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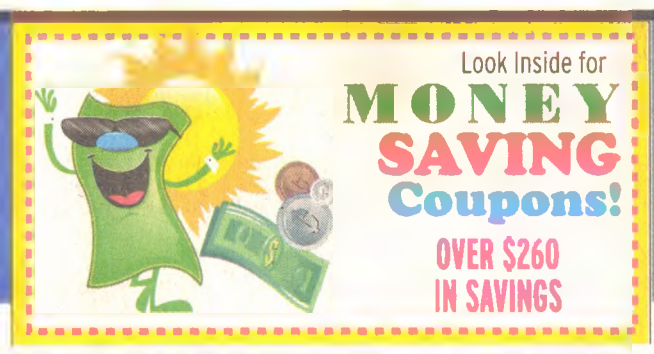

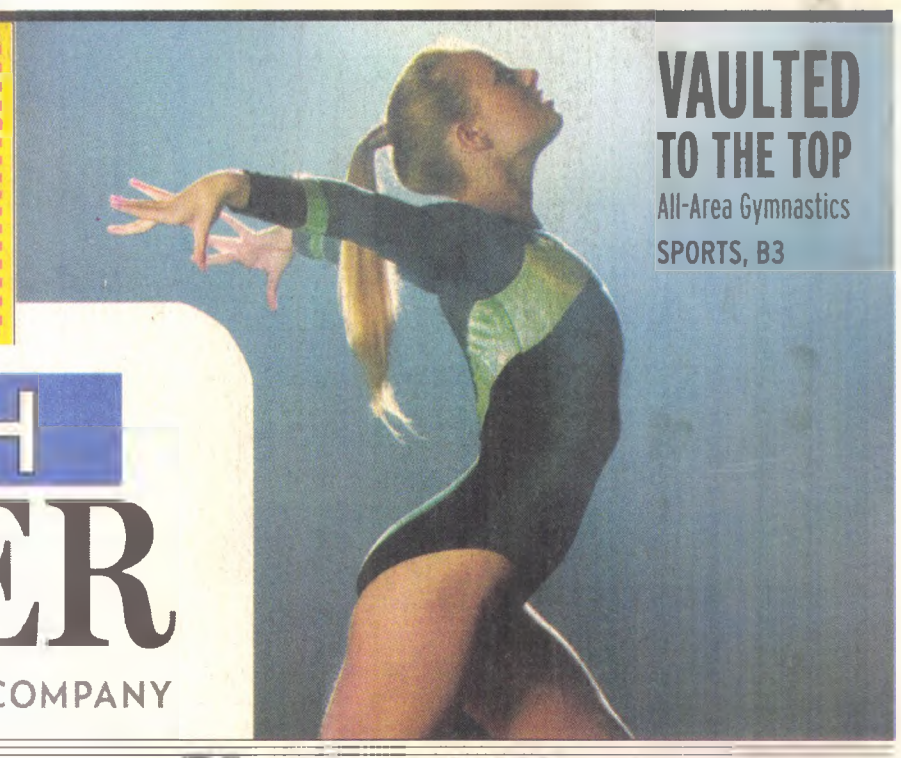

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Prescription take-back

The Plymouth and Plymouth Township police department will be among participating law enforcement agencies when the Drug Enforcement Agency sponsors a National Prescription Take Back Initiative 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 30.

The event is a good opportunity to dispose of unwanted prescriptions. "Any effort taken to keep potentially harmful drugs out of the hands of traffickers and those who abuse or are dependent on substances is one step toward a healthier community," DEA officials said. For more information on specific locations, check out the DEA's website at www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov.

The City of Plymouth Police Department is located at 201 S. Main; the township police department is located at 9955 N. Haggerty.

Bunny hop

Genuine Toy Co. is looking forward to having a few of the furry residents from the Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary visit the store again 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 23.

"This was a fun and educational event last year for everyone who came out to visit with and pet the bunnies and to learn more about their care and needs," said Charles Dare, Genuine's owner.

Genuine Toy Co. is located at 550 Forest Ave., Suite 8, in Plymouth. For more information, call the store, (734) 414-9500.

Garage sales

Due to high demand The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will be hosting four separate Community Garage Sales June 11, June 25, July 9, and July 23 inside the Plymouth Ice Arena.

Start gathering all those items that you no longer need, use, or want and get a 10-by-10-foot spot inside the Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena to sell everything and free up extra space in the house.

To rent a spot it will cost $20 but if you are coming to shop around admission is free. Each sale runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, contact Lauren Obsniuk at (734) 455-6620, Ext. 309, or register online at www.plymouthwebtrac.net.

Soup and salad

The Mayflower/Lt. Gamble Ladies Auxiliary Post 6695, 1426 Mill in Plymouth, hosts a "Soup and Salad" night 5-8 p.m. Saturday, April 30.

The event will feature all the soup and salad you can eat. A $5 donation is requested.

For further details contact Judy Thomason, (734) 545-0184.

THREATS REPORTED

Plymouth High teacher faces charges

BY BRAD KADRICH AND DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITERS

A 52-year-old Plymouth High School social studies teacher was facing charges following allegations he made threats to co-workers and brought a loaded gun to school Thursday morning, prompting school officials to cancel classes and leading to his arrest by Canton police.

The teacher, who has taught in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools for more than a decade, was in custody as authorities Friday sorted through details of the case to decide charges against him, police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said.

The teacher, popular among many of his students, particularly those studying military history, has been placed on an indefinite leave of absence pending the outcome of legal proceedings against him, said Frank Ruggirello, the district's director of community relations.

The teacher had not been arraigned as of press time. It is the *Observer*'s policy not to name suspects until they are arraigned. Visit www.hometownlife.com for updated information.

The suspect's troubles started Wednesday, when he was allegedly heard making threats against co-workers at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, which houses some 6,200 students. District officials said he was sent home Wednesday and told not to return to the park.

District officials released a statement saying they tried to contact the suspect Wednesday evening and Thursday morning but couldn't locate him, prompting them to close the three-high-school park Thursday.

The teacher reportedly left a message on the district's substitute request line saying he'd be at the park Thursday morning. When he arrived shortly after 6 a.m., officials said he

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Passion for the mission

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Christine Forester is Director of Leadership Giving at United Way. She's a Plymouth resident.

Plymouth woman settles into United Way gig

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
CORRESPONDENT

Christine Forester loves meeting people. She said it goes back to the way she was raised by her community-oriented parents.

"There was always an opportunity to meet people and get engaged," she said. "I love meeting new people. There's nothing better than going to a party where I know two people out of 50 and can't wait to meet the other 48."

That ease with strangers suits her new job as director for Leadership Investors at the United Way of Southeastern Michigan. A Plymouth resident, Forester arrived in October to develop a strategic plan and grow leadership giving; that is, donors who contribute $1,000 or more a year in non-workplace giving.

She calls the process "donor-centered fundraising."

"It's all about that personal interaction, making sure your donors understand what you're doing," she said. "A lot of people are still new to the work the United Way is doing ... so we need to educate them."

'So this is a new step and it utilizes some background I have and is an adventure ... For me, it certainly does make a difference if I care about the work.'
CHRISTINE FORESTER

MAJOR CHANGE

Six years ago, the United Way announced a major change of direction. Forester said a lot of people she meets still don't know about it, even if they've given at work for years.

"With any organization's major change, it takes a while to get that word out," she said. "It takes more time and effort than had been anticipated."

The areas that are now the focus of the "agenda for change" are education, from early childhood to high school; income; and basic needs, particularly hunger.

It was the emphasis on education that hooked Forester. A native of Owosso, she earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy and communications at St. Mary's College in Indiana, then a master's degree in public administration and finance at Michigan State University. She's spent the last 15 years working on education reform and charter schools.

Starting with former Gov. John Engler, she worked on implementation of the state's charter-school law. She moved on to charter school development and quality at the National Charter Schools Institute. Then she assisted charter schools with facilities financing at Charter Schools Development Corp. "Education has been the driver for

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City water bills rising 2 percent

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth residents will likely be paying a few dollars more for water and sewer service starting this summer.

The budget proposal for the city's water department, about $4.41 million for the fiscal year that starts in July, includes a hike in the water and sewer rate of just over 2 percent — 21 cents for every thousand gallons of water used.

The new rate is expected to be adopted by the Plymouth City Commission at its regular meeting on Monday. The city has not raised rates for household water customers for almost three years.

"We're very happy with that," said Mayor Dan Dwyer of the 2-percent increase. "We'd rather it was nothing, but it's minimal."

Plymouth's combined water and sewer rate will be $10.36 per thousand gallons starting in July if the measure is passed. With the typical Plymouth household using about 18,000 gallons of water every three months, that means a quarterly bill of $186.48 for water and sewer service, plus a meter fee of $11.56 for a five-eighths-inch meter, the most common household meter size.

Dwyer said the city's ability to hold down increases is in part due to residents' willingness to comply with water-use restrictions, such as avoiding heavy usage during peak times and following every-other-day lawn-watering rules.

"We don't get hit" with penalties for high demand during peak usage times, Dwyer said.

The retail rate hike incorporates a hike of about 10 percent in the wholesale price of water from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. Detroit's new wholesale rate for Plymouth, starting in July, will be $11.26 per thousand cubic feet. A thousand cubic feet is nearly 7,500 gallons.

In Plymouth Township, Detroit is increasing the wholesale water price by 40 percent, to more than $24 per thousand cubic feet, starting in July.

Detroit Water and Sewerage Department officials have said that hike includes a penalty for exceeding the township's contractual peak usage on one day last summer, and township officials are fighting the rate hike.

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AROUND PLYMOUTH

"Around Plymouth" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.com

Jazz @ the Elks

Date/Time: April 26, 7-10:30 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road
Details: Naima Shambourger will be doing Vocals with Sven Anderson on Keyboard, Marion Hayden on Bass and George Davidson on Drums. There is limited seating, a $5 donation is requested and complementary hors d'oeuvres are served.
Contact: For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or visit www.PlymouthElks1780.com

Good Friday breakfast

Date/Time: Friday, April 22, 8 a.m.
Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon in Canton.
Details: Chris Shepherd, chaplain of the U of M football team and character coach, will be the guest speaker at this community outreach event. All men and boys are invited to the breakfast.
Contact: Tickets may be obtained by calling the church at (734) 459-3333 and are $6 for men and $3 for boys 10 and under.

Achieve Academy

Date/Time: Thursday, April 28, 6 p.m.
Location: Achieve Academy, 3250 Denton in Canton.
Details: Achieve Academy hosts a middle school information meeting for prospective parents Thursday. Principal Claudia Williamson, teachers and staff will be on hand to present information and answer questions about the school. Tours of the school will also be available.
Contact: To RSVP for the meetings, call 866-NHA-ENROLL.

Miller Woods tours

Date/Time: Sunday, April 17; Saturday, April 23; Sunday, May 1
Details: The Friends of Miller Woods will be offering tours of Miller Woods this spring to view the native spring wildflowers. The tours are free; all tours leave every 30 minutes, and are available between 2-4 p.m. No dogs are allowed in the nature preserve.
Contact: For more information on Miller Woods, visit millerwoods.com.

Concrete work begins this week in Plymouth

Workers are expected to begin pouring concrete early this week at the intersection of Main Street and Penniman in downtown Plymouth, according to the Downtown Development Authority.

The work is part of the DDA's $2 million streetscape improvement program, which began in 2010 and resumed last week. The entire project, which is dependent on the weather, is expected to be completed by July.

The first phase of this year's work is focused on the Main-Penniman intersection, which is being entirely rebuilt. The intersection will also have new crosswalks, and traffic and pedestrian lights on new mast arms instead of overhead wires.

The concrete contractor should begin pouring curbs, crosswalks and the intersection this week. Once the concrete is poured it will need to cure for about seven to 10 days. Contractors will continue to work on other parts of the project during that time.

Some central Plymouth streets remain partially closed to vehicles; drivers should look for closing and detour signs.

In other downtown construction updates:

• Electrical contractors are expected to finish their work in the Main-Penniman intersection this week.

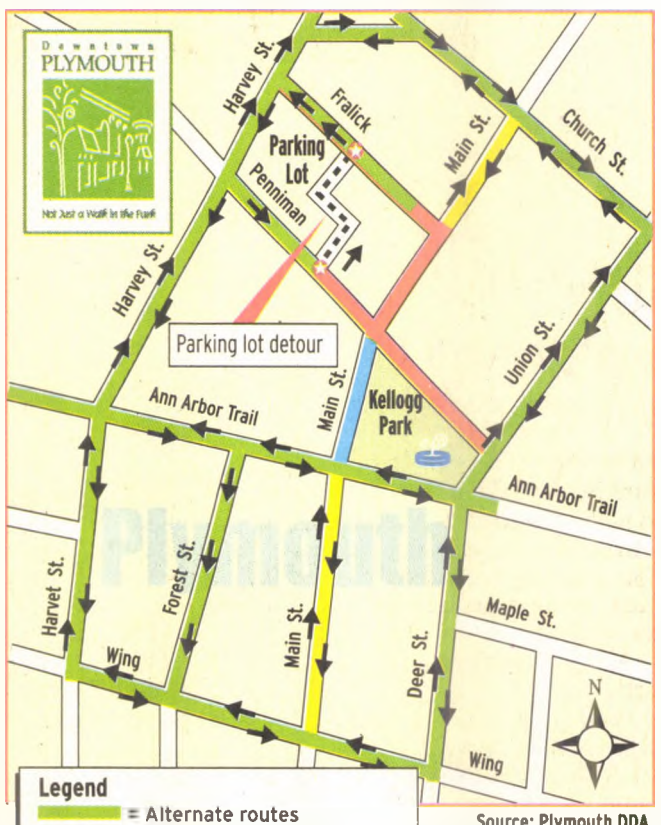
• Underground contractors will begin work early this week to repair and make upgrades to the water and sewer system. Visitors and drivers may encounter additional lane closures or restrictions in some areas.

• Contractors for Consumers Energy will continue work on Monday to connect the remaining customers to the new gas main on Forest between Ann Arbor Trail and Wing. Workers will also be on Forest to replace or repair any brick paver or concrete areas disturbed by the gas-main work. Parts of Forest may be blocked off, but no complete closures of the street are expected.

By Matt Jachman

IMPROVEMENTS TO CLOSE DOWNTOWN STREETS

The Sunday, April 10, Plymouth Observer article headlined "Downtown spruce-up to resume this week" included an incorrect map showing street closings. Here is a corrected map showing current closings and detours.



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Jesus (Tony Signorelli) and his 12 disciples during the Last Supper scene in "A Night of Passion" at Our Lady of Good Counsel. The play was written by parish member Steve Monaghan when he was in the seminary 18 years ago.

Duane DiFranco as John in Our Lady of Good Counsel's production of "A Night of Passion," which was written by parish member Steve Monaghan when he was in the seminary 18 years ago. Monaghan is directing the show, which he rewrote to give it a more modern feel.

A powerful message

Updated passion play puts a twist on crucifixion story

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Steve Monaghan has turned the traditional Lenten passion play — the story of Jesus Christ's trial and crucifixion — into an introspective piece he and cast members hope will cause audience members to look into their own lives — and hearts.

A Night of Passion, which will be produced twice this week at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth Township, focuses on the Last Supper, and when Jesus (Tony Signorelli) informs his 12 disciples that one of them is about to betray him, the prophecy forces each to examine his actions through an interior monologue — each of which is answered by an off-stage narrator, asking Jesus, "Is it I, Lord?"

It's a show that's helped a group of "regular Joes," without much stage experience between them convey a powerful message, said Todd Forfinski, who plays the disciple Peter.

"It really could force the audience to say, 'Wow, is it I? Is it me?'" said Forfinski.

Monaghan, who lives in Plymouth Township with wife Audrey and three children, wrote *A Night of Passion* 18 years ago while in the seminary. Monaghan was a Methodist minister before converting to Catholicism four years ago; he has a Ph.D. in theology and psychology, a background in banking and is currently providing pastoral counseling out of an office on Mill Street in Plymouth.

His play was originally written in a more traditional style, with Biblical language and actors in robes and beards. But some of the Good Counsel actors asked him to modernize it for their production, and Monaghan says they made the right call. The spare set on the Good Counsel altar, the plain black clothing and the updated language put the emphasis on the disciples' words, he said, strengthening the theme.

"It's an entire night of people pouring out their hearts and souls," said Monaghan, adding that he identifies with the angst the disciples on stage are going through.

Monaghan is directing the show this year for its first production at Good Counsel; he has also staged it and acted in it at other churches with which he was involved before settling in Michigan.

He said familiar crucifixion stories show the agony of Judas, Jesus' betrayer, and of Peter, who denied he knew Jesus when put on the spot, but that he wanted to show all 12 disciples responding to Jesus' impending betrayal and death. "All the other disciples had to be going through this," he said.

Forfinski said the updating of *A Night of Passion* helped show how Jesus' suffering and death remains a very modern story.

"We believe in our faith that these are now times," Forfinski said, referring to the crucifixion story. "Historical things have happened, but these things apply today."

"A Night of Passion" will take the stage at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 North Territorial, just west of Beck Road, at 8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday. The show is free and lasts just over an hour.

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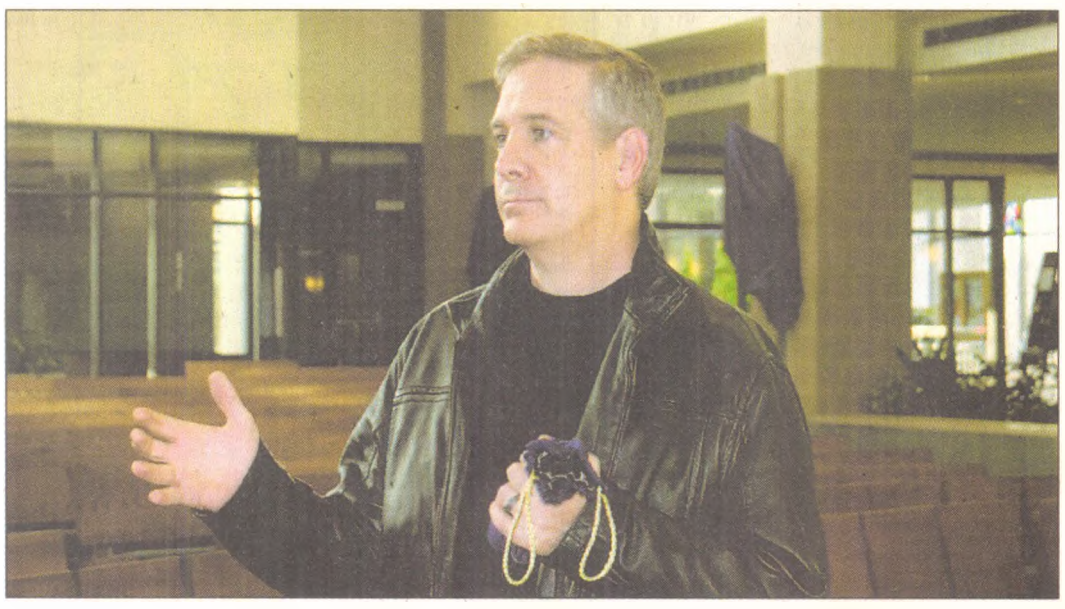

Brian Hill as Judas in "A Night of Passion," a passion play focused on the Last Supper and the thoughts and feelings of the 12 disciples upon hearing from Jesus that one of them will betray Him. The play is being staged at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church on Tuesday and Wednesday.

'A NIGHT OF PASSION'

- **When**: 8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday
- **Where**: Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 North Territorial, just west of Beck Road
- The show is free.

Eagle hopeful eyes glasses for the needy

Luke Kaufmann points out that research shows Americans throw away some 4 million pairs of glasses every year.

Luke, an Eagle Scout candidate from Boy Scout Troop 781 in Plymouth, wants to turn that statistic into an effort to help needy people get the eyeglasses they need.

Luke has chosen to help the global community through MOST ministries, an organization located in Ann Arbor that not only collects and restores donated eyeglasses, but delivers them and fits them specifically to the disabled individual.

The eyeglasses are taken by short-term mission teams to countries all over the world, Luke pointed out.

Luke isn't the first one in his family to take on a charitable project. Luke's brother, Kyle, had gathered medical and other supplies for a poor area of southern Brazil. His other brother, Joshua, had collected CDs placed in go-paks for wounded troops overseas with the organization Operation Quiet Comfort. A third brother, Isaac, collected manual wheelchairs for people around the world and in the U.S. that cannot afford them. The global concern for people is definitely a family trait.

Donors can make a difference by donating glasses. The eyeglass collection will be processed April 23 at Living Word Church, 46500 N. Territorial in Plymouth. Anyone from the metro Detroit area who is unable to drop off their eyeglasses can call to arrange for pick-up at (734) 673-6270.

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The meal packaging plant gets busy as kids and volunteers help pack meals to fight hunger in Japan.

Grant helps Isbister kids fight hunger

A grant from the Community Foundation of Plymouth is helping kids at Isbister Elementary School feed people in need— here and half a world away.

Approximately 14 ounces of rice, soy, dried vegetables and chicken flavoring packs a full day's nutrients in one meal that — when mixed with six cups of boiling water — serves six adults or 12 children.

And no one knows that better than the 50 students at Isbister Elementary School in Plymouth who packaged 10,000 meals to help fight hunger.

Sponsored by a $2,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Plymouth, the service project is a creative partnership between the Give Club at Isbister, the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth and Kids Against Hunger, a national humanitarian food-aid organization.

While most of the packaged meals will be distributed locally through the Salvation Army, approximately one-third will be used in disaster relief efforts for Japan.

Lee Harrison, Principal of Isbister Elementary School, shared, "This is a great learning experience for our kids," Isbister Elementary School Principal Lee Harrison said. "We could not have tackled a project of this size on our own without the support of the Community Foundation of Plymouth."

Kids Against Hunger provided the ingredients and packaging equipment. Volunteers from the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth set up the assembly lines in the school's gym and helped replenish supplies. Kids from Isbister's Give Club, wearing protective hats and gloves, provided the sweat equity to package the meals.

The Kiwanis Club has partnered with Kids Against Hunger for years, and funded the purchase of a van and trailer to help Kids Against Hunger deliver packaging equipment and ingredients to different locations where volunteers help package meals.

Packaging meals to fight hunger is just one of many service projects Isbister's Give Club hosts throughout the year to connect young students with ways of giving back to the Plymouth community. Organizers note that many students seem especially drawn to the idea of providing food relief for Japan.

The students received an enthusiastic thank you from Michael Burwell, from Kids Against Hunger, who reminded them: Your efforts today will touch thousands of people's lives — not only in your area, but around the world.

VIP honored for long years of service

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Hulsing Elementary School volunteer Rod Jenkins accepts his VIP award from Board of Education Trustee Judy Mardigian (right), after being nominated by Hulsing Principal Carolyn Washington (left).

Rod Jenkins has a daughter who teaches at Hulsing Elementary and has been there seven years.

Rod has been there longer, in his 14th year as a volunteer at the Canton elementary school.

And for that 14 years of service, the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Tuesday honored him as a Volunteer In Public Schools (VIP) Award.

Jenkins, a retired Northwest Airlines pilot, has worked with a variety of students once a week for those 14 years. He was nominated by Hulsing principal Carolyn Washington.

"(Jenkins) is definitely part of our village," Washington said. "It takes a village, or in this case a school, to raise a child, and Rod is truly a member of our village."

Board treasurer Judy Mardigian said Jenkins was emblematic of the many volunteers who serve in the district.

"He's worked with a diverse group of students over a long period of time," Mardigian said. "He's very deserving."

Jenkins pointed out he's been there longer than his daughter, Meg, a second-grade teacher, while humbly accepting the award.

"I've got seniority," he joked. "I got my first exposure to Hulsing many years ago. It's been my pleasure to work with the staff and the kids."

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ON CAMPUS

Research event

Hope College senior Danielle Silletti of Canton was one of only 74 undergraduates nationwide chosen to participate in the annual "Posters on the Hill" reception organized by the Council on Undergraduate Research Wednesday in Washington, D.C.

Silletti, who is majoring in biology and minoring in chemistry, was chosen for research related to the detection of the presence of radioactive materials that she has been conducting with Dr. Graham Peaslee, who is a professor of chemistry and chairperson of the department, and a professor of geology/environmental science.

