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### Judge moves

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Annette Berry of Plymouth is changing dockets.

Berry, who served 12 years in the criminal division after being elected to the Third Judicial Circuit in November 2000, will serve in the Civil Division and preside over a newly created docket.

Berry, elected to a third term in November, is a graduate of the University of Michigan and received her juris doctorate from the Michigan State University Law School, formerly the Detroit College of Law.

She began her legal career as an assistant attorney general with the Office of the Michigan Attorney General.



Berry

### Civil servant

Former Plymouth Township trustee Abe Munfakh, last seen politically as a candidate for township supervisor last year, has been named to the Wayne County Civil Service Commission.

Munfakh received confirmation of his appointment in a letter from Wayne County Commission Chairman Gary Woronchak.

Munfakh will serve a term that started Jan. 1 and runs through Dec. 31, 2014.

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## City opens with goal-setting session

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

With a focus on financial and development issues, the Plymouth City Commission picked five top ones for the new year Monday.

Through a process that had each commissioner vote for his or her priorities, goals that rose to the top of the list included resolving issues related to the

city's departure a year ago from the Plymouth Community Fire Department, finding a way better to pay, over the long term, the defined-benefit pensions of former city employees who retired with them, and finalizing plans to increase parking near downtown.

Also on the list are working with the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools to plan for the future of the Central Middle

School property and improving the way in which potential developments move through the city's approval processes.

Mayor Dan Dwyer pointed out that the five goals involve the city budget or the way in which the city will evolve physically.

"It's very budget-oriented and development-oriented," Dwyer said. "There's not a lot outside of that."

Dwyer said the fire depart-

ment issue revolves mainly around how Plymouth and Plymouth Township, which shared the PCFD for about 15 years until the end of 2011, will split future pensions costs for those who retired during the partnership.

Related to that, the mayor said, is the larger issue of how to fund the guaranteed pensions of city retirees. The city ended guar-

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Paul, of Canton, fires a .22 caliber Sig Sauer on the 50-yard gun range.

## Defining the target

### At local range, a defense of guns and room for compromise

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

As calls for more gun regulation grow following the murder of 20 children and six adults at a Connecticut elementary school last month, gun owners at a Plymouth Township shooting club are staunchly defending gun rights while seeing some room for compromise.

The national gun-control debate has grown louder since the Dec. 14 shootings in New-

town, Conn., by a man with several guns, including a semiautomatic rifle, who also killed himself. That incident followed other mass shootings last year, including at an Aurora, Colo., movie theater and at a Sikh temple in Oak Creek, Wis.

Vice President Joe Biden is leading a task force studying the issue, and President Barack Obama has promised action this year. Banning military-style semiautomatic rifles and high-capacity magazines are two of the most-discussed possibilities.

But target shooters at the Western Wayne County Conservation Association, which straddles Plymouth and Salem townships on Napier Road, say the emphasis should be on enforcing existing laws and providing more help for mentally ill people rather than further gun restrictions.

### More enforcement

"From my standpoint, they don't enforce the laws that are

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## Heise lauds Bolger choice

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, is shrugging off criticism and defending her vote against Republican Jase Bolger for another two-year term as state House speaker.

Slavens and Rep. Douglas Geiss, D-Taylor, cast the only two dissenting votes Wednesday as Bolger, embroiled last year in an election-rigging scandal, kept his House leader position in a 107-2 vote.

"I just couldn't do it," Slavens told the *Observer* Wednesday evening.

Slavens cited Bolger's admitted role in advising former Rep. Roy Schmidt of Grand Rapids to rig a state legislative race by defecting to the GOP and paying a fake Democrat to enter the contest.

Moreover, Slavens said she couldn't support Bolger as a grand jury is investigating whether he broke any laws. Last year, she had called for Bolger's resignation and urged passage of new, stricter ethics law.

"I will continue to push for that," she said Wednesday evening.

Slavens and Geiss drew criticism from state Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, for breaking from their own party's ranks and departing from Lansing tradition, considering the minority party typically votes the majority party's choice for speaker despite political differences.

### 'Classy' move

Heise noted state House minority leader Tim Greimel, D-Auburn

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The North American International Auto Show team from O&E Media is gearing up — pun intended — to bring readers local coverage of the 25th annual international event at Cobo Center.

Our team of two photographers and two reporters will canvass the show-room floor all week to bring you information about your neighbor's thoughts on the hottest vehicles, enhancements in technology, news from and about local dealers and auto companies located in Oakland and western Wayne counties

in photos (in print and online), video and more.

The team will take a look at local business involvement and share success stories, while also giving you a sneak peek at what you should check out when the public show opens Jan. 21.

Look for our photographers and, if you are not there, don't hesitate to contact them and let them know what you want to see and read about.

### Photographers

Bill Bresler is an auto show veteran. He considers himself a car

guy, beginning when he was 10 years old building model cars. Bresler grew up in Lansing, where Oldsmobile was king. Several dads in the neighborhood were Olds engineers and they often drove home vehicles you could not buy at a dealer.

Bresler has a 1972 MGB coupe in his garage that requires about three hours of maintenance for each hour he drives it. He has a "for sale" sign, but can't bear to place it in the window, even though he knows he should.

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The O&E Media team (from left), photographer Bill Bresler, reporter David Veselenak, photographer John Heider and reporter Nathan Mueller, wants to hear from readers about coverage of the 25th international auto show.

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anted pensions for new hires about a decade ago in favor of 401(k)-type accounts, but still faces millions in costs for those who retired with them.

Officials had used a policy of paying as they go and saving where they can, but "that's getting harder," Dwyer said, and a new state law allows communities to sell bonds to pay for such pensions. That option will be considered, the mayor said.

The downtown parking issue is a holdover from last year's goal list. The city is nearing a deal to buy property at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, on Ann Arbor Trail near Harvey, for long-term parking for people who work downtown or visit there.

Central Middle School's future is in question as the Board of Education considers a new middle school, and Dwyer said the property is critical to central Plymouth. It includes not only the school site, but the Cultural Center property and the Miracle League of

Plymouth baseball field, both of which are leased.

"It's a huge, prominent piece of property, particularly the green space," Dwyer said. The school board, which is led by former city Commissioner John Barrett, is open to a dialogue about the property's future, he added.

Dwyer said that significant progress was made last year toward the goal of improving the city's approval processes, but that more study is needed before concrete measures are taken. "I'm sure we'll finish it up by summer time," he said.

Goals nominated that didn't make the cut included increasing police services, revising the outdoor dining policy and developing a debt policy, which, the mayor said, will be crucial should the city decide to sell bonds for pension obligations. Dwyer said those goals will be addressed in the course of tackling other issues.

"Just because it's not on the list doesn't mean it's not going to get attention paid to it," he said.

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## GUNS

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our there," Ray Hanka, the association president, said Thursday. "How do you control bad people? I don't know."

"I think we're overregulated already," said Tony Savage, a member for nearly 45 years. "My personal opinion is we don't enforce what we've got."

Savage, Hanka and others at WWCCA Thursday were firmly against more limits on the types of weapons citizens can buy, such as a ban on so-called assault rifles. (Hanka argues the term "assault rifle" is too general and misleading, because any rifle can be used in an assault.)

Most were also against outlawing high-capacity magazines, though safety rules at their club prohibit loading more than five rounds in a rifle magazine at once — or eight rounds maximum for rapid-fire semiautomatic

rifle shooting, for which members must specially qualify.

