of Inkster Road, West Bloomfield

**Details**: Sponsored by Temple Shir Shalom's Youth Group, the carnival will include door prizes, games, food and much more. Door prize tickets are available for \$3 each at the door; unlimited game bracelets are \$20; game and food tickets are 3/\$1 and meal tickets are \$5

Contact: (248) 406-4255; www.shirshalom.

#### Vespers

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, March 20 Location: Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary, 18100 Merriman Road, Livonia

**Details:** The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) presents the second service in its 2011 series of five Sunday Lenten Vespers. The Very Rev. Roman Star, pastor of St. Innocent of Irkutsk Orthodox Church, Redford, will preside at the

Contact: Robert A. Mitchell, at (313) 204-5103 or rmitc02@ameritech.net. Widowed Friends Time/Date: Check in at 2:15 p.m.; Mass starts at 2:30, Sunday, March 20 Location: St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley Road, just south of Cherry Hill, in Canton

**Details**: Widowed Friends, a "peer" support group, sponsors a special Mass for widowed men and women

Contact: Pat at (734) 895-6246

### **MARCH 24-30**

#### Answer weekend Time/Date: 5 p.m. Friday, March 25; 6:30 p.m.

March 26 and 11 a.m. March 27 Location: Friday events at Clarenceville Junior High, 20210 Middlebelt, Livonia and Saturday-Sunday events at Lighthouse Worship Center, 19827 Middlebelt, Livonia **Details**: 12 teams in a 3 on 3 Basketball tournament with \$25.00 entry fee on Friday. Open to all boys and girls 17 and under. Co-ed teams are welcome. Cash prizes of \$100-\$300 will be awarded. Bands will perform and a drama is planned for Saturday; Shae Hughes a youth-orientated speaker, will minister to kids of all ages on Sunday. Immediately after the service, prizes for the basketball tourna-

Contact: Dan Tyson for details on the basketball tournament at (517) 281-8077; Pastor Chuck LaParr at (734) 546-2741 or the church

ment will be awarded and a free lunch will be

served

office at (248) 476-7933 for other questions

Time/Date: 5 p.m. Sunday, March 27 Location: Farmington Hills Church of God, 25717 Power Road, Farmington Hills **Details**: The Sweet Adeline quartet "Overture," along with the Harrison High School Madrigal Choir will perform during a "FUNdraising" missions dinner at the church Contact: (248) 477-8144

#### Lenten program

Time/Date: 7 p.m. March 30, April 6 and April 13

Location: St. Aidan, 17500 Farmington Road,

**Details**: David J. Conrad presents the series. Each session reflects on passage's from John's Gospel. The first is "The Woman at the Well." Themes are "The Man Born Blind" on April 6 and "The Restoration of Lazarus" on April 13. A light reception is held after each session

Contact: Don Esler, St. Aidan Education Commission, at (248) 477-3362

### Play

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 25-26

Location: Sacred Heart Major Seminary, 2701 Chicago Blvd., Detroit

Details: Seminarians will perform the comedy "Room Service." Admission is free but donations will go to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit.

Contact: (313) 883-8533

#### Veterans

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, March 24 Location: St. Joseph Parish, 830 South Lafayette, South Lyon

Details: Shawn Dowling, homeless program coordinator and Beverly Leneski, volunteer program coordinator, from the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor; and Gene Pisha, Korean War veteran and VA Hospital volunteer, from the John Dingell VA Hospital, will present "How Veterans Can Get Into the System at the VA Hospitals." There will be time for questions and answers after the presentations. Refreshments will be served

Contact: (248) 719-6855 or e-mail to elainyoung@hotmail.com

### MARCH 31-APRIL 6

Guest speaker

Please see **RELIGION**, **B9** 



## RELIGION

Time/Date: 8:45 a.m. gathering, 9:15 a.m. opening prayer, 12:45 p.m. dismissal, Thursday, March 31 **Location**: St. Fabian Church, 32200 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills Details: The Rev. Richard Fragomeni talks about the power of liturgy to transform lives. Cost is \$22 before March 17 and \$27 after. Includes brunch

Contact: Celia St. Charles at (248) 553-4610 or cstcharles@stfabian.org

Spaghetti dinner Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Friday, April 1 **Location**: Good Hope Lutheran