Silletti has been working with Peaslee on the project since the fall of her sophomore year, including during both the school year and the summer. She is also a co-author with other students of two poster presentations regarding the work that will be made during the college's 10th annual Celebration of Undergraduate Research and Creative Performance on Friday, April 15, from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the DeVos Fieldhouse.

Silletti is a 2007 graduate of Salem High School, and is the daughter of Michael and Sharon Silletti of Canton. After graduation she will hold a year-long internship with the FBI in Quantico, Va., where she had also interned in the summer of 2010, after which she intends to pursue graduate study.

Wayne State University

Sara Mahmood of Canton is one of 10 students awarded a 2011 R. Gene Richter Scholarship. Now in its eighth year, the R. Gene Richter Scholarship Program is the largest nationally recognized scholarship program in the field of supply chain management.

Mahmood is entering her senior year at Wayne State University, where she is majoring in global supply chain management. She recently began serving as president of the Global Supply Chain Management Association (GSCMA) at Wayne State's School of Business Administration.

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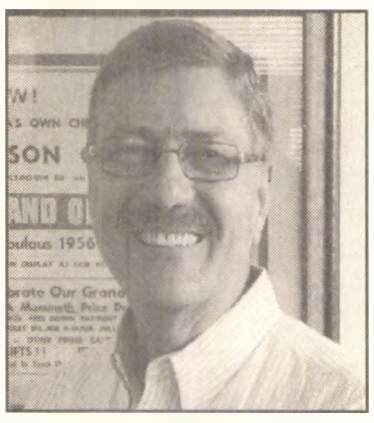

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Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

Attorney Bieske has represented only Social Security Disability clients for over 27 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; and often these firms aren't even based in Michigan.

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 extremely helpful in answering questions with regard to the status of client's cases and administrative procedure.

Attorney Bieske welcomes you to call him to determine if you may be eligible for these benefits. He offers a free phone or office consultation. 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. You may be eligible even if you have retired and are receiving a pension. 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).

Call attorney J.B. Bieske at **1-800-331-3530** for a FREE consultation if you are considering applying for Social Security Disability Benefits or if you have been denied. His Livonia office is located on Six Mile Road just West of I-275 and his Novi office is on Haggerty just North of 12 Mile Road.

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Tax day tea party

Tea Party members, from left, Jeff Noble, Sandy Grulke, Bill Kost and Myra Noble protest at the southwest corner of Eight and Haggerty on Friday, April 15. The Plymouth-based group, which calls itself the "Rattle with Us Tea Party," was protesting against U.S. government spending and urged elected officials to pursue energy sources here at home.

Colbeck offers new police, VA budgets

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, chair of the Michigan State Police and Military and Veterans Affairs Appropriations subcommittee, this week unveiled a new appropriations bill structure that will be reflected in the FY 2011-12 appropriations budgets for the Michigan State Police and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

The proposed new structure places the emphasis on delivery of quality services through the use of metrics, incentive programs and a quality review process.

"The old way of thinking about department budgets was to appropriate funds through the use of a line-item budget that tied the hands of the departments, removed the focus from service delivery and discouraged efficiency through innovation," Colbeck said. "Oftentimes, these old budgets encouraged the use of existing funds even if it wasn't necessary, resulting in inefficient use of taxpayer dollars.

"This proposed new budget structure allows the Departments to shift funds where they are needed to improve services, provides incentives for finding efficiencies and is a major step forward in transparency in government operations," he added.

The proposed new budget will focus on services, not infrastructure, and put in place measurable metrics to evaluate delivery of those services.

According to Colbeck, this will give the departments flexibility to allocate funds where they are most needed to improve services. Taxpayers will be safeguarded by restrictions placed on the funds at the department level rather than at the line-item level, he said.

"The flexibility built into this proposed budget structure will aid the departments in allocating funds based on service needs and not budget restrictions," Colbeck said. "For example, there are no trooper lay-offs in this budget. In fact, the legislation removes the trooper hiring freeze, allowing the Department of State Police to determine how much to allocate to trooper staffing levels. The shift for the Legislature will be from micromanaging the funding of line-items to micromanaging service expectations.

"Governor Snyder laid the groundwork for changing the way we think about the budget process by introducing the Dashboard as a way of evaluating government services and increasing accountability," Colbeck added. "This new approach to appropriations bills is the logical extension of that plan and lays out the metrics by which we can evaluate the services provided. This is the next step in reinventing the way state government makes funding decisions."

The new appropriations bill was presented in the State Police and Military and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee meeting. The bills are expected to be voted out of committee Tuesday.

TEACHER

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had a loaded handgun and was taken into custody.

"He was arrested without incident," Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said, saying school officials and police worked together to prevent what could have become a much more serious incident.

"It's a good testament to the school district and the police officers who responded efficiently," Schreiner said. "We had (several) police officers in the area of the high school looking for a teacher who had made threats the previous afternoon. They stopped a bad situation from getting worse."

Police arrested the teacher amid allegations he had a handgun in his car. Some reports had erroneously indicated the suspect had a shotgun.

"It was not a shotgun," Schreiner said.

Authorities had initially expected the teacher would be arraigned on criminal charges Friday afternoon in 35th District Court, Gajeski said.

"The police department and the (Wayne County) Prosecutor's Office want to make sure we have all the details so that the proper charges are levied," Gajeski said.

Meanwhile, Ruggirello said counselors were on hand Thursday morning when students returned to school.

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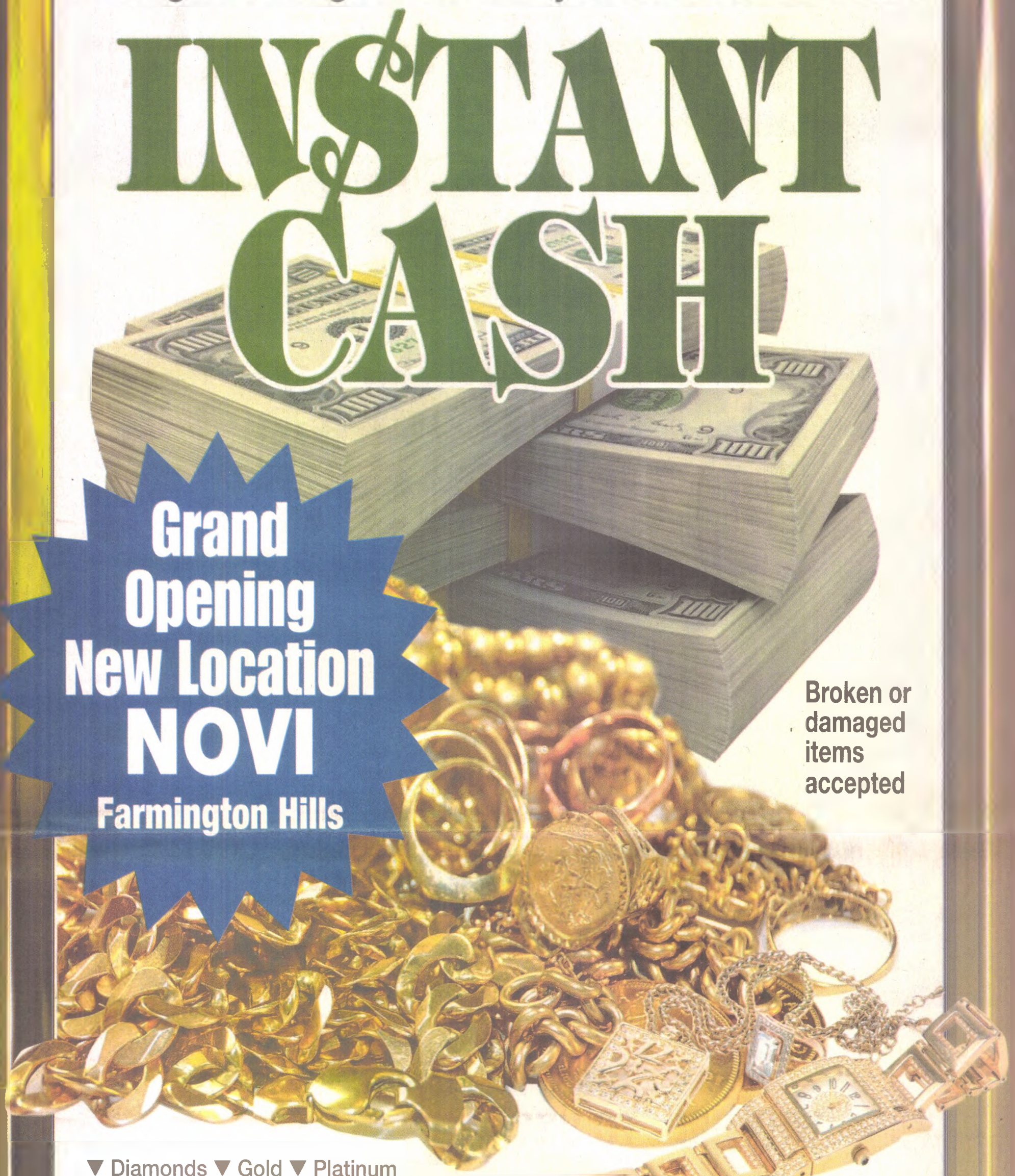

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HVA seeks names for annual awards

Huron Valley Ambulance seeks nominations for Life Saving Awards and Heart Safe Awards, two of their annual Emergency Medical Services Recognition Awards.

The awards program takes place during National EMS Week Tuesday, May 17, in Ann Arbor. The deadline for both award nominations is Friday, April 29 at 5 p.m.

For the Life Saving Award, nominees can be citizens of any age who live in the HVA service area who have saved, or attempted to save, a life under unusual or extraordinary circumstances. Nominees also must not have received an award for their life saving deed from any other organization.

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Christine Forester of Plymouth gets to satisfy her love for meeting people in her new job as Director for Leadership Investors at the United Way of Southeastern Michigan.

FORESTER

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me," she said. Children "can be in a great school, but if they're hungry, they're not going to be able to learn." Going to work for the United Way presented the opportunity to combine her education experience "and address broader issues. ... It allows a little more holistic approach."

LIMITED EXPERIENCE

"Christine was selected because she has a great ability to discover and link a donor's passion to our work at United Way for Southeastern Michigan," said Douglas W. Ferrick, United Way's vice president of Fund Development. "Christine understands that our organization desires a deeper connection with each donor so they can see not only the value of giving, but the return on that investment in community change."

Prior to joining the organization, Forester's fundraising experience had been limited to personal efforts such as Relay for Life and athletic events. "So this is a new step and it utilizes some background I have and is an adventure," she said. She hasn't found asking for money difficult. "For me, it certainly does make a difference if I care about the work."

She and her husband, Jeff, who have been married just a year, are both triathletes. They met during a Harbor Springs to Mackinac City bicycling event. She played tennis and swam at the college level.

Forester attended the April 7 announcement of the General Motors Foundation's $27.1 million gift to the United Way. The money will assist seven metro high schools to restructure to bring down their high drop-out rates. The money will also establish seven early-learning community centers near the high schools. The initiative is an example of the partnership approach the United Way now employs.

"We have 100 years of history where we really were just a pass-through organization," Forester said. "We are now engaged in the work in the community, rather than just funding the work. And that's exciting."

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Bill Brown works at Mettetal Airport.

Bill Brown smiles when asked if he's often confused with the Ford dealership namesake. Cars and airplanes have played major roles in his nearly 90-years of life. As assistant manager of Canton-Plymouth-Mettetal Airport, Brown remains active in the aviation field. On this afternoon he is standing at the real time weather screen in the main terminal. During the next two hours pilots stream in to check the skies as Brown had done earlier.

"It's very important if any of us were flying," said Brown. "It's so far superior to what we used to have."

Brown, a Northville resident, has observed much aviation progress since receiving a 10-cent glider from his mother while growing up on a New York farm.

Many in this area know him as the former owner of Bill Brown Auto Clinic. Brown bought the original repair shop at Oakman Blvd. and W. Chicago in 1949 after working there as a mechanic. He studied the trade at a school in New York in the 1930s before coming to Michigan to look for a job because "it was the Motor Capital of the World". When World War II broke out, Brown went to work in a machine shop then at the service garage until drafted into the army.

STORY-TELLER SUPREME

Brown loves telling these stories. This afternoon is spent remembering the Detroit police cars that used to warm up in the service garage when touring cars had no windows. After the neighborhood started to decline, Brown started building a new facility in Canton in 1970. He opened the business in 1972 next to Mettetal Airport where his airplane was based.

"I realized my customers in Detroit had moved out here," said Brown. "This was all farmland. I got acquainted with the farmers and was working in Detroit during the day and came out evenings and weekends to build."

Brown sold the business in 1985 to Gerry Folk but stayed on until 2010. He is still active with the Canton Rotary of which he became a charter member in 1977 after being approached by Plymouth Rotarians to form a club. Until about three years ago, members met at the Roman Forum, the largest restaurant in Canton at the time. Brown helped found the Canton Chamber of Commerce as well. A mix of businessmen, farmers and builders, members used to meet in the boiler room of the first township hall at Cherry Hill and Canton Center roads. He remembers the Palmer brothers having the best sweet corn in Michigan in the late 1970s.

Brown held many positions over the years in many organizations. He is proud of the Rotary programs to eradicate polio and build water wells throughout the world, and locally become involved with the historical society and school system.

WRITING LAWS

One of the most physically draining endeavors was working on Public Act 300 to license all repair shops and mechanics. As president of the auto repair shops for the Michigan chapter of the Automotive Service Council, Brown was instrumental in drawing up the legislation.

"We met with congressmen and senators and after a year I had to get back to running my business," said Brown. "I used to fly to Lansing for meetings in the morning and then come back and go to work."

Brown is equally as proud of the mentoring work he does at Lawrence Technological University where he guides engineering students in planning and building radio control model airplanes. SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) International puts on the national Aero Design competition.

"What amazes me today is their inability to use their hands," said Brown. "They can all use the computers but I tell them, 'now I want you to build it.'"

EARLY YEARS

Brown's been flying since 1964 so his experience and knowledge are valuable to students and anyone who cares to listen. In his early years, Brown built models and flew them at National Airport at Ford and Lotz in Canton because he couldn't afford flying lessons. After his four children graduated from high school, Brown bought a used Piper Tri-Pacer with two friends and took lessons. Before long he had a private license. By 1966, the three had purchased a Piper Cherokee 180 and moved it to Mettetal from National, which closed after being bought by a lumber company. In 1969, Brown bought the used 1963 Piper Twin Comanche that sits in a hangar at Mettetal. Brown sold it to his son, Bill, Jr. a couple of years ago. Bill, Sr. only flies model airplanes or rides along when junior is at the controls in the sky.

Brown, Sr. is a charter member of the Midwest R/C (Radio Control) aircraft club based at Mettetal. He is also a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), Chapter 13, celebrating its 50th anniversary in April. In addition to building planes at Mettetal, EAA members host a Young Eagles program to introduce children ages 8-18 to aviation by offering educational presentations and an opportunity to ride in an airplane.

Over the years, Brown, Sr. and Mildred his wife of 68-years have flown to vacation destinations from coast to coast, Canada, Mexico, Guatemala, and Costa Rica. Along with flying, Brown enjoys fishing and sailing and is part owner of 2 sailboats. His love of aircraft overrides these hobbies. Brown remains active in aviation as assistant manager of Mettetal Airport. As he tours the grounds, Brown talks about its history including the 1939 hangars where World War II fighter planes were modified. Although recently demolished, plans include building new hangars on the site when the economy improves.

GREAT ASSET

"I've been plowing snow here 34-years," said Brown. "All work is volunteer. We're owned by the state of Michigan, but all activities are funded by our own ability."

Established around 1938, Mettetal is a reliever airport that relieves smaller aircraft traffic from major airports. More than a hundred tenants and two flying clubs base their planes there. Graduates of its flight school have gone on to become controllers, and airline and commercial pilots.

Doug Kitze has known Brown for years. He was a mechanic at Mettetal in the late 60s and became airport manager in 1994.

"Bill Brown is a great asset to the airport," said Kitze. "At 89-years young he gets it done. He plows snow and looks after all of our vehicles to make sure they're maintained. He just kind of took that responsibility to make sure it gets done."

Inside the Piper Comanche, Brown points from one gauge to another on the instrument panel. It's no easy task to fly a plane. He looks at the checklist used by pilots before taking off. Dozens of items need to be executed to insure a safe flight.

"It's like riding in a sports car at 180 miles an hour," said Brown. "People don't have any idea of what a pilot does. If you run a red light in a car, you might not get caught. If you run a red light in the air, you're going to get caught. They got you on radar."

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Local P.E.O. chapter celebrates 75 years

P.E.O. Chapter AI of Plymouth celebrated its 75th anniversary in April at the home of Holly Hodgson of Canton.

According to chapter officials, Chapter AI was organized in Plymouth on March 24, 1936, by charter members Elizabeth B. Nutting, Clare E. Emory, Nell Curry, Hope M. Hills, Clarisa B. Witwer, Theresa G. Hamilton, Elizabeth L. Worth, Mary I. Richwine, Thelma E., Dykhouse, Florence G. Johns, Margaret K. Smith, Josephine L. Chute and Helen E. Stevens.

Since then, Chapter AI has formed three other chapters: EA of Plymouth, DZ of Livonia, and FL of Northville. Fifteen members were present at the anniversary celebration, along with Michigan State Chapter First Vice President Joan Brown of Chapter AJ in Tecumseh, and Michigan State Chapter Second Vice President Martha Walters of Chapter FL, Northville.

Chapter AI will be honored in May at the Convention of Michigan State Chapter in Saginaw.

P.E.O. is a philanthropic organization where women celebrate the advancement of women; educate women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans, and stewardship of Cottey College; and motivate women to achieve their highest aspirations.

The local P.E.O. chapter celebrated its 75th anniversary, including members (back row, from left) Sally Lindroth, Tina Powell, Karen Jallos, Betsy Mazurkiewicz, Audrey Sauber and Susan Schumacher; (middle, from left) Sally Petersen, Mary Bagnasco, Beth Walch, Marianne Garber, Ginny Downer and Karen Brown; and (front, from left) Holly Hodgson, Bonnie Myhrum, Judy Richardson. Not pictured are chapter members Linda Daily, Mickey Edell, Peggy Blaisdell, Bernice Maurer, Marian Kehrl, Phyllis Nulty, Ann Marie Gilmour, Jeanette Hopkins, Kristen Novak and Sally Schlotz.

Anyone wanting more information about P.E.O. can visit the International website at http://www.peointernational.org or contact Judy Richardson at (734) 453-8834.

A scene from 'A Fish Called Martha or: Who's Afraid of H.P. Lovecraft Anyway?' features Ken MacFarlane, William Bertrand, Debora Roventini and the Monster.

Plymouth producer debuts latest film

Filmmakers Rob Robinson and Debora Roventini were front-and-center this weekend with their latest short film, "A Fish Called Martha or: Who's Really Afraid of H.P. Lovecraft Anyway?" which had its world premiere at the Motor City Nightmares Weekend of Horrors Film Festival in Novi Friday.

"What a terrific opportunity for us to showcase our latest micro-budget effort while supporting Michigan filmmakers," said Robinson, the writer/producer who grew up in Plymouth, but now lives in North Hollywood, Calif., with his partner, Debora Roventini. "Tommy Brunswick of Motor City Nightmares is a terrific Michigan filmmaker who's really making a go of it and we want to support that."

It's out of the frying pan and into George and Martha's rumpus room for a night of supernatural mambo jumbo when young H.P. and his slim-hipped wife, fleeing a monster of comic proportions, seek refuge on the campus of the infamous Miskatonic University in the outrageous supernatural spoof, starring Ken MacFarlane (Caesar and Otto's Summer Camp Massacre and the upcoming Millenium Bug), William Bertrand (SKF's Attack of the Baby Doll), Lyle Palaski and Roventini, who also directs.

Writer/producer Rob Robinson brought his latest film to the area this weekend.

"A Fish Called Martha..." is part of SKF's Hollyweird Collection of classic Hollywood spoofs which also includes "Whatever Happened to Debora Roventini?" and "Blob on a Hot Tin Roof." You can see a trailer for "Fish..." and the latter two films in their entirety at http://www.youtube.com/stuntkittyfilms.

The filmmakers are attending the convention, which runs through today (Sunday) at the Sheraton Detroit Novi, 21111 Haggerty in Novi. In its third year, the Motor City Nightmares Weekend of Horrors - Horror, Sci Fi and Comics Convention and Film Festival, is the only event of its kind in Michigan.

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Factor in costs when purchasing a new vehicle

Q: Dear Rick: We are thinking about buying a new car and the price of gas really concerns us. We prefer an SUV, however, with gas prices the way they are we are thinking about something more fuel efficient. Do you think gas prices are going to go higher or will they drop significantly in the near future?

A: Predicting the price at the pump is probably as difficult as predicting the movement in the stock market. When it comes to the price of oil, there is more than just the supply and demand factor that all products deal with. Politics and political uncertainties also play an important role.

Money Matters

Rick Bloom

When I look at the price of oil, I look at the supply and demand issue. There is plenty of oil in the world today. However, because of OPEC (the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries), there is a cartel that limits the amount of oil that enters the market. At the same time, that supply is artificially controlled. There is an insatiable desire for oil in the world markets, not only in developed nations — where countries such as the U.S. continue to increase our need for energy — but also in the developing world. As its economy continues to grow, China has a tremendous need for oil and energy. From a supply and demand standpoint, I see oil prices remaining high into the future. That doesn't mean that we will necessarily level out somewhere in the $4 a gallon range. It does mean, though, that energy prices will be high.

The second issue, political uncertainty in the Middle East, always affects prices at the pump. No one knows when these political insurrections will end. In addition, we have no idea how the Middle East will fare after things begin to calm down.

Analyzing all these factors leads me to believe that energy prices will remain high for a period of time.

I love the fact that you are considering the cost of gas in making your car purchase. Sometimes people buy cars and never consider the costs associated with maintaining an automobile. I believe these costs should be factored into the equation. In addition, I recommend looking at the price of insurance for each specific car. You'd be surprised by the differences in charges for different makes and models of cars. The difference in premiums can be considerable.

Buying a car is exciting, however, cars are not inexpensive and making a bad decision can be costly. Therefore, take your time, do your homework and hopefully you'll buy the best American-made car 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 his Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

Church: Easter is all about 'winning'

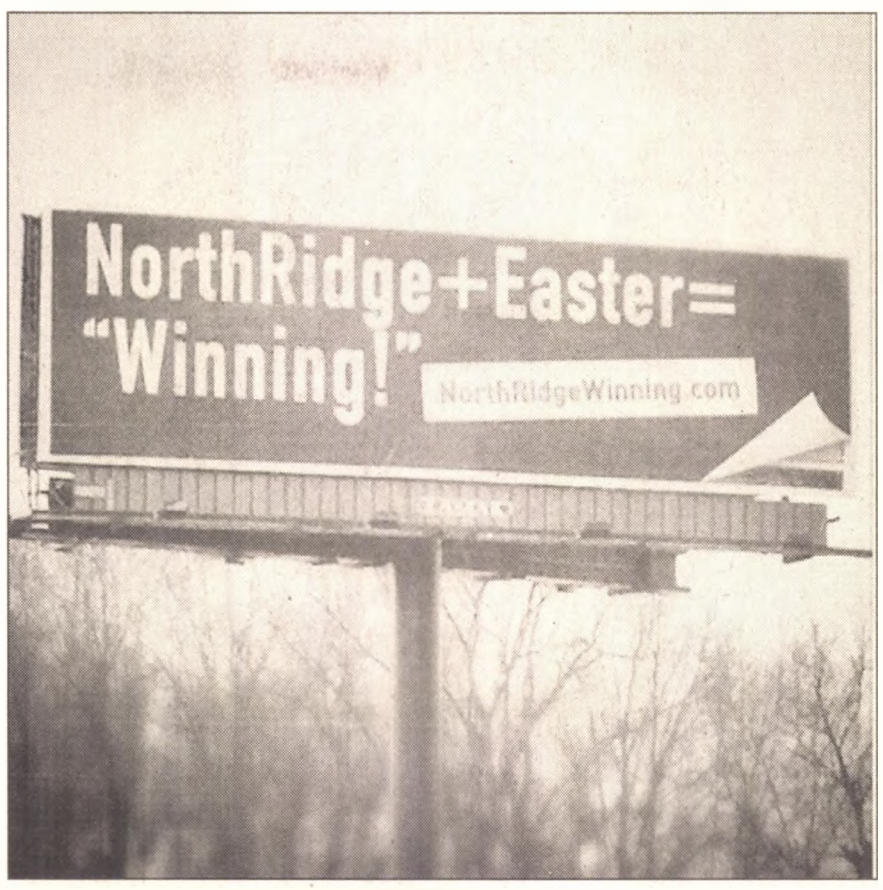
A big house, cars and money are held in high esteem in everyday life. People that attain such riches are, in the words of actor Charlie Sheen, "winning."