Some pointed out that many of the guns used in routine, less high-profile shootings were not legally obtained to begin with. Criminals "don't need a gun show," said Paul, who preferred not to give his last name out of safety concerns, as he took a break at a WWCCA pistol range.

### Some give

Some WWCCA members were willing to agree to some new regulations, however.

"I don't personally feel we should have people running around with 100-round clips," said Savage, who added the use of high-capacity magazines should be limited to controlled scenarios, such as sport shooting on ranges.

Hanka disagreed somewhat. "I think it infringes on your personal rights," he said of banning high-capacity magazines, "but from a club standpoint, it

wouldn't affect us at all."

Others said they'd give on the so-called "gun-show loophole" — the sale of a rifle or shotgun between two private individuals, neither of whom is a licensed dealer. In Michigan, rifle and shotgun sales by dealers, and all pistol sales, legally require background checks, but a private citizen is able to sell a rifle or shotgun to another citizen without a background check or paperwork, according to police and Hanka.

"I'm all for a waiting period and a thorough background check," Paul said.

"From a personal standpoint, I don't think it would hurt if they had to go through a police station" for private rifle and shotgun sales, Hanka said.

### Safety stressed

The WWCCA includes about 90 acres, most of them in Plymouth Township; on the Salem side, where discharging guns

is prohibited by the township, there is an archery range and a campground. The club has more than 900 members, all of whom are also National Rifle Association members, according to Hanka. New members must take a four-hour safety and introductory course and adhere to strict safety rules, Hanka said. The club hasn't had a single shooting accident in its nearly 80-year history, he said. All ranges are outdoors.

Hanka said the membership is about evenly divided between hunters and those who only shoot at targets. WWCCA offers instruction in using different types of guns, classes in gun safety and self-defense, concealed pistol permit classes and hosts shooting competitions and camping events. The club is part of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs.

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## BOLGER

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Hills, even seconded the motion to nominate Bolger in an attempt to start the new session with a renewed spirit of bipartisanship, after a contentious lame-duck session late last year.

"I thought it was a classy move by Greimel ... to achieve bipartisanship," Heise said, calling the vote by Slavens and Geiss "a real setback for unity." Heise, whose district

includes part of Canton, lauded Bolger for helping to guide the House through historic moves to reform the state's tax code, specifically by repealing the Michigan Business Tax. Heise also said the state has shed a \$1.2 billion deficit and succeeded for two years at approving a balanced budget.

"I think Jase has helped guide the House of Representatives through a very historic time," Heise said. "We've seen some fundamental reforms that certainly I ran (for re-election)

on over the last two years. These are reforms that helped to turn Michigan around. None of that would have happened without the strong leadership of Jase Bolger."

Heise described Wednesday's dissenting votes by Slavens and Geiss as "not well thought out" and said the decision set the wrong tone for the new legislative session. He said Bolger "has admitted he made mistakes and was overzealous in his actions, and he has apologized."

Moreover, Heise said Bolger's constituents returned him to office, while Schmidt paid a price by losing his election bid.

### Beyond reproach

Slavens issued a statement Thursday morning defending her vote,

saying the House speaker "should be beyond reproach."

"I feel that Bolger acted unethically when he and former Rep. Roy Schmidt colluded to swindle voters in the November election," she said. "Bolger is still under a grand jury investigation for his actions. If we cannot trust him to always act honestly, how can he possibly lead the state House?"

Slavens said she has worked across the aisle with Republicans in past years "and I will do so again," though she said she "cannot in good conscience vote for Bolger."

Slavens said some of her constituents already have commended her for her position.

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## CORRECTION

A story in the Thursday, Jan. 10, *Observer* should have said both Board of Education trustees Sheila Paton and Adrienne Davis have children attending Plymouth-Canton Schools. The district's Board of Education meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

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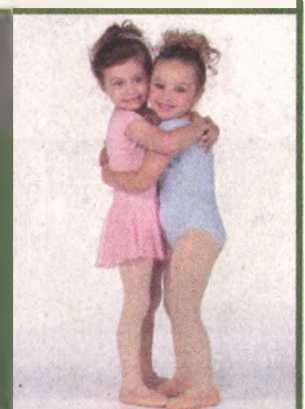
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# Look 10 years younger in one hour

## 'The Hour Lift' facelift now most popular cosmetic procedure — lasts for 10 years



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“The results will last between five and 10 years, depending upon the patient.”

Dr. Eric Seiger  
Skin & Vein Center in Fenton

She eats right, she works out and takes care of herself every day. She wants her face to reflect this same youthful vitality that the rest of her body shows.

That's why one local 69-year-old woman, who asked to remain anonymous, is in the prep area of the Skin and Vein Center in Fenton for "The Hour Lift," a mini face lift procedure that's becoming more and more popular.

"We've been doing these for about 15 years, but they've become much more mainstream now since makeover shows on TV began to glamorize them about 10 years ago," said Dr. Eric Seiger, board certified dermatologist and cosmetic surgeon. "It's not a 'taboo' thing anymore."

Dr. Seiger estimates he has done between 2,500 and 3,000 of these procedures, on women as young as 24 and for a couple who was each

86 years old.

"I'd say the median age for this surgery is about 58, and 95 percent of my patients are women. The results will last between five and 10 years, depending upon the patient."

The difference between The Hour Lift and a regular facelift is that The Hour Lift involves cutting the skin and tightening the facial muscles, rather than moving the facial muscles.

The areas primarily improved by a facelift are the jowls, cheeks and neck. There's a huge difference in recovery time and price.

"It's the difference between a three-day recovery and a two-week commitment," said Dr. Seiger.

The price is also a huge factor in a person's decision to undergo this procedure. Dr. Seiger says he used to charge \$3,800, and he cut the

price to \$2,900 when the economy changed a couple of years ago. A full facelift will cost between \$6,000 and \$15,000 — depending upon the scope of the procedure. These elective cosmetic procedures are not covered by insurance.

"The number one thing that patients say to me is, 'I don't want to look 20 years old again. I just want to look in the mirror and be able to look as good as I feel inside. I want to feel refreshed,'" said Dr. Seiger.

For the 69-year-old patient who was waiting for her procedure, The Hour Lift was not only for her own self-esteem, but also for her success in the business world.

"A youthful appearance validates your professionalism," she said. "This is how we get measured for our success."

### Thinking about having 'The Hour Lift'?

#### Here's what to expect:

**Q: What happens before the procedure?**

**A:** Prior to surgery, you may be given a medication to help you relax. Local anesthesia is then administered to minimize discomfort.

**Q: How long does the procedure take?**

**A:** One to 1½ hours.

**Q: What actually happens during the "One Hour Lift"?**

**A:** A short incision is made in front of the ear. The surgeon gently lifts the tissues under the skin, removing any extra skin. The surgeon re-drapes the overlying skin, leaving the patient wrinkle-free with a firmer, more youthful jaw line.

**Q: What can I expect during recovery?**

**A:** Post surgery, patients wear an ice-containing head garment for 24-48 hours. They are likely able to shampoo and wear make-up the day after surgery. Sutures will be removed in six to eight days, resuming normal activities within three days.

**Q: Does it hurt? Will I bruise or swell?**

**A:** Approximately 85 percent of patients experience no bruising. There is minimal pain, controlled with oral medication.

**Q: How long will the results last?**

**A:** Look five to 10 years younger, with results lasting usually five to 10 years.

**Q: Can I talk to anyone who has had the procedure?**

**A:** The Skin and Vein Center can arrange for a contact with someone who has had the procedure and agrees to speak to prospective patients. Carol Beale, interviewed right, is one such person.