Details: Dinner and silent auction. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children, 3-11, and free for children under 3

Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, in Garden

Contact: (734) 427-3660

### **ONGOING**

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays **Location**: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten-fifth grade Contact: (248) 426-0096

Classes/study **Emmanuel Lutheran Church** Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia

**Details**: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer,

snacks and fun. Contact: Pastor Scott Sessler at (734) 673-2485 or e-mail to pastorscott@emmanuel-livonia.org

Faith Bible Church **Time/Date**: 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sundays through May 8

Location: 34541 5 Mile, Livonia Details: "Four Views of the End Times" adult study Also ongoing: 'Life's Healing

Choices" Study Group, 6 p.m., fourth Sunday through September is for men and women who want freedom from hurts, hang-ups and habits Contact: (734) 464-7990

Men's Bible study Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491

**New Life Community Church** Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 am., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays **Location**: 42200 Tyler, Belleville **Contact**: (734) 846-4615

Nicole's Revival Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Monday-

**Location**: YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford

**Details**: KJV Scripture Reading, Communion and Prayer Contact: (313) 531-1234

Our Lady of Loretto Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

**Details**: Scripture study **Contact**: (313) 534-9000 **Ward Presbyterian** Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville

**Details**: Learner's Bible study is held **Contact**: (248) 374-5920 Clothing bank Canton Christian Fellowship

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday **Location**: 41711 Joy, between Lilley

and Haggerty **Details**: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those

Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www. CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@ cantoncf.org

Food Bank New Hope Church

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by

appointment only **Location**: is 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton

Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.

Moms **Christ Our Savior Lutheran** Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday, MOPS; 7-8:30 p.m., first and third Thursday, MOPSnext. Both programs run through May

**Location**: 14175 Farmington Road,

**Details**: Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners; MOPSnext supports mothers of school-aged children. The theme will be "Momology

- The Art & Science of Mothering" for MOPS and "Boundaries" for MOPSnext

Contact: Rebekah Creeden at 734) 524-0283 for MOPS and Susan Magner at (248) 478-3643 for MOPS **Dunning Park Bible Chapel** 

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

Redford **Details**: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope

Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or

Kristen at (734) 542-0767

Pet-friendly service Time/Date: 1 p.m., Sunday Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details**: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service. All Creatures ULC describes the gathering as non-denominational and Christian. Water is available for dogs Contact: (313) 563-0162

Prayer **Nardin Park United Methodist** 

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile. Farmington Hills **Details**: Participate in an open

time of praying silently and aloud

together as well as responding to personal requests

Contact: (248) 476-8860 St. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back of the church Details: Music, singing, prayer Contact: Grace at (734) 464-1896,

Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906 St. Michael Lutheran Church Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

**Location**: 7000 Sheldon, Canton **Details**: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed Contact: (734) 459-3333

St. Michael the Archangel Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Saturdays **Location**: In the church rectory conference room, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia **Details**: St. Monica's Prayer Group is open to all women who want to support one another in praying for their children, regardless of age

Other prayer sessions: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. third Wednesday, includes parish prayer and Eucharistic adoration, with Benediction service following Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200

Senior citizens Riverside Park Church of God Time/Date: 11:30 a.m., third

Thursdays Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia Details: Senior adults, age 50 and over, enjoy social interaction and food during time together Contact: (734) 464-0990

Singles First Presbyterian Church Time/Date: Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9

p.m. program Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville **Details**: Single Place Ministry; cost

Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia **Details**: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends

Men's breakfast. This is an informal

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"peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others who are ready to help cope or become involved in the other social activities offered by Widowed Friends.

Contact: (313) 534-0399 **Ward Evangelical Presbyterian** 

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m., Sunday Location: 40000 Six Mile. Northville **Details**: Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation Contact: (248) 374-5920

Song Circle **Congregation Beth Ahm** Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m., every Shabbat

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield **Details**: Sing zemirot (traditional

Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew. **Contact**: (248) 737-1931 or e-mail nancyellen879@att.net.