NorthRidge Church launched a new campaign for Easter to demonstrate a different kind of winning.

"We believe that Charlie Sheen is not alone in presenting a concept of what genuine winning is all about," said Brad Powell, NorthRidge's senior pastor. "Our culture tends to get it wrong as well. We want to present what we believe to be a true path to winning. NorthRidge is a church that is committed to sharing the truth of Christ which sets people free and gives them hope. And, Easter is the ultimate celebration of that truth and hope. When you put them together, then you can genuinely experience winning. Anything else is, to put it bluntly, a false promise, at best, an illusion."

NorthRidge will hold a total of 11 services at its three locations over the Easter weekend of April 22-24. Church officials promise it won't be the typical Easter service, with a theme this year of "MARVEL — be astounded by the truth."

"We are trying to wake people up to the fact that, though all of us have experienced boredom with church at one time or another, it doesn't have to be that way," Powell said. "We want people to wake up to a new and different opportunity this Easter. Church can and should be authentic – a place where people can genuinely get to know God and His truth, move past their failures and experience the hope and promises of God. That's really winning."



NorthRidge Church's new Easter campaign will include billboard advertising, direct mailing, digital ads and social network activities.

The campaign will include billboard advertising, direct mailing, digital ads and social network activities. Information will also be available on a NorthRidge site, http://NorthRidgeWinning.com and the church's main website at http://NorthridgeChurch.com.

NorthRidge has used similar advertising campaigns in the past. Make no mistake, though, the campaigns are about bringing people closer to God. Powell noted that past campaigns have drawn some criticism, but argues that Christ used "unconventional" tactics to wake people up, too.

"Though there may be some backlash, it won't be from the people we're trying to reach," Powell said. "It will tend to come from people who believe that Jesus only speaks the language of tradition rather than God's truth in the language of the world."

NorthRidge works every week to show that the Gospel is as relevant today as it was in the time of Christ.

"Sadly, many people are seeking to lock God in the past," Powell said. "The good news is that He's alive and speaking right now. Of course, as was proven when Jesus was rejected and crucified, not everyone loves to hear God speak."

With its main campus at 49555 North Territorial Road in Plymouth, and locations in Ann Arbor-Saline and Brighton-Howell, NorthRidge Church is a non-denominational ministry that serves approximately 20,000 southeastern Michigan residents. Senior Pastor Brad Powell has led the congregation for the past 20 years. NorthRidge offers six services each weekend; four at the Plymouth location and one at each of their satellite locations.

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D-Movement engages suburbs in supporting Detroit

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Amy Kaherl, co-founder of 'Detroit SOUP,' speaks to the D-Movement audience at Schoolcraft College.

Musicians from 'The Sugar People' perform for the D-movement audience.

The D-Movement brought its message to Schoolcraft College in Livonia Tuesday evening and it was inspirational. Throughout the audience, there was a buzz about working, living and playing in Detroit.

Thanh Tran founded the D-Movement and D-NewTech to encourage entrepreneurship. One by one, six speakers took to the stage of the Presentation Room in the VisTaTech Center to talk about startup businesses as well as showcase groups that cheer on Detroit.

Tran used the event to reach out to the suburbs to promote the city's economic and cultural comeback and as a result benefit the southeast Michigan community.

"D-NewTech is riding the wave of supporting the city," said Tran of Novi. "We want to go out and recruit people to come into the city. We feel they're disconnected. You don't have to live in Detroit to support it."

Tran's business, H & T Medical Solutions, is in Novi and provides electronic medical records' software to psychiatric practices. Marzen Baldonado of Canton was answering questions by the company's Mental Notes display in the DiPonio Room across the hall from the Presentation Room. He attends D-NewTech meetings the first Monday of the month at Quicken Loans headquarters downtown. The H & T sales and marketing director spent last weekend enjoying Detroit's cultural and sports offerings with his wife.

'A DETROIT WEEKEND'

"We had a Detroit weekend, went to the Red Wings game Friday and on Sunday to the Fakes and Forgeries exhibit at the DIA," said Baldonado. "I go to the D-NewTech meetings for information. We have a keynote speaker, usually an investor. It's an opportunity for people with startup businesses. I like the fact there's a Midtown resurgence and for people to move back to the city."

Back at the Presentation Room, Kathleen Zadroga sat listening to speakers from the D-Movement, the grassroots effort composed of professionals, students, businesses and organizations. Zadroga is human resources representative for rfconnect in Farmington Hills. The business provides applications for wireless technology.

"I'm always interested in innovative ideas and am concerned with linking businesses and finding new talent, what's working. There's a lot of talent still here," said Zadroga of Redford.

Zadroga was one of the audience members who raised their hands when Andrew Humphrey asked how those in attendance heard about the event. She found information on LinkedIn. Others read details on Facebook, Twitter and the *Livonia Observer*. Humphrey, a meteorologist and reporter for WDIV-TV, encouraged the audience to tweet about the event as it was happening. Humphrey was master of ceremonies. He was excited about meeting people at the event to share ideas. He introduced speakers Shane Sevo, founder of the user group Joomla! Detroit; Amy Kaherl, co-founder of Detroit SOUP; Linda Daichendt, co-founder of Mobile Monday Michigan; Shawn Neal, executive producer of The Sugar People, a musical duo that provided entertainment; Margarita Barry, founder and publisher of I Am Young Detroit; and Jon Zemke, managing editor and a business journalist for SE Michigan Startup.

Mike Mehall led off the presentations. Mehall chairs the Computer Graphic Technology Department at Schoolcraft College, one of the event sponsors. Students from the Practical Applications capstone class displayed their work in the lobby between the Presentation and DiPonio rooms so guests could learn about the program that offers training in areas ranging from 3D to video graphics and Web design. Students designed the logo for the evening's program. A show of their computer graphics runs Saturday, April 16, to Tuesday, April 26, in the Bradner Library on campus.

"We want to show the community what we offer educationally," said Mehall, former director of computer technologies at Center for Creative Studies (now College for Creative Studies) before coming to Schoolcraft College 12 years ago. "Events like this bring industry in and shows students how networking is important."

Tran graduated from the Schoolcraft program then went on to earn bachelor's and master's degrees from Michigan State University.

'GREAT TIME FOR STARTUPS'

"Our mission is encouraging entrepreneurship in the city and southeast Michigan," said Tran. "It's a great time for startups."

Tran said collaboration and working together were key to success. "We may have the next Facebook in Detroit."

Shane Sevo lost his job in 2007 and through networking with a Joomla user group received the support he needed to start a Web design business. Margarita Barry is encouraging those under age 35 through IamYoungDetroit.com "to pursue their passions and do it successfully." She featured several startups including Hostel Detroit and Burn Rubber, a sneaker boutique owned by rapper Ro Spit in Royal Oak. I Am Young Detroit offers entrepreneurial training as well as seed grants.

"We bring inspirational stories to life through on- and off-line events," said Barry. "The time is now and Detroit is the place."

Quicken Loans and Compuware are helping to make that possible by offering space for groups like Joomla! Detroit and Mobile Monday Michigan to meet. Detroit SOUP holds collaborative dinners in the loft above Mexicantown Bakery, 4304 Vernor, across from Clark Park. For $5, guests not only receive soup, salad and bread but a chance to win the pot of proceeds from the evening. Those in attendance vie for money to support their creative projects. One man biked to work every day and drew Detroit. A coloring book is now available at the Cass Cafe.

"It's a chance to share your voice," said Kaherl.

Detroit Soup presents their next dinner May 1. For details, visit www.detroitsoup.com.

The next meeting of D-NewTech is 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 4, at Quicken Loans in Detroit. For information, visit dnewtech.org.

"It's a critical point in time to collaborate to reinvent Detroit," said Tran.

Humphrey couldn't agree more.

"It's about turning a negative into a positive," Humphrey said as he ended the presentations and directed the audience to the DiPonio Room for networking, and food and refreshments provided by students in the college's award-winning Culinary Arts Department.

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Centenarian and her family celebrate a life filled with compassion

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Helen Forsythe is simply too busy to bother with getting old.

A Minnesota native who moved to the Plymouth area about 40 years ago, she took care of her ill father when she was just a girl, helped her mother raise her two brothers, struck out on her own in the business world, married and raised a daughter, continued her career, cared for her husband in his later years and helped raise two grandsons.

"She's always been taking care of people," said her daughter, Carol Worscheck of Canton Township.

Until injuries in the last few years slowed her down, she rode public transportation, shopped for groceries, kept house, traveled on trains and airplanes to vacation with family, and wrote letters on an ancient manual typewriter.

"I have like stacks of these letters in a couple of boxes at home," said a grandson, Toby Worscheck of Chicago. "I really miss the letters."

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Helen Forsythe is 102.

A CENTURY PLUS

Now, at 102 — her birthday was Thursday — Mrs. Forsythe and family members are looking back at her life, laughing at stories from long ago and marveling at the changes she's witnessed.

"I think about it and wonder if it has a meaning to it," Mrs. Forsythe said Thursday of a life that's reached into two centuries. She's lived at Medilodge of Plymouth since last June.

Family members attribute Mrs. Forsythe's longevity to hard work, staying active — she never got a driver's license and walked frequently — plus a good attitude and a healthy dose of humor.

"She always had a positive attitude," said her other grandson, Todd Worscheck, of Savage, Minn. "She never said a bad word about anything or anybody. She never complained."

She was born in Faribault, Minn., to Leona and Howard Bemis; her father worked in a shoe factory and owned a pool hall, but died when Helen was 16.

"She took care of her father when he was sick," her daughter said.

Good memories of those days remain, however.

"The Shattuck boys, for one thing," Mrs. Forsythe said, referring to students at the Shattuck military academy in Faribault. "Yep. We used to go to the dances. We liked the dances and the suppers and just about everything."

Mrs. Forsythe survived the worldwide influenza pandemic of 1918, the Great Depression, the home front during World War II and the deaths of family members and friends.

"I had a job. It was OK. I didn't have a lot of money coming in," she said of Depression times.

CAREER GIRL

She left home shortly after high school, with a background in business courses — she was a champion typist at 125 words per minute — took a train to Minneapolis with a friend, Melba, and became a secretary. They lived in a dormitory for unmarried career women.

"Before a lot of women went to work, she was working," said Carol Worscheck.

Helen's mother Leona took on a career, too, becoming the assistant manager of a famous gift shop in Rochester, Minn., after moving there with her second husband, Fred Alderson, in the 1930s.

"She was the buyer," said Alderson's grandson, Stephen Alderson of Minneapolis. "She used to run down to Chicago regularly."

Helen met Albert Forsythe at the Minneapolis butcher shop where he worked. Originally from Michigan, a cousin who owned the shop had taught him the trade in the midst of the Depression.

Albert would tie young Helen's purchases with twine, said Toby Worscheck, leaving one end looped to a finger. When she took the package, he said, it was stuck to Albert briefly, and he would take the opportunity to flirt with her.

Albert became a mechanic for Northwest Airlines (merged into Delta in 2008), and even spent six months in Tokyo, training mechanics on that side of the Pacific. Helen, who was afraid to fly (she got braver as the years went on), stayed home with their daughter, Carol.

'A LOT OF CAREGIVING'

She went back to work when Carol was in high school, and worked until she and the retired Albert moved to Michigan in the early 1970s to be near Carol and her family, who had moved earlier. Albert Forsythe died in 1972.

"She lived at home with us and provided a lot of caregiving," said grandson Todd Worscheck. "She was like our second mom," said his brother Toby.

Toby Worscheck said his grandmother remained remarkably engaged in their lives for many years, writing letters, keeping up with their interests, playing games like cribbage and backgammon, and traveling to see them. Mrs. Forsythe attended Toby and wife Katie Brown's wedding in Chicago at age 96, and took the train with her daughter to spend Thanksgiving with them at age 99.

Toby Worscheck is a producer of electronic music, and his grandmother's mail to him often included news clippings about funk pioneer George Clinton, or the latest news about the Detroit Electronic Music Festival.

"All my friends were always floored when I opened my care packages," he said. "She always knew the type of music I was into."

"She has always been a marvelously sensitive and kind individual," said Alderson.

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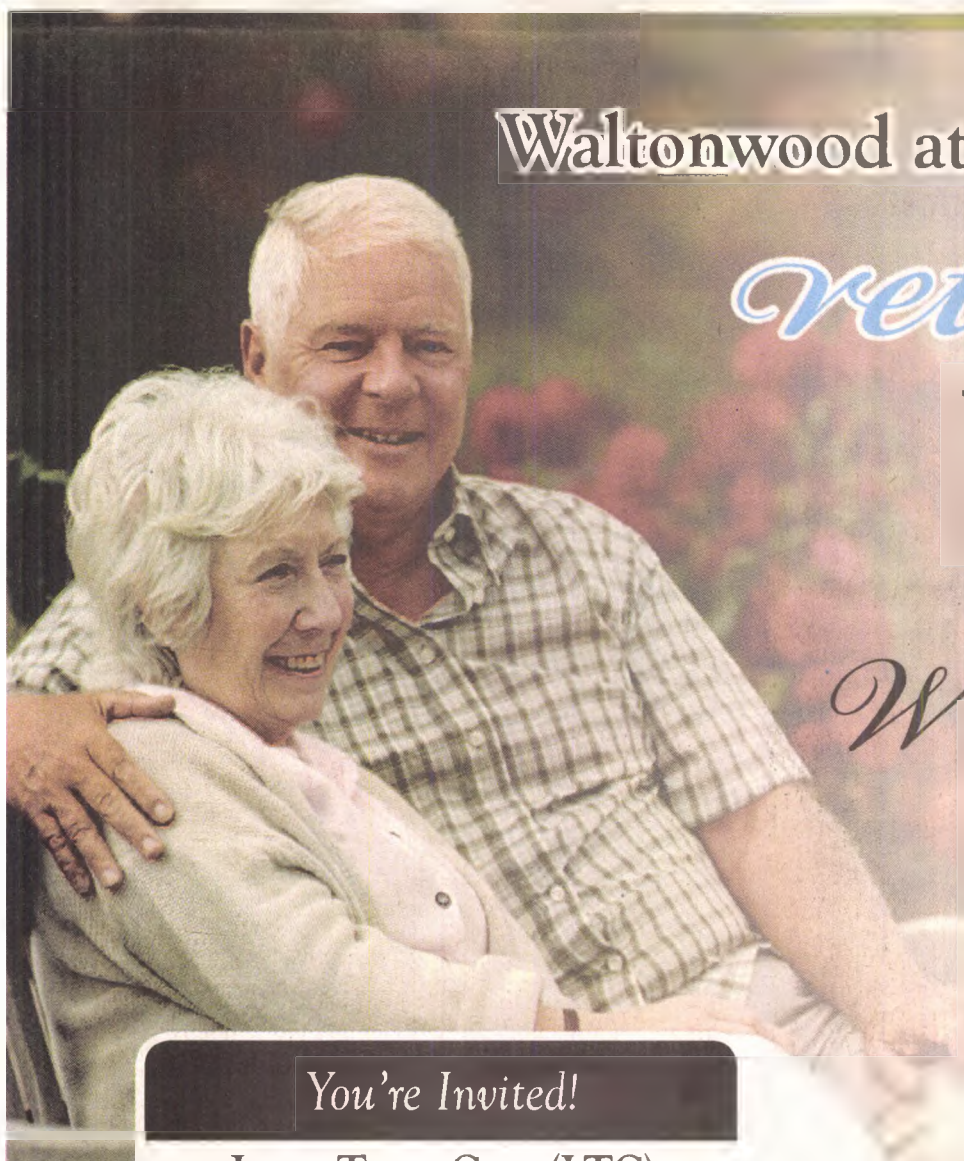

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NEWCOMERS ROAD RALLY A CHANCE TO CONNECT, B5

JOHN KEMSKI

Plymouth sophomore Natalie Puckett leads the way in the 100-meter hurdles during Thursday's city meet. Trying to catch her is Canton's Marina Milad and an unidentified Salem runner.

Nothing can stop cherished city meet

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's one of the biggest events on the annual prep calendar in the Plymouth-Canton district.

And nothing could stop the Bolger-Mangan Memorial Track and Field Meet from proceeding Thursday — not even an emergency that forced all three high schools in the Park to shut down for the day.

"The kids were worried," said Salem boys varsity coach Kyle Meteyer, whose school hosted the event. "I got a lot of phone calls this morning from worried kids and parents, not 'How am I going to get my kid to the meet?' or 'When is it going to be rescheduled?'

"But it's 'We want to have this meet today because we've been looking forward to it all year.'"

The memorial, named in honor of two Salem athletes who passed away — Mark Bolger and Jeff Mangan — pitted the varsity and junior varsity teams from the Canton, Plymouth and Salem boys and girls programs.

Despite the earlier emergency and cancellation of classes, everything went off without a hitch.

In the boys' varsity meet, Canton won with 72 points, trailed by Salem (51) and last year's winner Plymouth with 44.

Winning the girls varsity competition was Plymouth, with 73 points. Salem and Canton followed with 60 and 42 points, respectively. (*See related story and stats.*)

LIKE FACING FAMILY

Anticipation for this year's boys meet was even more ratcheted up than usual.

A big reason: the meet included the top three teams at the 2010 Division 1 regional, first-place Plymouth followed by Salem and Canton.

"Nowhere else I know on earth do we have what we have here," Canton head boys coach Bob Richardson said.

Ricky Styes, who coaches the Plymouth girls team, said kids really want to show what they've got at the Bolger-Mangan meet.

"There's always a little something extra here," Styes said. "It's nice that they get to put their chest out a little bit. It is a

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Rocks fall to champs

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem's girls soccer team gave defending Division 1 state champion Novi all it could handle Thursday night.

The Rocks ultimately lost 2-1 on a cool, crisp evening at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. But the Wildcats needed to score with 11:23 left to break a 1-1 tie in order to earn the KLAA Central Division victory.

"I thought they (Wildcats) were the most organized team I've seen all year, and for obvious reasons," Salem head coach Joe Nora said. "They're defending state champs. But our girls rose to the occasion."

Nora liked the effort of his team, as well as the play of sophomore goalkeeper Ali Eggenberger (12 saves) and the fact that "after they got one, we were able to get the equalizer."

Novi (2-0-1, 1-0-1 in the Central) got on the board midway through the second half.

But Salem senior midfielder Kristina Klusek's nifty shot from 20 yards in front of Novi senior goalkeeper Gabby Gauruder (seven saves) knotted the game with 15:01 to play.

"It was a good goal by Kristina and a great play (by sophomore forward Emily Barfuss) to get it up to her," Nora said. "Emily chipped it over the 'D' and Kristina's just a good ballplayer.

"She made a nice play and beat the keeper. Then we tried to hold on, but Novi's a tough team."

In fact, just 3:38 later, the

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SIDELINES

Baseball wraps

• **PLYMOUTH 4-9, FRANKLIN 3-6:** The Plymouth Wildcats swept Wednesday's baseball twinbill against Livonia Franklin, 4-3 and 9-6.

In Game 1, starting and winning pitcher Harrison Michels was outstanding. He allowed one run and two hits and fanned six Patriots over five innings. Austin Ebeling earned the save.

At the plate, Ben Wohl had three hits and Tyler Gobel two.

The nightcap featured Justin Thompson's first varsity win, allowing one run on two hits in a four-inning stint. Helping close out the win were relievers James Wiley (four strikeouts) and Nick Sandberg, who recorded the final out for the save.

Contributing on offense for Plymouth (5-0 overall, 3-0 in the KLAA South) were Wohl (three hits, two runs), Phil Emminger (two hits, three RBI), Jamarl Eiland (three runs) and Rich Guglielmi (three RBI).

• **CANTON 9, SALEM 4:** Canton spoiled the season opener for Salem on Tuesday, scoring five runs in the first inning en route to a 9-4 KLAA crossover win.

The Rocks gave up four unearned runs in that opening frame and trailed 7-0 after four before staging a late bid to get back into the game.

Matt Rowland, the pitcher victimized by six Salem errors, suffered the loss. But he collected two hits and a run at the plate.

Scott Devine (single, RBI), Demetrius Dunlap (double, run, two RBI) and Brett Ramirez (RBI hit) also contributed.

• **PCA 10, ROEPER 0:** On Tuesday in Plymouth Christian's MIAC opener, the Eagles romped in a five-inning mercy win.

Jon Slater had a big day, going five innings on the mound for the victory (striking out seven) and going 2-for-4 at the plate.

Caleb York drove in four runs with a pair of doubles while Daniel Slater and Dillon Rahill had two hits each.

Softball wraps

• **CANTON 8-6, WAYNE 0-0:** Wednesday's season-opening twinbill was all Canton, with Alyssa Boucher and Hannah Warren each pitching shutouts (Warren's was a perfect game with 13 strikeouts).

In the opener, Catherine Porter (4-for-4), Samantha Partain (2-for-4, three RBI), Kaitlyn Mattson (2-for-4, two RBI) and Heidi Lucke (2-for-3, one RBI) swung hot bats.

They continued in Game 2, led by Porter, Partain and Mattson, who all went 2-for-4.

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OHL PLAYOFFS

Whalers get swept

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

After the Plymouth Whalers let leads slip away in each of the first two games against Owen Sound, it seemed inevitable that they wouldn't escape Round 2 of the OHL Western Conference playoffs.

On Wednesday night before 1,535 fans at Compuware Arena, that's exactly what happened as the efficient, close-checking Attack skated into the Western Conference finals with a never-in-doubt 4-1 victory.

The tone was set early, after Plymouth winger and Farmington Hills native Alex Aleardi was robbed on the

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Wildcats rout Chiefs in debut of new lax rivalry

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Rivalries between teams from Plymouth and Canton are definitely strong these days, led by the football squads.

But girls lacrosse is now joining the fun, and Friday night brought the first-ever meeting between the Wildcats and Chiefs — two of three new squads that emerged from the former PCS Lady Warriors.

And the first victory went to Plymouth in decisive fashion, 18-8 at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Leading the Wildcats with eight goals, eight ground balls and 12 draw controls was Katie Hill.

"It's definitely exciting, kind of weird talking to them on the field," said Plymouth senior Taylor Birman, who scored six goals. "But it picks up the intensity when you want to beat people that you know and people you played with last year."

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Canton's Jordan Richter (No. 3) tries to put defensive pressure on Plymouth's Taylor Birman (No. 1), who scored six goals Friday night.

There was plenty of physical play between the squads, too, particularly as the match reached the end at P-CEP's JV football field.

Plymouth (4-4) got off fast, building an early 7-0 lead and taking an 11-4 lead at the intermission.

Birman set up Hill's eighth goal with about six minutes to go in the game, which made it 17-7 and started the running clock due to the 10-goal differential.

Hill corraled the pass, walked in front of Canton goalkeeper Melissa Neal and ripped it into the cage.

According to Canton head coach Dave Bower, the early woes Friday mirrored how the season has gone for his team, now 3-4.

"It's something we've struggled with this year," Bower said. "We've started slow, and we knew that this team (Plymouth) was going to be explosive and come out hard after us.

"But our girls couldn't react to it quick enough."

The Chiefs did get four goals and an assist from Stephanie Bower, and two goals from Kaitlyn Allard. Adding the other goals were Julia Beard and Annelise

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CITY MEET

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bragging rights type of thing."

Styes added that athletes from the high schools "talk to each other, they Facebook each other. It's almost like running against family members out here."

Salem's Meteyer agreed.

"In Plymouth-Canton they go to elementary and middle school with these kids and there's a lottery to see what high school you go to," Meteyer said. "So a lot of times they're competing against kids they went to kindergarten or sixth grade with."

According to Salem varsity runner Dan Adsit, whose older brother Matt went to school with Bolger, the memorial aspect of the meet is really important.

But he loves the unique competitive flavor where three top teams from the same campus can get after it.

"It's great to come out here and compete against all the kids I see every day at school." Adsit said. "That's just a lot of fun."

BRING IT ON

For Salem freshman Brooke Allgeyer, who ran in the JV meet, it was the chance to see what all the Park-wide buzz was about.