Source: skinandvein.com

### Meet Carol Beale

Carol Beale, 63, had a "One Hour Lift" when she turned 60, traveling from her home in Canton to the Skin and Vein Center in Fenton for the procedure.

She said the procedure was painless and she returned to work for a half-day just two days after surgery. "I laid-low the day I had the procedure done, and the next day," said Beale. "When I went back to work, I made sure not to bend over or lift anything."

Her face was a little bit bruised, but it wasn't very noticeable and was easily concealed with make-up and her hair style. "You wouldn't notice if you didn't know I had the procedure done," said Beale. "Once I was healed, though, people noticed all the time, because my skin really does look a lot smoother and more youthful. It's softer, too."

Beale advises people considering the procedure to use good quality skin care products on their skin afterwards plus sunscreen.



Debbie Purcell is prepped for a mini face lift on Monday, at the Skin and Vein Center in Fenton. Dr. Eric Seiger directs resident physician Kate Johnson. They are assisted by nurse Amy Sowers.

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## Simescu resigns from school board seat

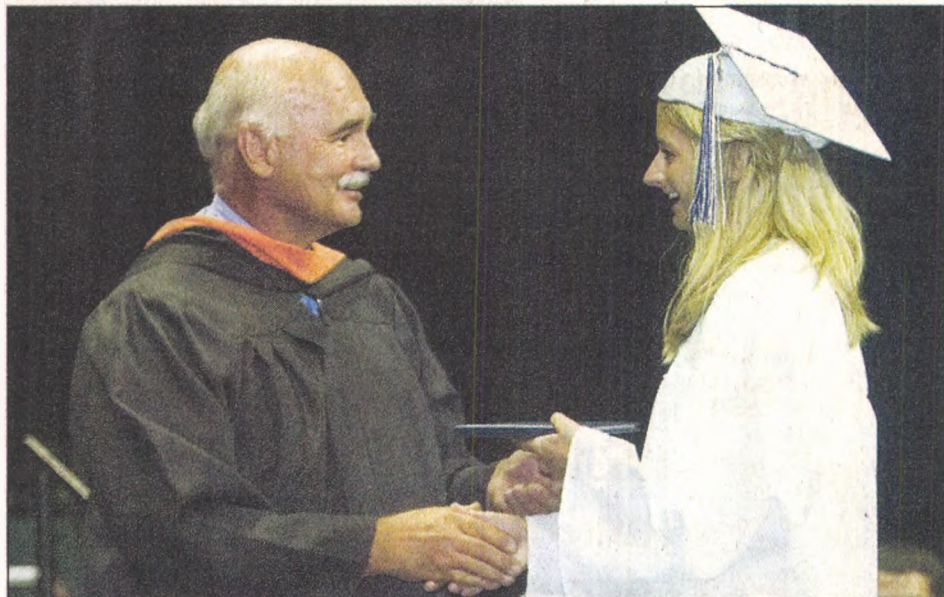
By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

It's in Barry Simescu's personality that taking on a task means taking it on completely and giving it maximum effort.

So when professional pressures at work began impeding Simescu's ability to do that with his work as a Plymouth-Canton Board of Education trustee, he had to make what he called "a terribly difficult" decision.

Simescu, first elected to the board in 2004, resigned Wednesday, effective immediately, due to increased responsibilities at work.

"I have new responsibilities at work, and I was just not able to balance them both," said Simescu, a manufacturer's rep selling municipal water and waste water equipment. "I work real hard at anything I do. When I say I'm going to be a school board member, I go full force,



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Barry Simescu, who resigned from the Board of Education Wednesday, said this was his favorite part of the job, watching seniors like 2012 Salem High School graduate Jordan Thompsett take their next steps in life.

and I was just not able to continue doing that."

To replace Simescu, the board will accept applications from interested residents for 30 days, then schedule interviews and choose his replacement.

With at least two major decisions on the horizon — a potential 2013 bond question and the selection of a new superintendent — Simescu said he wanted his

successor to be able to participate in the discussions.

"I didn't want to help decide the bond and then resign," Simescu said. "I am supportive of the bond ... it wouldn't have looked right. I felt the new board member should have an opportunity to weigh in on the bond and on the superintendent, so it just seemed the proper time to (resign)."

Simescu said he'll support the bond question, particularly the technology portion. Though he thinks there might be a better way to fund improvements to the bus fleet, he also believes the district needs more, and better, space for its middle school students.

"I was between making additions or building a new, smaller mid-

dle school," he said. "I was anxious to see what the survey results are on that question. I thought a smaller middle school in Canton, where most of our students are, would be appropriate."

Vice President Judy Mardigian is the board's longest-tenured member; she's sat next to Simescu for more than eight years.

"I'm very sad to see him go, I think it's a big loss," Mardigian said. "Barry has an engineer's mind and looks at things with a keen analytical eye. Every time he asked a question, it was a question no one else had thought of. That's what you try to bring when you have seven people."

Simescu was first elected in 2004. A board decision to move elections from May to November in odd-numbered years added more than a year to his first term. Re-elected in 2009, the state's decision to move school elections to November of even-numbered years extended it again. His current term expires in November 2014.

He thinks the board and the district administra-

tion — he's worked with three superintendents — have done some good things, but he's particularly happy with how the budget has been handled.

"I thought as a board and as an administrator, we managed the budget very, very well," Simescu said. "We had to make some significant cuts and, by and large, I don't think it hit the classrooms as much as it might have."

That's where Mardigian said Simescu's legacy may very well lie.

"Barry can be credited for helping the district financially for a number of years," she said. "The credit rating we have now is because of the decisions the boards have made through the years, and Barry was a big part of that."

There are things Simescu said he'll miss about being a school board member, nothing more than his favorite part — graduation.

"The best part is the graduations for the Park at the Convocation Center at Eastern Michigan, and the Starkweather graduation," he said. "Just watching those kids' faces ... you just can't beat it."

### SCHOOL BRIEFS

#### Advanced placement

Each year, Advanced Placement selects one male and one female student from each state to receive its State AP Scholar Award.

This year, both of those students were from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Todd Maslyk (2012 Plymouth High graduate) and Angela Sun (Canton High senior) are among 108 students nationwide to receive this honor. This is the 22nd annual celebration of State AP Scholars.

The College Board confers this distinction on these student with scores of 3 or higher on the greatest number of AP Exams, and then the highest average score (at least 3.5) on all AP Exams taken.

#### Cyber safety

Middle school parents will be going back to school Wednesday to learn how to keep their kids safe when using technology.

The presentation takes place Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 9:30 a.m. at West Mid-

dle School. This annual presentation will provide the most up-to-date information from the Michigan Attorney General's Office about keeping children safe online. The program is called the Michigan Cyber-Safety Initiative, and P-CCS middle school students will receive their version of the program on Thursday, Jan. 17.

The program provides a wealth of information about cyber-bullying, its signals, signs and prevention.

#### Idol tickets

Tickets are on sale now for a special concert performed by American Idol

Finalist Matt Giraud. The season eight American Idol participant will perform a fundraising concert at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park on 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13. The P-CEP Choir also will join Giraud for several songs.

Tickets can be purchased online by visiting the District's website at [www.pccs.k12.mi.us](http://www.pccs.k12.mi.us) and clicking on the web banner about the concert. Tickets are general admission and cost \$22 each. Half of the proceeds from ticket sales will support the music program at P-CEP. The show is sponsored by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and UNITE Concerts.

