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Parking property

The Plymouth Downtown Development Authority Board voted last week to enter into a purchase with the Christian Science Church on Ann Arbor Trail to add downtown parking inventory.

Under the agreement, the city of Plymouth will purchase and lease back to the DDA approximately 1.5 acres of the property that currently has about 100 parking spaces, which DDA officials said will help ease the parking crunch downtown.

The Plymouth City Commission is expected to vote on the agreement at its Feb. 6 meeting.

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Committee OKs 'Beloved'

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Supporters of the use of Toni Morrison's book *Beloved* in Plymouth-Canton's advanced placement literature curriculum hailed Friday's announcement the review committee considering its appropriateness voted to leave the Pulitzer Prize-winning book in the syllabus as a victory for academic quality.

The nine members of the review committee cast their

votes anonymously Thursday, and the decision was announced Friday afternoon. District officials would not say whether the vote was unanimous.

In a statement released Friday, district officials said the *Beloved* committee considered the appropriateness of the material for the age and maturity level of students; the accuracy of the material; the objectivity of the material; and the necessity of using the material in light of the curriculum.

Erin MacGregor, the district's

director of secondary education, facilitated the committee.

"One of the common themes I heard as the facilitator was (committee members) felt the parents had the right to opt their own daughter out of the discussion, but they didn't feel as though those parents had the right to opt all the other kids out of the consideration of the book," MacGregor said. "Everyone read the book cover to cover, and what I heard was they felt the book was a tremendous read for that level of

student to engage in.

"They didn't feel that resource was necessarily appropriate for all students, but for AP level students, it was a great read," MacGregor added.

The committee began the review process for *Beloved* with a Jan. 11 hearing at which they heard from the complainants, Canton parents Matt and Barb Dame, and from teachers Gretchen Miller and Brian Read. It was Read who first

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Ohio resident Aaron Costic works on a piece called "Wall of Souls" during Friday's opening day of the 30th annual Plymouth Ice Festival.

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Milestone ice festival comes with deep freeze

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

The afternoon chill was warmly greeted Friday at the Plymouth Ice Festival.

"I like this kind of weather," carver Ted Wakar of Canton Township said after finishing the "ice bar" outside E.G. Nick's on Forest. "Beautiful, beautiful for ice-carvers."

Friday marked the start of downtown Plymouth's 30th annual ice festival, and Wakar, an instructor and the owner of an ice-carving business, has carved at all of them. Temperatures Friday were in the teens — the first real blast of cold so far this winter — but Wakar said the weather was expected to warm up for Saturday's visitors.

In addition to the ice bar, which E.G. Nick's owner Frank Agostini was readying for service as Wakar spoke, Wakar had carved an old-time beer wagon for the Box Bar and a news desk for Channel 2.

Jeff Wolf, also an instructor and the Macomb Community College ice-carving coach, said he enjoys the festival for Plymouth's small-town friendliness.

"I love the hometown feel that Plymouth has,"



Jared Olsonbaker, 6, peeks through a sculpture.

Wolf, who also has an ice-carving business, said during a break from his work on a 12-foot abstract in Kellogg Park. "How many towns do you have with a little ol' park in the middle?"

Wolf said he likes the camaraderie with fellow carvers and interacting with the public at a time of the year many might prefer to hibernate.

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Plan likely involves closing schools

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Stacey Collins' son has gotten used to knowing Hoben Elementary School is going to be his school when he starts kindergarten in the fall.

He's been at the building, he's played on the playground and he's ready to sign up when kindergarten roundup comes around in March.

That familiarity may not help Collins' son much, though, after Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials decide what to do with the results of a facilities survey done by Plante Moran CRESA, the firm the Board of Education hired to conduct the survey.

CRESA is expected to present a variety of options under three different "umbrella" scenarios designed to help the district best maximize the use of its 2.5 million square feet of educational space.

And every option is expected to include the closing of at least one elementary school.

"Yes, we're most likely going to close at least one school," said Phil Freeman, the district's assistant superintendent for facilities. "Right now we're not optimizing the use of our facilities. The term Plante Moran is using is 'right-sizing' the district, and I think that's an accurate term."

After getting more than 2,800 responses to an online survey, CRE-SA partner Paul Wills presented the three "umbrella" scenarios to the Board of Education at Tuesday's meeting. The first proposes the potential closing of three elementary schools; the second would close two elementaries and one middle school; the third, which suggests a possible reconfiguring of elementa-

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Snyder speech welcomed in Plymouth, with reservations

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Gov. Rick Snyder is getting good reviews from local elected officials for his second State of the State address, delivered Wednesday evening to a joint session of the Michigan Legislature.

In a low-key, wide-ranging talk — Snyder

used notes, but had no prepared speech — the Republican governor listed accomplishments from 2011 and outlined goals for this year. Decreasing unemployment, abolishing the Michigan Business Tax, balancing the state budget and teacher tenure reform went on the plus side of Snyder's 2011 ledger, while con-

tinued job growth, crime reduction, increased government accountability and a new Detroit River bridge were among the things on his to-do list.

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Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume joins state Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, in the House chamber prior to Gov. Rick Snyder's State of the State speech Wednesday.

Friends, co-workers rally for much-loved waitress

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

"I'm here for Bonnie." Walk into the Big Boy restaurant on Ann Arbor Road with those words Monday evening and you'll be helping a long-time waitress who's battling a serious disease.

Friends, regular customers and co-workers are rallying to support Bonnie Oster of Plymouth, a waitress at the Plymouth Township Big Boy for more than 30 years. They have organized a fundraiser planned for 5-8 p.m. Monday at the restaurant; 25 percent of dinner receipts, from those who say they're there for Bonnie, will be set aside for her, said restaurant manager Mike Elewa.

Oster has an aggressive small-cell cancer, said daughter Cathi, and recent complications have weakened her. She's been staying with her daughter and is to be



Bonnie Oster of Plymouth, a longtime waitress at the Big Boy on Ann Arbor Road, with her manager, Mike Elewa. Oster, who takes care of a son with ALS, is battling cancer, and the restaurant and some of her regular customers are planning a Monday fundraiser for her.

admitted to Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit early this week for another round of chemotherapy.

Lots of love

Elewa said Oster is a caring, generous person who is much loved by

customers.

"Very good personality," he said. "She's just a person who gives more than she takes."

"She would visit the customers when they were in the hospital," said her daughter, adding that

her mother is a "model in the community."

Elewa said the Big Boy will be offering its normal menu during the fundraiser, plus a free spaghetti bar for children and games for kids. With chemotherapy compro-

missing her immune system, Oster won't be able to attend, but those who do will be taking photographs and signing cards to send to her, Elewa said.

Customers and co-workers have already contributed nearly \$1,000 in donations in a canister set on the counter at Big Boy. "She has a lot of people that love her, so everybody puts something in there," Elewa said.

Weekly routine

In addition to working full time until around Christmas, Elewa said, Oster has spent many years caring for a son, Craig Oster, who suffers from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or ALS, a disabling neurological disorder. Every Friday after her shift at Big Boy, Elewa said, she drives to Lansing to visit him, taking his food for the week, which she has specially prepared. She heads back to Plymouth every Saturday night, he said, and

returns to work Sundays.

Her daughter said Oster has maintained the routine for 17 years.

"She carried a heavier load than most of us normally will — or could," she said.

Her daughter said doctors have a regimen of chemotherapy and radiation planned for Oster. "She's a very strong candidate and she's very young and obviously she has a lot of endurance. Those are all good things," she said. But complications also need to be overcome, she said.

Elewa said Oster has Medicare, but that not all medical expenses are covered. As she hasn't been able to work, he is concerned about her living expenses, too; she doesn't have disability insurance.

"She's been good to all the community, and we'll try to help her as much as we can," Elewa said.

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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

GYPSY SONGS

Date/Time: Sunday, Feb. 5, 4:30 p.m.
Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Mezzo-soprano Elizabeth Mitchell is the featured artist for "Songs of the Gypsy."

the latest in the Resounding Art in a Sacred Space the concert series of St. John's Episcopal Church. An admission donation of \$10 for individuals and \$25 for families is suggested for this concert.

Contact: For more information call (734) 453-0190, Ext. 16, or visit the church website at www.stjohnsplymouth.org.

JAZZ CONCERT

Date/Time: Tuesday, Jan. 31, 7-10 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge 1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth

Details: The Plymouth Elks welcome back the Terry Lower Trio with vocalist

Edye Evans-Hyde. Joining Terry and Edye will be Jim Ryan on drums and Ray Tini on bass. The \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres.

Contact: Call (734) 453-1780 or e-mail plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com

OLGC OPEN HOUSE

Date/Time: Sunday, Jan. 29, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish School, 1062 Church Street in Plymouth

Details: The public is welcome to the school open house. Guided tours will be available, along with displays throughout the school and light refreshments being served in the commons area. Applications for the 2012/2013 school year are due Feb. 10.

Contact: Call (734) 453-3053.

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

Date/Time: Tuesday, Jan. 31, 6:30 p.m.

Location: Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center, Canton

Details: Parents of college-bound students are invited to a free event on paying for college. The seminar will deal with out-of-pocket costs, reducing expected family contributions, and filing for financial aid.

Contact: To make a reservation, call (800) 390-5896.

EUCHRE CHALLENGE

Date/Time: Saturday, March 10, 6 p.m.

Location: Elks club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth

Details: The Metro Detroit Euchre Tournament is designed as a fun night out for people who like to

play the game. Proceeds will support the Canton Chiefs Wrestling Team, a State of Michigan Top 10 Team. Cash awards will be given to the top four players. There will be free door prize drawings, a raffle for more great prizes and a silent auction.

Contact: Pre-register by e-mailing MetroDetroit-Euchre@yahoo.com or call Linda Obrec at (734) 945-6685.

MOM2MOM SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., March 10

Location: Hillside Elementary School, 36801 W. 11 Mile Rd, Farmington Hills. **Details:** \$2 early admission, \$1 general admission. About 100 tables of gently used baby, maternity and children's clothing, toys, equipment and furniture. A great opportunity to get items you need and save money off of retail prices. Proceeds of the sale will benefit Hillside Elementary and its students. Now accepting resale table registrations.

Contact: E-mail hillside-mom2mom@gmail.com

MOPS MEETINGS

Date/Time: First-third Fridays, 9:15-11:30 a.m.

Location: St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth

Details: The St. Edith/St. Kenneth Catholic Parishes' Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group invites all mothers with children aged newborn through kindergarten to join. The group provides the encouragement, nurturing, and support and features a schedule of activities that include speakers, crafts, and group discussions.

Contact: Heather at (734) 437-9517 or e-mail stekmops@gmail.com, or visit www.stekmops.org.

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introduced *Beloved* into the curriculum.

Dame brought the complaint about *Beloved* to the district's attention Dec. 20, citing the obscene nature of some passages in the book and asking that it be removed from the curriculum.

Dame had not yet returned a call seeking comment.

The Dames brought the same complaints forward about Graham Swift's 1983 book *Waterland*, which Supt. Dr. Jeremy Hughes immediately removed from the curriculum. That book, which still remains out of the hands of students, is slated to be reviewed in the next few weeks by a new committee.

MacGregor said Friday the outcome of the *Beloved* review will have no bearing on what happens with *Waterland*.

Students hailed the decision Friday. Ben Sonnega, a Salem High School junior from Plymouth, said the book never should have been considered for removal in the first place.

"It's absolutely the right decision," Sonnega said. "It's perfectly ideal for college preparation. The reasons they were (considering) taking away the book are shallow. It was selfish to (try to) take the book away because it takes away from the rest of us."

Salem junior Jessi Longe, who spoke at a recent board meeting in favor of keeping the books, agreed the committee made the right decision.

"They're really good books," said Longe, a Plymouth resident.

"They're probably going to be on the AP test ... the teachers pick those books for a reason."

Laurie Golden of Plymouth doesn't have any children in the AP English program. But Golden, who does have children in the district, still thinks both *Beloved* and *Waterland* should be part of the curriculum if for no other reason than their presence on the test.

"I think the teachers did a really good job of showing how the books fit with their curriculum. ... They made a very good case for the value of the books," said Golden, communications director for the Canton Public Library. "It is so often used in the AP test ... if I had a kid in the class, and they weren't teaching that book, it would almost seem negligent not to teach it."

MacGregor said he didn't think outside pressure — such as the national attention or the letter from the ACLU criticizing the decision to take the book away in the first place — was a factor in the committee's reasoning.

"No it did not," MacGregor said. "The committee felt very comfortable with the process being an anonymous process. I don't think (any outside influence) had any effect at all. I was just very impressed with the committee members and their ability to come in objectively, and with the expertise and background they brought in."

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Assembly 'rocks' Pioneer gym

Pioneer Middle School's gymnasium rocked Thursday like it's never been rocked before when the school's Media Production class presented, "Project Rock: It Might Get Loud 2.0" to an all-school assembly.

According to teacher Jason Kay, "Project Rock" is, first and foremost, a celebration of music, the creative vision, the dedication entailed in pursuing passions, and the "commitment to improve and expand one's repertoire."

The assembly showcased former students who have taken different paths and gave them a forum to talk about their experiences.

"One of our motivations is to inspire the next generation of young musical artists to pick up a guitar or sit down in front of the drum pad and carve out a plan to channel their vision and voice thru instruments and songs," Kay said in an e-mail to the Observer. "At the root, it's about promoting artistic expression, creativity, setting goals, working hard at something personal that matters to you, and collaborating with others who share similar interests."

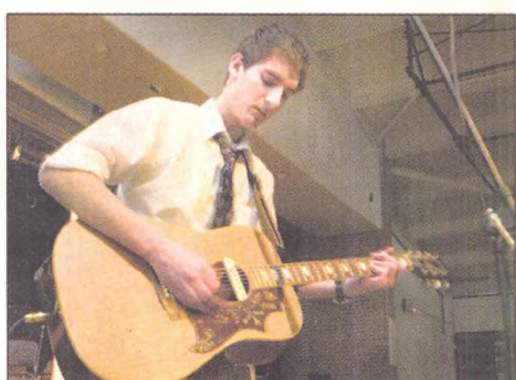
The assembly featured live performances from budding musicians currently creating eclectic sub-genres of rock, a DJ who's traveled throughout the Midwest and abroad, and a self-taught producer who's gaining momentum and critical acclaim.

"I'm grateful to have such ambitious, talented, and giving students who want to come back to their old stomping grounds and share with our current students their lessons, advice, and love of music, not to mention their talents," Kay said.



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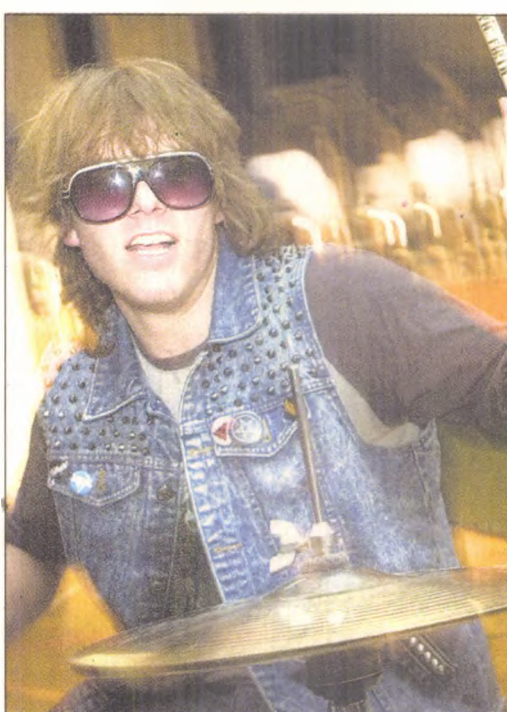
Kyle Mikolajczyk, of the band Hazardhead, plays for the Pioneer Middle School crowd. Project Rock: It Might Get Loud, organized by the media production class, featured former Pioneer students.



Tenth-grader, singer and songwriter Michael Martin may be a musical prodigy, according to Pioneer teachers who know him.



Sixth-graders Nick Janicevic, Alex Kelso and Tommy Casari, listening to It Might Get Loud.



Former Pioneer student Taylor Greenshields, of Hazardhead.

ON CAMPUS

Albion College

Several local students have been named to the Albion College dean's list for the fall 2011 semester.

Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above at the completion of the semester. This GPA must be based on at least three units in graded courses and a minimum of four units completed.

- **Brett de Bear** is majoring in history education and minoring in English education, with a concentration in the Fritz Shurmur Center for Teacher Development secondary certification program. She is the daughter of Robert and Jane de Bear of Plymouth and a graduate of Salem High School.

- **Cara Delaney** is majoring in mathematics education and minoring in physics education, with a concentration in the Fritz Shurmur Center for Teacher Development secondary certification program. She is the daughter of Stuart and Beth Delaney of Plymouth and a graduate of Canton High School.

- **Grace Dougherty** is majoring in chemistry - biochemistry and minoring in cell and molecular biology and anthropology, and is a member of the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Program. She is the daughter of David and Lucy Dougherty of Canton and a graduate of Salem High School.

- **Hannah Mills** is majoring in sociology and ethnic studies and minoring in Spanish. She is the daughter of Jim and Susan Mills of Plymouth and a graduate of Canton High School.

- **Emily Nemeth** is majoring in mass media communication studies (mass media emphasis), and is a member of the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Program. She is the daughter of Christopher and Terrie Nemeth of Plymouth and a graduate of Ladywood High School.

- **Jennifer Polinski** is majoring in biology and mathematics, and is a member of the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Program. She is the daughter of Craig J. Polinski and Peggy A. Cummins of Plymouth and a graduate of Ladywood High School.

Bucknell University

Kathryn M. Janda of Plymouth made the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2011-12 academic year at Bucknell University. A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition.

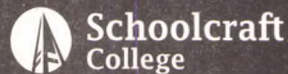
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ry schools into upper- and lower-level elementaries, would see two elementary schools closed.

At a public forum Wednesday at Discovery Middle School in Canton, Freeman and Wills were quick to point out no decision has been made — or even considered — about which schools to close.

“There are no preconceived notions,” said Freeman, a parent of P-CCS students whose family has twice been affected by such moves. “If we closed every school I’ve heard rumors about closing, we’d be closing seven elementaries, two middle schools and a high school already.”

Wills wasn’t ready Tuesday to make specific recommendations, largely because transportation costs hadn’t yet been factored in. Those figures, along with CRESA’s specific options, are expected to be discussed at a special board meeting Thursday, Feb. 2.

Complicating matters is the district’s decision to move to all-day kindergarten beginning in September. The move was forced by the state, which will offer only half-funding for students in half-day kindergarten programs (until now, districts received the full foundation allowance for such students).

Several Plymouth-Canton elementary schools are already at or above capacity for kindergarten students, while others are well below. Some parents, such as Collins, are worried they’ll register their children at one school in March and find out later the child will go to a different school.