"It's pretty intense," Allgeyer said. "I really like it because I get to see people that are my best friends on other teams. And yeah, I've been talking a lot about it."

Coaches from all three high schools said the Bolger-Mangan meet also is like a mini-state tournament, something to prepare for competition later in the spring.

"It's usually a pretty balanced competition," said Brad Waidmann, co-coach for Canton's girls team. "There's usually quite a few talented people in every event.

"Plus it has a rivalry factor, where the kids always want to beat each other. It kind of lets you know how to handle the pressure of bigger meets."

Judging by all the grins sported by young men and women at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity stadium, they definitely will.

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Bragging rights for Canton boys, Plymouth girls

BY TIM SMITH
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Six varsity track and field teams gave spirited performances at Thursday's annual Bolger-Mangan Memorial Meet.

But only two squads came away with trophies.

The Canton boys scored 72 points to outlast Salem (51) and Plymouth (44). On the girls side, Plymouth took first with 73 points, followed by Salem (60) and Canton (42).

"I was very, very proud of our young men today," said Canton head coach Bob Richardson, whose squad is off to a strong start this season.

The Chiefs got rolling with strong showings in the field events and carried on through the individual running events.

Canton's Nick Alaniva won both the pole vault (13-feet, 06-inches) and long jump (20-9) while Ben Spreitzer (high jump, 6-6) and Alex Marsh (shot put, 44-02) also took firsts. Only in the discus did the Chiefs fall short, with Salem's Cameron Werner prevailing with a toss of 108-11.

In other events, victorious for the Chiefs were Spreitzer (110-meter hurdles) Tyler Winningham (800 run) and Bradon Conley (3200 run).

Salem grabbed two of the three relay events, however. Dan Martin, Thomas Crawford and Dan Adsit were on the winning 800 and 1600 relays, with Jose Amado anchoring the former and Brandon Barfuss leading off the latter.

JOHN KEMSKI

The Bolger-Mangan city meet also gave junior varsity runners from the three high schools the chance to compete. Here, Kenny McManimon and AJ Smith of Salem's JV set the pace.

Martin also had a good day in individual events, winning the 200- and 400-meter dashes with times of 22.17 and 50.52 seconds, respectively.

Canton did take the 400 relay, with the tandem of Josh Nolen, Scott Piwowar, Alaniva and Ryan Jones getting it done in 45.20 seconds.

For Plymouth, the 2010 Bolger-Mangan boys champion, bright spots included William Askew II and Nick Eiben, first in the 100 dash and 1600 run, with marks of 11.03 and 4:46.71, respectively.

QUICK 'CATS

The day went much better for the Plymouth girls team, however.

Led by multiple event winners Madi Lewis (200, 400 dashes) and Rebekah Engstrom (discus, pole vault), the Wildcats enjoyed a nice cushion over the Rocks and Chiefs.

"We just had a lot of girls really step up today," Plymouth girls coach Ricky Styes said. "Just performing, breaking school records, giving us points we didn't expect."

He expected the way Lewis ran, however.

"Madi Lewis re-broke the school record in the 400 (59.34)," Styes said. "Every meet this year she's broken it and re-broken it.

"She's just getting faster, and her running the way she did today was pretty exciting as well as a highlight."

Styes emphasized the contributions of freshman Tione Johnson (first, shot put, 29-10) and a victory by sophomore Natalie Puckett (100 hurdles, 17.99).

"Madi is going to score and we expect her to do that," he added. "But Tione and Natalie really stepped up and did something special today."

The Wildcats also were strong in the relays with two wins.

In the 3200 relay, Rachael Hille, Kyra Neumann, Brianna Lax and Nicole Traitses won with a time of 10:19.79.

Plymouth's Rachel Burnard, Becka Knox, Lewis and Lindsey Russell won the 800 relay (1:49.42). and B800

Salem highlights included the first-place 1600 relay, with Kathryn Binsfeld, Victoria Tripp, Nancy Krutty and Adrianna Beltran finishing in 4:20.05.

Winning two individual events for the Rocks was freshman distance runner Kayla Kavulich (1600 run, 5:26.51; 800 run, 2:26.74).

Megan Paruta (300 hurdles, 52.71) posted the other Salem win.

For Canton, garnering firsts were Jordan Clark (100 dash, 11.79), Bianca Kubicki (3200 run, 12:09.68) and Lindsay Lipa (high jump, 5-01).

The 400 relay team of Lipa, Robyn Piwowar, Caitlyn Wakefield and Elena Valetti also won, finishing in 53.45 seconds.

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PREP TRACK & FIELD RESULTS

BOLGER-MANGAN MEMORIAL MEET
CANTON CITY CHAMPIONSHIPS
April 14, PCEP Varsity Stadium

BOYS RESULTS

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Canton, 72 points; 2. Salem, 51; 3. Plymouth, 44.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Ben Spreitzer (C), 15.71; 2. Jose Amado (S), 15.72; 3. Dion Walker (S), 15.72; 4. Doug Deykes (P), 16.92; 5. Daniel Edgerton (P), 17.53.

100-meter dash: 1. William Askew II (P), 11.03; 2. Ryan Jones (C), 11.04; 3. Kevin Buford (C), 11.26; 4. Franklin Okolo (S), 11.54; 5. Tony Daniels (C), 11.78.

800-meter relay: 1. Salem (Dan Adsit, Dan Martin, Thomas Crawford, Jose Amado), 1:33.90; 2. Plymouth (Devin McMillian, Jeff Pattison, Josh Dennard, Jessie Barnes), 1:42.06.

1600-meter run: 1. Nick Eiben (P), 4:46.71; 2. Brandon Dalton (P), 4:53.71; 3. Jeff Molchan (C), 4:59.43; 4. Keegan Sullivan (C), 5:04.48; 5. Andrew Rabe (S), 5:07.74.

400-meter relay: 1. Canton (Josh Nolen, Scott Piwowar, Nicholas Alaniva, Ryan Jones), 45.20; 2. Salem (Adsit, Walker, Drake Jordan, Okolo), 46.16; 3. Plymouth (McMillian, Pattison, Dennard, Barnes), 50.02.

400-meter dash: 1. Martin (S), 50.52; 2. Askew II (P), 51.84; 3. Buford (C), 53.95; 4. Matt Schacht (C), 55.15; 5. Sapan Patel (C), 55.34.

300-meter hurdles: 1. Amado (S), 41.30; 2. Ben Spreitzer (C), 41.61; 3. Deykes (P), 41.99; 4. Walker (S), 46.45; 5. Herve Nonga (S). 46.88.

800-meter run: 1. Tyler Winningham (C), 2:07.72; 2. Shean Krolicki (C), 2:08.53; 3. Max Rogowski (P), 2:08.95; 4. Brandon Dalton (P), 2:12.49; 5. Evan Johnson (P), 2:16.92.

200-meter dash: 1. Martin (S), 22.17; 2. Askew II (P), 22.21; 3. Alaniva (C), 23.51; 4. Colby Morris (C), 24.06; 5. Williams (S), 24.17.

3200-meter run: 1. Bradon Conley (C), 10:24.20; 2. Derek Gielarowski (P), 10:27.80; 3. Zach Cox (C), 11:04.50; 4. Liam Cardenas (P), 11:05.00.

1600-meter relay: 1. Salem (Brandon Barfuss, Adsit, Martin, Thomas Crawford), 3:32.55; 2. Canton (Spreitzer, S. Patel, Piwowar, Charlie Steslick), 3:39.29; 3. Plymouth (Askew II, Lucas Bunting, Deykes, n/a), 3:40.91.

High jump: 1. Spreitzer (C), 6-feet, 6-inches; 2. Chris Dierker (S), 5-09; 3. Josh Peterson (S), 5-09; 4. Schacht (C), 5-07; 5. Josh Smith (P), 5-05.

Shot put: 1. Alex Marsh (C), 44-02; 2. Dan Carrigan (S), 42-05.5; 3. Ben Poirier (C), 38-07; 4. Mike Ditzler (C), 35-05.5; 5. Cameron Werner (S), 35-01.

Discus: 1. Werner (S), 108-11; 2. Steve Voglewede (S), 108-09; 3. Marty Brudzinski (C), 107-01; 4. Carrigan (S), 106-09.

Pole vault: 1. Alaniva (C), 13-06; 2. Andy Bihn (P), 18-06.75; 3. Crawford (S), 18-02.5; 4. Zach Smilo (C), 17-05.5.

Long jump: 1. Alaniva (C), 20-9.25; 2. Bihn (P), 18-06.75; 3. Crawford (S), 18-02.5; 4. Smilo (C), 17-05.5.

GIRLS RESULTS

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Plymouth, 73 points; 2. Salem, 60; 3. Canton, 42.

3200-meter relay: 1. Plymouth (Rachael Hille, Kyra Neumann, Brianna Lax, Nicole Traitses), 10:19.79; 2. Salem (Alejandra Beltran, Victoria Tripp, Kathryn Binsfeld, Adrianna Beltran), 10:22.30; 3. Canton (Bianca Kubicki, Chelsea Smith, Jessica Siegler, Cathy Huang), 10:52.01.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Natalie Puckett (P), 17.99; 2. Sarah Martin (S), 18.46; 3. Marina Milad (C), 18.50; 4. Gabby Williams (C), 18.80; 5. Rachel Falzon (S), 19.05.

100-meter dash: 1. Jordan Clark (C), 11.79; 2. Lindsay Lipa (C), 12.91; 3. Elena Valetti (C), 13.17; 4. Breanna Frye (S), 13.18; 5. Lindsey Russell (P), 13.37.

800-meter relay: 1. Plymouth (Rachel Burnard, Becka Knox, Madi Lewis, Russell), 1:49.42; 2. Salem (Breanna Frye, Camri Cook, Falzon, Megan Paruta), 1:55.75; 3. Canton (Robyn Piwowar, Sherice Moore, Caitlin Wakefield, Valetti), 1:55.99.

1600-meter run: 1. Kayla Kavulich (S), 5:26.51; 2. Kubicki, 5:29.92; 3. Traitses (P), 5:35.77; Lax (P), 5:44.34; 5. Alejandra Beltran (S), 5:44.78.

400-meter relay: 1. Canton (Lipa, Piwowar, Wakefield, Valetti), 53.45; 2. Salem (Morgan Tilley, Chineze Mbanugo, Cook, Frye), 54.85; 3. Plymouth (Hannah Dembny, Russell, Bailey Marco, Abbey Rembinski), 55.25.

400-meter dash: 1. Lewis (P), 59.34; 2. Kavulich (S), 1:01.15; 3. Adrianna Beltran (S), 1:02.65; 4. Knox (P), 1:04.87; 5. Rachel Martin (C), 1:07.13.

300-meter hurdles: 1. Paruta (S), 52.71; 2. Williams (C), 52.79; 3. Milad (C), 54.78; 4. Carissa Buttermore (P), 55.03; 5. S. Martin (S), 56.59.

800-meter run: 1. Kavulich (S), 2:26.74; 2. Adrianna Beltran (S), 2:29.66; 3. Hille (P), 2:31.66; 4. Binsfeld (S), 2:35.25; 5. Kyra Neumann (P), 2:43.41.

200-meter dash: 1. Lewis (P), 25.91; 2. Piwowar (C), 27.88; 3. Russell (P), 28.19; 4. Frye (S), 28.44; 5. Falzon (S), 28.88.

3200-meter run: 1. Kubicki (C), 12:09.68; 2. Lax (P), 12:24.81; 3. Traitses (P), 12:24.82; 4. Alejandra Beltran (S), 12:43.95.

1600-meter relay: 1. Salem (Binsfeld, Tripp, Nancy Krutty, Adrianna Beltran), 4:20.05; 2. Plymouth (Buttermore, Hille, Knox, Lewis), 4:21.74; 3. Canton (Lipa, Milad, R. Martin, Huang), 4:27.95.

High jump: 1. Lipa (C), 5-01; 2. Ashley Kretschmer (S), 4-06; 3. Taylor Rieckhoff (P), 4-06; 4. Morgan Tilley (S), 4-03; 5. Krutty (S), 4-03.

Shot put: 1. Tione Johnson (P), 29-10; 2. Chyna Williams (P), 28-07; 3. Lydia Plencner (P), 28-0.5; 4. Jess Bihn (P), 27-09.

Discus: 1. Rebekah Engstrom (P), 10-00; 2. Megan Paruta (S), 9-00; 3. Jane McCurry (P), 9-00; 4. Emily Lang (C), 8-00.

Pole vault: 1. Reagan Engstrom (P), 10-00; 2. Paruta (S), 9-00; 3. McCurry (P), 9-00; 4. Lang (C), 8-00.

Long jump: 1. Knox (P), 16-10; 2. Engstrom (P), 15-08.75; 3. Kristina Klusek (S), 15-04.5; 4. Tripp (S), 14-05.25; 5. Carolyn Benner (C), 13-08.25.

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Kyoko Yamamoto, Sr., Farmington United
Alex Fideler, Soph., Canton
Melissa Green, Fr., Canton
Alyssa Bresso, Jr., Farmington United

FIRST TEAM - DIVISION 2

Ayana Lewis, Jr., Canton
Amanda Lumley, Jr., Farmington United
Stephanie Sanders, Sr., Farmington Harrison
Erica Lucas, Fr., Canton
Alex Kitz, Jr., Livonia Blue
Haley Olson, Jr., Livonia Blue
Kali Pierce, Sr., Canton
Meredith Jonik, Fr., Farmington United
Nicole Jacobs, Jr., Salem

SECOND TEAM

Meghan Lark, Sr., Livonia Red
Nicole Lasecki, Soph., Canton
Reagan Engstrom, Jr., Plymouth
Adelaida Jepperson, Soph., Salem
Hanna Berlin, Sr., Farmington United
Brooke Allgeyer, Fr., Salem
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FIRST TEAM - DIVISION 1

Kristen McKelvey, Sr., Farmington United: McKelvey was all-state in all four events and the Division 1 all-around. She was fourth overall (37.525) after placing fourth on vault, fifth on bars, seventh on beam and fourth on floor exercise.

McKelvey was the regional champion on vault and beam and the runner-up on floor. She also was first on vault in the OAA championships and second in the all-around.

"She's so tough mentally," coach Jeff Dwyer said. "Her scores helped carry the team all season. When we needed a high score to compensate for a lower score, she got it. She saved us in a couple meets with her mental toughness and natural abilities.

"She was in a zone the last two days at state. She had her highest vault score of the year. She had never thrown a pike Yuerchenko, and she did that both days."

Robyn Piwowar, Sr., Canton: Piwowar, according to veteran Canton head coach John Cunningham, "was one of our best gymnasts the day she walked into the gym" as a freshman.

Four splendid seasons later, she leaves quite a legacy, including what she did as a senior.

"When she walked out she had been our best gymnast for (the last) two years, nobody beat her," he continued. "I think she had more focus than anybody else in the gym, she devoted herself to getting better."

After winning the regional championship on beam, she captured all-state honors in four of five events at the D1 state meet.

Piwowar placed sixth on vault (9.300) and floor exercise (9.400), seventh in the all-around (36.875) and ninth on beam (9.225).

The two-year captain and an Elite All-American Gymnast, Piwowar capped it all off by winning "Senior State Gymnast of the Year" honors from the Michigan High School Gymnastics Coaches and Judges Association.

Kyoko Yamamoto, Sr., Farmington United: Yamamoto had competed in Division 2 all season, but she opted for a return to D1 at the state meet. She earned all-state on bars (third) and just missed on floor (11th) and beam (13th). She is all-state in the all-around, having finished 10th (36.275).

Yamamoto was third on beam and bars at the regional and qualified for the all-around in fifth place. She is the OAA D2 champion on beam and bars.

"I look at the all-around as the true sign of a complete gymnast," Dwyer said. "To do that at state in Division 1, when she's been out of club for three years, I think it surprised her but, hopefully, makes her realize how good a gymnast she is.

"She did her typical warmups (on bars) that made you wonder what was going to happen. The running joke is, when she has crummy warmups, she's going to hit. That was true to the end."

Alex Fideler, Soph., Canton: The sophomore was a state champion as a rookie in 2009-10 on balance beam, and followed up with a top-notch second season.

Fideler, an Elite All-American, qualified for the D1 state meet in all five events.

She earned all-state honors in two of those — tying for third on beam (9.450) and tying for sixth on floor (9.400).

At regionals, she took second place both on bars and beam.

"She has taken the fact she was only third (at state meet on vault) as a challenge of how well she's going to do next year," Cunningham said.

He duly noted that Fideler won division championships on beam and floor.

"That's a level of consistency where you take 10 different meets, toss out the best and the worst and average it in the middle," the coach said. "She was better than anyone else in our division."

Melissa Green, Fr., Canton: It seems that there's a revolving door of excellent gymnasts at Canton.

Although standouts such as Piwowar are graduating, the Chiefs have youngsters such as Green and Erica Lucas to lead the next wave of success.

As proof, Green earned D1 all-state honors with her mark of 9.150 on vault (tied for eighth) and she was a state qualifier in all other events.

Green, an Elite All-American, also finished second at the regionals on vault and all-around.

"And I always look at our region as perhaps, other than where Grand Ledge is, the best region in the state," Cunningham said. "At D1, second all-around is a tremendous accomplishment."

She earned team awards for top rookie and most-improved gymnast.

Alyssa Bresso, Jr., Farmington United: Bresso missed a large part of the season with a severe ankle injury. Though still not fully recovered, she competed in the team and individual state meets.

She earned all-state honors on bars with a ninth-place finish, and she also competed on beam. If she had been healthy, Bresso would have been a top-10 contender in every event and a solid candidate for all-state in the all-around.

"Her greatest feat was she worked all-around for the first time (in the state team meet)," Dwyer said. "She was in pain, but she pushed it. She kept us in the meet.

"She went into Saturday pretty beat up. She had a watered-down beam routine, so she really didn't have a chance of making all-state. But she did her typical routine on bars. I'm glad she was able to walk away from a tough season with a medal."

FIRST TEAM - DIVISION 2

Ayana Lewis, Jr., Canton: Lewis became Canton's fourth state champion during Cunningham's long coaching career with her 9.450 score on vault at the Division 2 state meet.

"Ayana, I expected had an opportunity even last year to be state champion," Cunningham said.

The junior also was all-state on bars and all-around with second-place tallies of 9.5 and 37.275, respectively.

"Those are tremendous accomplishments," Cunningham added.

Another one of the team's Elite All-Americans, Lewis also twice tied the 21-year-old school record on bars with a 9.55 score.

Amanda Lumley, Jr., Farmington United: Lumley claimed all-state honors in the D2 all-around, finishing fourth (36.50). She was the state runner-up on floor (9.575) and was seventh on bars; she just missed no vault (11th).

Lumley won the regional championship in the all-around, as well as on floor; she was second on bars. She is the OAA champion on vault and floor, and she tied for second in the all-around with Yamamoto.

"Vault and floor have always been her best events," Dwyer said. "She has really worked on her bars, and her beam has gotten better. Her best medal (at state) was the all-around, because it shows what a complete gymnast she is.

"Obviously, Mandy's best event is floor; that's where she shines. She's getting stronger in other events. She has become a true all-arounder, and we needed her to do that."

Stephanie Sanders, Sr., Harrison: Sanders capped her career by being all-state in the D2 all-around, scoring 35.70 to take 10th place. She was third on vault (9.35) and sixth on beam (9.125) to earn all-state honors in those events, too.

Sanders is a regional champion on bars and was second in the all-around (36.225). She also qualified for state on floor and beam.

"I was so happy for her," Dwyer said. "She had a rough meet at the regional last year. She should have been at state, so this was expected of her. She had the right attitude. You could tell in her eyes she had been there — not at the state level — but through enough tough meets that she could handle it.

"She had to count a fall on bars, and she was still able to place in the all-around. That tells you how strong her other events were."

Erica Lucas, Fr., Canton: The freshman made an immediate impact on the Chiefs and on Cunningham.

"I just found that she was our most dedicated gymnast," he said. "She works harder at, longer at the different events, particularly vault.

"She's going to get nothing but better next year on all events."

Lucas was a medalist on vault at the conference meet (9.175) and continued to improve during the postseason.

The Elite All-American took second at regionals and ultimately won all-state honors for her third-place finish on vault (9.350) at the state meet.

Alex Kitz, Jr., Livonia Blue: The senior is a three-time state qualifier who ended her career with a fifth-place finish on the uneven bars (9.075) to earn all-state laurels.

Kitz placed 21st in the all-around at the state finals (34.65), which also included a 28th on vault and a 30th on floor.

At the regional, Kitz was runner-up in the all-around 35.725 with third on vault (9.15), a fifth on bars (8.65), seventh on beam (8.725) and tied for seventh on floor (9.2).

Alex Kitz is a talented gymnasts who will work on a skill untill it is perfect. "Alex is a great part of our team," Livonia Blue coach Lisa Fierk said. "She has made it to 'states' the pass three years and has placed on bars every year. I am proud of her for all she has accomplished. I cannot wait until next season to see her grow even more."

Haley Olson, Jr., Livonia Blue: The junior garnered all-state honors after tying for fifth place on vault (9.275).

Olson earned the trip to Grand Rapids by finishing third on vault (9.15) at the Canton regional.

"Haley is a gymnast that stays under the umbrella," Fierk said. "She has lots of talent, but if you don't push her, you would never know it. I cannot wait until next season to see her talents grow even more."

Kali Pierce, Sr., Canton: The senior co-captain was all-state on floor exercise, with her 9.275 mark tying for ninth place.

An Elite All-American, Pierce also was a state qualifier on beam.

Cunningham lauded Pierce for how she worked hard and rebounded after two injury-plagued seasons. She sustained a serious knee injury as a sophomore and then dislocated her shoulder in 2009-10.

"She couldn't do bars because of the shoulder and couldn't do vault because of the shoulder," he said. "But she also medaled on floor and easily could have medaled on beam in D2.

"She's one of our comeback gymnasts."

Meredith Jonik, Fr., Farmington United: In her first year of high school gymnastics, Jonik was a state qualifier in the all-around and is all-state on beam, taking 10th place.

She was the regional runner-up on beam, and she also qualified on vault (eighth); she just missed on bars (ninth) and floor (11th). Jonik was sixth in the regional all-around at 35.65, and she was seventh in the OAA.

"She was the surprise of the year, and I think you're going to hear her name more and more," Dwyer said. "She's a tough kid and she started showing it toward the end of the year.

"Now that she has realized, 'Hey, I can do what those other gymnasts are doing,' I can count on her next year. To be all-state in her freshman year is a great feat for Meredith."

Nicole Jacobs, Jr., Salem: For the third year in a row, Jacobs was a state qualifier. She did so on vault, beam, uneven bars and all-around and earned all-state honors on floor exercise, finishing 10th with a 9.250 tally.

Those accomplishments followed a summer where she had elbow surgery, returning "better and stronger than ever," Salem coach Dana Driscoll said. The junior also excelled at regionals, where she finished first on floor (35.7), third all-around, fifth on vault (9.05), seventh on bars (8.5) and eighth on beam (9.475).

Jacobs also competed at the team states and helped the Rocks to a 10th-place finish.

COACH OF THE YEAR

John Cunningham, Canton: The seasons keep getting better and better for Canton's gymnastics program, and the 2010-11 season is one Cunningham — who started with the team in 1979 — will always remember.

There were a number of outstanding individuals on the Chiefs, led by Piwowar. But as far as Cunningham was concerned, it was a total team effort all year long.

"This is probably the best year in terms of accomplishment that we've had, ad infinitum," Cunningham said. "Plus, truthfully, I felt that this was the best team.

"How many times during the year did I tell you it was a team accomplishment? It truly was. We had eight, nine, 10 girls who contributed almost every time."

The list of team accomplishments for this season indeed is pretty long and impressive.

After falling short in several regular season invitationals, Canton (5-1) shared the KLAA Kensington Division title with Livonia Blue and then captured the association championship.

The team kept on rolling from there, to win regionals for the second straight season and finish in the runner-up spot to Grand Ledge at the state meet.

Meanwhile, because Cunningham conceded before the season that Grand Ledge would finish first anyway, he considered that "second place was winning state meet."

Cunningham noted that the way the team improved throughout the season was the one thing he was most proud of.

And 2011-12 could be yet another successful season for the Chiefs.

"The nucleus is there," he said. "With a little bit of luck, if some freshmen and maybe some of my younger kids step it up, we're going to be a force to contend with."