Support

Apostolic Christian Church Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily **Location**: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia **Details**: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act Contact: (734) 261-9000; www. woodhaven-retirement.com

**Detroit World Outreach** Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 202 **Details**: Addiction No More offers

support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling Contact: (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington

**Details:** Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

Contact: (248) 433-1011 **Merriman Road Baptist Church** Time/Date: 1-3 p.m., second and fourth Thursday

Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City

Details: Metro Fibro-Myalgia support group meets; donations Contact: www.metrofibrogroup. com; or call Lucy with questions at (734) 462-1768

**Riverside Park Church of God Time/Date**: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

**Location**: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia **Details**: Adult Day Ministry offers an adult daytime care program with a specialty in dementia care Contact: (734) 367-4220; www.river-

sideparkchurch.org St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon

Saturday morning Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia **Details**: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available. There are no requirements, this a service the church wants the community to be aware of and use if needed. Donations of nonperishable items also accepted for the cupboard.

Contact: (734) 421-8451. St. John's Episcopal Church Time/Date: 10 a.m., the first and third Friday

**Location**: 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth **Details**: St. John's Support Group for the Caregiver's of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets. Respite care is provided. The group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association

Contact: Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426

#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE

To all residents and other interested parties: Agenda's and Minutes for the Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees Meetings are available for review under the Reference Desk Page of the Township Website: <a href="www.plymouthtwp.org">www.plymouthtwp.org</a>. They are also posted in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N Haggerty Road Plymouth, Michigan for public perusal.

Meeting dates: January 11, February 8, March 8 & 22, April 12, May 10 & 24, June 14

The public is invited and encouraged to attend the Board of Trustees Meetings.

> Joe Bridgman, MMC Township Clerk

Publish: January 9, February 6, March 6 & 20, April 10, May 8 & 22, June 12, 2011

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, April 7, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following:

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837 N. Holbrook Non-Use Variance Requested Rear Deck - Side yard Setback Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential Applicant: Stephen Erps

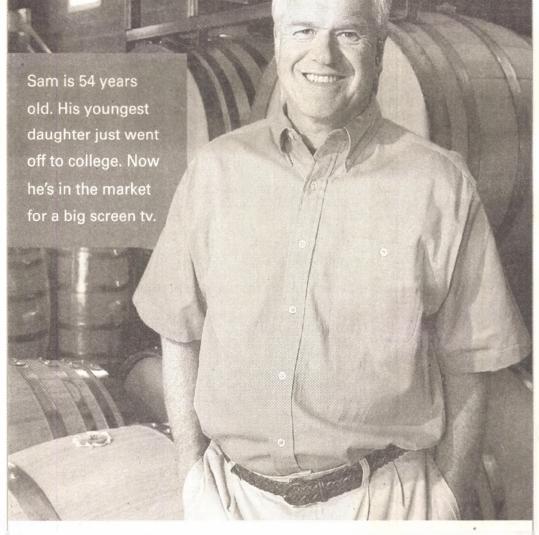
All interested persons are invited to attend.

In accordance 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 audio tapes 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:

> Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator 201 S. Main Street Plymouth, MI 48170 (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

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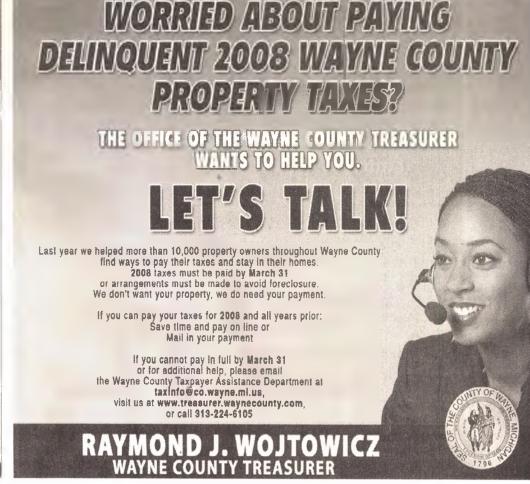
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# 90th birthday gives cause to celebrate for Livonia man

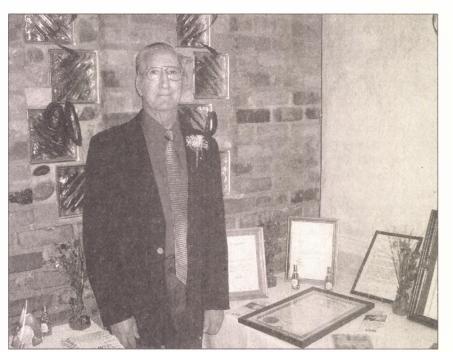
Joseph Antonio Girolamo of Livonia, turned 90 years old March 9. He celebrated his 90th birthday at DeLuca's of Westland a few days later with 61 family members and dear friends. Joseph's 17-year-old nephew, Logan Mehan, flew in from Colorado to be a part of the celebration. Also flying in was Eileen Taylor, formally of Livonia, who arrived from Washington, D.C. In addition, friends Bill and Annette Mann drove in from Sarnia, Ontario to share in Joe's spe-

cial celebration.