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**AUTO**

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Bresler's current ride is a 2012 Ford Focus, built less than 10 miles away from his home in Livonia.

Contact Bresler during the auto show preview week or during the Charity Preview by leaving a Facebook message or text (734) 788-8099.

John Heider is also behind the camera this week, and while he wouldn't call himself a "car buff," he enjoys seeing all the new technology and searching for a sleek vehicle that matches his active lifestyle.

Call or text Heider at (517) 375-1688, email him at jheider@hometownlife.com or leave a Facebook message at John Heider Photography.

Joining Bresler and Heider is John Stormzand, O&E Media photojournalist based in Oakland County.

Contact Stormzand by emailing him at jstormzand@hometownlife.com.

**Reporters**

The newcomer to the team this year is David Veselenak. And when we say newcomer, we don't just mean it's his first time reporting on the North American International Auto Show, we mean it's his first time ever going — despite living in the Detroit area for most of his life.

Veselenak is hoping his fresh outlook will translate into coverage of the show that non-car enthusiasts will be able to digest and enjoy.

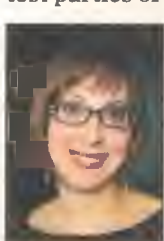
He can be reached at dveselenak@hometownlife.com and on Twitter @DavidVeselenak, where he'll be posting updates from the show.

Staff writer Nathan Mueller is covering the NAIAS for the third consecutive year for O&E Media and for his mother, Betty Jo, who will spend countless hours asking him to show her photos of vehicles she will either classify as "ugly" or "sharp." He enjoys the event because it allows him to sit inside cars he will never own in his lifetime, and he loves seeing the city of Detroit in the spotlight for something good.

Mueller can be reached at nmueller@hometownlife.com or tweet him requests of vehicles you want to see via Twitter @Hometownlife or @SOKEccentric.

**Social Scene**

Julie Yolles of Birmingham writes the Social Scene column, which appears weekly in the Birmingham Eccentric. Yolles will cover the Auto Show Charity Preview on Friday, Jan. 18, for all O&E Media web and print editions, along with Bresler. And since O&E Media coverage is always local, Yolles wants to hear from Birmingham-Bloomfield and other O&E Media readers who will attend the charity gala — one of the hottest parties of the year



Yolles

in metro Detroit.

"I would love to hear from local residents in advance so I can meet them at Cobo

Center the night of the preview or at one of the local insider auto parties," said Yolles, who will be at the autoglow party at Ford Field after the charity preview Friday.

If you live in any Birmingham-Bloomfield area community, Royal Oak, Berkley, Southfield, greater Farmington, Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Milford, Novi, White Lake, Highland, Northville, Novi, South Lyon, Redford, Westland, Wayne, Garden City, Wixom, Commerce area, Huntington Woods or Pleasant Ridge, contact Yolles at jyolles@comcast.net or call her at (248) 642-9465 or send any party invitation to Julie Yolles, 1073 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham, MI 48009.

**Schuette swears in new commissioner**

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette paid a rare visit to Canton Thursday evening to lead a high-profile swearing in ceremony for new Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price, 10th District Republican.

"I'm delighted to be part of the Shannon Price fan club," Schuette told an upbeat crowd that gathered inside a township hall meeting room.

During a brief interview prior to his public remarks, Schuette praised Price, who has worked for two years as Schuette's constituent relations staffer.

"This is an important day for Wayne County, and it's an important day for Canton," Schuette said. "Shannon is remarkably talented. He's honest. He's got a lot of integrity, and he works hard. These are qualities that are essential for anybody in public service."

Schuette recalled first meeting Price — a longtime Republican strategist — in late 2009 at the Starbucks coffeehouse on Ford Road as Schuette was enlisting support for the GOP campaign he won a year later. Schuette said Price became one of his key advisers.

Though Price, whose district consists of Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township, had helped other GOP candidates win political races, his aspirations for public office, including a bid for the state House, had fallen short until voters in elected him in November to a two-year term as one of two Republicans on the 15-member Wayne County Commission.

"It's a long road getting here," Price told his supporters Thursday night, fighting back tears as he singled out his wife, Jacki, for her untiring support.



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Attorney General Bill Schuette administers the oath of office to Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price. Price's children, Maddie, 9, and Brady, 6, hold the Bible.

Their children Maddie, 9, and Brady, 6, led the crowd Thursday evening in the Pledge of Allegiance. Judicial and legislative officials from the state and local levels watched as Price took the oath of office, which followed a previous official swearing in at the county.

Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said the community is "truly blessed to have him" as a county commissioner.

Price cited Wayne County's budget as his No. 1 priority by bringing spending under control and making it more transparent by getting the financial document online. He singled out the sheriff's department alone as having a projected \$25 million deficit during the last year.

"We can't run our house that way. We can't run our communities that way," Price said. "And we can't run Wayne County that way."

Earlier, Price said it's incumbent on him and other commissioners to address a Wayne County deficit he

pegged at \$190 million. "We're going to have to go through the budget with a fine-tooth comb and find waste," he said. "We have to fix the structural deficits we have in the county."

Price cited an exorbitant number of county appointees as one place to start trimming spending.

Closer to home, Price said he hopes to return a larger portion of parks and road dollars to the 10th District. Moreover, he said the county needs to support efforts to develop the Five Mile Road corridor in Plymouth and Northville townships.

"That's a huge economic engine waiting to take off," he said.

Meanwhile, Price said he expects to remain as a part-time staffer for Schuette, though he expects to scale back to about 20 hours a month. He said if he ever perceives a conflict of interest with a commission vote, he will recuse himself.

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#### COLBECK HOURS

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, Jan. 16, 6-7 p.m.

**Location:** Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** Ryan Eggenberger, the district manager for state Sen. Pat Colbeck, conducts office hours in Plymouth. Colbeck won't be able to attend due to the governor's State of the State address. However, Eggenberger will still hold the office hours in Plymouth. Eggenberger will be on hand to answer questions and respond to concerns any residents of his district may have. Sen. Colbeck will be available at future events.

**Contact:** For more information or to contact Colbeck, please visit [www.senator-patrickcolbeck.com](http://www.senator-patrickcolbeck.com) or call 734-335-0673.

#### HEISE HOURS

**Date/Time:** Monday, Jan. 14, noon to 1 p.m.

**Location:** Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady in Northville.

**Details:** Northville area residents will now be able to visit with Rep. Kurt Heise from noon to 1 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 14. The new time is a permanent change to his ongoing Northville office hours that take place on the second Monday of every month. Heise also is sponsoring office hours on Monday, Jan. 14 at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St., from 3 to 4 p.m. No appointment is necessary during these office hours.

**Contact:** Call 1-855-REP-KURT.



## Taking the oath

State Rep. Kurt Heise (right) took the ceremonial oath of office as a state representative in the Michigan House. Lt. Gov. Brian Calley administered the ceremonial oath in the state Capitol in Lansing. Heise's wife, Catherine, and daughters Kate, (left) and Claire also took part. Heise, a second-term lawmaker, represents people in the city of Northville, Northville Township, the city of Plymouth, Plymouth Township and the eastern area of Canton Township.

#### SENIORS HELPING SENIORS

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Jan. 19, 1-4 p.m.

**Location:** Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland (between Newburgh and Wayne Road)

**Details:** Seniors Helping Seniors hosts a grand-opening open house featuring food and drink and drawings for free gifts. Learn about services, providing in-home care and support for seniors by seniors. Learn about flexible job opportunities for caring, active seniors over 50 years young.