Kindergarten enrollment varies from the 112 students at Workman down to just 45 students

at Fiegel. Overall, four of the district’s 16 elementary schools are at 91-percent capacity (Smith is at 110 percent, Bird is at 107), while Dodson (66 percent), Hulsing (57 percent) and Fiegel (52 percent) are below 60 percent.

“I have a kindergarten and I have to register him in two months,” Collins said. “He’s comfortable (about Hoben). If he has to move, I want time to be able to talk to him about it.”

Freeman said the district is also concerned about forcing any students to change buildings this year, and then force them to change again when the board makes its decision.

“No matter what, we will have to do some redistricting next year because we’re going to all-day kindergarten,” Freeman said. “We just don’t have the space at some of our buildings. We want to minimize those transitions.”

While everyone is concerned about how redistricting might work out and which buildings will close, at least one parent agreed such moves — as painful as they might be — need to be made.

“We need to make the changes,” said Janelle Merner of Canton. “We can’t please everyone, but we need to do our best. I hope the board will take everything into consideration, and they move on it and not drag their feet.”

“There will be people who are upset,” she added, “but we’re at a point where we need to rip off the bandage.”

Freeman said the district will also be mindful of its biggest task: maintaining student achievement.

“Yes, this is about cost-saving and right-sizing,” Freeman said. “But it’s also about offering the best educational programs.”

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Chef Jeff Wolf and Vince Terrana place an ice sphere on a large sculpture.

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“It gives ’em a wonderful excuse to go out and really enjoy what Michigan has to offer,” he said.

Wolf was making his 29th visit to the festival — he missed the first one — and was to coach MCC students in the individual collegiate carving competition Saturday.

Other sculptures in the park in the festival’s opening hours included a skier, a penguin, a windmill (sponsored by Awrey’s Bakeries) a swan and a bench, carved into the shape of a polar bear, that visitors can use for photo opportunities. Near Wolf’s abstract was another large sculpture by members of his team, of the Disney Channel cartoon characters Phineas and Ferb.

The festival continues through Sunday in Kellogg Park and downtown Plymouth; the Sunday hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For a detailed schedule, visit the festival website, www.plymouthicefestival.org. The event also

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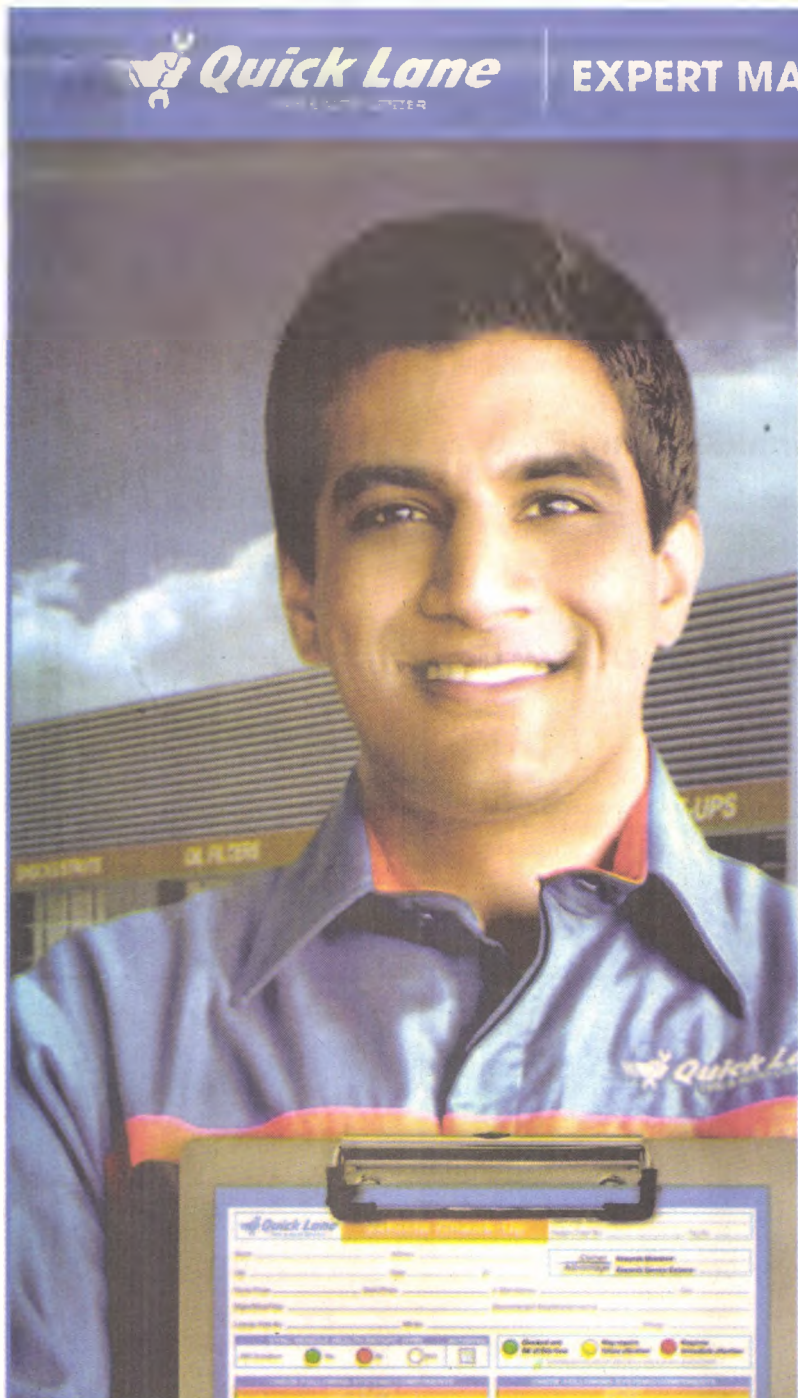
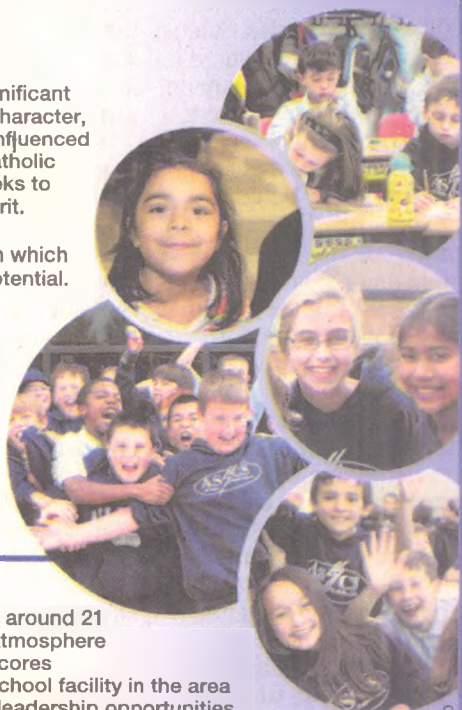


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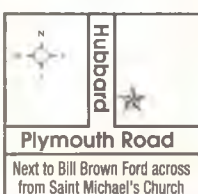
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state back on its feet," Snyder said of his first year in office. "Thanks to the leadership of our legislative partners, we've taken bold but thoughtful action to do what's right for Michigan. We're getting it right and getting it done. But this is no time to let up."

State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, called the speech a "businesslike, methodical assessment."

"It was very much like a CEO giving a report to shareholders, but that report is very positive," Heise said Thursday morning.

'Outstanding ideas'

"He's not a very effective public speaker. It's almost painful," Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer said.

But, "I'm all behind his ideas," Dwyer added. "I think he's got outstanding ideas, and I think he's proven to be very effective."

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton Township, echoed the governor's "relentless positive action" mantra.

"I thought he was upbeat, as reflected in the progress we have made during the last year, and the stage has been set for a very bright future through relentless positive action," Colbeck said.

Colbeck said he was encouraged by the drop in unemployment, from more than 11 percent a year ago to about 9.3 percent today, and about what Snyder said was halting a six-year net exodus of residents.

"I'm so excited about the opportunity to keep our kids and our grandkids in the state," Colbeck said.

"Michigan is definite-

ly turning the corner economically," Heise said.

Heise, a former director of the Wayne County Department of Environment, said he was pleased that Snyder said he'd develop a vision for the Great Lakes. Tourism, the careful use of resources and the economy are tied together, he said.

"The environment, job creation and the economy are not mutually exclusive," he said.

Dwyer said he liked Snyder's 2012 goal of greater government accountability. "I think that's been a gigantic weakness in state government for a long time," he said.

Areas of concern

But he said he was concerned about the possibility the state's personal property tax — a tax on business equipment and industrial machinery — will be scrapped without an adequate replacement, cutting into the revenues of local communities. Plymouth gets about \$300,000 a year from the tax, he said. Snyder mentioned abolishing the tax, saying he'd work with local officials to find a replacement.

"We don't have that much left but, still, every penny counts," Dwyer said.

Heise said he's wary of Snyder's pitch for a new rapid bus system in the Detroit area, saying he'd rather see the two major existing transit systems, the Detroit Department of Transportation and the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation, improved and combined for greater efficiency than "another layer of mass transit." Heise's district includes several communities, including Plymouth and Plymouth Township, that are not part of the SMART system.

Snyder's address got a

warm but cautious reception from a local Democrat, Mary Maguire, president of the Plymouth Democratic Club.

Bipartisanship urged

"Overall, I think Governor Snyder delivered a positive message, and I hope he can get the Legislature to work in a bipartisan fashion to enact his initiatives," Maguire wrote in an e-mail Thursday.

Maguire said she liked Snyder's push for legislation that would improve the state's roads and bridges, but added she strongly supports a light rail system rather than the rapid bus system the governor favors. "We need to connect Detroit with the surrounding suburbs," she said.

She also took issue with Snyder's defense of the strengthened emergency financial manager law, and the possibility of an EFM for Detroit.

"This removes citizen participation from local government which is at the core of democracy," she said. "I did not hear an adequate explanation for such a drastic move."

Heise, a supporter of the new EFM law, said the process is a good one, with a committee already at work studying Detroit's finances.

"It is a good law, and I would hate to see it repealed," Heise said.

Maguire also said she looked forward to hearing about Snyder's public safety initiative, in a speech planned for March. "We need to have safe cities to thrive and grow," she said.

Staff writer Darrell Clem contributed to this story.

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Family hopes fundraiser helps paralyzed woman

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Canton resident Dianna DeClerq's life seemed full of promise.

After raising her 23-year-old son on her own, she was able to buy her very first home, a Canton condominium, two years ago. Then, for the first time in 34 years, she bought a new car, a 2010 Ford Focus.

She had hoped to work a few more years as a hospital patient account representative and retire by the time she reached 70.

Now, at 63, she fears she will lose everything after she was left paralyzed from the waist down, prompting her family and friends to raise money for her.

DeClerq, a former Livonia resident, worked her last day June 13 and walked into a hospital the next day for surgery for a thoraco-abdominal aneurysm.

"I left in a wheelchair 10 weeks later," she said.

DeClerq was left paraplegic from complications during surgery.

"I've always been very independent," she said, sitting in her condo. "It's hard to ask for help. I've always been the helper."

Her sister, Darlene McBroom, and McBroom's daughter-in-law, Darcy McBroom, have organized a benefit to help DeClerq. It's set for 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at Merri-Bowl Lanes on Five Mile east of Merri-man in Livonia.

"Dianna is at risk of losing everything she has worked for," Darcy McBroom, a critical care nurse and Livonia resident, said. "She's definitely in need."

DeClerq hopes to keep her home and car. She needs to make the inside of her condo handicap-accessible and replace an aluminum ramp to her front door with a sturdier, wood ramp.

She has medical bills beyond what insurance covers, and she would



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Dianna DeClerq (left) is facing mounting financial problems after surgery left her paralyzed from the waist down. A fundraiser is planned by her sister, Darlene McBroom, and McBroom's daughter-in-law, Darcy McBroom, shown here with DeClerq.

like to hire a caregiver to start rehabilitation in her home, in hopes she might someday walk again.

Bowlers who attend the fundraiser can pay \$15 for shoes and two hours of bowling. McBroom said people who don't bowl still may attend and give donations.

Some businesses have donated items that will be raffled, and there will be a silent auction. Anyone who wants to donate items or who needs more information may send an e-mail to Benefit4Dianna@gmail.com.

There will be a 50/50 cash raffle. Moreover, anyone who wants to donate money directly to DeClerq may make checks payable to Dianna

DeClerq and send them to Darcy McBroom, P.O. Box 31725, Livonia, MI 48151.

DeClerq isn't sure what her long-term prognosis is. "I may or may not ever walk again," she said.

Regardless, her supporters have reached out for help for a woman who, after raising her son, buying a home and a car, finds herself in the greatest need of her life.

DeClerq has always been a strong woman who faced adversity and beat it. And she hasn't given up hope.

"I still hope to walk again someday by the grace of God," she said.

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Plymouth Salvation Army nears holiday goal

With just over a week left in its 2011 Christmastime fundraising campaign, the Plymouth Corps of the Salvation Army is nearing its goal of \$315,000.

As of Thursday, just over \$305,000, 96 percent of the goal, had been col-

lected, according to Sandy Kollinger, the Plymouth Corps' volunteer and special events coordinator.

The holiday drive, which includes the Red Kettle drive during the Christmas shopping season (it netted

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All Saints open house touts programs

What do smart boards, computer upgrades and a Math Family Night have in common? They are all part of an effort at All Saints Catholic School to provide innovation while remaining true to Catholic standards of religious formation.

In addition to its emphasis on rigorous academic and religious education, All Saints is housed in a modern facility with "smart board" technology for every grade, all new computers and workstations, and a mobile computer lab with 30 netbook computers.

The school, located in Canton, is inviting prospective families to see its latest technology offerings and tour the facility during an open house on Sunday, Jan. 29, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visitors will have a chance to learn more about these and other programs that make the school distinct.

All Saints principal Kristen Strausbaugh believes the open house will give parents a unique opportunity to talk one-on-one with teachers, administrators and other parents and to observe firsthand the school's dedication to faith, academics, and service, as well as its friendly, caring



The Guberinich family plays a math game during the recent Math Family Night at All Saints Catholic School.

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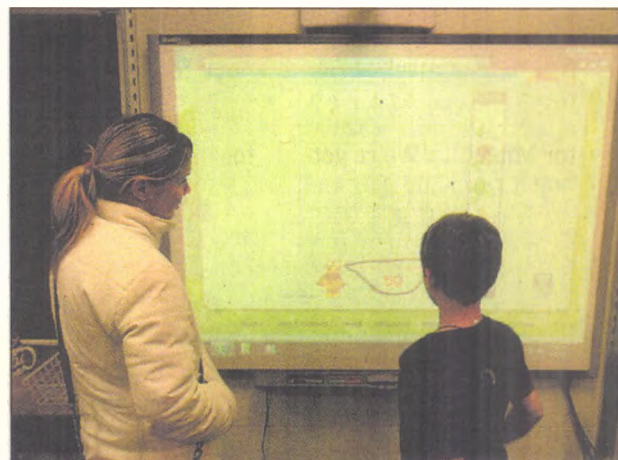
"Choosing a school for your child is one of the most important decisions parents will make," explains Strausbaugh. "A child's character, values and lifelong attitudes toward learning will be shaped by their educational experience. We take this responsibility seriously and seek to nurture our students in mind, body and spirit."

The open house serves

as the initial event to kick off Catholic Schools Week, which is celebrated annually nationwide to highlight the benefits of Catholic education. Throughout the week, All Saints students will participate in a special Mass, academic games, and service activities, such as making Valentine's Day cards for seniors and hospitalized children. Students also will be able to dress up in clothing

reflecting the theme of each day.

Recently, All Saints students from Preschool through third grade had the chance to participate in another innovative effort — Math Family Night. The students and their parents played games that reinforced concepts of logic, spatial relations and counting, which have been introduced in the classroom. The session was a light-



Angie and Luke Klinkhammer work on the 100s chart using smart board technology during Math Family Night.

hearted way to show kids that math is a part of daily life and can be fun.

"This was an important event because it helped families come together for an evening to do fun, hands-on math activities," said Jenny Zukowski, an All Saints kindergarten teacher who proposed the idea for Math Family Night last year. "Math does not always have to be just worksheets; it can be fun activities, too."

The evening's events included subtraction bowling, sorting and graphing with Skittles, creating geometric shapes with marshmallows, developing story problems based on

the numbers of cartoon characters in a picture, and technology using the smart board for math.

This year, student participants received a goody bag that included a pipe cleaner with beads to use for counting, addition and subtraction; a wipe-off/write-on clock; foam shapes; a number bracelet, and a math pencil. Families also received a list of recommended math websites to use at home for reinforcement.

For more information about the All Saints open house and the school's additional programs and events, visit www.allsaintscs.com or call (734) 459-2490.

Westland extends shared service agreement with Canton

Westland has extended an agreement to share the services of a required water department operator with Canton Township.

The agreement, which the communities entered into in June 2011, calls for the city to share the cost of a Canton Township employee who will assist Westland in monitoring its

water distribution system and overseeing Westland's compliance with the State of Michigan.

The agreement complies with Michigan Safe Water Drinking Act requirements and affords Westland the professional expertise of Canton employees who will regularly meet with Westland Department of Public Services officials, perform site visits

as needed, collaborate on reports and on other matters related to Westland's water system.

The agreement with Canton Township has proven to be a success and has helped both communities fulfill requirements concerning municipal service sharing put forth by Gov. Rick Snyder, said Mayor William Wild. Canton Township

will continue to bill the City of Westland on an hourly basis as work is performed.

"Westland and Canton Township have a good working relationship, and this agreement makes sense for all involved," said Wild. "Westland looks forward to more agreements with Canton Township and other cities to collaborate in endeavors,

such as this, for providing high quality services to area residents and businesses."

This agreement has been a win-win situation for both communities. Westland has saved the legacy costs of hiring new employees and Canton Township has brought in additional revenue to offset current employee costs, Wild added.



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YMCA youth corps serves homeless vets



The YMCA Youth Volunteer Corps took part in the Martin Luther King Day of Service project at Second Chance Ministries in Detroit Monday, serving local homeless and low income veterans and their families.

Giving back and providing support to neighbors is one of the areas of focus for the Plymouth Family YMCA. That is exactly what the YMCA Youth Volunteer Corps did Monday by participating in the Martin Luther King Day of Service project at Second Chance Ministries in Detroit, serving local homeless and low income veterans and their families.

The YMCA Youth Volunteer Corps is a year-round service learning program for teens ages 13-18. Teens are offered at least two service opportunities each month during the school year and they have the opportunity to sign up for one-week projects each week during the summer. The program

is supported by various organizations, including funds from the Plymouth Community United Way and the Wilcox foundation. Youth Volunteer Corps is nurturing the potential of over 80 teens in the Plymouth-Canton area.

Michael Heyward, 14, has participated in other YMCA service projects and volunteers at his church, as well.

"What we have isn't necessarily because of what we do," he said. "My family believes that if God gave it to us, then we should sow it back into someone else."

While the service aspect of the Youth Volunteer Corps is exceptional, there is also learning and reflection involved in each project.