His daughter, Joyce Hermann, and husband, Michael, of Plymouth organized the party and also arranged for special birthday greetings to arrive from President Obama, Gov, Rick Snyder, State Rep. John Walsh, R-Livonia, State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, U.S. Rep. Thaddeus G. McCotter, R-Livonia, Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt, Michigan's U.S. Sen.Carl Levin and U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, and Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano.

Alyssa Faulkner, 12, of Livonia, led the crowd in the pledge of allegiance before lunch. Afterward, McCotter's district representative, Lori O'Brady, presented Joseph with a Congressional Record.

The party was complete with the



Joseph Antonio Girolamo of Livonia celebrated his 90th birthday this month.

nieces, nephews and grandkids singing Happy Birthday and helping Joe blow out the candles on his cannoli

Throughout his life, he has been in leadership roles and has been a role model for many of the people whose lives he has touched. According to his family, he is dependable, honest, loyal, cares about others and volunteers his time to help others without expecting payment or reward. They say he is cheerful, tries to make others happy, is brave and has stood up for what he thinks is right.



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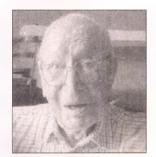


BARBARA J. ANTROBIUS

Age 56, March 17, 2011. Loving mother of Brian (Angie), Lance (Samantha) and Matthew. Beloved companion of Roger Avis. Dear grandmother of Dillon. Dear sister of Mary, Beth, Carol, Patricia, Joe, Tom & Terry. Service were held at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Please share a memory at www.rggrharris.com

#### **DEBRA AHRENDT**

Age 45, daughter of Robert and Marilyn Prodehl, passed away March 14, 2011 in Toledo, OH. She is sur-vived by the family and friends she loved so much. A memorial service will be held on March 18, 2011 from 2-5pm at Fisher Funeral Home, Redford, MI



**GEORGE ARTHUR** HUDSON

91, died on December 27, 2011, in Catonsville, MD. He was born to Izette Farnsworth Hudson and Charles John Hudson in Worcester, MA, on September 13, 1918. He is survived by his wife, Madelon Hudson; his children, Carol (Gregg) Packard of Plymouth, MI, Susan (Bill) Fagan of Lake Hopatcong, NJ, and Skip (Kitty)
Hudson of Singer Island, FL; four
grandchildren, Lynn Packard of
Plymouth, MI, Charlie Packard of Denver, CO, Meg Fagan of Newton, NJ, and Jennifer Fagan of Lake Hopatcong, NJ; and two great-granddaughters, Zosia and Renia Packard. He is also survived by four wonderful step-daughters and their families. He is preceded in death by his first wife, Elizabeth (Betty) Mosher Hudson; his daughter, Holly; and a brother and sister. He was an engineer at GM and graduated from GM University. Over the years, he was on the Plymouth City Council and Planning Commission. While living in Plymouth, he was active in the Kiwanis, the Masons, the Plymouth Presbyterian Church, and the Plymouth Historical Society. In Baltimore, he volunteered at the National Aquarium. A service will be held on April 30, 2011, at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. The service will take place at 11am, with visitation to follow. Those wishing to make memorial contributions may donate to the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, or the Plymouth Historical Society.



Age 55 of Roscoe Illinois, formerly of ivonia died suddenly at home on Friday March 11 and is now with the Lord. He was the beloved husband of Lori, loving father of Brett, Meghan, and Sean; cherished son of Margarita and the late Wayne; dear brother of Linda (Bob Rogers) and Robert; uncle of Nicole (Dan) Hunter and great uncle of Macie, Max and Morgan. He graduated in 1973 from Stevenson High School and 1979 from MSU. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to: Macy Children Education Fund c/o Gateway Community Bank 5390 Williams Dr., Roscoe, Ill 61073. James will be laid to rest in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia, MI at a later date.