**Contact:** For more information, call (734) 996-9570 or email [seniorshelpingse-niors14@gmail.com](mailto:seniorshelpingse-niors14@gmail.com)

#### BOOK SIGNING

**Date/Time:** Thursday, Jan.

10, 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Plymouth Historical Museum, corner of Church and Main in downtown Plymouth.

**Details:** Plymouth author Dianne Griswold will sign copies of her book, *A Slice of Time*. The book records the stories and provides a pictorial history of the citizens who founded the museum. The stories will take readers back in time and provide a personal look into the lives of the many citizens who worked to eke out a living and those who helped Plymouth flourish as it does today. The book is available on Amazon.com and 800publishing.com.

#### FREE THROW CONTEST

**Date/Time:** Jan. 19, 10 a.m.

**Location:** St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton

**Details:** Knights of Columbus, Father Victor J. Renaud Council #3292 of Plymouth, hosts a free-throw shooting contest. All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of state competition for 2013 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based on scores from the state level competitions. Last year more than 120,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,600 local competitions. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and write parental consent.

**Contact:** For entry forms or additional information

contact Andrew Bishop at [ajbishop1@comcast.net](mailto:ajbishop1@comcast.net).

#### EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Feb. 2, 6 p.m.

**Location:** Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth

**Details:** Canton Lions Club members will be holding a Euchre tournament. An ante of \$25 (payable with cash or check at the door) without pre-registration. Save \$5 at the door by paying \$20 with pre-registration. Cash awards to the top three players! 50% of \$20 entry paid out. Raffle 50/50 and great prizes, pizza and snacks. Cash Bar available at phenomenal Elks Club prices. According to Larry Wegrzyn, Club President, money raised from the tournament will allow Lions to meet pressing needs in the community including those who need assistance during the slowing economy.

#### BIPOLAR SUPPORT

**Date/Time:** Second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 6-7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon, Suite 1608 in Plymouth.

**Details:** The Depression Bipolar Support Alliance is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings are open also to family members. All DBSA leaders are professionally trained and attend two trainings for every year to update their skills in leading the group.

**Contact:** Call Nancy at (734) 536-3457 for directions.

#### WOMEN'S CONNECTION

**Date/Time:** Monday, Jan. 14, 6-8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Canton Coney Island, 8533 N. Lilley Road, in a strip mall across the street from Mettetal Airport next to the Secretary of State office, south of Joy Rod on the west side of Lilley.

**Details:** Canton Women's Connection hosts their meeting featuring guest speaker Margaret O'Rourke-Kelly, PhD and author of "Phenomenal Woman: The Dora Stockman Story." Dora Stockman was the first woman to win a statewide election to public office in Michigan. She was an incredible woman and Margaret will take us on a journey through her amazing life. Please RSVP by Friday, Jan. 11.

**Contact:** June Nicholas, (313) 610-2561 or [junenicholas@comcast.net](mailto:junenicholas@comcast.net)

#### HOSPICE SUPPORT

**Date/Time:** Third Saturday of the month, 10-11:30 a.m.

**Location:** Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Canton

**Details:** Compassionate Care Hospice conducts a grief support group, "Compassionate Words," providing emotional support to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one. The group focuses on the various stages of grief, and incorporates basic journal writing as a way to express feelings. The program is free of charge.

**Contact:** To register, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement Coordinator at (888) 983-9050, or email [achristensen@cchnet.net](mailto:achristensen@cchnet.net).

#### MEDICARE COUNSELING

**Date/Time:** Feb. 6

**Location:** United Home Health Services, 2200 Canton Center in Canton.

**Details:** United Home Health Services offers the community free counseling with a certified MMAP (Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program) counselor. The MMAP counselor can help review Medicare and Medicaid eligibility and the various plans, apply for Medicaid, research and enroll in Medicare Part D drug insurance, assist with Medicare supplemental plans, find pharmaceutical assistance programs, identify & report Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse issues, and explore long term care insurance options. No reservations necessary.

**Contact:** If you have any questions please contact United Home Health Services at (734) 981-8820. You may also access the MMAP website at [www.mmapinc.org/pages/about.html](http://www.mmapinc.org/pages/about.html)

#### SEWING GUILD

**Date/Time:** First Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Location:** First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church, Plymouth

**Details:** Meetings are open to sewists of all levels. The Nov. 1 meeting features "Purse/Tote challenge" judging and holiday gift ideas; The Dec. 6 meeting features "Holiday potluck luncheon."

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The Miracle League of Plymouth recently celebrated its holiday party at the Plymouth Cultural Center, and now looks forward to its 'Perfect Game' fundraiser Feb. 7.

## Miracle League benefit pitches 'The Perfect Game'

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

A fundraiser in Plymouth next month will give baseball fans a chance to see some legendary former Detroit Tigers and revisit the Tigers' two most recent championship seasons. "The Perfect Game," a dinner and discussion among former Tigers about the World Series-winning teams of 1968 and 1984, is Thursday, Feb. 7, at the Meeting House Grand Ballroom. It's a benefit for the Miracle League of Plymouth, which in 2011 opened the Bilkie Family Field,

a baseball field designed for special-needs children.

The event will feature hors d'oeuvres, an open bar, a five-course meal and the baseball discussion, plus a computer-simulated matchup between the 1968 and 1984 Tigers teams. Sports broadcaster Eli Zaret will be the master of ceremonies.

League president Debra Madonna said about a half-dozen former Tigers have signed on for the discussion, and that she is awaiting confirmations. The Grand Ballroom capacity is about 300, but Madonna said the panel discussion is designed to

unfold like dinner-table conversation, and will be broadcast on television monitors for those who might be sitting close to the panel.

The Miracle League, which has drawn players and volunteers from around the metropolitan area, is making plans for its third season, which will begin this spring.

Money raised from "The Perfect Game" will go toward facilities maintenance and keeping registration costs reasonable for players, Madonna said.

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## Church hosts annual coat drive

St. Thomas a'Becket is back in the coat business.

The Canton Catholic church will be holding another coat drive, this one from Jan. 19-27. According to church officials, the need for coats again is great.

Over the last five years, volunteers have collected more than 12,000 coats. The church's generous parish donated 2,686 coats at the church's last coat drive.

This coat drive is held in memory of friend of the church and former parishioner, Bud Hassien, who passed away in September 2006. Organizers decided to remember Bud in this way, knowing he would be the first person to give the coat off

his back.

In addition to coats, the church will also be accepting clean used gloves, mittens and scarves. Many will be needed. Donors are asked to put mittens and gloves in a plastic bag so they do not get separated.


Like last year, the church will also be purchasing new coats with monetary donations. Last year, new coats were purchased for babies, children and adults at a 70-percent discount, because retail sales are often great in late January.

Church officials said they'd "be thrilled to accept" any monetary donations. Checks need to

be made out to "St. Thomas a'Becket."

Coat drive officials will take everything from baby buntings, snow suits, hoodies, children's, teen's and adult coats and jackets.

Coats are distributed first to those in need in the St. Thomas a'Becket parish. Coats also go to the Wayne County Homeless Shelter, Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center (to dress women for job interviews), Wayne Family Resource Center, Holy Trinity Parish, St. Anne's Parish, The Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Phoenix Academy of Detroit, St. Pat's Parish, St. Mary's of Redford, and St. Vincent De Paul.