"I didn't know how closely Dr. King was tied to Detroit. So I learned that today," said Heyward after the MLK Day of Service project.

Sage Hegdal, Branch

Director at the Plymouth Family YMCA said "the Y is the nation's leading nonprofit strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility."

"Offering programs such as Youth Volunteer Corps helps teens discover who they are, and gives them the opportunity to take an active role in bringing about meaningful, enduring change in our community," Hegdal said.

The YMCA Youth Volunteer Corps has several service-learning projects coming up soon. On Jan. 28, teens have the opportunity to work on a project for Friends of the Rouge by counting stoneflies in Rouge streams to gain a better understanding of our environmental health.

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World Medical Relief offers help close to home

By Sue Buck
Observer Staff Writer

Many local residents probably wouldn't consider World Medical Relief as a place to obtain help with prescriptions. But that's what Betty Hughes, a Senior Alliance representative who is also a Medicaid and Medicare counselor, told those in attendance at a special seminar for the uninsured held Thursday at the Maplewood Center.

"World Medical Relief has been around for many, many years," Hughes said.

The WMR, known for its international assistance, is ready to help Michigan residents, too. Recipients don't have to be unemployed to receive medical and prescription assistance. Some employers don't provide medical insurance coverage and part-time employers often don't qualify.

WMR's state-licensed pharmacy may be the answer with prescriptions at \$8.30 each, and "in most cases, your medicine can be mailed directly to your home," according to information provided by Hughes and found on the WMR website.

Qualifications include being older than age 18, earning \$24,000 or less per year, if single, and \$37,000 for a couple, adding \$300 for each additional dependent. People can also qualify if they do not have prescription drug coverage, even though they may have health insurance or are not currently enrolled in Medicaid. They may still qualify if they have a discount prescription card or are a senior on Medicare Part D. Documentation of income is

required.

The WMR has other services available, including durable medical equipment like hospital beds, wheelchairs, shower chairs, walkers, canes and commodes. They carry basic medical, diabetic and colostomy supplies, liquid nutrition and incontinent products.

Cheryl Stepanian, senior coordinator at the Maplewood Center, heard good things about WMR.

"I had a woman in my office yesterday who said that they treated her wonderfully," Stepanian said.

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Free clinics

Hughes said that Michigan is not the worst in the number of uninsured people. It falls 17th on the list, with 13.8 percent of the total population uninsured.

Some people work and are still uninsured because they are not offered health insurance. In Wayne County, one option for help is the Wayne County Four Star program, a health insurance program. Students can also purchase this insurance.

"This is something that is known as a best-kept secret," Hughes said.

"Insurance can be purchased. You don't have to be working."

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Chefs cook up plans for remodel, anniversary bash

By Karen Smith
Observer Staff Writer

A 20th anniversary celebration and a dining room remodel are on the menu for 2012 for Chefs Charles "Rocky" Rachwitz and Steve Allen, owners of three restaurants in Northville, Novi and Livonia.

Rocky's of Northville will celebrate its 20th anniversary in November, and Steve and Rocky's in Novi will get "a whole dining room face lift."

The partners also own Rocky's Rotisserie in Livonia.

Rachwitz hasn't decided yet how Rocky's of Northville will celebrate its anniversary later this year, but Allen is already meeting with designers at Steve and Rocky's in Novi.

"It needs a change," he said of the look of the four-star restaurant that draws 10,000 people a month from all over the Metro Detroit area.

"It's been five years since it was last remodeled."

Allen said the restaurant will remain open during the renovations, all expected to be cosmetic. The work is expected to start in four to six weeks.

Other than that, the two chefs plan on continuing to offer people quality food at affordable prices.

Business is up

Despite the economy, they said business has been up significantly at their restaurants the past two years.

Growing even faster is their catering business. They have so many catering requests — from breakfast in bed for two to parties for 600 — they have to turn some down.

The two became partners when they opened Steve and Rocky's 14 years ago this month after being formally introduced by Chef Milos Cihelka, Rachwitz's personal hunting friend and Allen's mentor at the Golden Mushroom in Southfield.

Rachwitz already owned Rocky's in Northville. He previously worked for the C. A. Muer Restaurant Corp. for 18 years guiding their culinary departments as corporate executive chef. Prior to Chuck Muer's untimely death in a sailing accident, Muer helped Rachwitz turn the former Northville Charley's into Rachwitz's own restaurant.

Rachwitz wanted to partner in another restaurant with a slightly more upscale menu, and

Allen wanted to own his own place.

Cihelka, the first Certified Executive Chef in the United States with 50 years of cooking experience in first-class hotels, restaurants and private clubs, thought Rachwitz's business plan and menu savvy and Allen's culinary skills and taste abilities would be a great match.

It's been a recipe for success ever since.

Four years ago, they opened Rocky's Rotisserie in Livonia, a counter service restaurant with a Midwestern menu formed by Rachwitz, Allen and Dan Meier, the former chef at Rocky's of Northville.

Key ingredients

Ronald J. Hoffman, who handles their publicity, said value, quality and staff longevity are the ingredients to their success.

"These guys are key on keeping prices to the consumer down," he said.

Both Rachwitz and Allen do their own butchering, a savings of \$4 to \$5 a pound that they pass on to diners. They use the trimmed off meat and fat to make stock as a base for soup and sauces. "Nothing here gets wasted," Hoffman said.

Menus can be changed daily to take advantage of seasonal pricing on fruit, vegetables, meat and fish.

Allen, 48, of Fenton also uses produce he grows on his six-acre gentleman's farm. Last year, he harvested 3,000 pounds of heirloom tomatoes. He also uses turkeys he raises for Thanksgiving.

Both Rachwitz and Allen are award-winning chefs.

Rachwitz is a member of the American Culinary Federation, and has won such events as the American Seafood Competition, Best of Michigan Meal, Taste of Plymouth, Taste of Northville, and is a four-time winner of the Novi Chili Competition.

Allen has won many American Culinary Fed-



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Chefs Steve Allen, left, and Chuck (Rocky) Rachwitz toast to their successful restaurant ventures in Northville, Novi and Livonia.

eration gold and silver medals during his years of competition.

Their staffs stay with them a long time. Rocky's general manager and bartender have been there 17 and 18 years respectively; the chef, 13 years. Each of them has developed a following, which keeps a steady flow of regular customers coming into the restaurant.

"I walk out here (into the dining room) on a Friday night, and I know most everyone," Rachwitz said.

Hire locally

Many of the staff they hire are from Schoolcraft and Oakland community colleges, their alma maters.

Both chefs graduated from OCC. Allen transferred there after starting at Schoolcraft.

"They're local, and I

know most of the instructors there," Rachwitz said. "One of my favorite lines is, 'Does your instructor know you do it that way?'"

Rachwitz, 57, of Brighton Township got his start in the restaurant business at age 13 working for a Southfield deli. He made \$1.25 an hour, working and saving enough to buy a brand-new Ford Maverick at age 16.

He liked washing pots because that meant he could help work the broiler. One Saturday night the broiler cook called in sick, and Rachwitz took the owner he'd do both jobs. "Sunday, guess who was the next broiler cook?"

Rachwitz started working for Muer in the same building he now owns. He went all over the country working for Muer during his 17-year career with

THEIR RESTAURANTS

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(248) 374-0688; www.steveandrockys.com
Prices average \$13 for lunch and \$24 to \$25 for dinner; perch is the all-time favorite there

ROCKY'S ROTISSERIE
37337 Six Mile Road, Livonia
(734) 462-6240; www.rockysrotisserie.com
Sandwiches and salads are about \$7 each; a family can get dinner for \$16.99. Chicken is the top seller.

him.

Allen was in high school when he started working in the restaurant business. "I just needed a job," he said. He hired in at Nanny's Soup Kettle at the Oakland Mall in Troy, but that restaurant didn't survive the recession of the early 1980s.

A friend who was a valet at the Golden Mushroom told him about the apprenticeship program they had there. "I didn't even know what an apprentice was," said Allen, who was 18 at the time. He applied, and was hired a few months later to work in the cold meat station.

Cihelka had just become the first Certified Executive Chef in the United States, and Allen became "enraptured" with the food preparation, especially

for food shows. "I didn't know it was a true art and a profession," he said.

He told Cihelka he wanted to be an apprentice and started working full-time at the restaurant and attending school one day a week. After 10 years under Cihelka, Allen succeeded Cihelka as executive chef when Cihelka retired. He held that position for five years until forming the partnership with Rachwitz.

The restaurant business continues to be a labor of love for both chefs.

"I still enjoy what I do," Allen said.

So does Rachwitz. "It's something different all the time," he said.

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Canton hosts animal disaster response training

During an emergency or disaster, taking care of animals requires advance planning and individuals who know how to handle and move animals to safety. Canton will be hosting the Disaster Animal Response Team Training Feb. 17-19 at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

Officials called DART the "premier basic training for building community preparedness for animals in disaster and for preparing animal disaster responders nationwide." This three-day workshop is designed to familiarize participants with the necessary elements of team-building and provide the background necessary to become effective responders.

Emergency animal relief workers have reported in a post Hurricane Katrina survey, that when asked

why evacuees refused to leave their homes, 47 percent responded they did not leave because of their animals. This becomes more alarming with 63 percent of American households having companion animals and nearly half of those having multiple animals in their homes.

Learn how to prepare your community to plan for and respond to animal needs when a fire, hurricane, tornado or other disaster threatens. This three-day class includes classroom and hands-on instruction.

For additional information or to register, visit the Humane Society University website at <http://tinyurl.com/6qrk24b> or call Frances Gaeta with the Human Society University at (301) 548-7731. Registration deadline is Feb. 3.

For more information, call (734) 394-5191.

Plymouth pair star in 'Love Letters'

Three generations of couples bring the magic of long lasting love to life, on the Two Muses stage, with *Love Letters*, on Feb. 7, 12 and 14.

The new non-profit professional theatre, Two Muses, continues to celebrate romance in February with *Love Letters*, a play by A.R. Gurney, nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. Three separate casts from different generations will read and write their letters in three separate shows.

And the actors are actually couples in real life.

Love Letters is a tale of timeless love between two childhood friends who stay connected for more than 50 years by pouring their passion onto paper and relying on the post office to deliver it.

Melissa Gardner and Andrew Makepeace Ladd, III begin trading letters in grammar school and continue doing so through their golden years. The timing just never seems right for them, so they remain stuck in the "friend zone." But they never lose touch.

"I think the beauty of it lies in the love that moves through the arch of a lifetime no matter what paths are taken," says the show's director Yolanda Fleischer.

The characters do not directly relate, but each reacts while the other reads, with the actors displaying some astonishing talent. Though distance



From left, Karen Sheridan, Sam Pollak, Rusty Mewha, Robyn Lipnicki Mewha, Mary Bremer Beer, Arthur Beer.

and different lifestyles keep Andrew and Melissa apart, the letters remain their "relationship lifeline," as they share their heartache and hope.

The play often finds audiences laughing out loud and choking back tears. Over the years some big name actors have tackled the roles including: Elizabeth Taylor, James Earl Jones, Jason Robards, Lynne Redgrave, Sigourney Weaver and Michigan's own Jeff Daniels.

Two Muses Theatre performs in the Barnes and Noble Booksellers The-

atre Space, 6800 Orchard Lake Rd, West Bloomfield, south of Maple. Enter the bookstore and the theatre is on the left.

Tickets

Advance Tickets are \$13/adults; \$10/students and senior citizens 62 years and older. Tickets are \$2 more when purchased at the door. General admission seating; house opens 30 minutes prior to performance.

Purchase tickets online at www.twomusetheatre.org or by phone (248) 850-9919.

Dinner Deals

Dinner Packages at the No. VI Chophouse in Novi are available on Feb. 7 and 12 for Two Muses Theatre

ticketholders. For more information, see www.twomusetheatre.org or call (248) 850-9919.

Cast and staff

Third Generation Cast: Robyn Lipnicki Mewha and Rusty Mewha, both from Plymouth, will perform Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 8 p.m.

Second Generation Cast: Karen Sheridan and Sam Pollak, both from Oak Park, will perform Sunday, Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m.

First Generation Cast: Mary Bremer Beer and Arthur J. Beer, of Warren, will perform Valentine's Day, Feb. 14 at 8 p.m.

Two Muses theater was created by Farmington Hills residents Diane Hill and Barbie Amann Weisserman.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE

Close of Registration For the Presidential Primary Election February 28, 2012

PLEASE NOTE: that January 30, 2012, is the last day to register to vote, in order to vote in the February 28, 2012 Presidential Primary Election.

Registration for Plymouth Township electors will be taken at the Office of the Clerk, 9955 N Haggerty Road, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. If a resident is unable to register during regular office hours a call to the Clerk at (734) 354-3224, can set up a convenient time for the resident.

Below is a listing of the offices and proposals that will be on the February 28, 2012 Presidential Primary Election. Sections are Partisan and Proposal.

Partisan Section:

President of the United States

Proposal Section:

Fire SAD Ballot Language

A proposal to create a special assessment district for fire services comprising all of the land of the Charter Township of Plymouth except tax exempt property under Public Act 33 of the Public Acts of 1951, MCL 41.801 et seq., thereby authorizing the Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees, after public hearing, to annually assess and levy on the lands specially benefited an ad valorem special assessment based on the taxable value of the property in the special assessment district, in an amount not to exceed .10 percent of the taxable value of the property assessed (10 mills) for fire vehicles, equipment, apparatus and housing; and further authorizing the Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees, after public hearing, to annually assess and levy on the lands specially benefited an ad valorem special assessment based on the taxable value of the property in the special assessment district, in the amount necessary for operation and maintenance of fire services.

Shall the proposed Special Assessment Fire District be created and the assessment be authorized?

Joe Bridgman, MMC
Township Clerk

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PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPT. 734 354-3232 NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that on 01/27/12, at 10:00 a.m., Mayflower Auto Transport, 1179 Starkweather, Plymouth, MI 48170, a public auction of the following:

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1992	Cadillac STS	1G6KY53B5NU801859
2000	Jeep	1J4GW58NXYC410173

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

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, February 2, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following:

Z 12-01 587 W. Ann Arbor Trail
Use Variance Requested
Request Temporary (Six Months)
Outdoor Smoke/Grill
Zoned: B-3, General Business
Applicant: Aaron S. Peggs

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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

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

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH CLOSE OF VOTER REGISTRATION PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2012

Notice is hereby given that registration of Qualified Electors for the Presidential Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2012, will be taken at the Office of the City Clerk during regular business hours as enumerated below. The office is located at City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, on the first floor.

MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:00 A.M. - until 4:30 P.M.

Registration will close on Monday, January 30, 2012, and no further voter registrations will be accepted for said Election. Any interested person may also register at any Secretary of State Branch Office during their regular business hours. Qualifications of an elector for registering to vote are as follows:

1. Citizen of the United States
2. At least 18 years of Age
3. Resident of the State of Michigan for thirty (30) days
4. Resident of the City of Plymouth on or before thirty (30) days prior to the day of the election.

Qualified electors who are currently registered with the City Clerk will not have to re-register. If you have a physical problem and cannot come into City Hall, please call and make other arrangements. The telephone number is 734-453-1234, ext. 234 or 225.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk

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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to state law 257.252, the following vehicle(s) will be sold at public sale at Budget Towing, 876 Railroad St., Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197 on the date and time listed below:

Tuesday, February 7th, 2012 at 5:00 PM

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	STYLE	VIN	CASE #
2004	PONTIAC	GRAND PRIX	4D	2G2WP522441105060	11-5384

Inquiries regarding these vehicles should be directed to Officer Fox, City of Plymouth Police Department at 734-453-1234 x 538.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to state law 257.252, the following vehicle(s) will be sold at public sale at Sparks Towing, 115 Merriman Rd., Garden City, Michigan 48135 on the date and time listed below:

Monday, February 6th, 2012 at 5:30 PM

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	STYLE	VIN	CASE #
1997	FORD	N/A	4D	1FALP13P4VW361393	10-4682
2001	OLDSMOBILE	N/A	4D	1G3NK52T91C173469	10-7050

Inquiries regarding these vehicles should be directed to Officer Fox, City of Plymouth Police Department at 734-453-1234 x 538.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER

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Madonna University student Arjun Thakar takes a look at the new Wall of Honor for Criminal Justice alumni.

Madonna honors criminal justice alumni, top cops

Madonna University of Livonia has rebuilt its Wall of Honor highlighting the many police chiefs and high-ranking law enforcement officials who have graduated from its criminal justice program over the past 40 years.

"The Wall of Honor was established several years after the criminal justice program began in 1972 as more of our graduates were promoted," said Barry Sherman, chair of the criminal justice program. "The wall has continued to grow larger every year and it became

expand and re-build it."

The redesigning of the wall coincides with the 75 birthday of Madonna University.

"The numerous chiefs on the wall represent many communities throughout Michigan and some in other states," Sherman said. "Of Madonna's many distinguished alumni is retired Livonia Police Chief Robert Stevenson who was recently appointed executive director of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police. And retired Police Chief David Harvey of Garden City is now the execu-

tive director of the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards. Both of these individuals are presently members of the Madonna University Criminal Justice adjunct faculty."

The renewed display of photographs will be rededicated in a ceremony at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, at the University Gallery on Madonna's main campus. Stevenson and Harvey will be guest speakers at the event.

The University Gallery is located outside the library on the second floor in the main academic building.

Citizens for Peace sponsors discussion group

An adult discussion group at the Livonia Civic Center Library starting 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday will focus on issues related to multiple perspectives of peace and conflict. Works of nonfiction will be presented through different media types. It is free to the public.

The series begins with the showing of a 2008 animated film for adults on the subject of the 1982 war in Lebanon. The discussion topic is "Who is responsible for war?"

The first book to be discussed will be *On Killing* by Lt. Col. Dave Grossman. He was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize, and his book is required reading for the FBI Acad-

emy and is recommended reading for the U.S. Marine Corps. Grossman is the world's foremost expert on human aggression. The discussion will be 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23. The topic for discussion is "How does an individual live with the knowledge of knowing how to kill and having killed?"

From 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 29, the series will conclude with a discussion of *The End of War* by Capt. Paul K. Chappell, a West Point graduate who served seven years in the U.S. Army. He presents a crucial look at war and peace through his military experience in Iraq. The discussion top-

ic is "Why does human aggression exist?"

Suzanne Kaplan, Schoolcraft College professor emeritus, who has published in professional journals as well as in *Discover Magazine* and poetry in *The Responsible Arts*, will lead the discussions.

This discussion series is sponsored by Citizens for Peace. Register online at www.citizensforpeace11.blogspot.com (under current events), or call Rosemary Doyle at (248) 476-0791. Space is limited.

Further readings about peace and conflict can be obtained from the Peace Collection on the second floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library.

Recovery of stolen autos up in 2011, H.E.A.T. reports

Since its inception in 1985, Livonia-based Help Eliminate Auto Thefts (H.E.A.T.) has been working in partnership with citizens and law enforcement to keep Michigan communities safe from the dangers and expense associated with auto theft-related crimes.