SOCCER

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Wildcats regained the lead for good.

Scoring the winning goal from close range was Natalie Krygier.

"She (Krygier) made a beautiful run," Nora said. "She kind of checked in, drew the defense out and just spun off. They're deadly when they get inside the box."

Salem (1-3-2, 0-1-1) now is idle until Monday, April 25, against visiting South Lyon.

Chiefs top 'Cats

In the final game for both P-CEP teams before spring break, host Canton got past 2010 D-1 state finalist Plymouth by a 3-1 score Wednesday night.

Scoring for the Chiefs in the KLAA South Division tilt were Kayln Berinti, Kaitlyn Murphy and Ally Krause.

Canton coach Jeannine Reddy said the team took advantage of Krause's speed up top as well as offensive playmaking by Liz Ferrill.

The defense also "just played together and got it done," Reddy said, adding that both teams played a strong game.

Canton improved to 2-1-1 overall and 2-0 in the South. Plymouth dropped to 1-2-2 and 0-1-1 in the division.

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LACROSSE

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For the Wildcats, Haley Swanson collected a goal and three helpers and goalkeeper Megan Wielock "made a lot of key stops and outlet passes," Plymouth head coach Bob Hill said. "It all starts with defense."

According to Hill, his team "kept the pressure on. And they worked as a team defensively, which is one of our team goals this year."

About the two schools meeting for the first time, Hill said his players had to walk a competitive tightrope.

"It makes it tough," he said. "Because you're friends with them, but you also want to be competitive with them. I think they handled it pretty well."

Bower, meanwhile, said he was buoyed by the way his players kept their composure when the contest turned physical in the final 10 minutes.

NORTHVILLE 7, SALEM 3: In a girls lacrosse matchup at Northville, the Rocks fell to 3-4 with this Wednesday night loss.

Salem head coach Dave Medley said his offense just could not get untracked, trailing 4-2 at halftime.

"Salem is a young team with much to look forward to," Medley said. "But today offensively we are struggling, as we only managed to put six shots on goal."

There was some offense, however. Breanne Beaver scored twice and Lexie O'Connor added the other.

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GIRLS TENNIS RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 7
CANTON 2
April 14 at Plymouth

No. 1 singles: Lindsay Stemberger (P) defeated Taylor Eppler, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 2:** Janani Shanmuga (C) def. Sarah Mitchell, 6-2, 6-3; **No. 3:** Kaitlyn Bunyak (C) def. Kirthi Duraiswamy, 4-6, 7-6(7), 6-1; **No. 4:** Miranda Cerny (P) def. Hayley Cook, 6-2, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Britta Swanson-Kayla Griffey (P) def. Sydney Liedel-Hannah Ferree, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3; **No. 2:** Brittany Rose-Iulia Fratila (P) def. Samantha Klott-Erin Fowler, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 3:** Mariah Tesarz-Marlowe Susselman (P) def. Neena Baghaie-Clarie Babala, 6-2, 4-6, 6-1 **No. 4:** Erin MacKenzie-Laura Schmid (P) def. Kristen Hollingsworth-Farah Louzon, 6-1, 5-7, 6-1; **No. 5:** Molly Hudgins-Lauren Prochazka (P) def. Maddison Johnson-Kinari Shah, 6-2, 7-6(1).

Dual match records: Plymouth, 5-1 overall, 4-0 KLAA South Division; Canton, 4-1 overall, 3-1 KLAA South.

SALEM 9
SOUTH LYON 0
April 14 at South Lyon

No. 1 singles: Anna Norman (S) defeated Sophie Welch, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 2:** Ashley Walker (S) def. Brittany Johnston, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 3:** Morgan Spencer (S) def. Katie Karrick, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Kerry MacDonald (S) def. Yukiko Roy, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Mallory Rojo-Sarah Bellaire (S) def. Jenny Quang-Nicole Ferguson, 6-4, 6-1; **No. 2:** Emily Simmons-Emily Borkowicz (S) def. Kaitlin Richter-Katelyn Osterdale, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 3:** Lynne Krutty-Narges Pourmandi def. Vivianne Larsson-Ashley Osterdale, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 4:** Meghan Barry-Sushmi Diraviam def. Jessica Price-Kathleen Wong, 6-0, 6-0; **No. 5:** Courtney Godfrey-Monica Topolovec def. Ellen Jarrell-Amanda Montrief, 6-0, 6-0.

Dual match records: Salem, 3-2 overall, 2-2 in KLAA Central.

NOVI 7
SALEM 2
April 12 at Novi

No. 1 singles: Abby Wang (N) defeated Anna Norman, 6-1, 6-1; **No. 2:** Ashley Walker (S) def. Ashley Aljadah, 7-6(4), 6-2; **No. 3:** Morgan Spencer (S) def. Rebecca Chen, 4-6, 6-3, 6-0; **No. 4:** Asawari Kanitkar (N) def. Kerry MacDonald, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

No. 1 doubles: Meggie Riegel-Jenna Snyder (N) def. Mellory Rojo-Sarah Bellaire, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 2:** Emily Kwederis-Ori Nagasaka (N) def. Emily Simmons-Emily Borkowicz, 6-2, 6-2; **No. 3:** Caitlin O'Brien-Emily Sheenan (N) def. Lynne Krutty-Narges Pourmandi, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4; **No. 4:** Meng Meng Jie-Amy Zhou (N) def. Sushmi Diraviam-Meghan Barry, 6-0, 6-2; **No. 5:** Angela Huang-Alice Jiang (N) def. Courtney Godfrey-Monica Topolovec, 10-8, 4-6, 6-1.

Dual match records: Salem, 2-2 overall, 1-2 in KLAA Central.

PLYMOUTH 5
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 4
April 12 at Churchill

No. 1 singles: Lindsay Stemberger (P) defeated Paige Fallu, 6-1, 6-4; **No. 2:** Nicole Kruse (LC) def. Sarah Mitchell, 6-1, 6-0; **No. 3:** Ani Cooper (LC) def. Kirthi Duraiswamy, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 4:** Mara Karagozian (LC) def. Miranda Cerny, 6-1, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Quincy Banini-Rylie Fallu (LC) def. Britta Swanson-Kayla Griffey, 6-1, 6-2; **No. 2:** Brittany Rose-Iulia Fratila (P) def. Kristi Fata-Jayde Schulz, 6-3, 7-5; **No. 3:** Mariah Tesarz-Andrea Haidar (P) def. Maria Paul-Becky Snyder, 6-1, 6-4; **No. 4:** Erin MacKenzie-Marlowe Susselman (P) def. Pankti Thaker-Rujuta Patil, 6-1, 4-6, 6-2; **No. 5:** Molly Hudgins-Laura Schmid (P) def. Allison Linder-Claire Rose, 6-2, 6-2.

Dual match records: Plymouth, 4-1 overall, 3-0 KLAA South Division; Churchill, 2-1 overall, 2-1 KLAA South.

WHALERS

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doorstep by Owen Sound netminder Scott Stajcer.

Before the Whalers had another dangerous scoring chance, Owen Sound had a 2-0 lead and was off and running.

HITTING THE WALL

"I thought it was a great year," Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci said. "I thought we overachieved quite a bit. Nobody expected us to even make the playoffs, let alone get out of the first round.

"And then I think we just ran into a better team tonight. They're a really good team, Owen Sound, and I think we ran out of gas."

Extensive playoff travel within a three-day period early this month taxed the Whalers, Vellucci added.

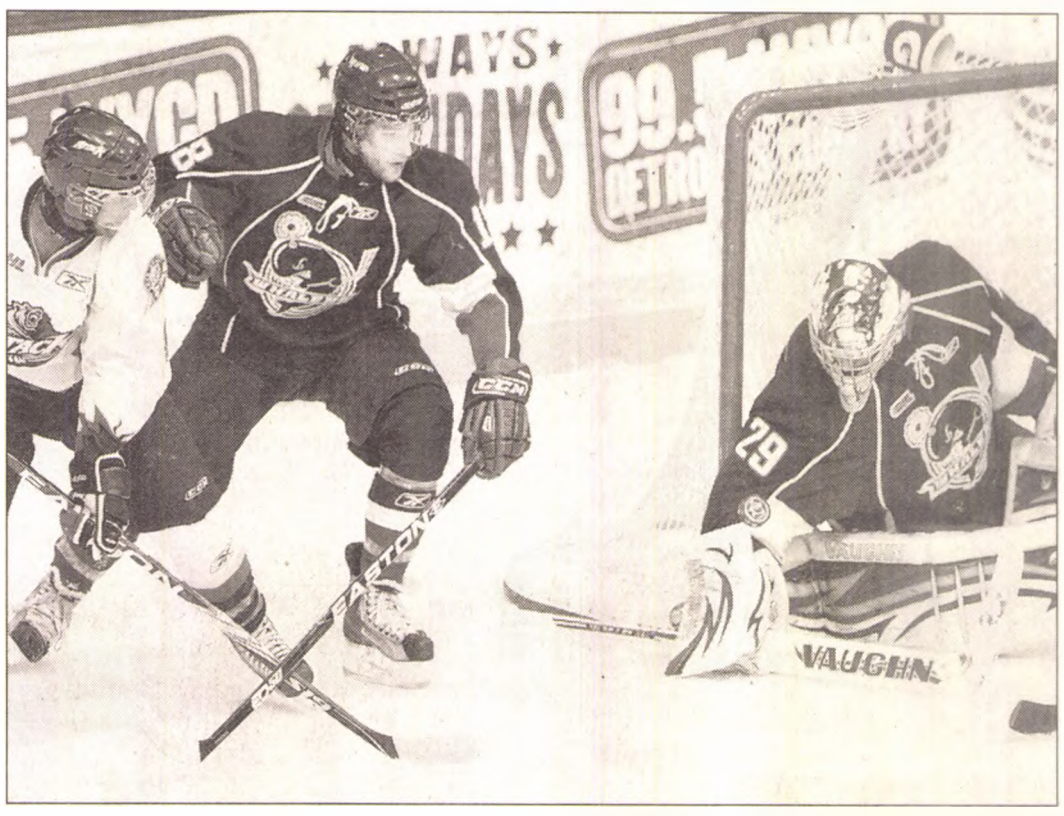
He said his team bused to Kitchener for Game 7 of the first-round series, then had to travel to Owen Sound for the opening game of the second round.

"After Game 7 (against Kitchener) and all the travel we had, between the two places we just ran out of gas," he said.

But he tipped his cap to the Attack, who will face the survivor of the Saginaw-Windsor series.

The Attack got on the board shortly after Stajcer stoned Aleardi. At 9:40, Brendan Childerley — wide open in front of the Whalers' goal — tapped the puck in for a 1-0 lead.

Before the period ended, that lead was doubled following a one-timer by Cameron Brace that banked in off the post past Plymouth goalie Matt Mahalak, playing his second game of the playoffs.



WALT DMOCH

Plymouth Whalers forward and Farmington Hills native Alex Aleardi (No. 18) comes to the aid of goaltender Scott Wedgewood during the OHL team's playoff series against Owen Sound. Although the Whalers were swept by the Attack, Aleardi is one of the younger players who likely will be part of a strong nucleus for 2011-12.

Both teams killed off a string of minor penalties in the second period before Owen Sound made it 3-0 with just 27 seconds left. Garrett Wilson sent a harmless-looking shot on goal that Mahalak (33 saves) couldn't control. The rebound was sent across the crease right onto the stick of Brayden Rose, who knocked it in from the right side of the crease.

An unassisted goal by Jesse Blacker just 53 seconds into the final period made it 4-0 and the only matter left to decide was whether the Whalers would finish the season being blanked.

Plymouth would have none of that, however. With 1:05 to play, forward Robbie Czarnik sent a slick pass from the left wing boards in front of the Owen Sound net.

POSITIVE NOTE

On the spot to jam it past Stajcer (36 saves) was winger James Livingston, who like fellow overagers Czarnik and center Tyler Brown were playing their final game with the Whalers. Livingston and Brown, both ready to start their professional careers, were understandably dejected about how the series and season ended.

"We came off such a big high beating Kitchener there in the first round," Livingston said. "And when we came down from that, we never really got our legs back, I guess.

"It was unfortunate because I really feel we had a lot more to give in that series. There's nothing you can do about that now."

Concurring was Brown, noting that they "were a little tired from the first series and it carried over."

But both said the future looks bright for those Whalers who do return, including dazzling forward Rickard Rakell (injured throughout the playoffs).

"It's too bad we couldn't have gone farther," Brown said. "But they got a great team for next year and I'm looking forward to watching them."

After the final buzzer, the teams went through the traditional handshake line and then the Whalers raised their sticks into the air while Argent's *Hold Your Head Up* blared over the loud speakers.

It seemed appropriate for the way the Whalers gave it their all during 2010-11.

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Canton hockey info meeting April 26

The Canton Chiefs varsity hockey program will be holding an informational meeting 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 26 at the Arctic Edge Arena on Michigan Ave. near Canton Center Drive.

Head coach Jeremy Majszak invites all hockey players who attend Canton High School and their parents to attend the session. Eligible are any students who will be in grades 9-12 in 2011-12.

The Chiefs are looking to improve on a stellar season in 2010-2011, where they won the KLAA South Division Championship with a record of 16-72, tied the team record for most wins in a season and were ranked seventh in Division 1 at the end of the season.

That success aside, Canton will be losing 11 varsity players.

"Yes, we are coming off a great season, the best in school history," said Majszak, with two seasons at the Canton helm. "We also are losing 11 seniors who were a big part of that season. It's time to fill some gaps.

"We want a huge turnout (and) we will continue to build a very strong hockey program."

Salem hockey meeting May 11

The 2010-11 Salem varsity boys hockey team enjoyed much success, finishing 18-6-2 and ranked sixth in Division 1.

But now, head coach Ryan Ossenmacher turns his attention to next season. There will be a brief informational meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 11 in the Salem High School library.

The focus of this meeting will be regarding Salem's varsity and junior varsity hockey programs, including summer hockey information, off-ice training, and introduction of the coaching staff. Both the varsity and JV coaches will be in attendance to answer any questions.

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• PLYMOUTH 6-10, FRANKLIN 1-0: In a KLAA South Division doubleheader Wednesday, the Wildcats overcame Tuesday's 4-1 loss to South Lyon with a complete performance.

In the first game, Brooke Senkbeil, Jessica Bondy and Elaine Gerou each went 2-for-4 while Lindsey Lutton doubled, knocked in a run and scored twice.

Gerou pitched a complete game, allowing seven hits and striking out 11.

In Game 2, Senkbeil, Breanna Giordano and Lauren Smith tallied two hits and scored at least once. Gerou again went the distance in the circle.

The Wildcats (2-1) jumped out with three runs in the second and two more in the third and coasted from there.

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Road rally

Solve your way through Plymouth in annual Newcomers event

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Reactions range from surprise to perplexed at the starting line during Plymouth Newcomers Club's annual road rally last year. Early bird registration ends April 25 for this year's rally on Saturday, May 14.

Plymouth Newcomers Club members Pete and Eileen Ganster (left) and Stan and Carolyn Gage wear hippie costumes for the 2010 rally. Dubbed the "Purple Haze" team, they won first place in the road game last year.

Puff up your hair, pair a padded-shoulder top with acid-washed blue jeans and review Trivial Pursuit's Totally 80s version — you'll be more than prepared to join the Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbor's annual Road Rally next month.

The clue-solving road game, culminating with dinner at a local restaurant, takes on a 1980s theme Saturday, May 14. Dressing in 80s attire is optional for participants, although rally clues will draw from the era's popular culture.

Some players will pick a name for their team and dress accordingly — like last year's first place winner, "Purple Haze," a foursome outfitted in tie dye T-shirts and head bands. Others prefer regular street clothing and a few will decorate their cars.

"It's a fun thing. You don't have to live in Plymouth and you don't even have to be new," said Jodi Heiner, who is co-chairing the event with Stephanie Fletcher. Heiner, Fletcher and their husbands, team Black-eyed Peas, won second place last year.

"We have had the 'Recessionistas' who carried Walmart bags and 'Bunco Babies' with fluffy dice in their cars," Fletcher said, recalling some of the costumed teams. "You can have a lot of fun with this."

Teams earn extra points for wearing costumes and decorating their cars. Winners collect the most points and arrive at the finish line ahead of others by correctly figuring the clues that lead them from destination to destination during the game. Players who are stumped by clues can phone for help, but lose points in the process. Every team keeps a map, telephone book and almanac at hand to help solve puzzles and brainteasers.

"It's a fun night to have with friends where you get to play games," Fletcher said. "I like the whole idea. It's not meant to be very hard although you will have to find things and travel to places and do various activities. The point is to have fun."

ACE PLAYERS

Pete and Eileen Ganster of Plymouth and Stan and Carolyn Gage of Plymouth Township have planned the rally twice, played in it five times and won first place last year.

Eileen Ganster's advice to first-time rally players is "not to stress out."

"It takes away from the fun," she said. "There definitely have been some hard clues but they aren't impossible."

Unusual rally stops have included a supermarket, where players assembled items that pointed to the next clue, and a studio where the teams were required to dance.

"We've gone to Skatin Station (in Canton), different bars and restaurants, a lot of parks where we did silly things and a cemetery," Ganster said.

Her team will dress in costume for the event next month. Heiner and Fletcher will too, although they'll be coordinating the rally rather than participating as players. Last year they also planned parties for the club, which has approximately 80 families.

JOINING THE CLUB

Heiner grew up in Plymouth, moved away and then moved back to the area, settling into Salem Township with her family.

"Everyone else was gone when I came back. I felt isolated," Heiner said. "Newcomers was a great way to meet people."

In addition to organizing events like the road rally, parties for both adults and children, and an annual family picnic, Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors offers smaller groups that appeal to various interests. There's a dog-sitting co-op, a career network, dinner club, bunco nights, men's poker, euchre players, sports teams and more.

Fees this year were $25-$30 depending on when they were paid. Most Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors activities run from September-May.

Road rally fees are $25 for non-members. Members pay $20 and earn 10 bonus points for registration postmarked on or before April 25 and $22 afterward. All entry fees include dinner. Registration must be received by May 2. For more information e-mail Fletcher at roadrally@plymouthnewcomers.com

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Congregation celebrates Passover with annual seder

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Bet Chaverim's annual congregation Passover seder is "near and dear" to Ilene Honess' heart.

"I joined the temple after going to one of their seders. I was invited by a friend, my family and I went and ended up joining for the next go around."

Now Bet Chaverim's president, the Canton woman says the Passover seder is the perfect place for unaffiliated members of the Jewish faith, those in interfaith families and even those of different faiths to get acquainted with the small, friendly congregation.

Youngsters learn about Passover at a children's seder at Bet Chaverim in Canton. Congregation members and guests from the community will participate in a family seder on Tuesday, April 19. That's Rabbi Peter Gluck standing at left.

"It's a little family and in a family everyone is supportive," Honess described the Canton synagogue. "We're very accepting. All are welcome. Anyone hungry can come and join us. We're inclusive of all backgrounds.

"A seder is a beautiful time to feel us out and feel what we're like. It's one of our biggest non-temple holidays. It's like going to Easter dinner but not to Easter service. There's a ritual and order to what seder means, but it's not exclusive of anyone."

Bet Chaverim rents facilities at Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, with services at 7 p.m. the third Friday of the month. The seder will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 19 at Hanford Clubhouse, 48500 Hanford, Canton. RSVP to betchaverim@yahoo.com. For more information visit www.Facebook.com/betchaverim.

Passover marks the biblical story of the ancient Israelites and their freedom from slavery in Egypt. The story in Exodus describes the 10 plagues God inflicted on the Egyptians before the enslaved Israelites were released. To escape the final plague, the slaughter of first born children, the slaves marked their homes with lamb's blood as a signal for the Lord to "pass over," leaving them untouched. When the Israelites left Egypt, they fled without waiting for their bread to rise. In commemoration, those observing Passover today eat no leavened bread during the holiday. Matzo, a flat, unleavened bread, has become a symbol of Passover.

Bet Chaverim recently staged a seder for children in its religious school, to help youngsters understand the ritual and taste the foods they'll eat on Tuesday.

"They'll know what to expect," Honess said.

The congregation seder is a pot luck event, with Bet Chaverim members supplying the food, often using favorite recipes from their own holiday meals. Honess gathered a few to share with *Observer & Eccentric* readers. The noodle pudding recipe is from Arleen Green, the cake and tzimmes recipes are from Roberta Malkowski and Honess supplied the roast recipe:

Passover Apple Cake

2 eggs
1 cup vegetable oil
1 cup white sugar
1½ cups matzo meal
½ cup potato starch
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
8 large apples - peeled, cored, sliced
½ cup brown sugar
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon ground nutmeg

Preheat oven to 350°F

Grease a 9-inch by 13-inch glass baking dish. Combine eggs, oil and sugar in a large bowl and mix with electric mixer. Stir in matzo meal, potato starch and 1 teaspoon cinnamon.

In a separate bowl, toss apples, brown sugar, ½ teaspoon cinnamon and nutmeg.

Layer half the dough in dish. Pour apple mixture over dough. Pat remaining dough over the apples. Sprinkle lightly with brown sugar, if desired. Bake for 45 minutes.

Carrot, Apple, Butternut Squash and Sweet Potato Tzimmes

4 cups carrots, scraped and sliced ¼-inch thick
2 medium sweet potatoes, peeled and slice ¼-inch thick
2-3 medium apples, peeled and sliced ¼-inch thick
1 medium butternut squash (optional), peeled and sliced ¼-inch thick
Cold water to cover
½ teaspoon salt
¾ cup honey
1 tablespoon lemon juice
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
½ teaspoon cinnamon
3 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons flour

Combine carrots, apples, butternut squash and sweet potatoes in a large saucepan and cover with water. Cook about 15 minutes or until tender enough to pierce with a toothpick. Add salt, honey, lemon juice, nutmeg and cinnamon. Cover and cook over low heat about 45 minutes. Reduce liquid to half way up side of pot.

In another pot, melt butter and then mix in flour. Cook 1 minute.

Add to carrot mixture and cook 5 minutes longer until all mixture is coated.

Serve now, or turn into a shallow casserole and put under broiler to brown lightly before serving. Serves 6-8

Noodle Pudding, serves 20

Pudding:
16 ounce wide noodles
1½ stick of butter (6 ounces)
3 eggs beaten
1 pint of sour cream
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 pint large curd cottage cheese (creamy)
1 pinch of salt
¾ cup sugar
2½ cups crushed pineapple, or apple pie filling or raisins and thinly sliced apples

Topping:
1 cup corn flakes, crushed
2 tablespoons butter
¼ teaspoon cinnamon
⅓ cup brown sugar.

Directions:

Heavily butter a 3-quart glass baking dish. Boil and then rinse the noodles. Mix eggs Vanilla and salt together then pour over the noodles.

A seder plate and text, called a Haggadah, used at the children's seder at Bet Chaverim in Canton.

Add sugar, butter, sour cream, and cottage cheese (undrained) and fruit (pineapple, apple or raisin apple) and mix into the noodles.

Pour mixture into glass baking pan and top with corn flakes, cinnamon and sugar. Dot with the remaining butter.

Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for an hour; cool before cutting.

Very Easy Roast Recipe (crock pot)

1 beef round roast or brisket
1 2-liter bottle of regular Verners (ginger ale) pop, (there will be extra)
1 packet of onion soup mix
½ cup Ketchup (to taste)
Vegetables to go with roast are potatoes, carrots or onions cut into chunks

Place the roast and cut vegetables into the crock pot, pour Verners over the roast and vegetables until the crock is about ¾ full. Sprinkle the onion soup mix on roast and into Verners. Squeeze Ketchup to cover the roast across the top and add an extra squeeze or two into the crock.

Cook on low for 8 hours or until the temperature reaches 145-160. Let cool slightly before cutting and serving.

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Erectile Dysfunction (ED) may be the most important diagnostic tool when it comes to general health in the baby-boomer population! Often times, it's the first symptom that men may notice and the one that leads them to the doctor. If a man is experiencing E.D., it is suggested that he be screened for more serious health conditions such as heart disease, hypertension, and diabetes.

Erectile dysfunction is a common complication of diabetes. Up to 85 percent of men who have diabetes may experience E.D. The longer you've had diabetes and the more severe it is, the more likely you are to have trouble with erections. High blood sugar can permanently damage the nerves and blood vessels responsible for erections.