### JOHN T. THURMAN, JR.

Age 75, of Farmington Hills, MI passed away on March 17, 2011. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

#### LINDA ANN **WESSELS BONNETT**

Age 69 died March 14, 2011. On-line condolences may be made to www.frankvoglerandsons.com

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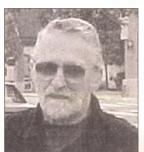
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RICHARD S. ANGERILLI

Age 74 of Howell, formerly

of Farmington Hills, passed away Friday, March 11 2011. He was born July 29, 1936 in Detroit, the son of Louis and Loretta (Lemon) Angerilli. Beloved husband of Clara (Kecskes) Angerilli whom he married June 4, 1960 in Detroit. Dear father of Lisa (Kevin) Hansen of Howell, Lori (Thomas) Cometto of Idaho and Dawn (Craig) Bright of Howell. Also survived by twelve grandchildren, two greatgrandchildren and brother, Louis of Walled Lake. Richard was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Mass of Christian Burial was Wednesday, March 16 at 10 a.m. (in-state 9 a.m.) at St. John Catholic Church, 2099 Hacker Road, (at M-59), Howell. Visitation Tuesday 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. at MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800). Burial in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association of American Cancer Society. Please visit the family's online guestbook at www.macdonaldsruneralhome.com

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#### VIRGINIA D. NIPP

Age 82, March 16, 2011. Beloved wife. of the late William "Bill". Loving mother of Judy (Ron) Blome & Kerry (Vickie). Grandmother of Tony (Carrie) & Harlyn (Heather). Great-grandmother of Rocco Walker, Vincent, Gabriel, Autumn & Summer. Sister of Annette (Harold) Davis, & the late Larry Cunningham. Also survived by several nieces & nephews. Funeral services were held Saturday Arrangements by at John N. Santeit & Son Funeral Home. 734-427-3800. www.santeiufuneralhome.com

### WILLIAM E. KLEPSCH, Sr.

Age 82, of Livonia, MI, passed away March 10, 2011. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home.



Aidan Anthony Watters

#### AIDAN ARRIVES

Stacey and Brock Watters Livonia announce the birth of their first child, Aidan Anthony Watters.

He weighed 9 pounds 5 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches when he was born at 9:16 p.m. Dec. 16, 2010 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia.

His grandparents are Donald and Dawn Belzyt of Brownstown and Kevin and Denise Watters of Fort Wayne, Ind. Aidan joins his parents' dog, Juliet, at home.

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#### home with family. The couple married in 1941. They have two children, James (Carol) Zimmerman II of Westland and Florence (Raymond) Payeur of Oak Harbor, Wash. They have

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James and Beulah Zimmerman of Wayne

#### 70TH ANNIVERSARY

James and Beulah Zimmerman of Wayne marked their 70th wedding anniversary Jan: 6 and celebrated at

five grandchildren, Margaret Zimmerman, Major Chris (Leslie) Payeur, Connie (Brian) Smith, Angel (Staff Sergeant Patrick) McMillen, and James Zimmerman III. They are the proud grandparents of nine great-grandchildren.

Beulah is an Ohio native and the oldest of three children. James is one of five children two half-brothers and an older brother and younger sister. His father, Samuel Zimmerman was a doctor in Wayne. Beulah traveled to Michigan to

become a nurse at Carpenter Hospital in Wayne, where she met Jim, an ambulance driver. The couple married in Beverly, Ohio at the local minister's

Beulah worked at Eloise Psychiatric Hospital until 1984 when it closed. She later retired from Wayne County General Hospital. She enjoys baking cookies, pies and zucchini bread and writes weekly to keep in touch with family members across the country.

James served his country in WWII, and later worked for Shell Oil Company and spent a number of years working for schools. He is a 32nd degree Mason. He also enjoys a good crossword puzzle.

James and Beulah enjoy visiting with neighbors, walking and most of all being with their family.

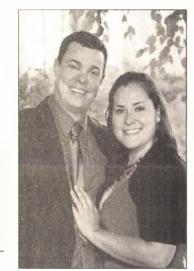
### AUGUST WEDDING PLANNED

Michael and Janet McMullen of Perry announce the engagement of their daughter, Tracy, to Bernard Joseph (BJ) Page, son of Arthur and Eileen Page, of Canton.