To date across its 26-year-history, H.E.A.T. has managed more than 9,100 anonymous tip calls and website submissions, which have led to the recovery of more than 4,400 vehicles valued at over \$54 million. As a result, more than 3,500 suspects have been

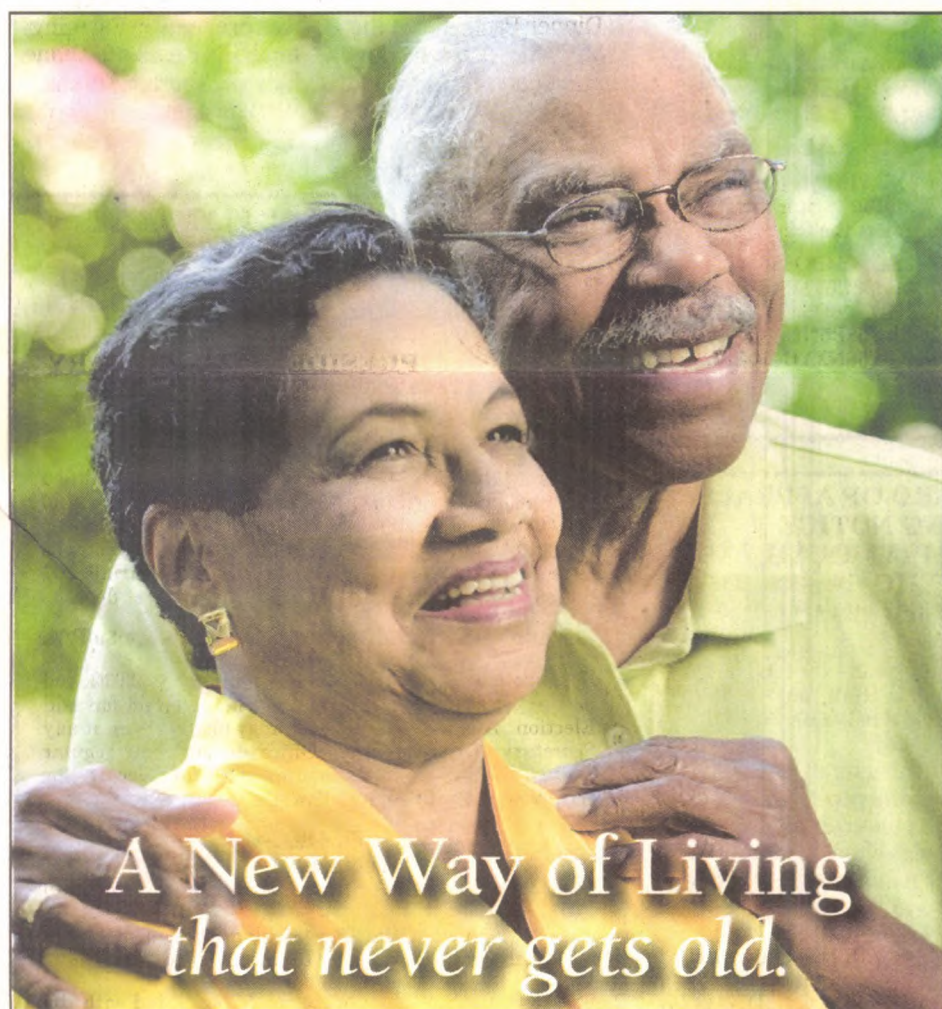
arrested and more than 2,200 tipsters have been awarded some \$3.7 million for their information.

In 2011, H.E.A.T. saw an increase over its 2010 statistics across nearly every category. Additionally, the number of tips paid, the amount of tips awarded and the value of property recovered all saw increases over both 2010 and 2009 figures.

From Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2011, H.E.A.T. managed 338 tip calls, which led to the recovery of 97 vehicles (up from 77 in 2010) valued at over \$1.6 million (up from approximately \$90,000 in 2010 and \$89,000

in 2009). Seventy-seven suspects were arrested and 55 anonymous tipsters received rewards valued at nearly \$117,000 (a nearly 30 percent increase from last year).

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U-M Health development in Northville Township hailed as job creator

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The University of Michigan Health System will lease property to build on Seven Mile Road in Northville Township by the closed psychiatric hospital.

The ambulatory care facility will be 100,000 square feet, said township Supervisor Mark Abbo, with potential to expand an additional 100,000 square feet. "Something's brewing on the Seven Mile property," he said at Thursday's Board of Trustees meeting.

Plans are for a site plan by spring, site development by the end of the year and 2014 completion.

"I think this is going to be a great anchor," Abbo said of the plan, approved by U-M's Board of Regents earlier on Jan. 19. "I think it's perfect for the site."

The lease will be taxable, he added, a benefit to the township.

"We will do everything we can to expedite it," Abbo said after the meeting. "I love the concept."

Lease for 25 years

It's a 25-year lease. The dilapidated psychiatric hospital building won't come down immediately, Abbo said, but he hopes the project initiates further development on the site.

REIS (Real Estate Investment Group-Schostak) owns 82 acres



The Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital on Seven Mile Road.

2003 FILE PHOTO

from which U-M will lease land for the facility. It'll be east of the closed psychiatric hospital buildings, Abbo said, closer to Haggerty.

"It was fabulous news," a beaming Abbo said. "I was very excited."

He's unsure just how many jobs will be created. Abbo called it a sign "Michigan's economy is starting to gain some momentum."

"I'm hoping so," Abbo

said of the closed psychiatric hospital buildings being torn down. "I would love to see continued development. For us, it's different and that's good," he added, noting Northville Township is mostly residential and commercial.

Northville Township Trustee Christopher Roosen said, "I obviously think it's a fantastic proposal. I'm sure they're going to build a facility

that's first class."

Roosen, who offered a "Go Blue" on the news, only heard of it at Thursday's meeting.

"Universities and hospitals have really only been the two entities building projects," he said. Securing such a project requires patience and working with people, Roosen said.

"It's a natural for us," said Roosen, who down the road would like a continuum of care for seniors or perhaps for veterans. "We will do whatever it takes to get U-M to come to the community."

Serving patients better

"I think the main focus is on serving our patients better," said Dr. David Spahlinger, M.D., senior associate dean of clinical affairs for U-M and executive director of faculty practice. "Patients have appreciated even just going to the Livonia site. They don't have to make the long drive to Ann Arbor."

Parking in Ann Arbor by the health area is a problem, Spahlinger said in a telephone interview.

He said it's likely one nearby Livonia system facility will be closed, with a small one on Haggerty near the Northville Township facility in Livonia remaining open. U-M also has a facility in Canton which will remain. "We will be adding more physicians to our group," Spahlinger said of Northville Township. "There'll be jobs associated with

that."

Those include nurses, medical assistants, radiation technologists and clerical staff. Spahlinger couldn't say how many construction jobs will be created, noting a developer will build the center on the leased property.

"This has been on our planning for a long time," Spahlinger said of the Northville Township project, which competed with other capital needs. "It's not something we decided recently."

The plan wasn't a tough sell to the Board of Regents, he said. The U-M Board of Regents approved the \$39 million project Jan. 19 during its January meeting. The expansion site is near the U-M's existing Livonia Center for Specialty Care.

The U-M facility will include 100,000 square feet of clinical and diagnostic space for caring for adults and children.

"The care provided by the University of Michigan Health System is consistently ranked among the nation's best, and with this project we have the opportunity to bring that care closer to home for patients who live in that part of Wayne County," said Doug Strong, chief executive officer of the U-M Hospitals and Health Centers, in a statement.

"We strive to create the ideal patient care experience and part of that experience is convenience," said Jeanne D. Rizzo, executive director of Ambulatory Care Services for UMHS, in

a statement. "With this expansion, we will be able to provide additional services, as well as UMHS expertise and quality care, in the Northville area."

Varied services

In addition to primary and specialty care, the Health System's newest center is expected to offer a musculoskeletal program, designed to care for bones, joints and muscles; eye care for adults and children; radiology services such as diagnostic imaging, bone ultrasound and magnetic resonance imaging; infusion for cancer and non-cancer treatment; and a medical procedure unit.

"It's a wonderful thing," said state Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, the day after the announcement. "It means more jobs and more economic development. It's a great location."

Heise said it's part of a larger brownfield redevelopment for the psychiatric hospital property "which has been long sought by the township. It's a great win."

Northville Township has received state funds for that, Heise said, and by such achievement can leverage into additional funding from the state.

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Cancel life insurance policy to raise needed money

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I'm in a situation where I need about \$20,000. I don't have that much money liquid, but I do have a few different options as to where I should get it from. I hope you can help me make the right decision. I've attached a list of my assets so you can see what I have. I am considering to either take a cash advance on my charge cards or borrow the money from a friend. My friend has told me that he would lend me the \$20,000 at a 10-percent interest rate. What do you think is the best way to come up with the \$20,000? I am single and have no dependents.

A: Considering that you are single and have no dependents and after reviewing your information, I recommend taking \$20,000 from your whole-life, life insurance policy. From the information you've provided, it appears that you have a cash-surrender value of approximately \$25,000. Since you do not need the life insurance policy, it would make sense to cancel it and use the cash-surrender value for the \$20,000 that you need. To me, this is the least expensive option that you have and the one that makes the most economic sense. In addition, you'll have the benefit of not having to pay future life



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

insurance premiums. At this point in your life, you don't need life insurance, so why pay for it? In reviewing your other options, if you decide for some reason not to cancel your life insurance policy, another option would be to borrow from your 401(k) plan. You have sufficient assets in your 401(k) and borrowing the \$20,000 from your account should not be a problem. Of course, you need to confirm with your employer whether you are allowed to borrow from your 401(k) plan (most plans do allow) and find out the interest rate. Generally, the interest rate on a 401(k) plan is much lower than what your friend is giving you and certainly much lower than taking a cash advance. Therefore, my second option would be to borrow against your 401(k) plan.

The last option I would consider, and one I would only use if there was absolutely nothing else available, would be to take a cash advance against your charge card. Keep in mind that this

is absolutely the worst way to borrow money. Not only will you pay the highest interest rate, but in addition, the interest is not tax-deductible. It's also never a good idea to finance a purchase using charge cards. My philosophy is charge cards should only be used as a matter of convenience. In a perfect world, which we know this isn't, I would tell people never to carry a balance on their charge card. I recognize this isn't always possible. However, it is a goal that you should be striving for. Many people have life insurance policies that they no longer need. In many of those situations, I recommend cancelling the policy. After all, why pay for something you don't need? The question I generally tell people to ask themselves is would they buy the policy today. If the answer is no, the next question is why are you keeping it? We should all review life insurance policies we have and if we don't need them, the next step should be to ask, why we are keeping them? Good luck!

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Berberet's big game lifts Rocks

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

The Salem varsity girls basketball team knocked off visiting South Lyon by a 43-36 score Friday night.

Pacing the Rocks to their second victory of the season was Bri Berberet, who scored 24 points.

"She had an outstanding game, she shot the ball really well," Salem head coach Fred Thomann said.

The Rocks (2-8 overall, 2-3 in the KLAA Central Division) also were bolstered by solid defense by Kate-lynn Krause. She had nine rebounds.

Other offensive contributors for Salem included Katie Latack (six points), Jenny First and Breanne Beaver (five points each).

Salem led 15-8 after the first quarter and took a 26-16 halftime advantage.

CANTON 65, FRANKLIN 20: Not even an injury in the second quarter by senior point guard Robyn Mack could slow the Chiefs in this KLAA South Division matchup at Livonia Franklin.

Taylor Hunley stepped up with 12 points along with six rebounds, while other solid showings were turned in by Rachel Winters (11 points, five steals) and Paige Aresco (10 points).

"I thought all the kids did a great job of staying focused and finished the game" after Mack was injured, Canton head coach Brian Samulski said.

The Chiefs improved to 9-2 overall and 4-1 in the division.

JOHN GLENN 47, PLYMOUTH 30: The host Wildcats were unable to get untracked offensively Friday

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HOCKEY NIGHT IN CANTON



Salem's Mark McGee (No. 9) tries to catch Plymouth puck carrier John VanDenBurgeury (No. 26) during Friday night's game.

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PCEP icers go all out 'for Rick'

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Those looking for a winter blast Friday night did not only have the Plymouth Ice Festival as an option.

Arctic Edge Arena hosted a "Hockey Night in Canton" doubleheader involving all three varsity boys hockey teams from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and featuring benefit 50/50 raffles for Rick Cigile and his family.

In the nightcap, one of Cigile's former players with the Canton Amateur Hockey Association — Plymouth senior goalie Rich Guglielmi — made several game-saving stops to keep the Wildcats in the hunt long enough to rally for a 4-3 victory over Salem.

Canton won 2-1 in overtime against Northville in the opener.

Giving back

"That's the wonderful



On the night when 50/50 raffles were held to benefit his family, Plymouth senior Jeremy Cigile (No. 5) and his teammates had extra adrenaline going Friday against Salem.

thing," Guglielmi said. "I played for coach Cigile as a squirt, so I've know the Cigile family my whole life.

"They're all great people and it's not fair that something happened to him. But

it's good people are giving back."

The emotion-packed KLAA conference games were appropriate for Friday's special event.

The 50/50 raffles at each game benefitted the family of Cigile, paralyzed last June in a tragic swimming accident in Florida, who attended the games — one of which included son Jeremy, a senior forward for the Wildcats.

"It's an emotional situation," Wildcats head coach Gerry Vento said. "Hopefully we put a smile on their faces, and it was great all three schools got involved to try and help the family out."

Plymouth improved to 8-6 overall thanks to third-period goals by junior forward Joe Burke (from linemates Zach Gambrell and Michael Schultz) and the winner at 13:28 by Schultz.

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Chiefs ride hot start to victory

Canton came out cooking Friday night and rolled to a 60-27 win over KLAA South Division rival Westland John Glenn.

The Chiefs (9-2 overall, 4-1 in the division) got out to a 19-2 lead after one quarter.

A 34-18 edge in rebounding also helped Canton, led by senior forward Paul Baumgart's 13 points and six rebounds.

Contributing eight points was guard Josh Mayberry, with Scott Gring, Kyle Adams and Jordan Nobles each tallying seven points. Gring led the Chiefs with eight boards.

"I was happy with how we played especially early," Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy said. "We were really good early defensively and made a lot of shots."

The Chiefs, who led 38-12 at halftime, shot 51 percent from the floor (24-of-47).

Franklin dropped to 2-8 overall and 1-4 in the KLAA South.

JOHN GLENN 61, PLYMOUTH 43: Junior guard Nick Daniels drained 10-of-11 free throws on his way to a game-high 24 points Friday as host Westland John Glenn (8-2, 5-0) stopped the Wildcats (4-6, 3-3) in a KLAA South Division matchup.

Isaac Everette added 13 points for the Rockets, who led 28-15 at halftime and 48-30 after three quarters.

Eric Coville and Darrell Bunkley contributed eight points apiece for the Rockets, who nailed 12-of-18 foul shots.

Brendan Swanson and Marcus Oden each tallied 11 for Plymouth, which made 11-of-19 from the line.

PCA 67, PARKWAY CHRISTIAN 53: Plymouth Christian Academy broke a losing streak Friday night, behind center Eric Jipping's 28 points and 18 rebounds.

Helping the cause for PCA (4-5) was Mick Noel, with 10 points.

Making grandpa proud

Younger Andy Bathgate making own legacy with Whalers

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Mention the name Andy Bathgate to old-timers around Hockeytown and they'll talk about the former Detroit Red Wings forward who eventually made the NHL Hall of Fame.

But younger fans undoubtedly will have a different Andy Bathgate in mind — the one who is making quite an impression this season with the OHL's Plymouth Whalers.

Compuware Arena fans have been witness to the younger Bathgate's play-making abilities. Through 45 games, he's racked up 14 goals and 27 assists, one of the scoring threats on a team that is running away with the OHL West Division title.

Pro prospect

While those numbers don't automatically sug-

gest a future NHL star in the making, pro scouts are taking a closer look at the Plymouth player's potential.

"I think he's pro potential, for sure," Whalers head coach and general manager Mike Vellucci said. "I've talked to several teams already this year about him and how they like the way he's playing."

"Obviously, the further the team goes (in the OHL playoffs) the more opportunity he's going to get to be seen by NHL guys. I think there's some definite possibility."

Although nabbing a pro contract as an OHL over-age player (20-plus years old) is a top priority for Bathgate, he just intends to do all he can on the ice and let any career chips fall where they may.

"My goal my entire life ever since I laced up my first pair of skates was playing in the NHL,"

Bathgate said. "I kind of stay away from that (talking to pro agents about contracts). I haven't talked to many, I let Mike (Vellucci) do the talking and my agents."

"They just tell me all you got to do is play and they'll take care of the rest. So I'm just trying to do what I can on the ice and let the off-ice stuff be handled by other people."

All in the family

Of course, another "chip" is having a long-time NHL all-star in the family.

Bathgate's grandfather played for the Red Wings in 1965-66 and 1966-67. Last summer, after being traded from Belleville to the Whalers, young Andy asked the elder Bathgate for advice about playing in the Detroit area.

"Yeah, I talked to him,"

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Andy Bathgate of the Plymouth Whalers chips the puck to a teammate during a recent game at Compuware Arena.



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Canton senior Ryan Bazner and Plymouth senior Rich Guglielmi (front row, from left) recently signed to play baseball at Saginaw Valley State University. Parents for each player helped them celebrate their monumental day. In the back row, from left, are Bob Bazner, Sandy Bazner, Canton Chiefs varsity baseball coach Mark Blomshield, Jennifer Guglielmi and Frank Guglielmi.

College careers loom for Bazner, Guglielmi

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Friendship and baseball go back quite a ways for Ryan Bazner and Rich Guglielmi.

They were teammates with the Canton Alley Cats and are rivals in high school, with seniors Bazner and Guglielmi playing for Plymouth and Canton, respectively.

And now they'll be on the same side yet again after signing scholarships to play baseball at Saginaw Valley State University.

Even better, they'll be a battery — with fireballing pitcher Bazner throwing to catcher Guglielmi.

"Rich and I are really good friends," Bazner said. "We used to play baseball together when we were younger so it'll be nice to play on the

same team again. "We will definitely push each other to work harder because playing college baseball isn't going to be any easier than high school."

Guglielmi said he and Bazner will be roomies at Saginaw Valley, which also is where 2011 Canton grad Chris Perkovich attends and plays baseball.

"Ryan and I played travel baseball together for the Canton Alley Cats for four years (10U-13U)," Guglielmi noted. "I caught him when he pitched back then, too."

Both received a combination of athletic and academic scholarships.

"I am very excited, not many kids get this opportunity and I am going to make the most of it," Guglielmi said. "Playing baseball at the next level has been my goal ever

since I can remember." Bazner had a similar take on the opportunity to play college baseball for the Cardinals in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

"I am really excited to be playing baseball at the next level," Bazner said. "It's what I've wanted to do since I started high school and I'm glad I was able to achieve my goal."