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ACHES

Aching differs from pain. The difference is in the intensity of the discomfort. A pain in the shoulder or the leg stops the activity. A pain in the shoulder prevents a person from lifting a suitcase from the floor of a plane to the overhead storage bin. An ache allows one to complete moving the bag to the overhead compartment, but after doing so, the person wants to rub or rest the aching arm.

Pain in the arm or leg will awaken a person from sleep, aching occurs in the morning when the person arises from bed.

A physician can confirm if the problem is an ache by the physical examination. Pain will prevent an individual from walking with a normal gait or bringing the shoulder overhead in a smooth motion. An ache allows usual movement.

An ache reflects a strained tendon or ligament. The usual cause is injury; though often the injury is unapparent. Rest is the best treatment. Resolution of the injury may take months as the problem usually occurs in a shoulder or thigh which are joints that one must use every day.

A physician can assure the patient that the aching does not represent the beginning of a crippling arthritis, but beyond that assurance, there is little more he can do. Anti-inflammatory medications are not helpful, and in people over age 70 these drugs are a potential danger to proper kidney function. Massage helps but only for hours, heat is good, but has the same limitations as massage.

Eventually most aching ends, but often resolves only after months of discomfort.
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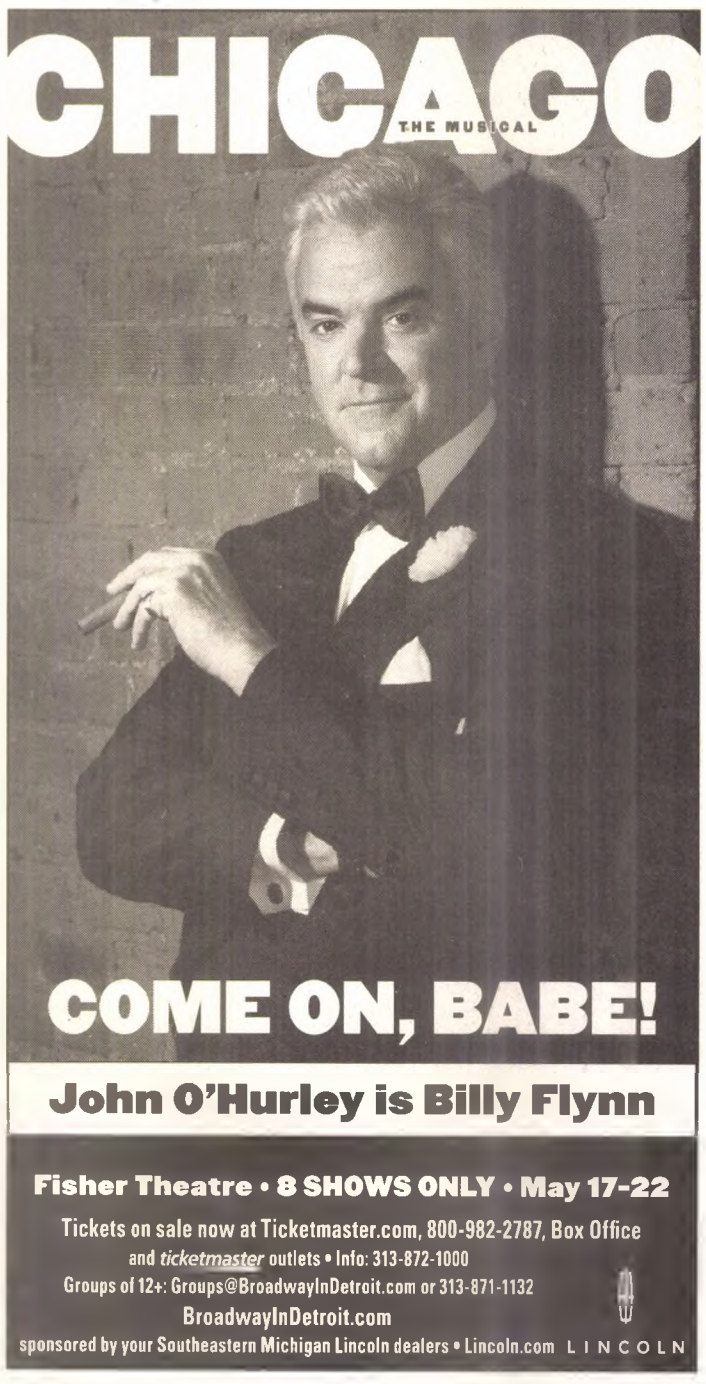

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Electronic components hurt purse

BY JOE GAGNON
GUEST COLUMNIST

The following e-mail is an example of many I have received from homeowners in the area who are put out by the fact that their product can not be repaired even though it is fairly new. Parts availability should not be problem on major home appliances but it is. There is no law that makes the manufacturers responsible for providing parts for any period of time. If the part is not accessible to the repair industry, you are not going to get the product repaired. You are going shopping again and it's as if the plan was designed that way.

Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

Dale writes: "My Whirlpool double oven went out on Friday (dinner guests Saturday). The display board (clock, temp, all electronics) wasn't working. A Whirlpool-authorized repair company came out Saturday morning and told me that it needed Part #8302319 and that part is no longer available — ANYWHERE!

"I have checked everywhere including companies online. I contacted Whirlpool customer service and they are no longer making that part. Here is the kicker — my oven is just 7 years old! How can they not be making that part? Any suggestions? Whirlpool basically told me I'm out of luck. So, it looks like my only choice is to replace the ovens. Any suggestions on what I should buy? I'm thinking it won't be a Whirlpool!

"I'm also having issues with the Whirlpool washing machine I bought last year. I had it serviced three times before the warranty ran out in January and Whirlpool won't honor that, saying the warranty has expired and I'm out of luck on that also. Help!"

Dale sent me a follow-up e-mail a few days later: "There is a company in Texas that will "fix" the part — "mother board" electronics of my oven. I send the part in and for $129.99 plus $11.99 for shipping, they fix it and send it back. Do you know about this and if so, what do you think of my doing it? My Whirlpool double built-in ovens cost me $3,000 seven years ago."

Reply: Geez Dale, if anyone needs something positive coming their way, it's you. I would be so disturbed I would hire an attorney and take this case all the way to the Supreme Court. Maybe then they would rule that parts have to be carried by the manufacturers for a reasonable amount of time. I wouldn't trust in a rebuilt board because they will replace the diode or resistor that is evidently burnt up, but all the rest of the components are used. Hopefully someone reading this column will disagree with me and call me with a way out for you. Let's hold off a bit on spending another $3,000. With all the power interruptions lately a whole hose surge protector may be needed in your home. There is no doubt that electronics are adversely affected by power spikes that may occur when power is restored by your utility. If I live long enough I'll be hearing from folks who programmed their stove to cook dinner while they were driving home from work only to come home and find the house burned down. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmi.rr.com.

Buy a puzzle piece and support autism fight cause

Celebrities Against Autism is selling puzzle pieces for $1 each this month to support its mission and observe Autism Awareness Month.

Pieces are available through April at the organization's Web site, www.celebritiesagainstautism.org or at one of its partners, including Women's Lifestyle Magazine, Magic 105.1, the Detroit Red Wings, and LaVida Massage. Val McFarland, a Livonia native and founder of Celebrities Against Autism said pieces are in 132 Kroger stores and 67 Great Clips salons as well as many other local restaurants such as Steve's Family Dining in Livonia.

Individuals also can help by volunteering, sponsoring a fundraiser, organizing a casual day for cash in offices, providing auction items and donating to help Michigan families.

One in 91 children is affected by the neurological disorder. With relatively no insurance coverage for the early intensive therapy the children require, the families are often left to cover most of the expenses, which can total $50,000 per year. Celebrities Against Autism raises funds to provide assistance to them through the Family Grant Program.

"Michigan has become a destination for some of the finest autism treatment in the world," McFarland said. "I have met people from many different countries who have relocated to get their children the best care available. We are fortunate to have the many fine treatment centers right here in Michigan."

McFarland has personally been in the fight against autism. Her youngest son, Callahan, was diagnosed with autism age 2. After five years of intensive treatment, he remains autistic but can enjoy family activities, such as ice skating, jet skiing and bowling.

She founded Celebrities Against Autism with the mission to raise awareness and acceptance of individuals with autism. The group also helps families with funds and therapy. McFarland hopes to create the World's Largest Autism Awareness Puzzle. The completed puzzle will consist of 1.75 million pieces representing the 1.75 million individuals in the U.S. with autism. The completed puzzle will qualify for the Guinness Book of World Records to raise awareness and $1.75 million for support to Michigan families.

For more information, visit www.celebritiesagainstautism.org or call (248) 515-7423.

Rev up your bike wardrobe at show

Kick off the motorcycle riding season by checking out the fashions at BMW Motorcycles Southeast Michigan's fashion show, "Real Gear for Real Riders," 6 p.m., Friday, April 29, at the store, 39933 Ford Road, Canton.

"BMW does fashion shows for dealerships once a year but this is the first at an actual dealership," said Theresa Bailey, store spokeswoman. "We'll demonstrate the function of the clothing, what's new on the market."

The store is asking for a $15 donation towards the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation before the event or $20 at the door. In addition to fashions, the show will include prize giveaways and hors d'oeuvres.

The store choose the charity because of a strong personal tie. Apparel manager, Audrey Wicke-Jackson, had a brother who suffered from cerebral palsy and died at age 22. She continues to be involved with the organization, which educates, advocates and provides support services for individuals with a spectrum of disabilities. UCP works to advance the independence, productivity and full citizenship of people with disabilities through an affiliate network that has helped millions. All proceeds from show ticket sales will benefit UCP.

Motorcycle riders will walk the runway modeling highlights from the BMW, REV'IT, Olympia and Schuberth collections.

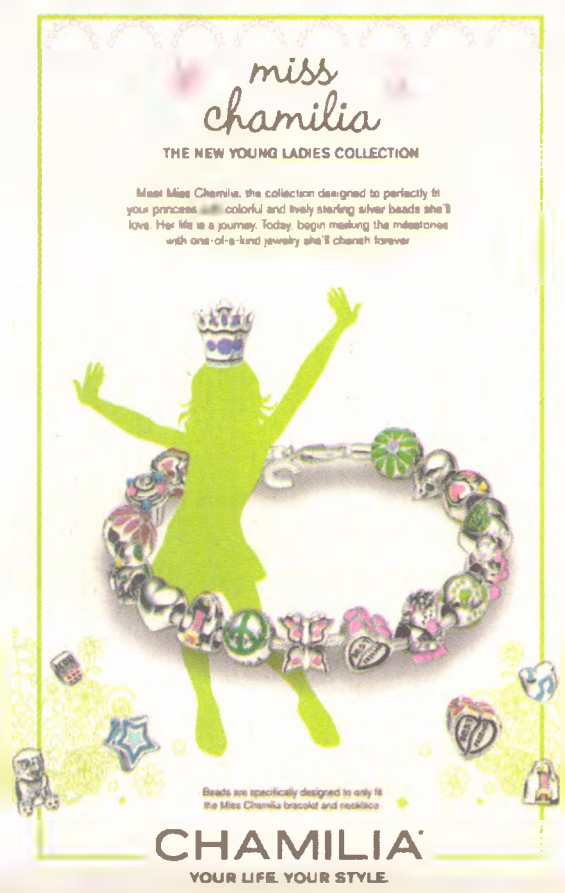
BMW Motorcycles Southeast Michigan sells bikes as well as helmets and clothing. New spring fashions include the REV'IT Ventura suit for women, an all-weather riding suit with a waterproof liner, ventilation, pockets and crash padding.

Bailey said motorcycle apparel is designed for casual riders as well as off-road "enduro" riders.

"Even the casual riders will find some of the less expensive jackets, like the Olympia line, that run $200-$300. It depends on what grade of armor you want."

To reserve tickets for the "Real Gear Real Rider" fashion show, call (734) 981-1479.

– By Sharon Dargay



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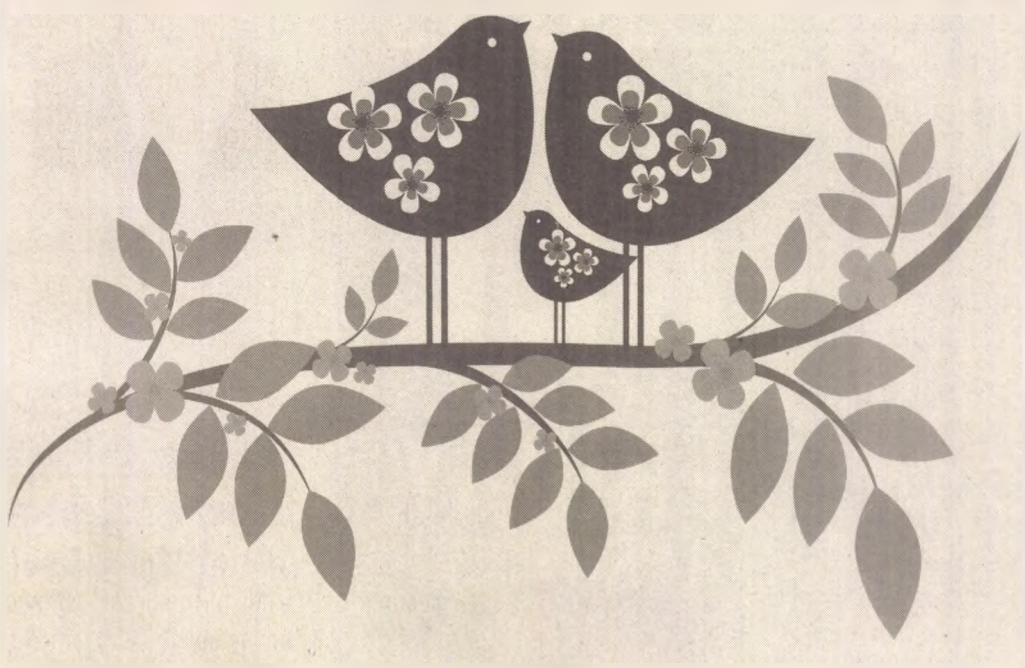

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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APRIL 17-20

Book Collection
Time/Date: Through May 4
Location: Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia
Details: The church is collecting items for God's Helping Hands, an organization in Rochester that will trade the donations to Tithingbooks.com for food for needy families. Donations may include trade paperbacks, hardcover fiction and non-fiction, movie DVDs, books on CD and music CDs (must contain artwork and case), gently used children's books, textbooks (copyright 1998 or newer), and mass market paperbacks (copyright 2004 or newer) and rare and collectible books. The church can't accept books that are dirty, moldy, water-damaged, with excessive highlighting or writing, with pages missing, excessive damage to covers, or encyclopedias or magazines. Place donations under the awning of the church
Contact: (734) 427-8743

Exhibit
Time/Date: Church office hours are 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Tuesday-Friday; Sunday services are 7:45 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.; exhibit on display through April 22
Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: "Letters Home," by Susan Clinthome and Sally Thielen, is an art installation piece that draws attention to homelessness through an assemblage of signs that were previously held by individuals on the street, a cardboard home, shopping cart, returnable cans and more
Contact: (734) 453-0190

Holy week
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, April 18-20
Location: The Basilica of St. Mary, 18100 Merriman, Livonia
Details: Bridegroom service Monday and Tuesday, healing service with reading of the seven Gospels and seven Epistles

Wednesday
Contact: (734) 422-0010

Palm Sunday
Time/Date: 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, April 17
Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia
Details: The church presents the cantata "We Were There" by Pepper Choplin, based on several monologues by those who were on the scene at the cross of Calvary
Contact: (734) 422-0149

Seder
Time/Date: 6 p.m., April 19
Location: Hanford Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford, Canton
Details: Annual congregation seder
Contact: To RSVP e-mail to betchaverim@yahoo.com or see www.Facebook.com/betchaverim

Taizé prayer
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sunday, April 17
Location: St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Taizé prayer is a quiet, simple way of prayer designed for people of all Christian traditions. The meditative candlelit service includes simple chants sung repeatedly, rich silence, and prayers of praise and intercession. Includes orchestra, slide show and the combined parish choirs of St. Edith and St. Isaac Jogues of St. Clair Shores. Choirs will perform Dubois' "The Seven Last Words of Christ."
Contact: (734) 464-1222

APRIL 21-27

Clothing bank
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., April 23
Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy, Canton
Details: Free clothing and shoes to anyone in need
Contact: (734) 404-2480 or (734) 927-6686

Easter service
Time/Date: 10 a.m., April 24
Location: Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield
Details: Rev. Kimi Riegel talks about "Miracles Abound." In place of an Easter egg hunt, the children will hunt for canned food to donate to Gleaners. The children will receive filled Easter eggs after the hunt.

Egg Hunt
Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 23
Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia
Details: Youngsters, 11 and under, will hunt for eggs, hear a story, make a craft and eat a light snack. Bring your own basket or bag to collect eggs
Contact: Melissa at (734) 466-8694

Good Friday
Time/Date: 7 p.m., April 22
Location: Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy, Canton
Details: Six area churches – Calvary Baptist Church, Charisma Life, Crosswinds, Ekklesia, Solid Rock, and Trinity Presbyterian – will join together with drama, music, testimonies and scripture for services
Contact: (734) 455-0022; www.cbcjoy.org

Holy week
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, April 21 Maundy Thursday service; 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. April 22 Good Friday service; 9:30 a.m. April 24 Easter Sunday service; 8-9 a.m. free Easter breakfast
Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford
Details: All services have the general theme "Jesus, Peter and Me." Thursday sermon is "It's all about Cleansing." Good Friday sermon is "It's all about Death." Easter sermon is "It's all about Life." All visitors will receive the free DVD "The Road to Emmaus."
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Holy week
Time/Date: Maundy Thursday service, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21; Community Good Friday service, 12:15 p.m., Friday, April 22; Easter Services, 6:30 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, April 24
Location: Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington, Farmington Hills
Details: A children's Easter egg hunt is scheduled for 10 a.m. Easter Sunday
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REUNION CALENDAR

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

Dearborn Fordson
Class of 1971
The 40th reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Tickets are on sale now for $52 per person for dinner and open bar. Send a check payable to Fordson '71 Reunion to 16124 Golfview, Livonia, MI 48154. For more information go to Facebook, Classmates.com or the Web page at Fordson71Reunion.com.

Dearborn Heights Robichaud
Class of 1961
50th class reunion Sept. 24, 2011 at the Dearborn Hills Golf Course. All classes are welcome as Robichaud High School also celebrates its 50th anniversary. Contact Bill Haskin at billsmustangs@msn.com; (734)595-4927 or Nancy at wolonl@aol.com; (248) 529-6461.

Detroit Cody
Class of 1961
50th reunion Aug. 27, 2011, at Hellenic Banquet Center, Westland. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail codycomet61@gmail.com. Or call Connie Callear Majeske at (734) 425-7094 or Bernie Lekki Grudzien at (734) 522-3167.

Class of 1971
40th reunion, 6:30-11:30 p.m. July 9, at Waterford Lanes/Banquet Hall, 7100 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford. RSVP by May 30 to Karen (Hassa) Leto at (330) 722-5954.

Detroit Henry Ford
Class of 1971
The 40th reunion, with a "Back to the Bahamas" theme, is scheduled for Aug. 20, at Bahama Breeze Restaurant, 19600 Haggerty, Livonia. The organizers are trying to reach approximately 1,000 graduates from the January and June classes, as well as any other alumni interested in attending the event. Tickets are $50. Call Barb Blum Douglas at (313) 804-1282, or Marilyn Ogilvy Twa at (616) 802-0305, or e-mail to hfhs1971reunion@yahoo.com.

Detroit Mackenzie
June Class of 1961
50th reunion will be Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011. For more information e-mail lvanerian@msn.com or phone Joanne (Poloway) Glance at (734) 878-6543.

Class of 1962
Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.com.

Garden City East & West
Classes of 1966-67
A casual, joint reunion is planned for Oct. 8. The organizing committee needs addresses of class members. Call Dale Bowes (Whiting) '66W at (734) 427-7148, Carol Gantt Fenner '67W at (734) 326-8467, Karen Colvard (Domanski) '66E at (734) 427-7012, Cheryl Gibbs '67E at (734) 340-9916/(313) 670-2402, or e-mail Dennis Russell at russ027@comcast.net.

Ladywood High School
Class of 1961
Planning a 50th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail sandymacg@aol.com or call Sandy Phillips O'Leary (734) 453-0783 and leave a message if voice mail picks up.

Livonia Bentley
Class of 1961
Holding a 50th class reunion Sept. 16-17. To register, call Donald Bruner, (734) 524-0979 or e-mail dbruner@twmi.rr.com.

Class of 1981
30th reunion planned for Aug. 6, at One Under Banquet Facility 35789 Five Mile, Livonia. Visit http://www.freewebs.com/bentley81 for more details.

Livonia Franklin
Class of 1966
45th high school reunion, Oct. 8 at Laurel Park Marriott. Seeking classmates and contact info. E-mail contact info to Larry Ruzsas at Lruzsas187264mi@comcast.net or call him at (810) 599-3506.

Rosary High School
Class of 1966
Planning 45th reunion in July of 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail Pam at Taffttoo@aol.com

St. Mary of Redford
Class of 1971
6 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Sept. 10 at Monaghan K of C Hall, 19801 Farmington Road Livonia; $40 per person or $75 per couple. Make your reservation check payable to and mail to: Peter Noble, 12001 Market Street #443, Reston, VA 20190. For more information, e-mail to barkerwa@aol.com.

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.com.

Wayne High Schools
All Classes
Wayne High Schools Alumni Association 27th Annual All Class Reunion Banquet for alumni of Wayne High School and Wayne Memorial High School, 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. The Alumni Association's annual meeting is 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 6, at Wayne Cafe, 3709 Mero Mall Street, Wayne. Call (734) 729-6023 before March 30. www.waynehighalumni.com

Learn about football, benefit cancer center

Sign up for the University of Michigan Women's Football Academy and be among the first to meet new U-M Football head coach Brady Hoke and his staff.

The academy, now in its 13th year, will be held on Saturday, June 11. Funds raised will benefit the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Women get to learn the ins and outs of Michigan Football from the coaching staff and participate in various hands-on experiences, such as drills on offense, defense, passing, blocking and kicking.

Registration for the event is $125, $50 of which is tax deductible. Participants are required to raise an additional $200 or more to support the Cancer Center. Registration is on a first come, first served basis.

Event proceeds support initiatives within the Cancer Center's Patient and Family Support Services Program, which offers programs including complementary therapies, financial assistance services, nutrition counseling, psych oncology services and fertility counseling.

Since its creation in 1999, the program has helped more than 15,000 cancer patients and their families.

Visit www.mcancer.org/wfa to register for the event.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
THURSDAY, May 5, 2011
6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, May 5, 2011 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

Application 1476: 11667 Brownell: Requesting a 1'3" front yard variance to enclose an existing front porch and change it into living space.

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

For further information contact Plymouth Township Building Department 734 354-3210.