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# Social Security checks will give way to technology

By Rick Bloom  
 Guest Columnist



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

**Q:** Dear Rick: I am in my 80s and been receiving Social Security for more than 20 years. I am a pretty old-fashioned person and don't like lots of change. Every month, I deposit my Social Security and pension checks in my bank account. Last month, the bank teller told me that in a few months the government is no longer going to send me a Social Security check and that I had to sign up for a direct deposit. I don't use computers and I don't want direct deposit. I called Social Security and they were not very helpful. Is this true that I have to switch to a direct deposit? Is there any way that I can avoid this?

**A:** What the teller told you is basically correct. The government has been moving away from issuing paper checks and people who sign up for Social Security are no longer given the option of receiving a paper check. They now are offered two options — receive direct deposit to your bank account or credit union or choose a debit card option. The deadline for this is March 1.

There are, however, a few exceptions to the rule. According to government statistics, currently a little more than 90 percent of recipients of federal government programs such as Social Security, government pensions and veteran benefits are now made electronically. The government estimates that to issue checks it currently costs nearly \$5 million a month. One of the moving forces behind this switch is a cost savings.

The government estimates that over the next

10 years, it will save about \$1 billion by going to electronic checks.

The other reason for this change is that

electronic payments are thought to be generally safer than paper checks. The government estimates that nearly a half million Social Security checks are lost or stolen each year and that more than \$70 million of checks were fraudulently endorsed. The government is moving in this direction in order to save on costs and for safety reasons.

The government has set March 1 as the deadline to make this switch, with a few exceptions. In the new program, the government provides automatic waivers for people who were born on and before May 1, 1921. In addition, the government also has the authority to issue a waiver if you live in a remote area without sufficient banking infrastructure or if receiving an electronic payment would impose hardship on someone because they are mentally impaired. Those are the three ways that you can receive a waiver.

I believe for the great majority of people, receiving an electronic payment is the way to go. Not only is it easier and safer, but it avoids the hassle of going to the bank. You no longer have to worry that someone can steal your Social Security check out of the mail or that your check is lost in the mail.

I recognize that many people are resistant to change, but this is one of those changes for the better.

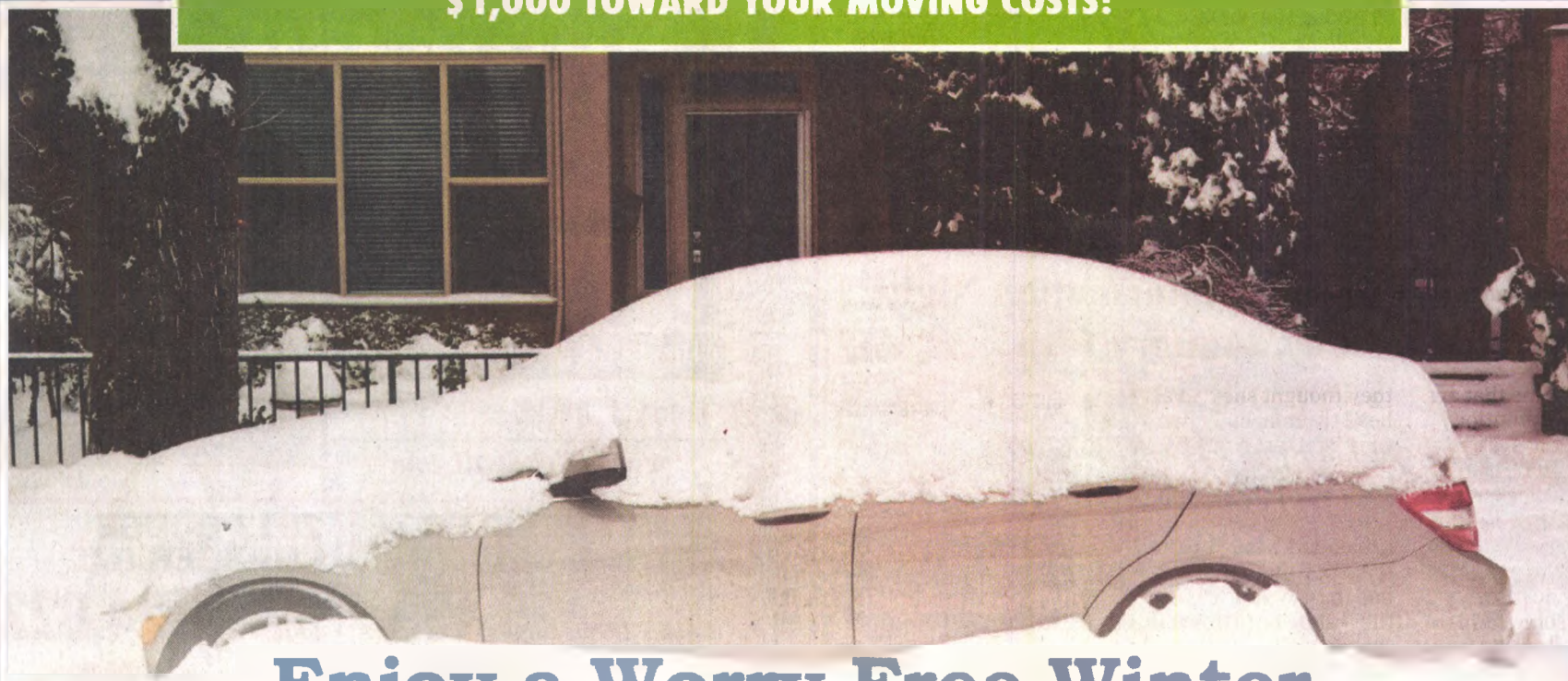
In order to switch from a direct deposit, there are a few ways that you can go. For people who are good with computers, they can do it online by going to [www.godirect.org](http://www.godirect.org) or they can contact the Treasury Department's toll-free number at (800) 333-1795. Another way is to speak to a representative either at your bank or your credit union.

It is my understanding that even though the government has the right to stop issuing paper checks and to replace them with a debit card, it will not automatically do this. Rather, for those recipients who have not made a decision, the government will subject those individuals to an aggressive campaign to get them to switch. That being said, somewhere down the line the government will pull the plug on checks and, therefore, for those individuals who have not made the decision, it's in their best interest to do so as soon as possible.

Technology has changed the way we do business and while not all changes are for the better, I think you will find that these changes to the Social Security program will make life easier and safer for seniors. Good luck!