First will be their senior seasons, with Bazner's Chiefs and Guglielmi's Wildcats doing their utmost to stymie each other.

Then they'll start gearing up for college baseball.

"We still have a lot of work to do in order to earn a spot in the lineup and play at a higher level," Bazner summarized.

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HOCKEY

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Making it possible
Gambrell's shot from the right circle was stopped by Salem goalie Anthony Veresan. But he slid out of position amid traffic near the crease and Schultz chipped in the rebound.

But if not for Guglielmi stoning Salem junior forward Jack Driscoll on a breakaway earlier in the third, the rally might not have been possible.

Salem head coach Ryan Ossenmacher said it was a disappointing but familiar way for the Rocks to lose a game.

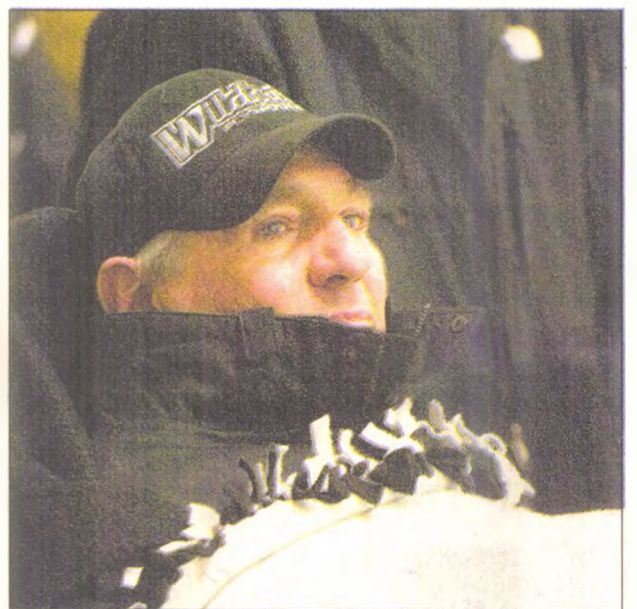
"We put ourselves in a position to win the game and we didn't," Ossenmacher said. "That's our fourth or fifth one-goal loss. It just comes down to little things. If we win a faceoff here, a faceoff there, if we get a puck deep here or there, the outcome might be different."

The Rocks did break out to a 2-0 lead on goals by senior forward Mark McGee (from defenseman Adam Marthaler) and junior forward Jake Fedel (from Austin Sartorius and Kyle Eggenberger).

Plymouth answered with two goals in a 27-second span in the second. Forward Matt Goertz tipped in a blueline shot by freshman defenseman Jake Zaborowski.

The tying goal was scored by defenseman Cam Nadell, from Nick Durak and Burke.

Salem regained the lead with 1:15 to go in the period when sophomore forward Jake Sealy sent a beautiful pass from the left corner into the slot,



Friday's hockey doubleheader was a benefit for Rick Cigile, who attended the games. Cigile is a former youth hockey coach who was paralyzed in a swimming accident last year.

where McGee rapped it upstairs.

Canton prevails

The opening tilt also was close, with Canton nipping Northville 2-1 in overtime on a tally by senior forward Taylor Baker.

A backhander by senior forward Andrew Gorski (two assists) was stopped by Northville netminder Jake Pawloski. It bounced in front to Baker, who made no mistake at 1:41 of overtime.

"I played hockey with all their (Cigile's) kids before," Baker said. "They're near and dear to my heart, all of his family. We did that one for Rick."

That the winner would come on a hard-nosed play didn't surprise Canton head coach Jeremy Majszak.

"We don't usually pick corners for our goals," Majszak said. "We usually grind it out and work hard for our rebounds. I figured it would be something like that."

Stellar netminding in

the clutch by senior Spencer Craig also was key for the win.

Scoring in the first for the Chiefs (6-1 in the KLAA) was senior forward Duggan Tear, finishing off an odd-man rush.

Gorski slipped a pass from the right wing over to Tear at the bottom of the left circle. Tear quickly one-timed the puck under the crossbar past Pawloski.

The Chiefs staved off Northville in the second period because of the sparkling netminding of Craig.

After Canton coughed the puck up at Northville's blue line on the power play, Cole Brown broke in only to have Craig block the shot with his left shoulder.

Craig and his defense also endured a five-on-three situation for a minute, and this time the goalie sprawled to deny Brent Atkinson at the edge of the blue paint.

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Canton's varsity boy hockey team celebrates after Taylor Baker won the game against Northville with an overtime goal.

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Penguins ice D1 champs

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Scouts from Michigan State University and Adrian College picked a good night to watch the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins.

The combined girls hockey team Tuesday night defeated Grosse Pointe South by a 3-2 score at Arctic Edge Arena in Canton. PCS improved to 5-2 overall.

"The girls played so well and we are so proud of them," Penguins head coach Mary Beth Johnson said. "They came out and did exactly what we asked them to do."

"Both of our lines matched their three lines shift for shift."

"GPS is by far the best team we have played so far and most likely the best team we will face all season."

The win by the Penguins, in Division 2 of the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey

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League, was a big accomplishment because South is the defending Division 1 champion and considered an elite program, Johnson noted.

The Penguins rallied from a 2-0 deficit after two periods, slicing the lead in half at the 2:41 mark. Jackie Lough took a shot from the top of the circle that beat the South goalie, with assists by Mariah Tucker and Nicole Natelborg.

Lough then set up senior captain Emily Bullock for the equalizer with just under six minutes remaining in regulation.

PCS then went on the power play and Johnson called an integral time out "to give our girls a chance to get their lungs and focus on winning the draw" in the offensive zone.

That strategy worked as the Penguins moved the puck around. Natel-



borg then circled the cage and backhanded a shot under the crossbar with 4:34 to go.

Assisting were Lough and Tucker.

The Lady Blue Devils pulled their goalie in an attempt to force overtime. But PCS senior netminder Kaitlyn Allard held the fort to close out the victory. Allard made 33 saves.

"Both of our lines played the best game that we have seen all season," Johnson continued. "We believe that this game was a huge turning point for us."

"I believe the girls now have the confidence to beat any team in both divisions."

After playing the Walled Lake Wild on Saturday, the Penguins will host Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Salem JV icers win Showcase



The Salem Prep Hockey Team won the 2012 Midwest Hockey Showcase Tournament, held last weekend in Dearborn. Salem, a junior varsity team that supplies players to the varsity program, defeated Hartland Gold 5-0 in the championship game to go 5-0 over the weekend. There were 16 teams from Michigan, Illinois, Ohio and Indiana competing. Salem also defeated Grand Blanc (5-1), Prairie Ridge (8-4), Clarkston (5-0) and Carmel (2-1 in OT). Pictured are (front row, from left) Drew Hazelett, Justin Katulski, Nathan Blank, Taylor Burris; (second row, from left) head coach Hayes, Noah Willer, Steven Homrich, Logan Ross, Nick McCann, Nick Danis, Brendan Teodorescu; (third row, from left) Kory Johnston, Jon Clark, Trevor Mac, Brad Visel, coach Ross; (back row, from left) Mitch Coral, Nathan West, Anthony Zorney.

Salem depth sinks Chiefs

Veteran Salem coach Chuck Olson credited good team depth for the Rocks' 103.5-82.5 win over Canton in a KLAA boys swimming and diving dual meet.

"This meet showed our depth because even though we only won four events, we still won the meet," Olson said.

Those firsts were turned in by Jason Zhang (100 freestyle) and Turner Solterman (100 breaststroke) in individual events and in the 200- and 400-freestyle relays.

"It was an exciting meet from start to finish and everyone swam well," Olson noted. "Jason Zhang got two state cuts, in the 200 IM and 100 free. Turner Solterman got first place in breaststroke (1:04.82). All of the relays were good, too."

Zhang's state cuts were for his second-place time of 2:02.59 in the 200 IM (Canton's Jay Jin won that event with a time of 2:01.60) and first in the 100 free (49.24).

The quartet of Jeremy Wellman, Solterman, Jerry Bai and Zhang took second in the 200 free relay and first in the 200 medley relay. Salem's B relay teams also finished within the top three in both those events to contribute to the Rocks' victory.

Comprising Canton's victorious 200 medley relay team were Adrian Simion, Victor Zhang, Jay Jin and Mike Carlson, taking that event with a time of 1:41.99.

Winning two individual events for the Chiefs were Victor Zhang and Jin, with Carlson, Simion

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and Ryan Kilgore each tallying one first.

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200-yard medley relay: 1. Canton (Adrian Simion, Victor Zhang, Jay Jin, Mike Carlson), 1:41.99; 2. Salem (Jeremy Wellman, Turner Solterman, Jerry Bai, Jason Zhang), 1:43.45; 3. Salem (Patrick Huls, Calvin Kahler, William Long, Smaran Bhaktawara), 1:54.20; 4. Canton (Kyle Bindas, Alex Bourdreau, Jonathan Marceau, Matt Gran), 1:58.74.

200 freestyle: 1. V. Zhang (C), 1:44.10; 2. Simion (C), 1:55.82; 3. Matthew Pairitz (S), 1:58.61; 4. Michael Wilyard (C), 2:05.43; 5. Brian Kuang (S), 2:05.44.

200 individual medley: 1. Jin (C), 2:01.60; 2. J. Zhang (S), 2:02.59; 3. Solterman (S), 2:12.28; 4. Bhaktawara (S), 2:16.21; 5. Bindas (C), 2:41.08.

50 free: 1. Carlson (C), 22.52; 2. Bai (S), 23.51; 3. Basanese (S), 24.45; 4. Alex Smith (S), 25.91; 5. Bourdreau (C), 25.98.

1-meter diving: 1. Ryan Kilgore (C), 205.60 points; 2. Nick Griwicki (S), 188.75; 3. Charlie Dillon (S), 186.35; 4. (tie) Jay Krebs (C), 122.45; Patrick Casey (S), 122.45.

100 butterfly: 1. V. Zhang (C), 52.16; 2. Bai (S), 58.47; 3. J. Wellman (S), 1:00.23; 4. Huls (S), 1:02.89; 5. Nathan Albin (C), 1:11.76.

100 free: 1. J. Zhang (S), 49.24; 2. Carlson (C), 50.89; 3. Pairitz (S), 53.77; 4. Basanese (S), 55.49; 5. Josh Joy (C), 58.15.

500 free: 1. Jin (C), 5:12.03; 2. Kuang (S), 5:40.41; 3. Gregory Payne (S), 6:00.45; 4. Gran (C), 6:04.82; 5. Nathan Benjamin (C), 6:05.28.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Basanese, J. Wellman, Bhaktawara, Pairitz), 1:37.05; 2. Salem (Long, Smith, Casey, Kenny McManimon), 1:41.91; 3. Canton (Bourdreau, Chris Jenner, Joy, Carlson), 1:41.95; 4. Canton (Kilgore, Drew Wade, Marceau, Gran), 1:50.29; 5. Canton (Krebs, Noah Adams, Jack Chaney, Travis Alber), 1:52.82.

100 backstroke: 1. Simion (C), 58.54; 2. J. Wellman (S), 1:01.92; 3. Huls (S), 1:02.67; 4. Bindas (C),

1:08.78; 5. Brenden Wellman (S), 1:08.96.

100 breaststroke: 1. Solterman (S), 1:04.82; 2. Bourdreau (C), 1:10.30; 3. Calvin Kahler (S), 1:12.77; 4. Wilyard (C), 1:13.63; 5. Sahil Rafai (S), 1:15.38.

400 free relay: 1. Salem (Pairitz, Bhaktawara, Huls, J. Zhang), 3:32.03; 2. Canton (Jin, Wilyard, Gran, V. Zhang), 3:33.28; 3. Salem (Basanese, Kuang, Bai, Solterman), 3:42.60; 4. Canton (Marceau, Jenner, Simion, Joy), 3:48.13; 5. Salem (Smith, McManimon, Pietron, Roger Xia), 4:09.99.

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200 medley relay: 1. Salem (J. Wellman, Solterman, Bai, J. Zhang), 1:43.94; 2. Novi, 1:43.97; 4. Salem (Huls, Kahler, Long, Bhaktawara), 1:56.77.

200 free: 1. Andrew Ao (N), 1:52.16; 2. Pairitz (S), 1:58.49; 4. Danny Lynch (S), 2:02.91.

200 IM: 1. J. Zhang (S), 2:04.86; 2. Vincent Tanner (N), 2:07.04; 3. Bhaktawara (S), 2:13.04; 4. Solterman (S), 2:13.56.

50 free: 1. Eugene Song (N), 23.87; 2. Bai (S), 23.97; 3. McManimon (S), 24.69; 4. Basanese (S), 25.09.

1-meter diving: 1. Derek Kim (N), 231.10; 2. Griwicki (S), 220.10; 3. Dillon (S), 188.65; 4. Casey (S), 131.10.

100 fly: 1. Tanner Vincent (N), 56.56; 2. Bai (S), 58.25; 4. J. Wellman (S), 59.79.

100 free: 1. J. Zhang (S), 50.59; 2. Song (N), 53.37; 3. Pairitz (S), 54.12; 5. Basanese (S), 55.54.

500 free: 1. Ao (N), 5:16.35; 2. Lynch (S), 5:33.41; 5. Long (S), 5:49.53.

200 free relay: 1. Novi (Jong Min Kim, Gordy Williams Jr., Gucci Onimura, Ao), 1:34.99; 2. Salem (Basanese, McManimon, J. Wellman, Pairitz), 1:36.79; 4. Salem (Bhaktawara, Lynch, Smith, Long), 1:42.00.

100 back: 1. J.M. Kim (N), 1:00.01; 3. J. Wellman (S), 1:01.89; 5. Huls (S), 1:03.50.

100 breast: 1. J.M. Kim (N), 1:04.02; 2. Solterman (S), 1:05.30; 4. Bhaktawara (S), 1:08.99.

400 free relay: 1. Novi (Song, Vincent, Dennis Kim, Ao), 3:28.18; 2. Salem (Bai, Basanese, Pairitz, J. Zhang), 3:30.36; 3. Salem (Lynch, Huls, McManimon, Solterman), 3:41.66.

BATHGATE

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Bathgate said. "But he just said that everywhere you go you got to treat everybody with respect, you just got to enjoy it."

He thoroughly enjoys chatting with his grandfather about hockey, even though so much about the game has changed since the mid-1960s.

"It's safe to say I wouldn't be here without my grandpa's advice," Bathgate said. "He was my coach for about eight years when I was younger. He just behind the scenes taught me the little things and stuff."

"I come out after a game and he just knows how to pick out the little things, where you think 'God, how did he know that?'" It's amazing how different the game was back then, but still how much he knows. His advice is unbelievable. I



Bathgate

never get tired of listening to him."

There's also been a kind of family feel to his experience with the Whalers that he didn't have in Belleville. For starters, he enjoys living with his billet family (the Bushes), as does teammate Dario Trutmann.

"I didn't live with anybody for four years, I kind of grew accustomed to that," Bathgate said. "I had my privacy and stuff. But living this year with Dario, a ton of fun. He's a great guy, easy to get along with. I'm enjoying it."

Winning culture

And at the rink, Bathgate takes on a kind of big-brother persona with the 16- and 17-year-olds on the squad. He also is relishing

that opportunity, mainly because there weren't wide-open lines of communication between younger and older players at Belleville.

"My first couple years, talking to an older guy was rare, very rare," Bathgate said. "Here, rookie or a fifth-year guy, it doesn't really matter."

"Everybody gets along. It's a lot better environment to win."

Another obvious plus is playing on a never-say-die team with a number of first-round NHL draft choices and other players with big-league talent.

"It's a lot of fun here," Bathgate said. "I'm playing with Ricky Rakeell, J.T. Miller, Stefan Noesen. They make it real easy on you."

Those players would probably say that very observation applies to Andy Bathgate.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Salem to host baseball clinics

Youngsters will have their chance to again learn all about baseball from Salem's varsity players and coaching staff.

The annual Salem Varsity Baseball Clinic will take place Saturdays March 24 and 31 in the high school gym.

For a fee of \$28, kids will get three hours of instruction, focusing on pitching, hitting and all phases of fielding, along with a T-shirt.

Each player should bring a baseball glove and hat to one of the following sessions, space permitting:

Session 1: Saturday, March 24, 9 a.m. to noon, ages 11-14; 14; Session 2: Saturday, March 24, 1-4 p.m., ages 7-10; Session 3: Saturday, March 31, 9 a.m. to noon, ages 7-10; Session 4: Saturday, March 31, 1-4 p.m., ages 7-10.

Space is limited to 75 participants per session, so early registration is encouraged.

For more information, call Mary Theisen at (734) 354-9181 or e-mail salem-rocksbaseball@gmail.com.

Play GCYBSA ball

Registrations are now under way for the Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association's baseball and softball programs.

The GCYBSA offers progressively developmental recreational baseball and softball programs for players age 4-18 from Plymouth and Canton. GCYBSA is also home to a Competitive League and travel programs (Boys Cardinals, Girls Pride Fast Pitch).

For more information, go to www.gcybsa.com or contact Coralee Ott at (734), 394-5358, via e-mail at cott@canton-mi.org.

Take Pride

GCYBSA's 10U Girls Pride Developmental Travel Softball Team is looking to expand its roster for 2012.

Tryouts for the squad will take place 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 27 and Friday, Feb. 3, at Precision Baseball, located

at 7835 Market Street in Canton. The team will play games in the Western Wayne County League and in two or three tournaments.

To register to attend tryouts or for more information about this event, please contact Rob Nader at (734) 812-3501 or (734) 495-1156 or via e-mail at cott@canton-mi.org.

1st pitch for MU baseball

Terry Foster of WXYT-FM (97.1) and The Detroit News will be the featured speaker as the Madonna University baseball team will stage its annual 1st Pitch banquet beginning at 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Italian American Club in Livonia.

Tickets, which are tax-deductible, are \$60 each or \$110 per pair. Youth tickets are \$30 (12 and under).

Table sponsorships are also available and reservations must be received by Jan. 20.

Raffle items are also needed as donations.

For more information, call Bill Hardin at (734) 560-0820 or e-mail bjhwolves@aol.com.

Pitching clinic

Detroit Tigers pitching coach Jeff Jones will be the featured instructor at the pitching clinic hosted Sunday, Jan. 22, by the Livonia Stevenson High baseball program.

James will be joined by former pro pitcher Dave Marcon, owner and scout of Indy Pro Showcase, along with the Stevenson coaching staff.

Session I (ages 9-12) will be from 10 a.m. until noon followed by Session II (ages 13-18) 12:30-2:30 p.m. at the Stevenson field-house.

The cost is \$40 (checks should be made payable to the Stevenson High School Baseball).

For more information, call Stevenson baseball coach Rick Berryman at (734) 455-8623; or e-mail Berry3724@aol.com.

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night against Westland John Glenn's tenacious defense.

The Rockets outboarded Plymouth (7-4, 3-2

in the KLAA South) by a 34-13 edge, breaking out to leads of 18-13 at halftime and 33-21 after three.