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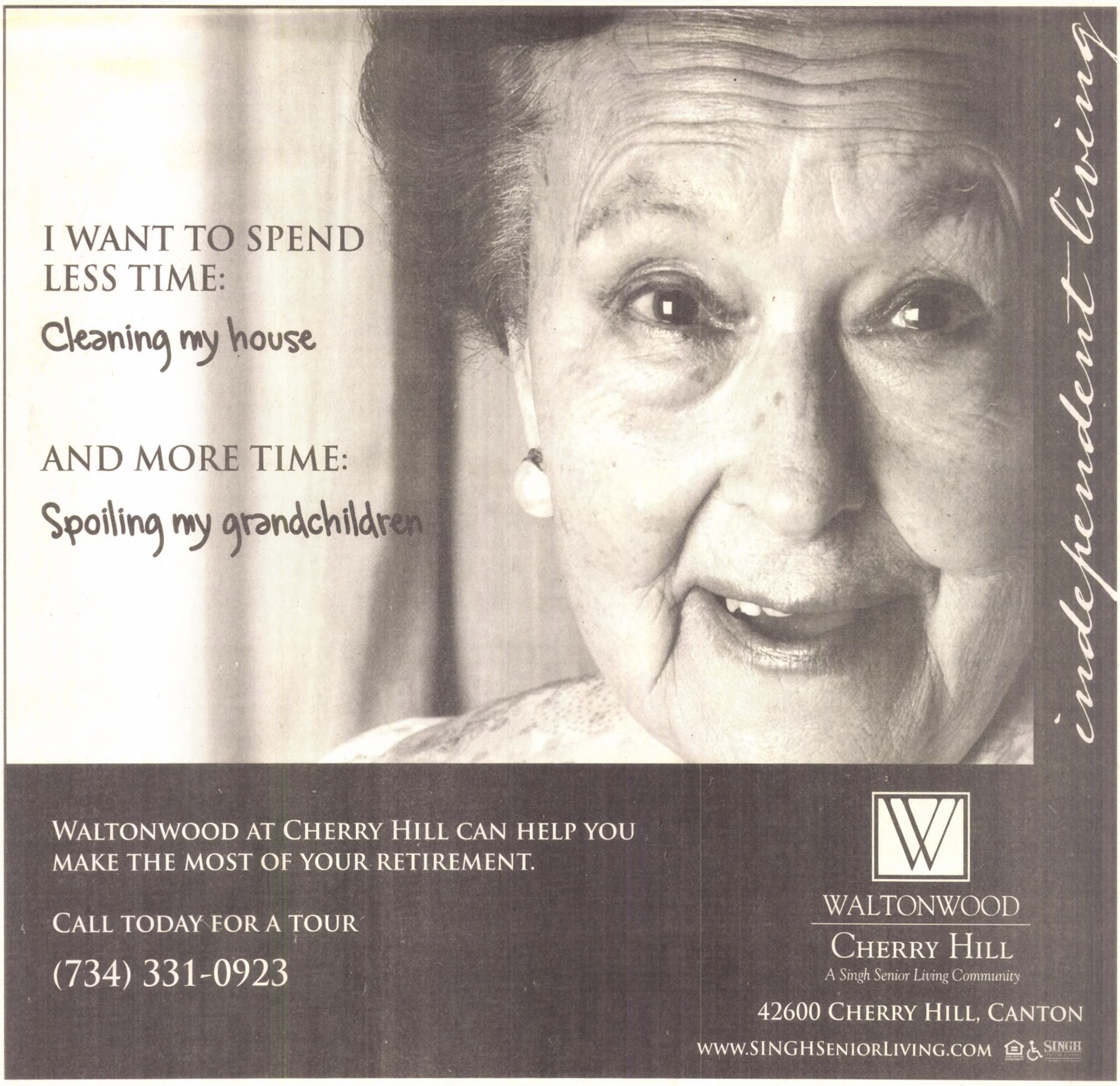

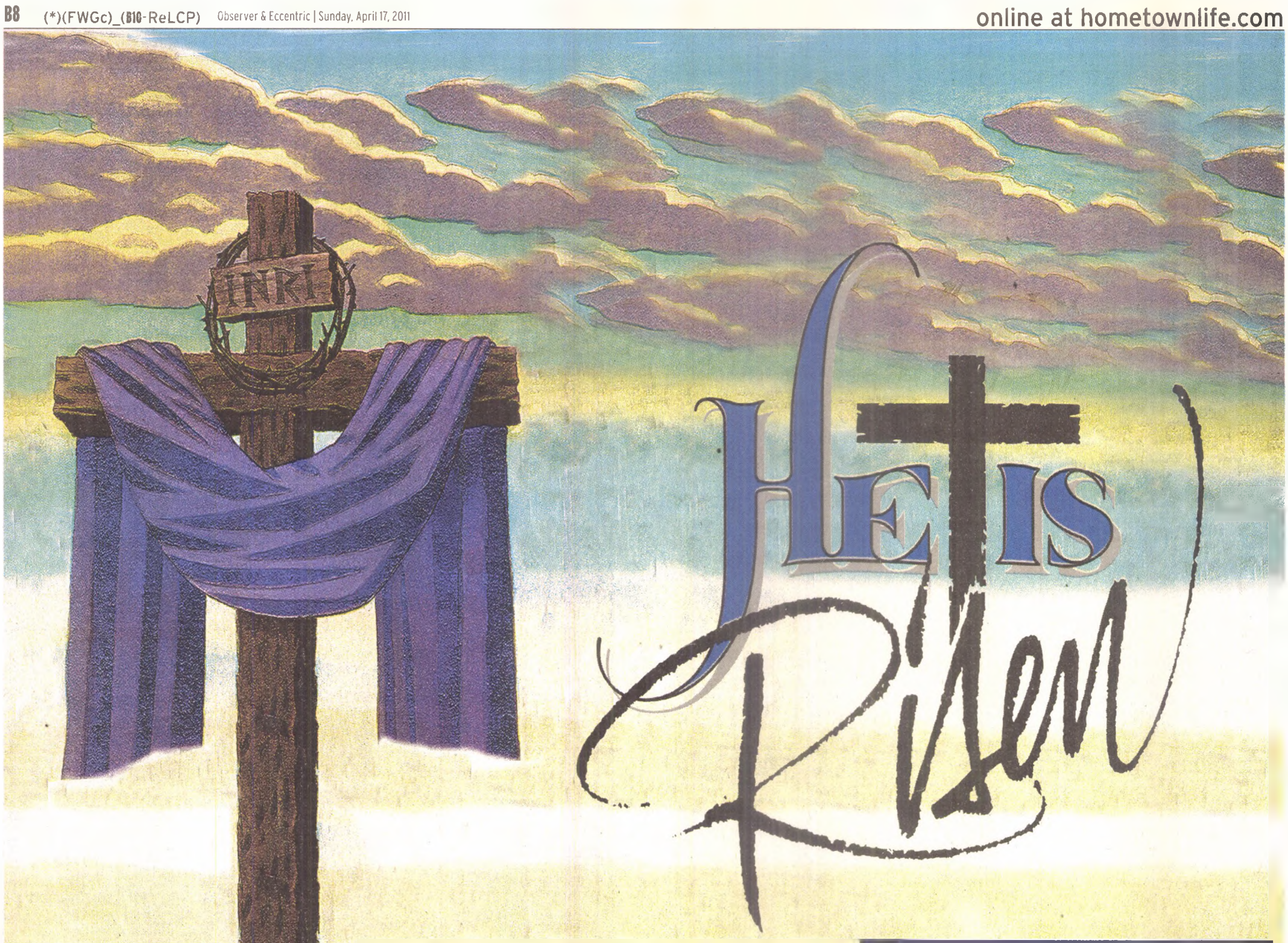

HOLY CROSS
Evangelical Lutheran Church

Maundy Thursday-
April 21 - 7:30 pm
Good Friday - April 22
12:30-2:00 pm - *Come as you can, go as you must*
7:30 pm – Tenebrae
Service of Darkness
EASTER VIGIL -
April 23 - Saturday
7:30 pm - *Service of Light*
EASTER SUNDAY
April 24th - 8 & 10 am
Brunch at 9 am
Nursery available

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Good Friday Worship 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.
Free Easter Breakfast 8:00 a.m.
Easter Festival Service 9:30 a.m.
Radio Broadcast on WLQV 1500 AM at 10:30 a.m.
Free DVD for all - *"The Road to Emmaus"*

HOLY WEEK
at Rosedale Gardens

PALM SUNDAY – Sunday, April 17
9:00 a.m. Friends in Faith Service with Praise Team
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Chancel Choir performing Cantata with Orchestra

MAUNDY THURSDAY – Thursday, April 21
7:30 p.m. Sacrament of the Last Supper – Fellowship Hall
Nursery Care Available

GOOD FRIDAY – Friday, April 22
7:30 p.m. Service of Shadows (Tenebrae)- Chapel
Nursery Care Available

EASTER SUNDAY – Sunday, April 24
9:00 a.m. Friends in Faith Service with Praise Team
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Chancel Choir performing Handel's "The Hallelujah Chorus"

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church USA
9601 Hubbard at West Chicago
Livonia, Mich. 48150
734.422.0494
http://www.rosedalegardens.org

Farmington First United Methodist Church
33112 Grand River (East of Farmington Rd.) 248-474-6573
www.FarmingtonFUMC.org

Easter Services
Sunrise Easter Service
7:30 a.m.- lead by our youth
9:30 a.m. Traditional
11:15 a.m. Casual

GOOD FRIDAY
Join us as six area churches combine for a Good Friday service, Friday, April 22, at 7 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church in Canton. Calvary, Charisma Life, Crosswinds, Ekklesia, Solid Rock, and Trinity Presbyterian will partner together to remember and celebrate the work of Jesus Christ. Choir, drama, music, testimonies, and Scripture will challenge us as we remember Christ's suffering on our behalf.

EASTER
Celebrate our *Risen Lord* at Calvary on Easter Sunday morning at 10:45 a.m.

Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Rd, Canton, 48187, 734-455-0022, www.cbcjoy.org

Resurrection Sunday
10:00 am, Sunday, April 24th
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Mother's Day Service—10:00 a.m. Sunday, May 8th
Fifteenth Anniversary Celebration—5:30 p.m., Sunday, May 15th

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APRIL 17
PALM SUNDAY
TRADITIONAL SERVICES
8 AM 9:30 AM 11 AM
CONTEMPORARY SERVICES
9:30 AM 11 AM

APRIL 21
MAUNDY THURSDAY
SERVICE OF SHADOWS & HOLY COMMUNION
7:30 PM

APRIL 22
GOOD FRIDAY
SERVICE OF REFLECTION
12 NOON - 1 PM

APRIL 24
EASTER SUNDAY
TRADITIONAL SERVICES
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CONTEMPORARY SERVICES
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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 21
7 p.m. Stripping of the Altar, Foot Washing and Holy Eucharist

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 22
12 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy
7 p.m. Choral Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 23
2 p.m. Children's Service and Easter Egg Hunt
8 p.m. Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 24
7 a.m. Holy Eucharist in Resurrection Chapel
9:15 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. Festival Eucharist with Choir
6 p.m. Lex Orandi service with Holy Eucharist

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HOLY SEASON SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday – April 21st
Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:00 pm

Good Friday – April 22nd
Liturgy of Good Friday – Noon
Evening Prayer and Stations of the Cross – 6:00 pm

Palm Sunday – April 17th
Low Mass – 8:30 am
High Mass – 10:30 am

Easter Sunday – April 24th
Low Mass – 8:30 am
High Mass – 10:30 am

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Friday, April 22
1:15p, 3:15p, 5:15p, 7:30p
Saturday, April 23
3:15p, 5:15p, 7:30p
Sunday, April 24
9:15a, 11:30a

NorthRidge Ann Arbor-Saline
7190 N. Maple Road
Saline, MI 48176
Sunday, April 24
10:00a

NorthRidge Brighton-Howell
400 Wright Road
Howell, MI 48843
Sunday, April 24
10:00a

NorthRidge Church

Bring the Kids!
Our Kid's Ministry is available.
Plymouth: Infant - 3rd Grade
Ann Arbor-Saline: Infant - 5th Grade
Brighton-Howell: Infant - 5th Grade

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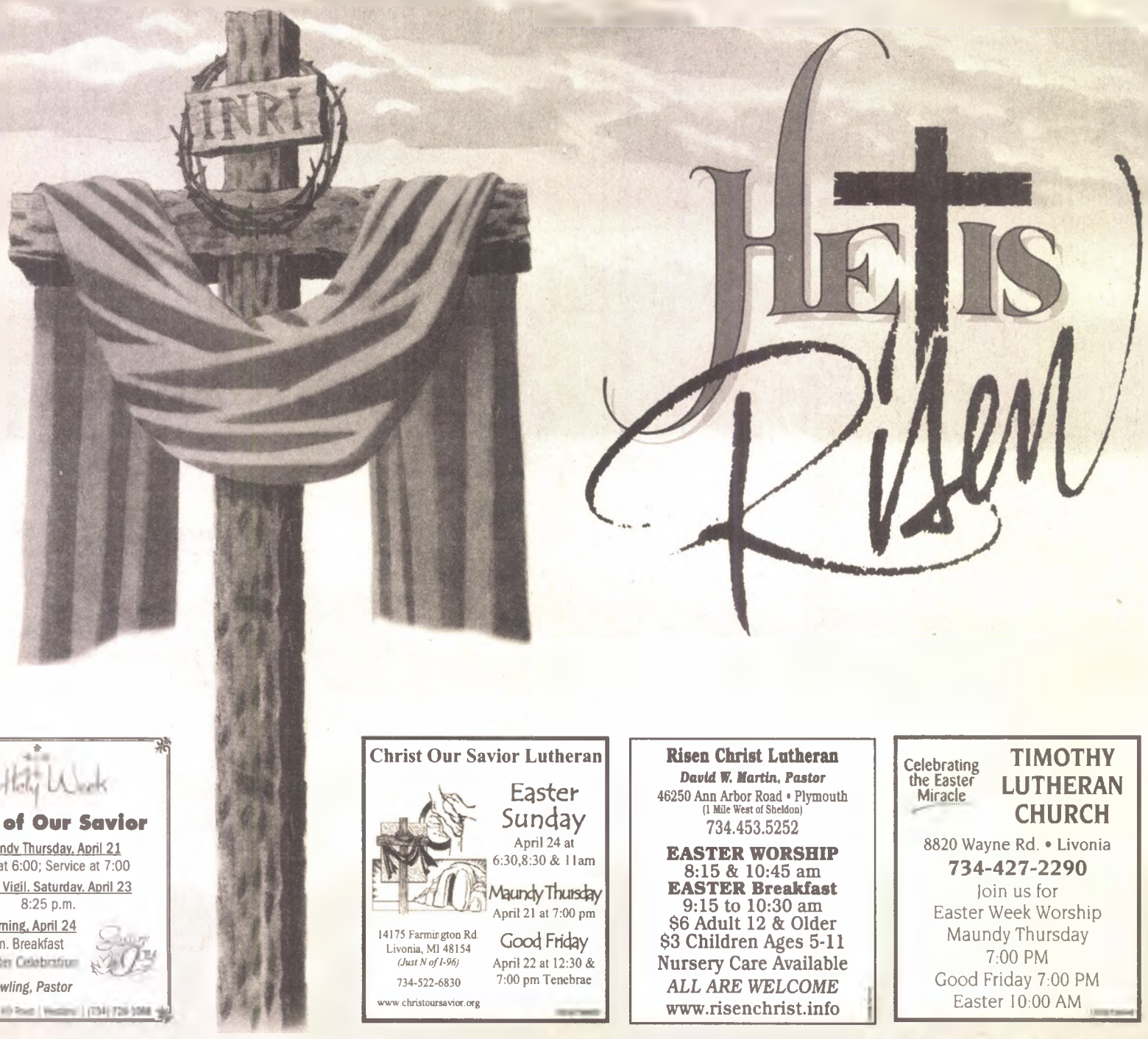

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Holy Week and Easter Day

Maundy Thursday, April 21
~ 12:10 p.m. The Holy Communion in commemoration of the first Lord's Supper.

Good Friday, April 22
~ 12:00 Noon - 3:00 p.m
Psalms, The Stations of the Cross, and the Good Friday Liturgy, with choral music throughout the Three Hours.
Enter when you can; leave when you must.

Easter Day, April 24
~ 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. ~ The Easter Liturgy Festival Choral Communion at both services.

Regular Services of Holy Communion
Sunday at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Thursdays at 12:10 p.m

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Holy Week

Kirk of Our Savior

Maundy Thursday, April 21
Meal at 6:00; Service at 7:00

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 23
8:25 p.m.

Easter Morning, April 24
8:00 a.m. Breakfast
10:30 Easter Celebration

Neil D. Cowling, Pastor

Christ Our Savior Lutheran

Easter Sunday
April 24 at
6:30,8:30 & 11am

Maundy Thursday
April 21 at 7:00 pm

Good Friday
April 22 at 12:30 &
7:00 pm Tenebrae

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734-522-6830
www.christoursavior.org

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Maundy Thursday
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Good Friday 7:00 PM
Easter 10:00 AM

"Journey To The Cross"

Sunday, April 17 - Friday, April 22
First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth
701 Church St., Plymouth
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM & evenings (M-F), 7:00-9:00 PM.
Self-directed prayer walk for personal contemplation and devotion.
Check fpcp.net or call 734-453-6464 for further information.

Harvest Ministries Church

23233 Drake Road
(corner of Drake & Freedom)
Farmington Hills
Phone: 248.478.1511 x58

Join us on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

You are welcome here!

Newburg United Methodist Church

36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia
(between Newburgh Rd. and Wayne Rd.)
www.newburgumc.org

Easter Sunrise – 7:00 a.m.
(at GreenMead 8 Mile & Newburgh Rd.)

Easter Breakfast - 8:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday Festival Worship
9:15 & 11:00 a.m.
(child care and Sunday School at both services)

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SERVICES
Palm Sunday, April 17, at 11:00 a.m.
Maundy Thursday, April 21, at 7:00 p.m. - Communion Service
Good Friday, April 22, at 12:00 noon
Remembrance of Jesus' hours on the cross.
Easter Sunday, April 24
9:30 a.m. - Easter Brunch in Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. -Program in Fellowship Hall/ Children's Pageant
11:00 a.m. -Sunday Service

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church

(WELS)
17810 Farmington Road ~ Livonia, Michigan
734-261-1360 ~ website: stpaulslivonia.org

2011 Holy Week Worship Opportunities

Palm Sunday.....April 17th ..... 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Maundy Thursday .....April 21st .....6:30 p.m.
Good Friday Afternoon.... April 22nd .....1:15 p.m.
Good Friday Tenebrae ..... April 22nd .....6:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday.....April 24th .... 7:00 & 10:00 a.m.

NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

36520 W. Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills
Phone: (248) 848-1750 *northcongregationalchurch.org*

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 24
9:00 a.m. Youth Easter Service
10:30 a.m. Easter Worship Service
"I Have Seen The Lord"
Rev. Mary E. Biedron, Senior Minister

Celebrate the Risen Christ with St. John's Episcopal Church

9:00 AM
Holy Eucharist with SonShine (contemporary music ensemble)

11:00 AM
Holy Eucharist with organ, choir, and handbells

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Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia 734.464.0211 www.holytrinitylivonia.org

Maundy Thursday - 7 pm
Good Friday - noon and 7 pm, Prayer Vigil 1-7 pm
Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil 7:00 pm
Easter Sunday - 8:30 and 11 am
Easter Brunch & Silent Auction 8 - 10:30 am

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

4/21 HOLY THURSDAY: *Confessions 5:00 - 6:45 pm*
Mass of The Last Supper 7:00 p.m.
Followed by the procession to Altar of Repose-The Stripping of the Main Altar & Adoration at the Altar of Repose until midnight

4/22 GOOD FRIDAY: Stations of the Cross 1:00 p.m.
Solemn Liturgy of The Passion of Our Lord at 3:00 p.m.
No Confessions today.

4/23 HOLY SATURDAY: *Confessions 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.*
Easter Vigil 10:30 p.m.

4/24 EASTER SUNDAY: *Confessions 9:15 a.m.*
Mass of The Resurrection - 10:00 a.m.

Join us for Holy Week
Orchard United Methodist Church

Maundy Thursday 7:30p.m.

Community Good Friday Service 12:15p.m.
Nursery Care Available

Easter Sunrise Service 6:30a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt 10a.m.
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Resurrection Parish

48755 Warren Road, Canton, MI 48187 734-451-0444

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week
Mass each day at 8:30 AM
Holy Thursday, April 21
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 PM, followed by adoration until Midnight
Good Friday, April 22
Scripture Service at 12:00 Noon, Stations of the Cross at 12:30 PM, Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 1:15 PM
Holy Saturday, April 23
Blessing of Food at 1:00 PM; Easter Vigil at 8:30 PM
Easter Sunday, April 24
Masses at 8:30 and 10:30 AM, and 12:30 PM in Church
PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK AND EASTER!

Covenant Community Church

25800 Student - Redford, MI 48239 - 313-535-3100
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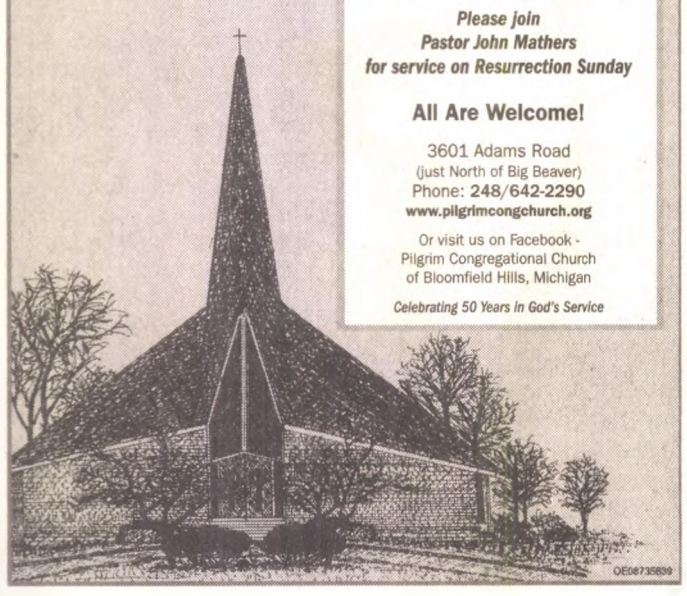
Easter Sunday Service Schedule

9 a.m. - Early Service; 11 a.m. - Second Service

Easter Breakfast Served 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.
(Everyone Welcome – no reservations necessary)

PILGRIM Congregational Church



Sunday Worship: 11:00 am
Easter Worship - April 24
Please join Pastor John Mathers for service on Resurrection Sunday

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April 17 – 24 is a very big week at 1669 W. Maple.

Palm Sunday morning we'll have two services at 8:30 and 10:00. Our children's choirs will be singing their hearts out.

Palm Sunday afternoon at 4:00 we'll be offering **The Seven Last Words of Christ** in a choir concert.

Maundy Thursday There will be a Communion service at 7:00 pm.

Good Friday evening at 7:00 pm we'll have our own Service of Darkness.

Saturday at 5:00 we'll have a ***Rejoicing Spirits* Service** celebrating the gifts of people of all abilities.

Easter Sunday
is the time when we'll celebrate Jesus' resurrection at our 7:00am Sunrise service, 8:30am Communion service and 10:00am traditional service. For children and a few zealous dads, we'll even have an Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:00am service.

Now how about making our week really complete?!

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Lenten & Holy Week Schedule 2011

Penance Services
April 18, 7 pm Taize Evening Prayer and Penance Services

Palm Sunday, April 17
7:30, 9 and 10:45 am and 12:30 and 6 pm Masses

Holy Thursday, April 21
8:30 am Morning Prayer
7 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 22
8:30 am Morning Prayer
12 Noon Stations of the Cross
1 pm Liturgy of the Passion

Holy Saturday, April 23
8:30 am Morning Prayer
11 am Blessing of the Baskets
Easter Vigil, 9 pm

Easter Sunday, April 24
7:30, 9 and 10:45 am and 12:30 pm Masses

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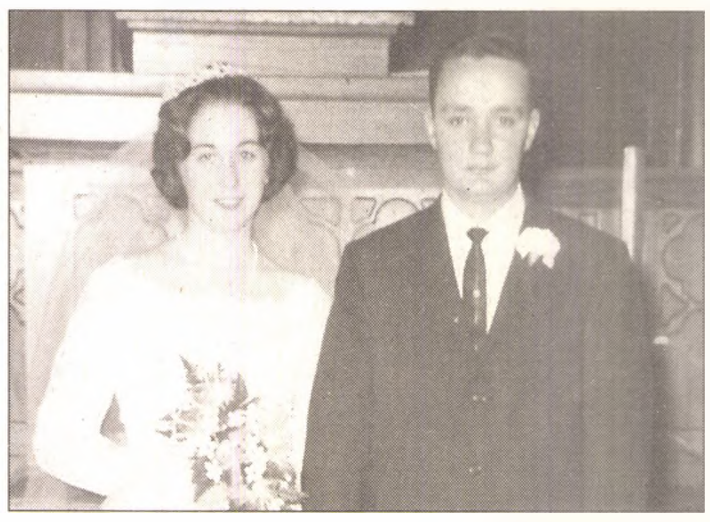
Mayo and Janet Cheney of Farmington Hills



Mayo and Janet Cheney on their wedding day.

MILESTONES

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

It seems only fitting that Janet and Mayo Cheney would celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary Saturday, April 16 at a dinner dance at Bakers of Milford.

The Farmington Hills couple met at dance lessons at Western High School in Detroit four years before they were married, on March 3, 1961 at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Samuel Wasson of Livonia served as Best Man and Alice Sheffield of Canton was the Maid of Honor.

Janet and Mayo both earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Wayne State University, where they also dated. Mayo's degrees were in electrical engineering and Janet studied education.