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# Village Theater opens new exhibit

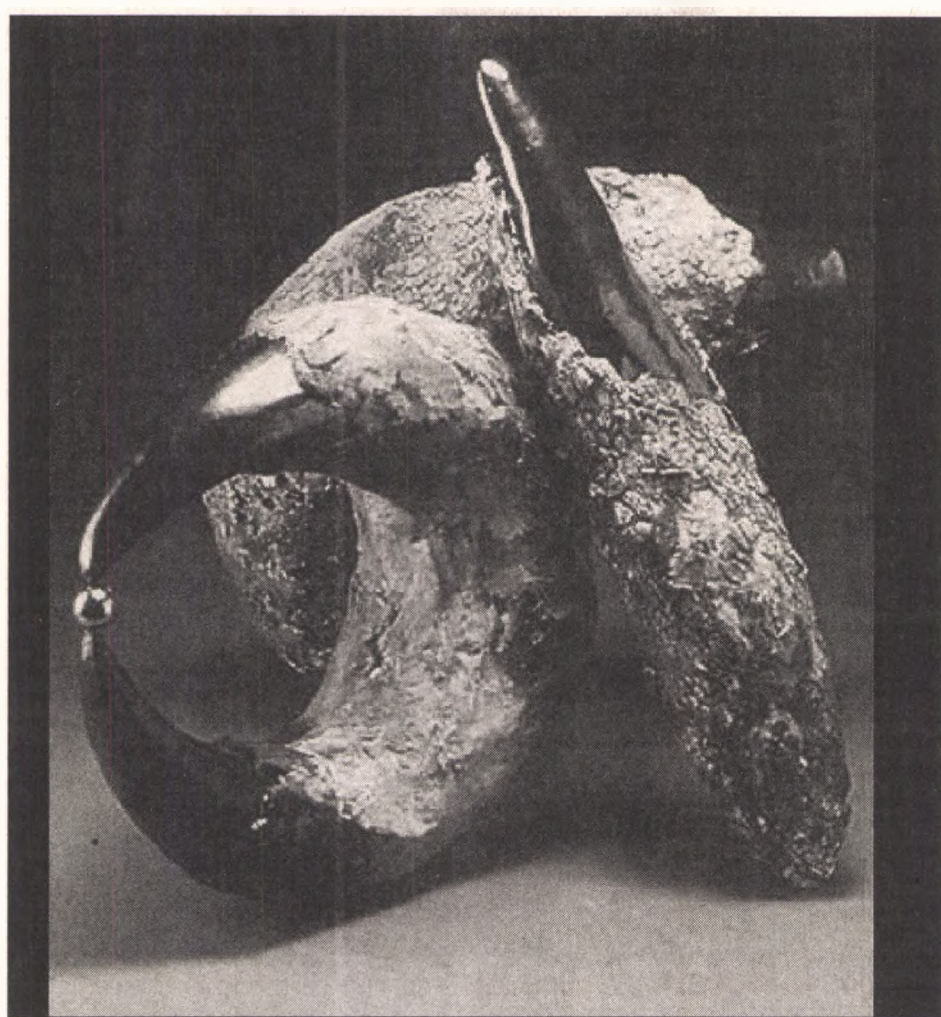
The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will be showcasing the works of Joseph Van Kerhove and Kristin Kowalski through Jan. 27 in the Gallery@VT, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.

Joseph Van Kerhove is a traditional printmaker who is known for his unconventional methods. Van Kerhove process involves editing, slicing and reassembling prints combining them with objects of everyday reality which ultimately creates new images. Having gained a large following of admirers, Van Kerhove continues to strive to bring dynamics his two dimensional format with depth and perception of common forms that involves the viewer as an accomplice in the work.

Kristin Kowalski's works combine the power of form and surface in ceramic sculpture that address contemporary issues in society. Her use of textures and color in a three dimensional space also compliments and emphasizes Joseph Van Kerhove's two dimensional works.

The combination of these two artists in the same gallery space will give visitors an opportunity to experience an explosion of color, texture, and themes.

Van Kerhove's works



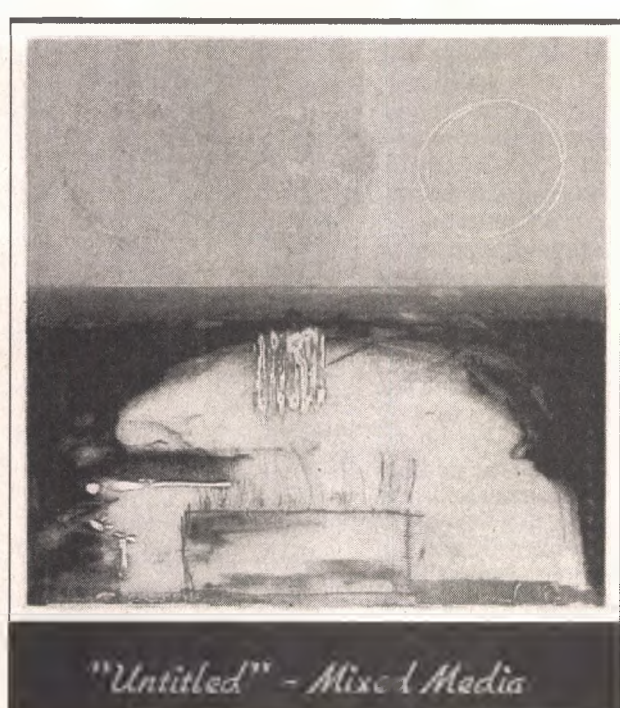
The new exhibit at the Village Theater features work like this from Kristin Kowalski. The exhibit runs through Jan. 27.

enable him to discover a visual language that includes objects, surface and color. His use of traditional and formal qualities also allows him to juxtapose objects and imagery, and intro-

duce color making all of his works more quizzical, evocative and contemplative. Van Kerhove's use of mixed media also allows him to juxtapose color against color, line against line, form against form

and material against material.

Kristin Kowalski's artwork and emotions are best expressed in clay, which is a fundamental material that allows her to articulate a relation-



Joseph Van Kerhove's work is highlighted in the new exhibit at Canton's Village Theater, which runs through Jan. 27.

ship between surface and form. These qualities of clay also allow Kowalski to create three-dimensional sculptures that create harmony within the forms which become her canvas that exposes the relationships of form, movement, line, color, material and surface in her works. Kowalski allows viewers to appreciate her work's formal qualities while developing conceptual interpretations. This combination of the surfaces and

shapes enhances the visual contrasts and the conflict of formality and conceptualism taking the audience on a contemplative emotional ride.

Admission to the gallery is free and the public is welcome to view this exhibit at the Gallery@VT Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; during public performances; and by appointment by calling (734) 394-5308.

The gallery, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton, is closed holidays.

## School officials warn about dangers of hand sanitizers

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Letters have been sent home to the parents of students at Wayne-Westland's P.D. Graham Elementary School and information has been posted on the district's website about the dangers of hand sanitizer in the wake of an incident Tuesday that sent a kindergarten student to the hospital with alcohol poisoning.

"I am asking all parents to proceed with caution when considering matters related to hand sanitizer," School Superintendent Greg Baracy said in a parent letter sent out Thursday. "Please speak to your children about the importance of not eating or drinking items that are not fit for consumption."

The district has also posted links on its website at www.wwcsd.net to more information about hand sanitizers.

In his letter to parents, Baracy acknowledged that "some families encourage and provide students with hand sanitizers in order to minimize germs and illness. However, ingesting the liquid can have lethal effects upon a person's body."

On Tuesday, a 5-year-old student at Graham was complaining of dizziness. Her mother, LeAnne Arndt, was contacted. She was on the way to the school, when she was told the child was lapsing in and out of consciousness and that a 9-1-1 call had been made.

"Never in a million years would have I imagined it would be this," said Arndt. "I've seen her smell it and say it smelled good, but I've never seen her taste it. It's like flavored alcohol. It would be 140 proof, if it was liquor."

It's believed Arndt's daughter ingested two or three squirts of a chocolate-strawberry scented hand sanitizer while at school. According to Arndt, the youngster had tasted a friend's, she didn't like it "and moved on to another one."

"She told me she really liked the chocolate-strawberry scent," Arndt

said. "It's 62 percent ethyl alcohol, the same as moonshine. The doctors compared it to drinking wood grain alcohol. One ounce can intoxicate an adult. Luckily she didn't ingest that amount."