Kate Watson scored eight for the Wildcats, with Shelby Cheston (six points, five

rebounds) and Alyssa Dillon (six boards) helping out.

For the first-place Rockets (9-2, 5-0), Erica Coville and Shakeya Graves tallied 16 points each and Joslyn Massey added 13.

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Youngsters hit the mats at Garden City novice tournament

By Ed Wright
Observer Staff Writer

Hundreds of young high school wrestlers stepped out of the shadows of their older peers and into the spotlight at the Jan. 14 Garden City Novice Wrestling Tournament.

The annual day-long event drew freshman and sophomore grapplers from 31 area schools.

Wayne Memorial enjoyed a stellar day on the mats as the Wolfpack took home three of the four most valuable wrestler awards.

Wayne's Kevin Marz won the top honor in the sophomore division's lower weights, while the Wolfpack's Aaron Mauldin was the 10th-grade upper-weights MVW after plowing through the competition at 215.

In the freshman competition, Allen Park's 119-pound Ben Lewis was named the top wrestler in the lower weights, while Wayne Aaron Heinonen earned the plaque after dominating the 152-pound weight class.

Among the Observerland standouts in the sophomore division were Livonia Clarenceville's Alan Zhen, who placed first at 103 pounds; Farmington's Jackson Tomski, who edged Wayne's Tyler Mulligan 6-4 in the 112-pound title match; Clarenceville's Denzale Leonard, who was the 140-pound champion; Garden City's Brenden Spe-

har, who won gold at 145; Livonia Franklin's Mike Gorman, who went 4-0 at 152; and Plymouth's Joey Shaver, the gold medalist at 160.

Observerland freshman champions included Canton's Jacob Thorton (130), Clarenceville's Domanick Slagle (140), and Salem's Mitchell Gross (171),

Garden City Novice Wrestling Tournament Saturday, Jan. 14

Participating teams: Allen Park (AP), Ann Arbor Pioneer (AAP), Ann Arbor Skyline (AAS), Canton (CNT), Clarenceville (CVILLE), Dearborn (DRB), Dearborn Divine Child (DDC), Dearborn Edsel Ford (DEF), Dearborn Fordson (DF), Dearborn Heights Annapolis (DHA), Detroit Catholic Central (DCC), Farmington (FRM), Garden City (GC), Inkster (INK), Lincoln Park (LP), Livonia Churchill (CHURCH), Livonia Franklin (LF), Melvindale (MLV), Milford (MIL), Monroe Jefferson (MJ), North Farmington (NF), Northville (NV), Plymouth (PLY), Redford Union (RU), Romulus (R), Salem (SLM), Southgate Anderson (SA), Walled Lake Central (WLC), Wayne Memorial (WM), Westland John Glenn (WJG) and Wyandotte Roosevelt (WR)

Sophomore results
103 pounds: 1. Alan Zhen (CVILLE) pinned Blake Caswell (MJ) in 58 seconds; 3rd: Dan Rammouni (DRB) pinned Kevin Dana (RU) in 47 seconds; 5th: Peter Grabowski (DDC) pinned Jacob Zimmer (NV) in 2:22.
112: 1. Jackson Tomski (FRM) dec. Tyler Mulligan (WM), 6-4; 3. Daniel Ahearn (PLY) pinned Josh Smith (PLY) in 3:53; 5. Jonathan Huang (NF) dec. Trevor Lerner (NV), 2-0.
119: 1. Greg Johnson (DCC) pinned JJ Frazier (WM) in 2:50; 3. Tim Way (WM) maj. dec. over Josh Messerol (CHURCH), 12-2; 5. Eric O'Neill (FRM) pinned Shane Martin (CVILLE) in 52 seconds.
125: 1. Ryan O'Connor (DCC) pinned Curtis Campbell (WR) in 1:08; 3. Nick Benavides (AP) dec. Anthony Berrelez (LF), 13-10; 5. Joe Walker (CVILLE) pinned Kyle Polaski (CNT) in 3:00.
130: 1. Eli Joseph (DCC) dec. Skyler Slotka (MLV), 5-1; 3. Ryan Siegler (CNT) maj. dec. over Austin Steele

(LF), 8-0; 5. Justin Baker (CHURCH) pinned Alan Baumgardner (CVILLE) in 2:00.

135: 1. Kevin Marz (WM) dec. Jay Marsh (CNT), 5-0; 3. Josh Hoak (MLV) dec. Josh Hoak (MLV), 7-4; 5. Mohamed Makki (DRB) dec. Nathan Samoy (CNT), 8-6.

140: 1. Denzale Leonard (CVILLE) pinned Adam McGrath (DCC) in 2:50; 3. Chris Novsky (PLY) dec. Chrishon Ashby (WJG), 6-2; 5. Colt Desmitt (GC) dec. Timmy Flores (WM), 4-2.

145: 1. Brenden Spehar (GC) dec. Joel Santos (LP), 6-1; 3. Devin Howell (CVILLE) pinned Matt Iwanka (WM) in 44 seconds; 5. Taylor Born (SLM) pinned Sam Campbell (PLY) in 2:45.

152: 1. Mike Gorman (LF) dec. Matt Justice (FRM), 4-0; 3. Ross Ladach (MLV) dec. Larry Vitale (AAP), 3-2; 5. Hassan Aboud (DF) dec. Kenneth Lawson (INK), 6-2.

160: 1. Joey Shaver (PLY) dec. AJ Mann (WR), 7-0; 3. Rob Soop (B) pinned Hu Lee (FRM) in 2:12; 5. James Hjeltness (WM) pinned Brandon Lindsey (GC) in 3:30.

171: 1. Jake Braun (WLC) won by tech. fall over Alec Jones (CVILLE), 20-1 (4:00); 3. Bekim Muca (SLM) pinned Eddie Sanchez (WJG) in 2:27; 5. Jacob Sarna (CHURCH) pinned Michael Vallepsir (DCC) in 2:45.

189: 1. Andre Botello (LP) maj. dec. over TJ Cook (MJ), 9-0; 3. James Pomerico (WM) dec. Matt Detter (FRM), 5-2; 5. Roderick Tubbs (MLV) pinned Hunter Smith (NF) in 2:15.

215: 1. Aaron Mauldin (WM) dec. Hussein Almurshadi (DF), 10-6; 3. Shamare McConvey (NF) pinned Andy Porter (AP) in 2:07; 5. Ray Hartle (M) dec. Trevor Schultz (LNVW), 7-2.

285: 1. Nathan Morgan (MIL) pinned Julius Rodriguez (SA), 1-20; 3. David Marshall (WR) pinned Chris Calderon (AP) in 1:35; 5. Mohamed Bazzi (DF) dec. Julian Martell (DEF), 3-0.

Freshman results
103 pounds: 1. Tyler Castillo (LP) pinned Tyler Bridge (SA) in 1:26; 3. Tom Herrmann (DCC) pinned Drew Smith (LF) in 21 seconds; 5. Chase Walkowiak (FRM) pinned Trevor Lennon (DRB) in 1:41.

112: 1. Christian Poupard (MJ) pinned Dominick Sanders (WM) in 43 seconds; 3. Derek Lilly (MIL) pinned Brandon Collins (GC) in 1:54; 5. Ian Williamson (WR) dec. Jake Chapman (AP), 12-7.

119: 1. Ben Lewis (FRM) pinned Cullen Brewer (WLC) in 58 seconds;

3. Dylan Stover (MIL) pinned Derek Pomerico (WM) in 1:24; 5. Clinton Diddy (WM) dec. Adam Ross (LF), 3-1.

125: 1. Jacob Krebs (B) pinned Austin Varney (DCC) in 52 seconds; 3. Oscar Torres (AP) dec. Carter Griest (B), 6-0; 5. Shunhe Wang (NV) pinned Jordan Rock (MIL) in 32 seconds.

130: 1. Jacob Thorton (CNT) won by injury default over Roy Llamas (AP); 3. Cameron Fyffe (CVILLE) dec. Ricky Spicer (RU), 9-8; 5. Paul Tacy (CNT) dec. Collin Vargo (WR), 3-0.

135: 1. Quinn Chapman (LP) pinned Mike Bennett (WR) in 2:14; 3. Todd Israel (CNT) dec. Bobby Brewer (DCC), 8-5; 5. Nick Pizzo (WR) pinned Billy Abercrombie (MIL) in 30 seconds.

140: 1. Domanick Slagle (CVILLE) pinned Tyler Pridemore (MJ) in 35 seconds; 3. Dominick Adams (RU) pinned Brendan Pultorak (DEF) in 1:40; 5. Fadel Harhara (MLV) dec. Nick Durocher (CNT), 2-1.

145: 1. Matt Nasceif (MLV) pinned John Michalowski (NV) in 36 seconds; 3. Jake Smith-Elliott (DHA) pinned Ryan Morelli (CNT) in 57 seconds; 5. Mitchel Retting (LF) pinned Blake Livingston (DCC) in 1:47.

152: 1. Aaron Heinonen (WM) dec. Andre Brown (WJG), 6-0; 3. Clay Higley (FRM) dec. Troy Erickson (DCC), 11-9; 5. Trenton Webster (WR) pinned Matt Gee (PLY) in 24 seconds.

160: 1. Manuel Roldan (MLV) dec. Savon Brown (R), 7-5; 3. Jonathan Brown (M) pinned Alex Lemonecchi (CHURCH) in 2:59; 5. Dan Huber (LF) pinned Noah Vaitkevicius (DCC) in 43 seconds.

171: Mitchell Gross (SLM) pinned Scott Carpenter (MLV) in 2:45; 3. Sean Kirthner (M) pinned Brian Coots (DCC) in 3:00; 5. Fred Coble (AAP) dec. Nathan Dietrich (CHURCH), 7-1.

189: 1. Prince Onewnu (WLC) dec. Luis Angeles (LP), 7-0; 3. David Widzinski (DCC) dec. Diallo Matsinella (DHA), 5-0; 5. Manny Sanchez (FRM) pinned Matt Frankovich (MIL) in 1:20.

215: 1. Jordan Lupro (AP) pinned Adam Armesto (CNT) in 4:07; 3. Jacob Mercieka (CHURCH) dec. Cody Markland (WM), 4-0; 5. Drake Sanchez (DHA) pinned Derek Young (SLM) in 1:54.

285: 1. Blake Johnson (LP) dec. Rafael Mitchell (MLV), 3-1; 3. Matt Petrowski (SLM) pinned David Corcoran (AAS) in 3:28; 5. Jerold Brown (RU) maj. dec. Tim Durocher (AP), 8-0.

Seniors key Rocks, 'Cats

Seniors Alex Brown, Jake McCabe and Ali Ajami highlighted Salem's 45-12 dual meet victory over visiting South Lyon East Wednesday night.

Rocks coach Pete Israel's team won all but three bouts in the KLAAs Central Division matchup, Salem's final home meet of the regular season.

"Overall (it was) a good meet," Israel said. "Our seniors stepped up for their last home dual meet."

Brown actually won by void at 171, but McCabe needed just 66 seconds to pin South Lyon East's Caleb Fassem at 189. Ajami's victory at 285 was a 7-3 decision over Dom Corpulando.

The Rocks showed muscle with four other falls. Those included Joe Taylor (103) over Aaron Horn in 49 seconds; Alex Arble (112) over Caleb Hill in 3:11; Cody Korpus (119) over Noah Keffler in 1:29; and Riley Doxtader (140) over Eddie Clark in 1:18.

Rounding out the top-sided match victory were voids by Caleb McCabe at 125, Matt Lang at 145 and Tyler Gross at 160.

Salem did lose in two closely contested bouts. At 135, Jesse Strickland earned a 23-20 win over Hamad Abed while 215-pounder Luke Patterson nipped Tony Agostini by a 4-3 count.

Israel's squad took

part in a challenging tournament this weekend, namely the 50th Annual Jim Mooney Williamston Wrestling Classic. Results were not available as of press time.

Wildcats romp

It also was a good "Senior Night" for Plymouth's varsity wrestling team with Wednesday's 60-15 KLAAs South Division victory over visiting Livonia Churchill.

Winning up and down the lineup for the Wildcats were Brandon Harris, Trey Berry, Chase Kallil, Jon Conn, Hussein Youssef, Said Youssef, John Rubio, Matt Walsh, Joey Shaver, Matt Ayoub and Faris Abraham.

The Wildcats will wrestle Canton and Westland John Glenn Wednesday at Livonia Churchill.

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103 pounds: Jake Preiss (WM) decisioned Bobby Kincaid, 9-4; **112:** Benjamin Griffin (C) pinned Tyler Mulligan, 0-44; **119:** Richard DeMarois (C) p. Tim Way, 3:07; **125:** Austin Pilmer (C) dec. Tristan Jarosiewicz, 5-1; **130:** Keshav Patel (C) won by major dec. over Michael Nicholson, 14-5; **135:** Alec Pantaleo (C) won by major dec. over Devon Adams, 18-5; **140:** Allen Parker (WM) dec. Marc Przybylski, 10-4; **145:** Micheil Hood (WM) p. Bradley Babcock, 1-26; **152:** Zach Marsh (C) won by major dec. over Sharif Hegazi, 12-0; **160:** Patrick Murphy (C) dec. Sam Ekaner, 9-4; **171:** Lucas Hofbauer (WM) p. Alex Cole, 2-40; **189:** Devin Korzetki (WM) p. Scott Obrec, 1-01; **215:** Dimitrus Renfrore (WM) p. Ken Wolke, 1-51; **285:** Colin Mullins (WM) p. Conner Shuh, 0-50.

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Glitz and glamor

Auto show charity preview raises \$3M for kids

Area residents were among the luminaries who filled Cobo Center at the North American International Auto Show 2012 Charity Preview Friday, Jan. 13.

"What a night," said Bill Perkins, chairman, NAIAS 2012. "We were thrilled that ticket sales were up over 20 percent from last year, and as of show time we were 12 tickets short from our goal of 12,000 tickets sold, so the Detroit Auto Dealers Association purchased the remaining tickets, and we reached the \$3 million mark."

The black-tie crowd was served 4,200 bottles of champagne, 1,000 pounds of beef tenderloin, 20,000 bottles of wine, 35,000 bottles of beer from the Detroit Beer Co., 1,200 pounds of shrimp, and 2,100 pounds of deli meat. Five hundred limos filled the streets and 378 cans of hair spray held it all together.

Proceeds from the event that mixed glamour and everything automotive support vital services for children of all ages in the Detroit area.

Beneficiaries of the Charity Preview include: Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan, Boys Hope Detroit, The Children's Center, Judson Center, The Detroit Institute for Children, Think Detroit PAL, March of Dimes, Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation and the DADA Charitable Foundation Fund, a fund of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.

Charity Preview, Detroit's premier black-tie gala, was made possible by Charter One, part of the RBS group. The event is widely regarded as the largest single night fundraiser in North America.



Saad Chehab, Chrysler brand president, WDIV-TV morning traffic reporter and Westland resident, Ashlee Baracy, and Jennifer Chehab were among the 12,000 metro Detroiters at the Jan. 13 charity preview. Baracy is wearing a paper dress made from Chevrolet and Toyota brochures and designed by Matthew Richman of Royal Oak.



Leah and Marc Nelson of Commerce Township (left) and Amy Vitale of Farmington Hills, with Bob Burkhart of Waterford at the charity preview.



Canton friends and neighbors (left) Jennifer Vallis and Susan Haubenstricker did their Charity Preview and AutoGlow shopping spree at Parisian.



Farmington Hills residents Lori and Brent Kuhn attended the Charity Preview at Cobo Center and AutoGlow Under The Big Top to benefit The Children's Center. The Children's Center partnered with the College for Creative Studies (CCS) for a student competition to create a theme and design for the fundraiser which included carnival and circus elements.



Adam Zemke of Ann Arbor, The Michelin Man and Erin Welsh of Plymouth were glammed and glitzed for Charity Preview 2012 that raised more than \$3 million on Friday, Jan. 13.

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Jennifer Fritz (left) of Garden City and Lisa Hill of Royal Oak, wash Cora, one of 10 Persian cats rescued by New Beginnings Animal Rescue from a neglectful home in western Michigan.

DIANA WING

Girls learn to invest, help others

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Middle school girls and their moms will become global investors at a workshop next month in "micro-lending" presented by Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne.

They'll also learn how their dollars can help women world-wide to establish and grow their own small businesses.

"We've never lost a dollar in this lending," said Sally Randall, Zonta Club member. "Zonta has done micro-lending for a long time and it has been good to us. It's amazing how buying a goat, or seeds or a sewing machine can make a difference in women's lives. And that's what Zonta is about."

During "Micro-lending 101," 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, mothers and daughters will choose an overseas project online for their investment. Randall said loans average about \$25 and that each mother-daughter investment team can track the investment over several months. Recipients use the funds to maintain or establish their own businesses.

"It's always good when young kids can learn the value of community service," Randall said, adding that the project "builds a bond between mom and daughter."

"It's a good experience for mom to see that there are clubs out there also helping to support women."

Zonta was founded in 1919 in New York as a networking vehicle for businesswomen. The second club was established in Detroit, Randall said.

"It was a way for business women to stick together and help each other."

The organization today is world-wide, with clubs in 67 different countries. Its mission is to improve the lives of women worldwide by enhancing the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women through advocacy and service. Club members promote the organization's mission both locally and globally.

The Northwest Wayne chapter is a part of District 15, that includes Michigan and portions of Ontario, Canada.

Christy Hicks, the District 15 Jane M. Klausman 2011 Scholarship winner, will lead Micro-lending 101. The Eastern Michigan University graduate student is working toward a master of science degree in human resources and organizational development.

Register for the workshop online at zontanorthwestwayne.eventbrite.com. For more on Zonta locally, visit www.zonta15.org.

Schoolcraft College is located on Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia; (734) 462-4400.

Rescues offer disaster training, Persian cats

Emergency training

You can learn what it takes to handle and move animals to safety during disasters such as fires, tornados, hurricanes and floods through a three-day workshop, Feb. 17-19 at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, in Canton.

The Humane Society of the United States will offer its Disaster Animal Response Team Training, an introductory course that covers such topics as team response and procedures; animal care and handling; emergency animal shelters; equipment; responder health and safety; disaster preparedness for individuals and households, animal facilities, and communities; the Incident Command System; legal issues; communications; and teamwork.

The training will give participants an understanding of the skills needed to aid animals during a disaster in their communities and beyond. "They could end up



assisting anywhere around the country. You need this training to do that," said Brad Sharp, city of Canton maintenance manager.

The classes will run 9 a.m.-5 p.m. the first two days and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. the last day. Cost is \$195. Attendance is required for all three days.

For additional information or to register, visit the Humane Society University Web site at: <http://tinyurl.com/6qrk24b> or call Frances Gaeta with the Humane Society University at (301) 548-7731. Registration deadline is Feb. 3.