The Cheneys lived in Livonia and Southfield before moving to their current home.

Mayo retired in 2001 from Detroit Edison and Janet retired from Farmington Public Schools in 2010.

They've been active with their musical band, Special Blend, for more than 25 years. They also teach English through the Oakland University English Language Institute in Guizhou, China. They have traveled and lived in China more than seven times and are actively involved in supporting the Oakland University program.

Janet and Mayo have five children who reside in Wixom, Milford and Grand Blanc. They are David (Anna), Daniel (Cindy), Jonathan (Jenny), Christopher and Melanie. Christopher and Melanie arranged the party for their parents.

The couple also has 11 grandchildren: Daniel, Sonia, Connor, Scott, Jessica, Max, Jack, Alex, Autumn, Jazmine, and Skylar.

Mayo and Janet say life has been good to them and they wish for a long, happy and prosperous future for their family and dear friends.

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ABAD, MARY JO

Resident of Commerce Twp., and former resident of Farmington Hills, died at her home in the care of her family on April 14, 2011 after a valiant fourteen year battle with cancer. She was 67 years old. She is survived by her husband, John; daughters, Debora (Derek) Ritzel of Phoenix, AZ, Denise (Dave Blouin) Abad of Chicago; son, Dr. John (Georgina) Abad; grandchildren, Drew, Ben, & Jack; sister, Joy (Ron) Majzlik; sister-in-law, Margaret (Tom) Dunn and many nieces, nephews, and loving friends. Mrs. Abad was a graduate of the University of Michigan, and was well known for her work as a librarian at Detroit Catholic Central, and in the Plymouth-Canton School District where she served as the Librarian for many years in Farrand Elementary School. A Funeral Liturgy will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 1955 E. Commerce, Milford, on Wednesday, April 20, at 10AM with Fr. Ron Anderson officiating. Burial will follow at Milford Memorial Cemetery and a luncheon at the church will follow the committal prayers at the cemetery. Friends may visit at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, on Monday 4-6PM and Tuesday 2-9PM, with a Rosary on Tuesday 7PM. Memorials may be made in her name to St. Jude Children's Hospital. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

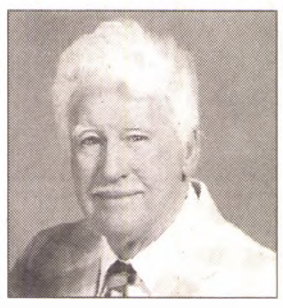
BIZER, LOUISE

A glad heart makes a cheerful countenance. Proverbs 15:13

Louise Bizer passed away peacefully April 14, 2011 at Renaissance Gardens in Fox Run in Novi, Michigan. She was an inspiration to those who knew her. Louise Jordan was born January 6, 1921. Shortly after high school she married Albert Bizer, and together they raised five children, first in Detroit and then in Farmington Hills. She worked for a number of years as assistant to the Farmington Hills Clerk, where she was well-liked and made many good friends, but as she said many times, the joy of her life was being a mother. She genuinely supported her children's interests and passions, and they responded by pursuing rewarding artistic and creative careers. They all established homes and families in the local area, and cared for their mother following Albert's passing in 2004 after 60 years of marriage. Louise spent her final months as a resident in Renaissance Gardens of Fox Run. No longer able to walk and hampered in her use of language by a stroke, her love for life and for people could not be extinguished, and she greeted everyone she encountered with smiles and enthusiasm. In her final days, she was met with a constant parade of staff, residents, and friends, who spoke of her joy, exuberance, and grateful spirit. Louise is survived by her brother, Robert (Lois) Jordan of Atlanta, Georgia, her children Ron (Christa) of Ann Arbor, Bill (Patricia) of Farmington Hills, Randy (Ann) of South Lyon, Jim (Mary Jo Larson) of Bloomfield, Lori Leighton (David) of Lake Orion, and her grandchildren Tim, Stephen, Kate, Matthew, Melissa, Elizabeth, Jordan, Noah, Bryce, and Elaina. Visitation will be Sunday, April 17, 2:00–6:00 p.m. at Thayer Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Avenue, Farmington (248) 474-4131. On Monday, April 18 there will be visitation at 10:00 a.m. followed by a service at 11:00 a.m. at Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 W. 13 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. A graveside ceremony will follow at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. Gifts in her memory may be given to the Alzheimer's Association.

CLARK, PAUL J.

Age 77, April 15, 2011. Beloved husband of Geraldine. Dear father of Paul (Ruthann), Mark (Peggy), Tim(Barb) & Patsy(Steve) Gregory. Grandfather of Eric, Scott, Rachel, Nick, Courtney(Ryan) Roark & Olivia Gregory. Visitation Sunday 2-8pm. Funeral service Monday 11:30am at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 N. Inkster (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill). www.santeiufuneralhome.com



CUMMING, JOHN JAMES

Age 90, went to be with our Lord on March 31, 2011. John was preceded in death by his beloved wife Laura. He is survived by his children Louise (James) LeCourt, Donna Cumming, John (Dianne) Cumming. Grandchildren Steven, Lecia, Amy, Emily, Jamie, James and Melinda and 12 great-grandchildren. John was born on June 14, 1920 to Louisa (Hepburn) and Bruce Cumming in Detroit. He was the older of two sons. John graduated from MacKenzie High School. Following high school he worked in the Civilian Conservation Corps. in Northern Michigan and later served three years in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He attended Plumbing Union Local 98 Trade School and later became a licensed Master Plumber. He married Laura on June 28, 1941, they celebrated their 69th anniversary in 2010. They moved to Plymouth in 1951 where in 1958 he opened John J. Cumming Plumbing & Heating Co. which is still family owned and operated. He was a life time member of the Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 and Masonic Plymouth Rock Lodge and the Plymouth Lions Club. They moved to Hemlock Lake in Reading, MI in 1987. He enjoyed fishing, walking, reading and GOLF. He was an active member of the Reading United Methodist Church until returning to Plymouth to be near his children in 2005. Words cannot express how much he will be missed by his family and friends. Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

GIBBS, NADINE E "Dena"

April 12, 2011, Age 55. Daughter of William and the late Nancy. Sister of John Gibbs, Beth Becker (Jim) and Paul Gibbs. Aunt of Debra and Amy Gibbs. Memorial Service Saturday 3 p.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple & Big Beaver). Family will receive friends Saturday 1 p.m. until time of service. Memorial tributes to Michigan Animal Rescue League, 790 Featherstone, Pontiac, MI 48342. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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GIBBS, PATRICIA BARNES

April 14, 2011. Age 85. Beloved wife of Richard Gibbs and the late Rob Barnes. Beloved mother of Debby Moore (James C.), Betsy Barnes, Leslie Karas (Paul A.) and Bob Barnes (Maryann). Grandmother of Katie, Kristen and Carolyn Moore, Andrew Karas, Maddy, Chris and Bridget Barnes. Also survived by many members of the Gibbs family. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile), Sunday 3-8p.m. Rosary 7p.m. Memorial Mass Monday 10a.m. at St. Regis Church, 3695 Lincoln at Lahser Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Visitation begins at the church at 9:30am. Memorial tributes to Detroit Institute of Arts or Beaumont Hospice. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

JENKS, RAYMOND L.

Of Livonia. April 15, 2011. Age 81. Beloved husband of Nancy. Loving father of Raymond (Donna), Carole (Jeffrey) Higgins & Matthew (Terri). Dear brother of Bernice Koch & the late Gerald. Proud grandfather of 8. Visitation Monday 3-9pm with 7pm Scripture Service at Czopek Funeral Directors, 2157 Oak St., Wyandotte (734) 285-9000. Funeral Services Tuesday morning at St. Aiden Church, 17500 Farmington Rd, Livonia.

LEWIS, BARBARA

Age 76, of Belleville, died Thursday, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. She was born May 10, 1934 in PA, daughter of the late Dean Luther Kaylor & Dorothea Eleanor (Nagle) Hildebrant. Preceded in death by husband James F. Lewis , also daughter Carolyn Lynn Kissau. Survived by daughter Linda Cox of Canton, 3 grandchildren Jennifer (Philip) Denbo, Bradley Tait and Shannon Kissau, 2 great-grandchildren Dylan Dunlop and Lukas Denbo, 2 sisters Sandra (Charles) Rowlett-Wayne and Sharon Brokenshire, both of Belleville, also two nieces, a nephew, and many great-nieces & nephews. Visitation was held at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. A Memorial Service was held at Connection Church, Canton. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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LONGYEAR, MARIAN G.
1918 – 2011

Marian G Longyear, 93, went to be with the Lord on April 4, 2011 in Sarasota, FL. She exemplified unshakable faith in God, a love of life, and family devotion. In service to Jesus Christ, she brought her family and numerous others to the faith. She was an inspiration to all she met. Her loving and giving spirit will live on through all who knew her. Marian Ryckman Longyear was born in Detroit, MI on January 17, 1918 and grew up in Detroit. She attended nursing school at Grace Hospital, where she met her future husband, Harold. The family settled in Bloomfield Hills for 35 years where Marian's adventurous spirit led her to many varied activities with family and friends. She was active as a scout leader, glass art teacher, Sunday school teacher and a member of the Kirk in the Hills Prayer Cordon and Bible study. Marian and Harold retired to Leelanau County where they loved living in the woods with nature, Lake Michigan and the Crystal River. They were "snowbirds," spending the winters in Naples and Sarasota, Florida. With a lively sense of fun and an inquisitive, inventive mind, Marian thoroughly enjoyed life. Songs of praise echoed through the woods from Marian's Bible study group. Family and friends, church fellowship at the Glen Lake Community Church, a love of nature, and a creativity with arts and crafts provided her many interests. Marian was the loving wife of the late Dr. Harold Longyear for 70 years; cherished mother of Sylvia Heggen, Charlotte Tharp and Howard Longyear; grandmother to nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren. A Memorial Service celebrating her life will be at Glen Lake Community Reformed Church in Glen Arbor on Saturday, May 28 at 11:00 am. Memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice or to one of Marian's favorites listed on website. Please visit Marian's memorial website, sign the guest book, and write some thoughts about her: http://www.mem.com and search for Longyear.

MATHEWS, ROBERT WILLIAM

Age 82, of Sarasota, FL, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died on April 10, 2011. Bob was born in Flint on May 12, 1928. He completed the Cooperative Engineering Program at the University of Cincinnati while working at the Delco Moraine Division of General Motors Corporation. After serving in active duty in the Navy for four years, Bob continued his successful career as an engineer with General Motors Corporation and retired from the GM Technical Center in 1983. He was very active with the Birmingham community theater. Bob is survived by his partner Jack R. Taylor; his daughter Jane M. Denman, Sarasota, FL; his daughter Nancy E. Mathews, Madison, WI; and his grandchildren Erica and Benjamin Lutz, Madison, WI. Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Ringling Museum or a charity of your choice.

Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One

PAGNANI,, ALBERT V.

Age 95, of Farmington, MI. Passed away April 8, 2011. Arrangements by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington. MI.

SINCLAIR, ROBERT EDWARD

Age 64, of Big Rapids, passed away Saturday, April 9, 2011 at Spectrum Health Butterworth. He was born September 19, 1946 in Providence, Rhode Island, the son of Robert and Jessie Anne (LaLonde) Sinclair, and was raised in Garden City, MI. Following his graduation from Garden City High School in 1964, Bob was a musician in the U. S. Navy. After being honorably discharged, Bob earned his B.S. Degree in Education from Eastern Michigan University, and his Master of Education degree from Ohio University. He worked at SUNY College in Brockport, NY as Director of Intramural Sports, until moving to Big Rapids in 1995, where he was Director of Student Recreation at Ferris State University until retiring in February, 2008. Bob was a member of the Mid-Michigan Officials Association, and for many years officiated high school football and softball games. He was active in the Big Rapids Rotary Club, and in 2009 began the Rotary program to provide Thanksgiving meals for area needy families. Bob was also a champion skeet shooter, and enjoyed deer hunting. On October 10, 2008, he married Sandy Jacobsen, who survives. Also surviving are two step-sons, Eric (Amy) Jacobsen of Kirkwood, PA, Pete (Brandy) Jacobsen of Fairbanks, AK; two grandchildren, Avery and Evelyn; his brother Daniel (Karen) of Wayne; four sisters, Peggy (Jim) Burklow of Garden City, Kathi Sinclair (Steve Platt) of Carson City, NV, Eileen White of Warren, and Linda Sinclair of Garden City; dear friends Mike Haas, Ed and Bonnie Dorman, Bob and Bonnie Meadows, Marty Kelley, Donna and Norm Lyttle, and Barb and Jim Dyer; and several nieces and nephews. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, his brother-in-law Noel White, and dear friend Dan Kelley. Memorial services for Bob will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 23, 2011 at the Mohnke Funeral Home in Big Rapids, with friend Ed Dorman officiating. Following cremation, burial will be in the Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Garden City later this Spring. Memorial contributions can be made in his name to the Rotary Club in Big Rapids, MI to help continue community projects. Contributions can be left at the funeral home or mailed directly to the Big Rapids Rotary Club at PO Box 521, Big Rapids, MI 49307. Bob's family will greet friends at the funeral home after 10:00 a.m. on Saturday until time of services. Share a memory or express condolences at: www.mohnkefuneralhome.com

STORM, SHANE

Age 24, of Belleville, died Friday at Oakwood Annapolis, Wayne. He was born May 18, 1986 in Garden City, son of David Stephenson Storm & Esther Marie Degillio. Shane spent many days at Childrens Hospital, Detroit and taught staff how to treat Juvenile Diabetes and give Insulin. Throughout his life, Shane kept a positive attitude and was a happy person who will be missed greatly. Survived by his companion Opal Allen, daughter Julianna Esperanza Storm, and a son on-the-way Shane Teddy Marshall Storm, all of Belleville, his mother Esther Degillio of Garden City, father Dave Storm of Riverview, step-father Harold Eugene "Bud" James of Romulus, grandfather Fred Degillio of Garden City, grandparents Florence & Emil Dragosits of Romulus, a brother Jacob Degillio, step-sister Lynn (Chris) Howe, step-brother Harold Eugene James, Jr., step-nephew Cody Howe, also numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Preceded in death by his grandmother Esperanze Degillio, also his dog Buster. Visitation 1-4PM & 6-8PM Wednesday at Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. Prayers 10:15AM Thursday, April 14, 2011 at the funeral home, processing to St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville for an 11AM Funeral Mass. Memorials to Children's Hospital, Detroit would be appreciated. www.davidcbrownfh.com

VECELLIO, MARK W.

43, of Livonia, died suddenly April 7, 2011. Mark is the devoted and cherished husband of over 10 years to Lisa; beloved father of Alison; and the dearest son of Joanne and the late Roger (d. 1993). In addition to his father, Mark was preceded in death by his sister, Cynthia, in 2004. Funeral Mass was Wednesday, April 13th at St. Edith Catholic Church, Livonia. Visitation was held at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Prayer Service was Tuesday 7:00 PM. Interment Holy Sepulchre, Southfield. Memorial tributes suggested to American Heart Association., americanheart.org. heeney-sundquist.com

VENTURA, RUTH A.

Age 95, April 12, 2011. Beloved wife of the late Peter A. Ventura. Loving mother of Peter H. (Cindi) Ventura, Ruth J. (Jim) Frazier and David A. Ventura. Dear grandmother of Jeffrey and Heather, Madison and Olivia, Michelle and Melissa and Alexander and Philip. Proud great grandmother of Marc, John, Adam, Ella, Laiken, Gralon, Maya and Isaac. Ruth is also survived by her loving caregivers, Carole Chimelak and Denise DiBiase. A Funeral Service will be held at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Friday at 10 AM. Visitation will be held on Thursday from 1 – 9 PM. Memorial contributions may be directed to Angela Hospice. Please share a memory at: www.rggrharris.com.

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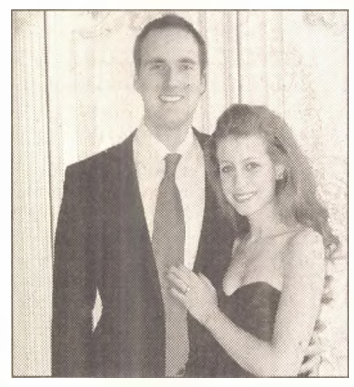
Andrew Paul Fenner (left), Madison Elizabeth Fenner and Aiden Brady Fenner

TRIPLETS ARRIVE

Paul and Theresa (Kuclo) Fenner of Waterford announce the birth of their babies, Andrew Paul, Madison Elizabeth, and Aiden Brady. The triplets were born Dec. 9, 2010 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Grandparents are Chris Kuclo of Farmington, Maureen Galster of Waterford, and David and Connie Fenner of Adrian.

Theresa is a 1992 graduate of Harrison High School and a former Farmington Hills resident.



Rotondo-Battista

FALL WEDDING

Nicole Marie Rotondo and John Arthur Battista announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Karen and Mike Rotondo of Plymouth, graduated from Mercy High School 2006 and from Albion College in 2010 with a BA in Spanish and political science, and certification in secondary education. She plans to obtain a master's degree in education. Nicole currently teaches middle school Spanish at St. Regis Catholic School, in Bloomfield Hills.

Her fiance, son of Lynda and John Battista of Canton, graduated in 2003 from St. Mary's Prep in Orchard Lake and in 2007 from Northeastern University in Boston, Mass. He holds a degree in international business and works as director of business development for his family's business.

An October 2011 wedding is planned at St. Mary's in Orchard Lake.

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Grant designed to improve children's health care

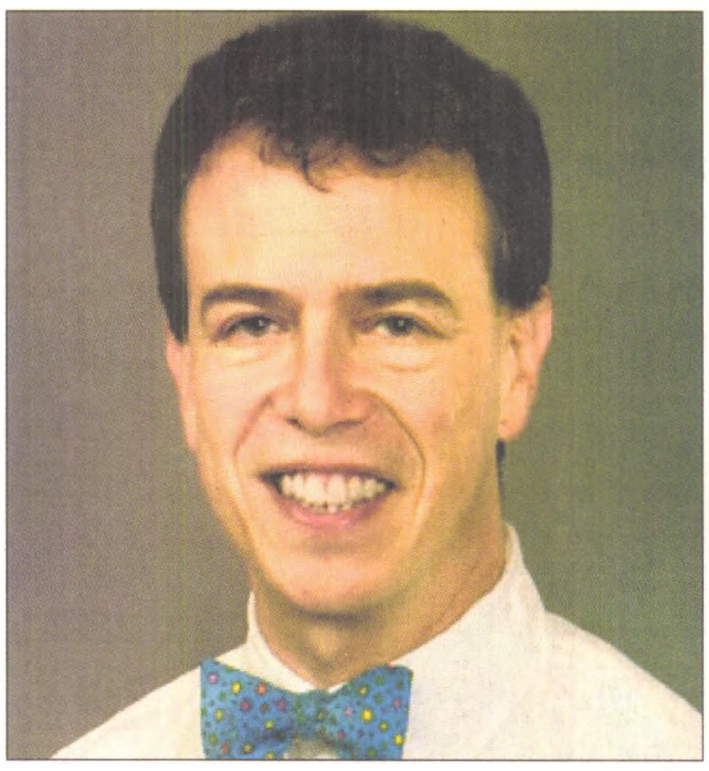
University of Michigan researchers have received a four-year $8 million grant to help develop, test and refine pediatric health care measures for children in the United States.

Dr. Gary L. Freed, director of the division of General Pediatrics and director of the Children's Health Evaluation and Research (CHEAR) Unit, will be the principal investigator leading a team of at least 10 researchers and at least 8 partners and research centers and organizations, including the State of Michigan Medicaid Program.

The University of Michigan was one of seven top medical centers in the country to receive such grants, which will be used to improve the quality and outcomes of health care for children, including the almost 40 million children enrolled in Medicaid and/or the Children's Health Insurance Program, also known as CHIP.

"We are thrilled to get started on this project, which will affect the way children are cared for in this country in profound ways," Freed stated. "There currently are only very limited ways to measure the quality of care provided to children for in this country. Having standard measures will help to improve the quality of care for our nation's children."

Funding for the work comes from the 2009 Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act, also known as CHIPRA. Since the law was passed, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services have worked together to implement selected provisions of the legislation related to children's health care quality.



Dr. Gary L. Freed of the University of Michigan will lead a program to help develop, test and refine pediatric health care measures for children in the U.S.

U-M researchers will develop new quality measures to meet objectives identified through a public process; enhance existing measures; develop or enhance methods to allow for data capture and sharing; identify and compare racial and ethnic, socioeconomic, and special health care need disparities; and engage health care providers, state programs, private insurers, patients and families to ensure measures are practical.

Partners include Altarum Institute; HealthCore, Inc; National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions; National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality; Vanderbilt University Department of Medical Informatics; and the American Board of Pediatrics. The project will work with the Michigan Medicaid program, and will include a representative from the family advocacy group Family Voices to ensure involvement of families and patients. The project also will work with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) to ensure additional parent involvement.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

St. Mary Mercy

The Healthy Living, Healthy Woman, health seminar runs 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 28, in the hospital auditorium. The speaker is St. Mary Mercy physician, Paul Makela who will discuss effective solutions for common women's health conditions including stress incontinence, pelvic organ prolapse, and difficulty emptying the bladder. The presentation is free but registration is required. Call (734) 655-2281 to register.
The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile, Livonia.

Developmental Disabilities Institute

Jeffrey J. Martin, professor, researcher and author, will speak from 3-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, at Wayne State University's Welcome Center Auditorium, 42 W. Warren Road, Detroit. Martin will discuss his recent book chapter, "Exercise Psychology for Individuals with Disabilities," in Oxford University Press's "Exercise Psychology." Martin is a professor of kinesiology, health and sport studies at Wayne State University. The program is free and open to the public. http://www.ddi.wayne.edu/author_series.php

Arthritis expo

The Arthritis Foundation will present its annual expo from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at Greater Grace Temple, 23500 W. Seven Mile, Detroit. Certified instructors from the Arthritis Foundation will demonstrate arthritis friendly exercise and tai-chi. Dr. Joseph Skender of the Oakland Arthritis Center will explain the basic forms of arthritis and how they affect different people. He will discuss some of the latest resources and pain management techniques and will have a question and answer time to hear what concerns the participants the most. Dr. Eric Silberg of Oakwood Hospital will talk about the latest in joint replacement surgery; Dr. Alan Biddinger of North Troy Associates will focus on conservative treatment options for knee pain and how to better manage osteoarthritis; and Bahram Nadim will discuss the ways to prepare mind, body and home for surgery. He will walk participants through what they might expect during their recovery time. A "Resource Walk" will feature products and services relevant to those living with arthritis. Companies from Southeastern Michigan will be on hand with information. The expo is open to all ages. Boxed lunches will be served. Pre-register by calling the Arthritis Foundation at (800) 968-3030.

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Michigan Bariatric Institute

The Institute will hold a plus-size clothing sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, May 7, in the south lobby at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Many post-operative bariatric patients will sell their gently used, plus-sized clothing. There will be a variety of reasonably priced choices of clothing for women (sizes 14-32) and men (sizes 40-60, and up to 5XL. (877) 949-9344 or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital

Stroke seminar will include a robot demonstration, panel of expert, free blood pressure and stroke screenings and a question and answer session, 4:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 10. The seminar is free but registration is required. To register, call (734) 655-2365, or visit stmarymercy.org/classes. Refreshments and light snacks will be served. The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile, Livonia.

Skin cancer screening

Wayne State University Physician Group is offering a free screening 2"30-5:30 p.m. May 4 at 18100 Oakwood Blvd., Suite 300, in Dearborn. Only walk ins will be accepted. For more information call 313) 240-4900.

ONGOING

Aquatic classes

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

Arthritis support group

2-3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Dr., Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

Bipolar support

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6:30-8 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon Road, Suite 160B, Plymouth. It is accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-14. It is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings are open also to family members. All DBSA leaders are professionally trained and attend two trainings for every year to update their skills in leading the group. Call Nancy at (734) 536-3457 or Katrina (734) 837-7700 with questions.

Breast cancer support group

Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road), Livonia. Call (734) 655-1100, or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

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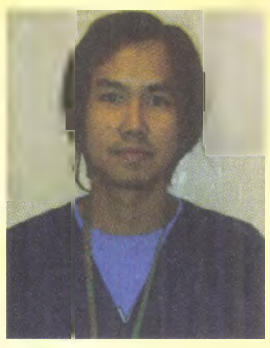

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