An August 2011 wedding is planned.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Perry, a 2003 graduate of the University of Hawaii-Hilo, and a 2006 graduate of Michigan State University, where she earned a master's degree. She is the environmental education coordinator for DeVries Nature Conservancy in Owosso.

Page is a 2002 graduate of Schoolcraft College and a 2004 graduate of the State University of New York-Delhi. He is the co-owner and chef



McMullen-Page

of A Family Affair Catering in Plymouth.

### DOSS-ROACH

Venessa Doss and Michael Roach announce their engage-

The bride-to-be, daughter of Steve and Elaine Rochowiak of Garden City and Tom Doss of Jacksonville, Fla., attended Garden City High School and the University of Michigan. She is employed by Goldman SACHS, Jersey City, N.J.

Her fiance, son of Gail Roach of Brick, N.J., and the late Patrick Roach attended Monsigner Dunovan High School in New Jersey and the University of South Carolina. He is employed by Fidelity in Morristown, N.J.

A May 2012 destination wedding is planned.



Doss-Roach

Parker Christopher Creehan

# **PARKER ARRIVES**

Parker'Christopher Creehan weighed 6 pounds 1 ounce when he was born Dec. 31, 2010. His proud parents are

Scott and Erin Creehan of Northville. Grandparents are Janis Murfey of Livonia and Jim and Rose Creehan of Brighton.



# HEALTH

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# Project Healthy Living offers free screenings

United Health Organization (UHO), the nonprofit group that coordinates body wellness checks and community-wide health screenings, has expanded its spring 2011 event schedule.

Participants can select activities for youth, young adults and their families from 24 sites in five Michigan counties.

"We continue to be impressed by the demand for health screening services in southeast Michigan," said Ifetayo B. Johnson, Executive Director of UHO and Project Healthy Living. She said many of the basic screenings for fitness,

obesity, hypertension, vision and hearing are free of charge. For a nominal cost, new blood screenings for vitamin D deficiency, A1C glucose levels, cardiovascular health, and liver function also are available.

Participants can pre-register to be screened at their preferred location using Fast Track, United Health Organization's online registration system. They must be at least 18 years of age to participate, or be accompanied by a guardian.

All Project Healthy Living events are free and open to the public. Highlights of the spring season

include:

• The annual Cover the Uninsured Week observance returns to Cobo Hall in Detroit on

• United Health Organization and Bert's Place of Eastern Market present a special Project Healthy Living site on April 30. Donations are being accepted to provide clothing and toiletries to the homeless and unemployed.

• The U.S. Soccer Association will conduct two soccer clinics for children ages 6-12 on May 7 at the YMCA Leadership Academy in Detroit. Space is limited to the

first 100 children. Reservations are required. Call the Healthy Living hotline at (313) 9108.

For more information about how to support Project Healthy Living, its events, fee schedules, screenings, locations and times or to make reservations call the hotline at (313) 531-9108 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, or visit the website at www.projecthealthyliving.net.

Here's a sampling of the local and nearby sites, times and dates:

•10 a.m. to 4 p.m., March 23-25, Laurel Park Place, 37700 West Six Mile, Livonia.

• 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 8, Jewish

Community Center, West Bloomfield. • Noon to 4 p.m., April 9, Christian

Life Center Church, 2146 Moeller Ave., Ypsilanti. • Noon to 6 p.m., April 11, and 10

a.m. to 4 p.m. April 12-13, Westland

Shopping Center, 35000 W. Warren, Westland. • 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., April 16, Lahser

Surgical Center, 27202 Lahser, No. 100, Southfield

•9 a.m. to 2 p.m., April 29, Costick Activity Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills.

• 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., May 13, Ypsilanti Township Recreation Center, 2025 E. Clark St., Ypsilanti.

#### MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### **MARCH**

#### Training classes

The American Red Cross is offering nurse assistant, home health aide and patient care tech training classes at multiple classroom sites including 20319 Middlebelt, Livonia. For more information, as well as class dates and times, call the American Red Cross at (313) 5764130 or (313) 576-4120.