Sweaters for naked cats

New Beginnings Animal Rescue (NBAR) is accepting donated sweaters and blankets to help keep its rescued — and shaved — purebred Persian cats warm. The

group took 10 of 31 cats rescued from a neglectful home in western Michigan last week, shaved off their urine-soaked and matted fur and then bathed them before making the cats available for adoption. Several have already gone to new homes. The others are in foster care.

"Normally we only take owner-surrendered animals, but we were contacted by another rescue who needed our help. When we learned about the situation, how could we say no?" stated Jennifer Fritz, NBAR vice president and a Garden City resident.

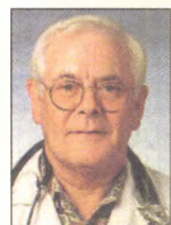
"All the cats have been fully vetted and ready for a loving home. Most of the cats didn't even have names, they were known simply as numbers. We are looking forward to seeing them learn how to develop bonds and friendships with the people around them — that's something they were never allowed to do before."

Before-and-after pictures are posted on the group's Facebook pages. Visit www.nbarmichigan.org for more information on fostering, adopting and donating sweaters.

— Sharon Dargay

Don't throw it away yet

I did a seminar the other night at the Novi Library and I want to thank all of you folks who showed up and asked very intelligent questions. You came from all over and many are readers of this column.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

The consensus of the audience is that they are not happy with their new major home appliances. I stressed the quality issue today and pointed out that many of their old products may just outlast something they may purchase brand new.

Every week I receive several e-mails pertaining to a non-working appliance and I reply to each and every one of them. Many times, with a little guidance from the old white-haired appliance doctor, a reader will fix something without the need of a service technician. Take the man who had a 20-year-old refrigerator which was in excellent condition but wouldn't operate and only made clicking sounds when it tried to come on. I told him that he could have a bad compressor which could cost \$600 to replace. I also advised him to spend \$30-\$40 to replace the relay and overload on the com-

pressor and he could do it himself, which is exactly what he did. He wrote me back to tell me I was dead on and that the refrigerator now runs just fine.

David writes: "We have a Maytag washer about 20 years old that has given us excellent service with very few repairs required. Just lately the washer is starting to move around quite a bit. The washer sits level on the floor and we are only washing for two people. The adjustment screws seem to be adjusted properly. Do you know what might be causing this to happen now?"

Here is an example of a consumer who owns one of the best washers ever made. It's 20 years old and this well-made product of years ago has been known to last for 54 years. The problem could be that the lock nuts on the leveling legs have worked loose after all these years of vibration and simply need to be readjusted and tightened with a pair of channel locks. The rubber feet on the legs similar to casters under a chair are all worn on the edges and need to be replaced. The very common occurrence of a wooden floor weakening from years of strain could be the problem. I suggested placing a glass of water on the clothes dryer and turning it on the washer. This is a good indicator of a floor being the source of the problem. In David's case, it would be a shame to

send that old machine to the scrap heap. Those old Maytags would need new belts and a new roller kit for the motor carriage assembly and easily last another 20 years.

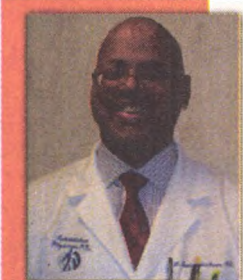
Mike and Cathy write: "We have had an ongoing issue with holes in our soft cotton clothing, particularly the underwear and lightweight cotton T-shirts. They appear as small holes and can be larger at times. We have looked at both the washer and dryer trying to find what may be causing this and are a bit stumped."

This is a tricky question to answer without offending the woman of the house, so I'll put it into a statement of fact. Some women wear brasieres with built-in wire supports. These wires will wear through the fabric and can snag other clothes causing little or large holes. It took years as a service technician to find this out.

The message to homeowners in this column: Don't be so quick to shop for a new appliance when the one you have may last a lot longer. If you have a question, contact me. It doesn't cost anything. If it comes to getting a service technician, I can help you with that as well. 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

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Jan. 22-31

FILM SERIES

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 22

Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Howard Lupovitch will introduce "Flames of Revolt" and discussion will follow the film. Cost is \$15

Contact: David Goodman at (248) 851-6880

FINANCIAL RECOVERY

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Jan. 31

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, near 12 Mile and Farmington Road, in Farmington Hills

Details: Dave Ramsey's "The Great Recovery" is a 13-week, bible-based program that teaches you to eliminate debt and leave a lasting legacy.

Contact: Register at www.daveramsey.com or call (248) 553-3380

MEMORY CHALLENGES

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28

Location: First Baptist Church of Detroit, 21100 Southfield Road, just north of Eight Mile, in Southfield

Details: Dr. Annette Carron, from Palliative Care in Farmington Hills, will speak about memory loss, dementia, signs of Alzheimer's, and methods to delay memory loss. This is a free program open to the public and light refreshments

will be served

Contact: (248) 569-2972 or firstbaptist@fbc-detroit.org

OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 9:30-1 p.m. Jan. 29

Location: St. Edith Catholic School, 15089 Newburgh at Five Mile, Livonia

Details: K-8th grade enrollment available

Contact: (734) 464-1250 or visit www.stedithschool.org

PRAYER OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27

Location: Harvest Bible Church, 6420 N. Newburgh, Westland

Details: Anyone who needs prayer may stop by to pray by themselves or with a volunteer prayer partner

Contact: (734) 895-3280

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m., Jan. 22; check-in starts at 2 p.m.

Location: St. Kenneth Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth

Details: Mass followed by refreshments, social time. Widowed Friends is a peer group within the Archdiocese of Detroit that offers activities for widowed men and women in a safe and friendly setting

Contact: Pat at (734) 895-6246

February

BETHANY

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11

Location: Elks Lodge, 31117 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Detail: Stilettoes Dance, "Detroit Still Doo Wops," with music from 8 p.m.-midnight.

Cost is \$20 and includes beer and pop

Contact: Chooch at (734) 697-7270

DEBT FREE

Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, beginning Feb. 1

Location: Farmington Hills Church of God, 25717 Power, Farmington Hills

Details: Financial Peace University — Imagine Yourself Debt Free, is a 13-week, video-based study featuring Dave Ramsey, that teaches how to build wealth, get out of debt and gain financial freedom. You may attend the first class for free. Childcare is available

Contact: (248) 477-9144 or visit www.FHChurchofGod.org or www.DaveRamsey.com

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7-8:45 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7

Location: Faith Covenant Church, 35415 W. 14 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: "From Grief to New Hope," presented by Cathy Clough, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support, runs eight weeks. Each session will begin with a talk, followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Each person will be placed in a group with others who have had similar losses

Contact: (248) 661-9191; www.4fcc.org

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Feb. 29 and March 7, 14 and 21

Location: St. Michael's Catholic Parish, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Grieving with Great Hope, a four-week grief support series will offer a prayerful and practical approach for individuals who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Presenters will include The Rev. Bill Tindall as well John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry. Register by calling the church of visiting Good Mourning Ministry's Web site.

Contact: (734) 261-1455; www.goodmourningministry.net

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: Social hour 5 p.m., dinner 6 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 8

Location: Corsi's Italian Restaurant, 27910 W. Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed Friends, a peer group offered through the Archdiocese of Detroit, welcomes widowed men and women to attend a social hour and dinner. Cost of \$14 includes buffet, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay at the door in cash only with the exact amount. Cards, games and conversation until 9:30 p.m. RSVP by Feb. 1. No drop-ins

Contact: Cookie at (248) 357-2183 or Carol at (248) 946-0300

Celebrate Valentine's Day with high tea

Canton Senior Center will celebrate Valentine's Day with high tea for individuals of all ages, 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, in the Maple Room at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton.

Finger sandwiches, cream scones, tasty desserts and tea — all provided by Victoria's Tea Salon — will be served.

Registration for the Valentine's Day High Tea is

\$16 for Canton residents and \$21 for non-residents. Register at Cantonfun.org or by calling (734) 394-5460.

The Canton Senior Center is operated by Canton Township and offers a wide variety of programs, trips and special events, activities and classes for free or at low-cost. For more information on its Valentine's High Tea Celebration call (734) 394-5485.

Learn to define artistic goals

Three Cities Art Club will present a free event to help artists develop and realize their goals, 7-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, in the lower level meeting room B at Canton Township Hall, 1150 Canton Center Road, a quarter mile south of Cherry Hill.

Dorrie Milan of ArtServe Michigan will talk about intellectual property and will explain how to write an artist's

statement, how to fund and market your work, and much more.

Light refreshments will be served. Membership in the Three Cities Art Club for adults 18 and older, is \$25 per year.

Questions? E-mail Marilyn Meredith at marilynmeredith@wowway.com or call (313) 231-3939. Visit the club online at www.threecitiesartclub.org.

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THE JOINT-KIDNEY CONNECTION

There are no kidney conditions that cause arthritis, but any doctor treating a patient for a joint problem knows that the status of the patient's kidneys determines what medications will be appropriate for the joints.

The critical point is in the regulation of the blood supply within the kidney. Kidney blood vessels are arranged in tufts and it is this arrangement that allows the kidney to filter out excess salt and water. In turn, chemicals within the kidneys, called cyclooxygenases, regulate the size of the blood vessels and determine how well the body will regulate salt and water balance.

The joint-kidney connection comes up because the medicines so often used to treat the pain of joint disease, such as ibuprofen, naproxen, sulindac and etodolac, block the action of the cyclooxygenases. The result is a decreased kidney blood supply; that change can lead to renal failure.

The problem becomes worse in older people. A person in his 70's may have normal kidney function. Even so, kidney reserve at the age or older can be small. Giving even a small dose of ibuprofen or a similar drug may cause the kidneys to begin to fail. Doctors do not lose sight of this possibility even in their hardest older patients, and so use caution in prescribing any of the common anti-inflammatory drugs.

The other joint-kidney connection is that the kidney rids the body of many anti-arthritis drugs. The best example is allopurinol, a medication used to treat gout. If the patient with gout has kidney insufficiency, then the doctor decreases the usual allopurinol dose. A reduction in dose is necessary to account for increased and prolonged presence of allopurinol that occurs when the drug is not eliminated in the normal manner.

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ALTENBERNT, ANNA I.

Beaverton, Michigan
Mrs. Altenbernt, age 92, passed away peacefully Monday, January 16, 2012 at Tender Care of Midland, following a lingering illness. She was born in Delray, Michigan on January 6, 1920 to the late Frank & Anna (Giba) Dely. She married Nelson Altenbernt on June 27, 1942 in Plymouth, Michigan. He survives her. They moved to Beaverton in 1982 and have enjoyed their home here with the family and especially the grandchildren. She is survived by a son David & Connie Altenbernt of Romeo and a daughter Nancy & Gary Singleton of South Lyons; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; a brother Edward Dely of Plymouth; three sisters Barbara & Fred Warren of Gaylord, Betty Little of Surprize, AZ and Irene & Robert Phillips of Wayne; a half brother Fred Dely and a half sister Erma Vezinaw. She was predeceased by two brothers Steven & Louis Dely and two sisters Helen Dely and Mary Clark. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date with cremation taken place at Sunset Valley Crematory. Arrangements were entrusted to Sisson Funeral Home.

ELIAS, FIFY J.

Passed away on January 17, 2012 at the age of 94. Dear mother of Ellen (Les Spalding) Elias, Jim (Janice) Elias, and Thomas (Elizabeth) Elias. Loving grandmother of Erica, Elijah, Natalie, Alexis, and Sophia. Sister of Joe Joseph, Helen Joseph, Robert Joseph, and Thomas Joseph. You would always feel welcomed when you visited the family owned Elias Brothers Market on Plymouth Road in Livonia in the 1960's and 70's. Fify knew your name, and the names of your kids and parents as well. Always quick with a smile and a joke, you knew this wasn't an ordinary check-out lady. She had a special spirit. If you ever knew her, you would not forget her. Even after the passing of her husband and store founder, James T. Elias in 1972, Fify continued to be the personality of the store and the glue that held things together. Services were held at Vermeulen Funeral Home-Plymouth, and interment at Glen Eden Memorial Park. Memorial offerings to Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan, 222 North Kalamazoo Mall, Ste. 100, Kalamazoo, MI 49007.



GREENLEE, ROBERT E.

Age 89, of Lafayette, IN formerly of Livonia, MI died Sunday January 8, 2012 at Indiana University Health, Lafayette, IN. He was born August 13, 1922, in Michigan to the late Leonard and Esther Froelich Greenlee. Bob served in the United States Navy in WWII and on March 23, 1946 he married Viola Gumas in Detroit, MI and she survives. Mr. Greenlee worked for the City of Livonia Department of Public Works for 30 years and at the time of his retirement was Foreman of Roads. He was a member of the American Legion in Redford, MI and enjoyed golfing. Surviving along with his wife is a daughter Gail M. Zhemendak husband William of Lafayette, IN and grandchildren Billy Zhemendak wife Reagan, Christi Wetter husband John and great grandchildren Logan, Mia and Aydan. Also surviving is a brother Leonard Greenlee of Wyandotte, MI and a sister Elaine Glumm of Taylor, MI. He was preceded in death by a brother Ralph Greenlee. Those wishing may contribute to Diamond Blackfan Anemia Association.

HOSKINS, JACK

January 17, 2012, age 81. Loving husband of 56 years of Dorothy. Dear father of Paul Chris Hoskins and Allen J. (Lori) Hoskins. Dear grandfather of Ally and Ashley Hoskins. Also leaves three brothers and two sisters. Visitation was held Friday with services following on Saturday from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com



LINTON, CHRIS
6/15/59 ~ 1/4/12

Age 52, Port Orange, FL Passed away peacefully, January 4, 2012. Born in Wayne, Michigan on June 15, 1959, he grew up in a family with proud parents, Duane and Arlene, and three sisters Karen, Brenda and Sandy. Chris graduated from John Glenn High School in 1977. Chris was a skilled machinist working at Jack Roush Performance Engineering in the early 1980's and ending with a career that encompassed most of the Space Shuttle Program. Honor, love of family, friends, and country were all very important to Chris. He met his wife, Kathleen on New Years Eve 1982, on a trip to Florida. Together, they raised daughter, Jennifer, and were blessed to have 24 years together. Survivors include his wife Kathleen Linton, daughter Jennifer Lafland (Alan), granddaughters Annsley and Ashlynn, his parents, Duane and Arlene, his sisters, Karen Linton (Glen), Brenda Czubaj (Ray), Sandy Yetter (Shawn) as well as countless nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral Services were held in Port Orange, FL on Monday January 9th, 2012. A memorial service is being held in his honor on February 4th, 2012 at the Wayne Moose Lodge: 38050 Michigan Ave Wayne, MI 48184. Between 2:00p.m. and 7:00p.m. All friends and family are welcome.



SHERR, JULIE BETH

Age 64 of Birmingham, went to the "big concert in the sky" on 11-20-11 at Hospice of the Palm Beaches in South Florida. She is survived by her daughter, Jennifer Lincoln, son-in-law Darren, her grandson Richie and her sister Amy of NM. She lived life to the fullest. Her acclaims include: Record promotion for rock legends Bob Seger, Thin Lizzy, Bee Gees, Andy Gibb, Eric Clapton & many more. Julie is now at peace in "rock and roll heaven". We will remember her by her smile and her ability to make the best out of life. A memorial will be held this summer in Detroit, the date TBA.

ANTIL, RICHARD

Age 77, passed away on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 in Monroe, Michigan. He was born in Fitchburg, MA in 1934 and later moved to the Detroit area with his family. He worked for Michigan Bell/AT&T for 30+ years and volunteered with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Michigan after serving in the Army in Arlington, VA from 1952-1955. He is preceded in death by both of his parents, two brothers, and his son Matt. He is survived by one sister, Gloria Riopelle (Ernie), one son, Dan (Alice) and 3 daughters, Marie Moleski (Robert), Dorothy Paulun (Rick), and Kathryn Herbst as well as 9 grandchildren, Chris Bagnall, Eric Wood, Andy Paulun, Heather Wood, Brandon Paulun, Kevin Paulun, Wade Antil, Zack Herbst, and Cody Antil. A Memorial service will be held at a later date and his remains will be interred at the Great Lakes National Veterans Cemetery in Holly, MI.

Please share a memory of Richard in his guestbook at www.cremationmichigan.com.



GALLENTE, WILLIAM "DON"

January 13, 2012, age 89 of Bloomfield Hills. Loving husband of Beverly. Dear father of Scott (Becky) and Ross (Joanne). Grandfather of Rachel, Zachary, Lisa Fader (Daniel) and the late Mary Catherine. Great grandfather of Trinity Fader. Funeral service was held Tuesday, Jan 17th at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, Royal Oak. Visitation was Monday with a Masonic service under the auspices of Berkley Lodge #536 F.&A.M. Interment Acacia Park Cemetery. Memorial tributes to The Goodfellows or First United Methodist Church of Birmingham. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



HALL, JEANNE LYNN
December 2, 1958 – December 23, 2011

Jeanne passed away unexpectedly on December 23 at Mount Nittany Medical Center in State College, PA. Jeanne was an Associate Professor at Penn State University, in the College of Communications, Department of Film/Video and Media Studies, for nearly 20 years. Jeanne loved teaching and was very proud to be a member of the faculty at her beloved Penn State, where she was honored by her colleagues and the Penn State community at a memorial held at the University on January 12. Jeanne was a celebrated and respected faculty member, admired for her passion and dedication to teaching. She was regularly recognized for her outstanding contributions and received many awards, including the College of Communications Alumni Association Excellence in Teaching Award. Jeanne was also a five-time winner of the prestigious Faculty Marshal Award, an honor bestowed by each of the university's top program graduates and presented to the single most influential professor in that student's entire college journey. Her students often said that Jeanne's genuine interest, care and support transformed their lives, both personally and professionally, making the biggest impact on their college experience and future careers. The Hall Family wishes to extend sincere gratitude for the numerous heartfelt notes and letters from current and former students. After graduating from West Bloomfield High School, Jeanne earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and subsequently earned her Doctorate in Film Studies at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Jeanne began her professional career at the Ohio University School of Film, where she taught for three years, followed by her long career at Penn State. Jeanne was deeply loved and cherished by her family, and her many, many friends, and was the adored aunt of 14 nieces and nephews - to borrow one of her favorite phrases, she rocked! Jeanne is survived by her parents, Clark & Joyce Hall of West Bloomfield, sisters Kathleen (Frank) Garipey and Cheryl (David) Lindsay, and brothers, Mark (Jodi) Hall, Thomas Hall, and James (Kristin) Hall, and nieces and nephews: Brian, Michael, Andrew and Christopher Garipey; Alex and Clark Lindsay; Jacob, Matthew and Patrick Hall; Kyle, Casey and Bobbie Hall; and Bobby and Laurel Hall. Messages and memories may be posted online at the Koch Funeral Home Guest Book for Jeanne Hall, at www.kochfuneralhome.com. A memorial service will be held Sunday, January 29 at 2:30 pm at Bloomfield Open Hunt Club, 405 East Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI. Contributions in Jeanne's honor to the Jeanne Hall Penn State Memorial Fund are gratefully accepted, and may be sent to: Kevin Musick, College of Communications, 301 James Building, University Park, PA 16802. Contribution checks should be made payable to Penn State, with the memo line reference "Jeanne Hall Memorial."



KENNY, JULIA L.

January 8, 2012, age 93, of Plymouth. Loving wife of the late Roland. Beloved mother of Guy (Susan). Proud grandmother of Ellen (David) Lukach, Julie (Bernie) Johnsen, Guy (Christa), Emily and Ellie. Beloved great-grandmother of Lenora and Daniel Lukach and Hannah Johnsen. Dear sister of the late Fay (Tom) Keys, the late Mary Freeman and the late Betty MacDonell. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral Service was held Friday at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road (btwn Sheldon & Beck), Plymouth. Visitation was held Thursday. Interment Acacia Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



KOLBE, JOY M.

Died on January 17, 2012, at her home in The Woodlands, Texas. She was born January 15, 1920, to Ila Lee (Brooks) Watkins and Wilber O. Watkins of Douglass, Texas. Joy is a descendant of a founding family of Texas. Jesse J. Watkins of Nacogdoches County. She is survived by her husband of 65 years, William H. Kolbe, daughter Patricia K. Gordinier and husband Hollace (Bud) Gordinier, son James W. Kolbe, grandchildren, Andrew J. Kolbe and Caroline E. Kolbe, and her brother James O. Watkins and wife Wilma. She was predeceased by her sister, Mary Lavern (Watkins) Johnson, husband Otis C. Johnson and half-sister Elaine Johnson Baker. Joy was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and homemaker. She loved to entertain family and friends and to travel. Joy was very active in American Cancer Society fund raising. Gardening, shopping and working with photographs were her hobbies. She loved music. Prior to moving back to Texas she had lived in Michigan 47 years. She is a member of The Woodlands United Methodist Church and previously a member of The United Methodist Church in Birmingham, Michigan. Visitation will be held at Forest Park The Woodlands Funeral Home, Sunday, January 22, 2012 from 4pm until 8pm. Funeral Service will be Monday, January 23, 2012 at 11:00am in the Robb Chapel of The Woodlands United Methodist. Interment will follow at Forest Park The Woodlands Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Heart Association or the charity of one's choice are appreciated by the family. To sign the register book or to leave memories of Joy for the family please visit: forestparkthewoodlands.com

MCMARTIN, CHRISTINA "TINA"

Called home to her Lord on January 15, 2012. Beloved wife of Hugh. Loving mom of Erika (Kenny) Ingle, and Bradley (Paula). Proud grandmother of Cameron Ingle, Donovan Ingle, and the late Luca Ingle. Dear sister of Lisa Minto. The family will gather with friends Thursday from 3 PM until the 5 PM, memorial service at Living Word Church, 46500 North Territorial Rd., (west of Sheldon), Plymouth, MI 48170. Memorial contributions may be made to the church. To share memories please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

MICHIE, MARTHA (nee TORIKKA)

Age 97, January 15, 2012. Wife of the late George. Survived by nieces and nephews. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Saturday from 11 a.m. until Funeral Service at 12 p.m. Please share a memory at: www.rggharris.com

ROBERTS, ISABELL JEAN

Age 83 January 14, 2012. Beloved wife of John H. Loving mother of John Jr. and Melody (Daryl) Jackson. Cherished grandmother of seven and great-grandmother of seven. Dear sister of the late Kenneth (Sara) Hatcher, Charles (Joyce) Hatcher, the late Marion Stewart, Margery (Alexander) Janowski. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



ROBERTS, DAISY ELIZABETH

Age 95 of Luther, formerly of Royal Oak died on January 11, 2012 in Nashville TN. She was born on July 6, 1916 in Owen Sound, Ontario to Henry & Gertrude Warren. They preceded her in death. She married Thomas (Fred) Roberts on June 27, 1953. He preceded her in death on September 5, 1978. She was also preceded in death by her brother George Warren and nieces, Mary Anteaux and Amanda Irby. Surviving are sons Thom (Christine) Roberts of Nashville TN, and Dave (Diane) Roberts of Luther MI; brother Norman (Joyce) Warren of MS; dear sister-in-law Gloria Warren; brother-in-law George Roberts; grandchildren David, Haley, and Rose Roberts; step grandson John Thorburn, step great-grandson Cameron Thorburn and his mother, Toni. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews, including special niece Janet Warren. A memorial service will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church, 26998 Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak, Michigan 48067 on Saturday, February 4 at 2:00 p.m. Memorials may be made to St. John's Episcopal Church or to the charity of one's choice.



STEFANKO, KENNETH R.

January 13, 2012, age 70. Beloved husband of Martha (48 years). Loving father of Christopher Kenneth Stefanko and Scott Fitzpatrick Stefanko. Dear brother of Gerald (Eiko) Stefanko, James Stefanko, Mary Miner and Robert Stefanko. Uncle to many. Kenneth retired from General Motors after 48 years. He was internationally recognized as a Metal Finishing expert. He continued working as a consultant with several companies up until his death. There was a visitation held on Monday, January 16, 2012 with a Prayer, Service and Eulogies at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia Chapel. The Funeral Mass was Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at St. Maurice Catholic Church, Livonia, MI. Memorial Donations may be made in Kenneth's name to either Angela Hospice Care Center or International Mesothelioma Program www.brightandwomens.org/mesothelioma Please leave the family a message of condolence or share a treasured memory by going to www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



TOVEY, BETTY MARIE NEE PLUNKETT

Age 88, January 17, 2012. Beloved wife of the late David J. Loving mother of Mary Louise (Derek) Kroes, David C. (Patricia), Kathie (Bill) Hellstein, Patricia (Nandu) Srinivasan, Joan (David) Boroniec and James L. (Lisa). Cherished grandmother of 17 and great-grandmother of ten. Visitation Thursday 5-8 and Friday 5-8 with Rosary 7 pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd., in Livonia. In state Saturday 10 am until time of Funeral Mass 10:30 am at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, 27101 West Chicago, in Redford. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



WOLFE, CHARLES R.

Age 58, formerly of Plymouth. Dear father of Katie (Mark) Tiefel, Scott (Lindsey) Wolfe, and Abbey Wolfe. Proud grandfather of Aubrey Wolfe and Hannah Tiefel. Memorial gathering Saturday 10 AM until the 1 PM Memorial Service at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Beck and Sheldon) Plymouth MI 48170. Memorial contributions may be made to Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Road, Ste. 220, Bingham Farms MI 48025. To share memories please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

CHARD, MARK J.

Of Livonia and Alger, died January 10, 2012 at age 63. Beloved husband of Anne C. (nee Kennedy) Chard. Father of PFC Chard, Brigitte and Andrew (Melissa) Holt. Grandfather of Taylor Dalziel and Aidan Holt. Brother of Jan Jones and Lee (Marion) Chard. Preceded in death by his parents, Wilbur and Marion Chard. Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements handled by the Prescott chapel of the BURESH FUNERAL HOME. Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital Cancer Center. Online register book available at www.bureshfuneralhomes.com.



ECKERT, JOSEPH

Of Burton, age 95 died Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at the St. Mary's Hospital, Livonia, MI. Funeral Services were held Saturday, January 21, 2012 at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, 2143 S. Center Rd. Burton, MI. Rev. Fr. Matthew Peter Butrie officiated. Interment at Evergreen Cemetery. Visitation was Friday with a Parastas Service prayed at the Brown Funeral Home 1480 E. Hill Rd., Grand Blanc, MI and Saturday at the Church. Joseph was born September 6, 1916 in Flint, MI to Czech parents Joseph A. and Theresa (Malec) Eckert. On September 1, 1942 Joe married Mary Ananich. He received his early training in Music at the age of six, when his father began teaching him the violin. Polka music has always been the center of Joe's family and he enjoyed the reunions and gatherings of his family at which time all the musical members of the family provided the music they all love. Joe became a member of the Polka Hall of Fame in 1988. Joe retired from the Personnel Department of Fisher Body in 1977 after 42 years of service. He served in the U.S. Army during WW II for three and a half years in the European Theatre. Joseph is survived by children Joseph A. (Kyle) Eckert, James (Sherrie) Eckert, nine grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by wife Mary; daughter Joanne and two sisters. Contributions will be made to Joe's favorite charities. Condolences may be left on-line at www.brownfh.com

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Many injuries to children can be prevented if parents take a few simple precautions.

"It begins with providing the proper clothing, safety gear and sun screen and by ensuring their child stays hydrated," said Amy Teddy, coordinator for the Safe Kids Huron Valley Coalition. "In addition, providing children a snowboarding or skiing lesson before they head to the slopes will provide them with the necessary skills to not only reduce their frustrations but also their risk of injury. Finally, parents need to have their children come inside periodically to warm up and prevent hypothermia or frostbite."

Approximately two out of five traumatic brain injuries among children are associated with participation in sports and recreational activities. Studies indicate that wearing a helmet can reduce the risk of impact forces to the brain. Safe Kids Huron Valley recommends children always wear helmets when sledding, ski-



Children sledding or skating outdoors in the winter can help avoid injury with proper equipment, such as a helmet, and warm clothing.

ing, snowboarding, or playing ice hockey.

Here's additional tips for parents to keep their children safe this winter.

Proper Clothing

- Dress your child in layers — warm close-fitting clothes, a hat, boots, waterproof gloves or mittens, and a scarf or face mask.

- Make sure your child's scarf is tucked in so that it doesn't get entangled in lifts, ski poles, or other equipment.

Sun Protection

Cover your child's exposed skin with sunscreen to protect their skin from the sunlight, which reflects off the snow.

Safety Gear

- Make sure your child always wears sport-specific, properly fitted safety gear. For example, knee pads are just as important for snowboarding as they are for field/ice hockey.

- Helmets always should be worn by children when they ski, sled, snowboard, snowmobile,

and play field/ice hockey. Make sure your child wears a helmet that is appropriate for the particular activity or sport because there are different helmets for different activities.

- Keep the helmet well-maintained, and it should always be properly fitted to your child's head. Replace

the helmet as soon as it has been hit hard or involved in a crash or impact. Even though there may not be any visible damage to the helmet, it will not effectively absorb the impact of a future crash or may have a hair line crack invisible to the human eye.

Staying Hydrated

- Encourage your child to drink water before, during and after play in order to stay fully hydrated. Here are some general guidelines to prevent dehydration:

- Before an activity drink 12 ounces of fluid every 30 minutes.

- During an activity children under 90 pounds should drink 5 ounces every 20 minutes and children over 90 pounds should drink 9 ounces every 20 minutes.

- After an activity drink every 20 minutes during the first hour after the activity to make up for fluid loss.

Safe Kids Huron Valley is among 16 coalitions covering 34 counties in Michigan that are dedicated to preventing accidental injury to children, 1-14. Other chapters in southeastern Michigan include Safe Kids Metro Detroit, Safe Kids Monroe and Safe Kids Macomb. For more information visit www.michigansafekids.org.

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Before They Were Famous: Celebrity Career Aspirations

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Deciding what you want to be when you grow up can be difficult. And even if you're set on being rich and famous, having something to fall back on can't hurt.

While it's hard to imagine pop culture without these icons, here's a look at some celebrities' career aspirations before they made it big:

- When comedian and former "Saturday Night Live" cast member **Will Ferrell** graduated from the University of Southern California with a degree in sports information, he took a job as a sportscaster on a weekly cable show. But he found that his calling was in acting and stand-up comedy. He later played a newscaster on the big screen in "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy."

- Eva Longoria** attended Texas A&M-Kingsville, graduating with a degree in Kinesiology. After graduating, she entered a talent contest, went to Los Angeles and was signed by an agent. After stints on soaps including "General Hospital," "Beverly Hills, 90210" and "The Young and the Restless," Eva Longoria landed a role as Gabrielle Solis, on the popular television series, "Desperate Housewives."

- Instead of joining his father's oil business, **Matthew McConaughey** attended the University of Texas in Austin intending to become a lawyer. He reportedly changed his major to acting after discovering an Og Mandino book "The Greatest Salesman in the World" and girls all over the world have been swooning since.

- After being discovered by an agent in a pizza parlor when she was 11 years old, **Natalie Portman** began a career in modeling, which she later

bypassed to concentrate on acting. Her role as Queen Amidala in "Star Wars: Episode I -- The Phantom Menace" and Oscar-nominated role in "Closer" heightened her status as a Hollywood star. She took time off to study at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts, majoring in psychology. Although she intends to continue acting, she also plans to practice psychology.

- Before becoming an Academy Award-nominated actress and successful hip hop artist, **Queen Latifah** (a.k.a. Dana Owens) studied

broadcast journalism at Borough of Manhattan Community College. She considered pursuing a career either a newscaster or a lawyer.

- Denzel Washington** attended Fordham University to pursue a career in journalism before getting involved in student drama productions and being drawn into acting. He finished his degree and moved to San Francisco attending the American Conservatory Theater for one year before pursuing acting work and later earning multiple awards.

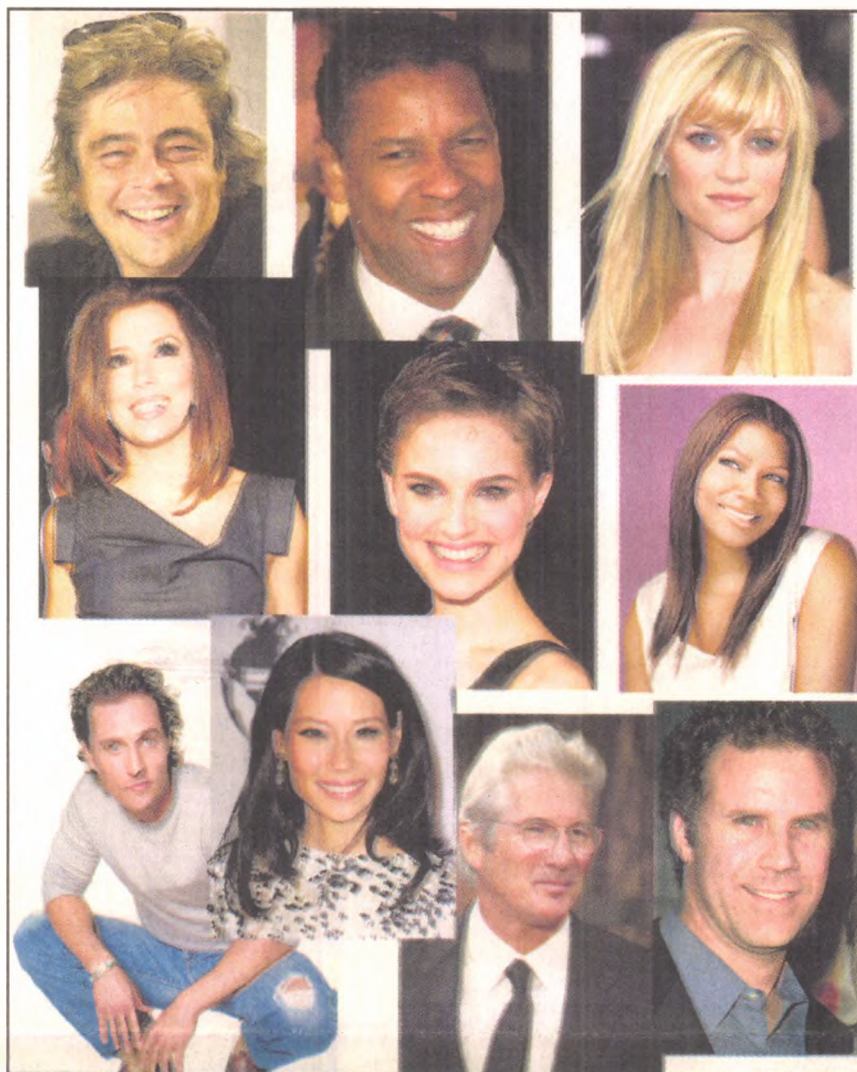
- "Charlie's Angels" star, **Lucy Liu**

attended New York University before transferring to the University of Michigan where she graduated with a major in Asian Languages. During her last year of college, she landed the lead role for her school's production of "Alice in Wonderland" that launched her career in acting.

- Before **Benicio del Toro** was in "Traffic" and "Sin City," he studied business at the University of California at San Diego. Although his father wanted him to become a lawyer, del Toro secretly changed his major to acting and later dropped out to study the craft in New York City.

- Before playing a Harvard law student in "Legally Blonde," **Reese Witherspoon** attended Stanford University, majoring in English literature. The actress took a hiatus from her educational pursuits to take on roles for the movies "Freeway" and "Fear," and eventually earned an Oscar in 2006 for Best Actress in "Walk the Line."

- Years playing the piano in "Pretty Woman" and tap dancing in "Chicago," attended the University of Massachusetts in Amherst on a gymnastics scholarship. He studied philosophy, but dropped out of school after two years to pursue acting with the Seattle Repertory Theatre and New York's Provincetown Playhouse.



Sources: The Internet Movie Database, The Biography Channel, Hollywood.com, ABC.go.com, The Miami Herald, Mtv.com, Wikipedia.com.

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\$239*
\$1403 due at signing

SIGN & DRIVE
\$297*
\$0 due at signing

NEW/2012 Ford Focus SE

EPA estimated 28 city / 38 hwy mpg
Sport Package

24 month lease
Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee.

\$1000 DOWN
\$189*
\$1290 due at signing

SIGN & DRIVE
\$242*
\$0 due at signing

Buy for \$17,242+

MSRP \$22,375

Featuring: Automatic, Cruise Control, Rear Spoiler, Power Windows. 34 at this price - 234 available



NEW/2012 Ford Explorer XLT

EPA estimated 17 city / 23 hwy mpg



Buy for \$27,217+

MSRP \$32,995

Featuring: Sync, Reverse sensing, keyless entry, power windows, power locks. 4 at this price - 75 available

24 month lease
Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee.

\$1000 DOWN
\$322*
\$1431 due at signing

SIGN & DRIVE
\$381*
\$0 due at signing

NEW/2011 Ford F150 Super Crew 4x4 XLT

EPA estimated 15 city / 21 hwy mpg

24 month lease
Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee.

\$1000 DOWN
\$311*
\$1525 due at signing

SIGN & DRIVE
\$374*
\$0 due at signing

Buy for \$28,957+

MSRP 42,535

Featuring: Ecoboost 3.5 L V6 Engine, XLT Convenience Package, Keyless Entry, Trailer Tow, XLT Chrome Pkg., Limited Slip. 3 At This Price - 103 Available.



NEW/2012 Ford Fiesta SE

EPA estimated 29 city / 38 hwy mpg



Buy for \$14,718+

MSRP \$18,040

Featuring: Sport Appearance Pkg., SYNC and Sound, Automatic, Ambient Lighting, Satellite Radio, Heated Seats, Keyless Entry Key Pad. 3 at this price - 62 available

24 month lease
Security deposit waived, plus tax and license, includes acquisition fee.

\$1000 DOWN
\$178*
\$1263 due at signing

SIGN & DRIVE
\$230*
\$0 due at signing

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