#### St. Mary Mercy

St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers these programs in March

• The Center for Joint Replacement will offer a free educational seminar from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, in the hospital auditorium. Orthopedic surgeons and expert staff will answer questions, discuss joint pain, joint replacement procedures, and available implant options. Also learn about the comprehensive group approach to joint replacement, including pre-surgical classes, choosing a personal "coach" to assist the process, and what to expect post-surgery and discharge from the hospital. To register, call (734) 655-2400. - A prenatal breastfeeding class runs 7-9 p.m. March 24 in Classrooms 1 and 2 at the hospital. The class is designed for expectant mothers between the seventh and eighth month of pregnancy. The class will focus on the benefits of breastfeeding for infant, mother, and family. Cost is \$25 per couple. Call (734) 655-1162 or register

"classes and events." A class in CPR runs 6-9 p.m. March 29 in the Community Outreach Department, Classroom 10. The class is being offered through a partnership with the American Heart Association. Instructors will train participants using the American Heart Association's "Family & Friends CPR" course. They'll learn CPR and choking techniques for infants, children, and adults. There is a fee. Call the Community Outreach Department at (734) 655-8950

The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile, Livonia



# St. Mary Mercy Hospital recognized for blood drives

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia, collected 423 pints of blood for the American Red Cross from five collection drives last year. It was the most blood collected from among Trinity Health facilities in southeast Michigan.

"We had the biggest increase in donations out of any of the (Trinity) health systems in (southeast) Michigan, said David Spivey, president and CEO at St. Mary Mercy. "It's important for us to take a leadership role in this initiative."

Representatives from Trinity Health, the nation's fourth largest Catholic health care organization, and the American Red Cross gathered at Laurel Manor Banquet & Conference Center this month to celebrate the blood drive's success.

Carol Furlong, donor recruit-

ment director, American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region said St. Mary Mercy's successful blood drive had a "rippling effect " on other health systems.

The hospital's blood drive goal this year is to increase donations by 20 percent.

Its first blood drive of the year was held Thursday, March 17. Other collections are Thursday, June 2, Aug. 11, Oct. 27 and Dec. 27. All blood drives run from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. It takes approximately one hour to donate.

To make an appointment, call (800) GIVE-LIFE or visit redcrossblood.org, click on "Enter a Sponsor Code" and enter "stmarymercy." The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile, Livonia.



Members of the blood drive team are Trudy Smith (left), American Red Cross; St. Mary Mercy employees, David Spivey, Janet Searight, Jim Aldrich, Jeannie Cox, Cyndi Niva, and Sally Santoni; and Diane Ward, of the American Red Cross.

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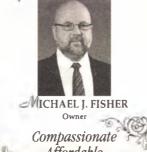
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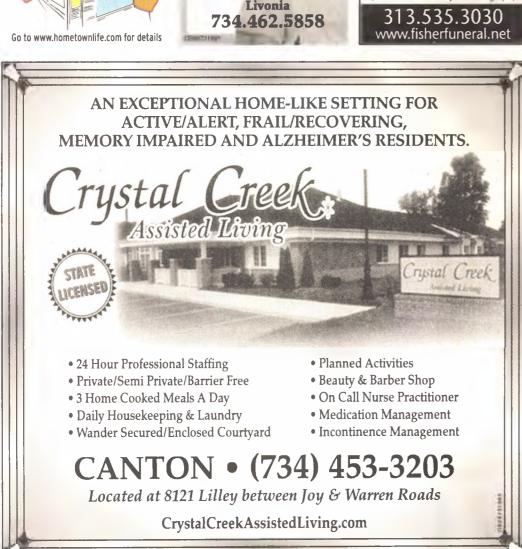
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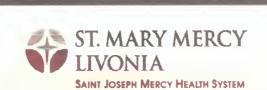
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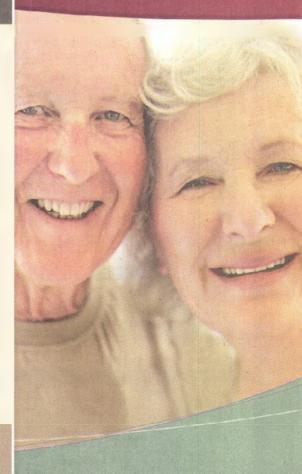
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# 10 Things Smart Job Seekers Do

Beth Braccio Hering, Special to CareerBuilder

What separates the smart job seeker from others looking for employment? Oftentimes, it is one of these 10 things:

1. They realize a potential job lead could be anywhere.

Smart job seekers aren't afraid to mention occupational aspirations to their book club, their parents' friends or their dentist. (One never knows whose golf partner might be the ticket to getting a foot in the door.) Caroline Ceniza-Levine, a partner at SixFigureStart -- a career coaching firm in New York City comprised of former Fortune 500 recruiters -- recommends putting your LinkedIn public profile hyperlink in your automatic e-mail signature. "This is an elegant way to attach your resume to every correspondence you send. Even friends who think they know you may click through to your profile, learn more about you and perhaps think of you for a job or lead that they might have overlooked."

2. They surf job boards for more than just open positions.

Ceniza-Levine calls job boards "goldmines" for research. "You might see companies you didn't know before -- add these to your list of targets. You might see the same requirements again and again -- this indicates a standard for the job you want, so incorporate these

items into your pitch and cover letters."

3. They put adequate time and effort into their applications.

"Spend time to make your resume the best possible written advertisement of you," says Lisa Quast, author of "Your Career, Your Way!" and founder of Career Woman Inc., a Seattle-based career development

consulting company. "Analyze the job requirements against your own skills and abilities, and customize your cover letter." Obviously, all correspondence should be free of errors and typos.

And before sending off the application packet, look at the job posting one last time to ensure all desired material is included.

4. They do their homework.

It seems logical to smart applicants to know something about potential employers. From Googling a company to checking out its financial statements, they learn what they can -- and use the info to enhance their correspondence.

5. They know employers do their homework, too.

"According to [a 2010] Coremetrics [study], 75 percent of companies require recruiters to research job applicants online, so you'll want to

be sure you know what they'll find," states Sherrie Madia, coauthor of "The Online Job Search Survival Guide." Besides thinking twice about what you choose to post, she suggests doing a Google search on your name. If you find something undesirable, try to have it removed.

6. They make their value known quickly.

"An employer gives each resume about a threesecond window of time before he decides to either 'delete' or read further," says Patrice Rice, author of "How to Interview" and president of the recruiting firm Patrice & Associates in Dunkirk, Md. A smart applicant answers the "What can you do for me?"

question right off the bat with a summary of strongest accomplishments at the resume's

7. They look and act like a professional.

Simple but effective: A smart applicant arrives on time, dresses appropriately, both talks and listens, displays confidence and minds his manners.

8. They show that they want this

Smart job seekers are not "tire kickers." They focus on the needs of the employer and demonstrate how they are perfect for this particular position.

"Show enthusiasm during the job

interview," says Rice. "Always make certain that the company you're interviewing with feels as if it is your first choice, no matter what other companies are involved in your job search."

#### 9. They don't get ahead of themselves.

As much as she may be dying to know about promotions, raises and vacation time, a smart candidate doesn't jump the gun and tackle these issues during the first interview. She focuses on landing the position, then on whether the package is suitable.

10. They ask for the position, follow up and thank.

"As strange as it sounds, you need to ask for the job," says Catherine Jewell, author of "New Resume New Career: Get the Job You Want with the Skills and Experience You Already Have." "At the end of the interview, sum up your strengths, tell the interviewer that you are excited about the position and say, 'I would really like to contribute to this company. I am hoping you select me."

Then, a smart interviewee keeps his name in the game with a follow-up note reiterating interest and offering thanks -- knowing that a great last impression can seal the deal!

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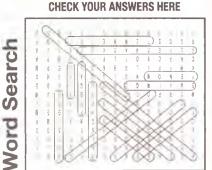
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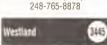
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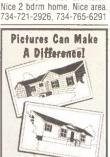
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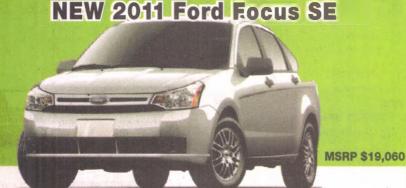






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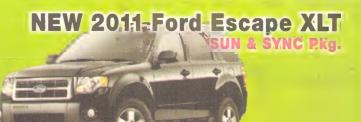
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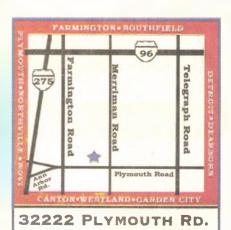
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