EMS transported the child to Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. Thinking the youngster was suffering from head trauma because of a bump on her head, paramedics had begun administering intravenous fluids while en route. Doctors told Arndt that had they not gotten those fluids in her, "I might be burying my daughter instead of taking her home."

"They did CT scans and EKG, urine tests, they thought she had a head trauma, but when the blood test came back, they knew what they were dealing with," said Arndt. "They were so astounded by the results that they thought they had to be wrong and did the test again. The results were what you would see in an adult."

"The hospital workers had never come across something like this, they'd never seen it in their ER."

Arndt said that for several hours the family knew nothing. It wasn't until after doctors had verified the tests were they told it was alcohol poisoning. After about an hour of two, the youngster began to come around, and five-six hours, she could talk and was able to keep food in her stomach.

"Now it makes sense, she was sobering up," said Arndt.

Ironically, while sitting with her daughter, Arndt's mother had mentioned the hand sanitizer might be the culprit.

Arndt said her daughter has been fascinated with hand sanitizers and likes all the different scents. At one point, the youngster was taking all of the 15 bottles she had to school and using them all day long. Arndt took them away from her.

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# Botsford will close doors on fitness center

By Joanne Maliszewski  
Staff Writer

A gap between membership revenues and expenses will close the Botsford Center for Health Improvement on Grand River Avenue in Novi at the end of January.

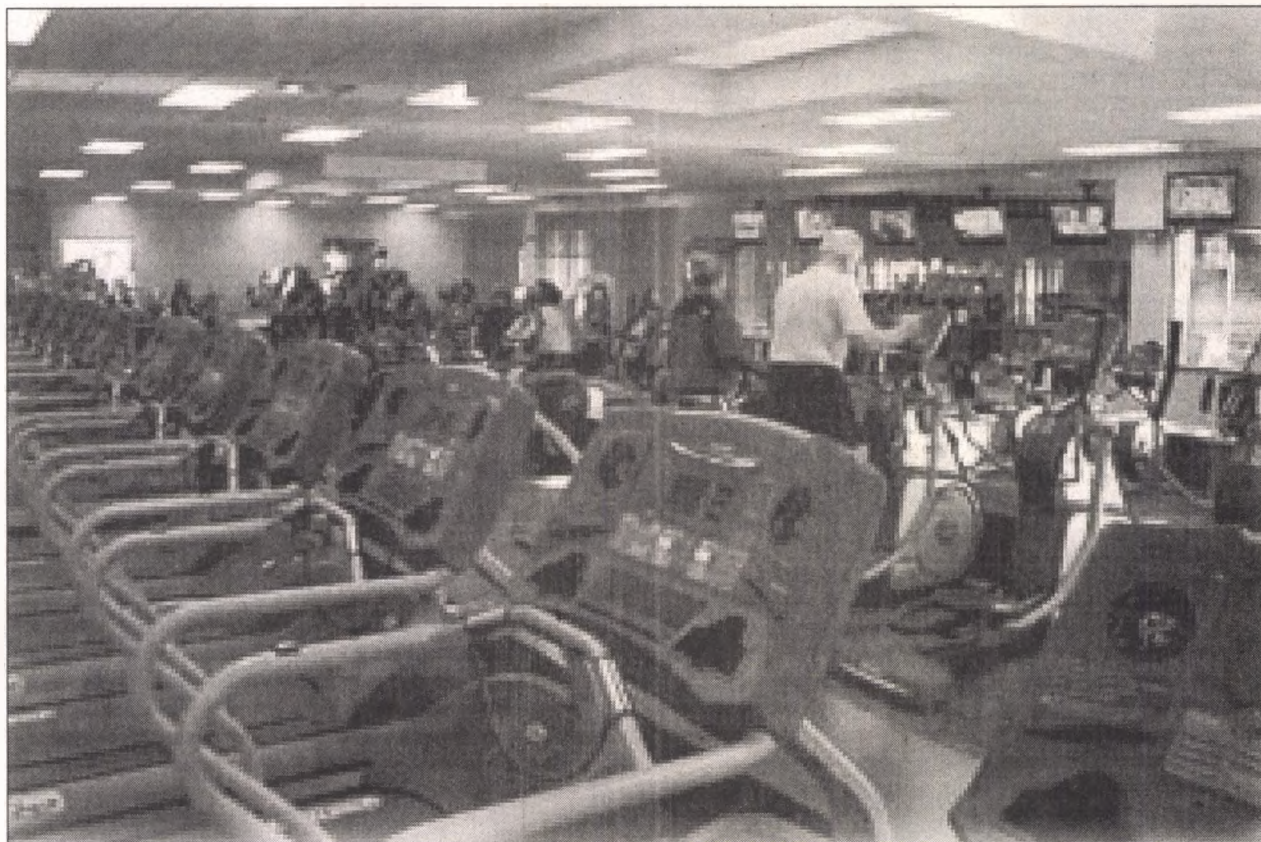
The 26,000-square-foot facility on the north side of Grand River, west of Haggerty, has primarily attracted the middle-aged customers and senior adults who joined the center for exercise and for continuing rehabilitation following medical rehabilitation.

"The cost of the facility has outstripped the membership revenues," said Margo Gorchow, Botsford Hospital vice president of communications. "We clearly had a mission and a goal for the center. The irony or the misfortune is that we never accomplished our financial goals with it."

## Lease rates

Gorchow said Botsford officials had been trying to negotiate new rent rates with the building's owner. "We just wanted to get the rent to current market levels," she said.

Ara Topouzian, Novi economic development director, said he was aware Botsford was seeking a lower rent



The Botsford Center for Health Improvement attracted middle-aged and senior adult customers.

rate. "I wouldn't say that area is any higher or lower due to that portion of Grand River. Rents can vary due to different variables such as type of building and other amenities."

Topouzian said he is unaware of other tenants interested in the building.

Botsford's Total Rehabilitation and Athletic Conditioning Center, which opened before the

fitness facility, and is literally across the sidewalk from the fitness center, will relocate because of the rent on that building. TRACC will remain open because customer health insurance payments play a role in its finances, Gorchow said.

Unfortunately, die-hard, loyal fitness members will be disappointed because the health improvement and fitness

center will not be relocated or reopen in the future. There no plans to move it to the Farmington Hills hospital campus. "We are pretty landlocked there," Gorchow said.

The center's closing also means employees will lose their jobs. Some staff members are contract employees. As Botsford struggled with the center's expenses, staff

reductions were gradually taking place, Gorchow said.

When the center opened in 2006, Botsford's mission was to provide a medical model for a fitness facility. The center offers a lap swimming pool, a warm water pool, cardiovascular and strength equipment, massage facilities, free weights, a cushioned track, group exer-

cise rooms and executive-style locker rooms, as well as a juice bar. It also offered a variety of classes, including tai chi, yoga and others.

## Narrow margins

Despite compliments from members, who said they felt comfortable as older adults exercising and swimming at the facility, the decision to close is purely financial. "Every hospital has to look at its expenses," Gorchow said. "Hospitals are operating on narrow margins."

Gorchow said it has also been difficult to compete with privately owned or corporate-owned health and fitness centers that primarily attract a younger clientele and that have larger marketing budgets than nonprofit Botsford could maintain.

Marketing typically consisted of direct mailings, word-of-mouth and publicity in the hospital newsletter, Gorchow said. "It's really a challenge for a nonprofit to go into what is essentially a retail business," she added.

Membership fees will not be charged this month and those who have already paid fees will be reimbursed.

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## Flu Vaccination Clinic set for Thursday

The Wayne County Department of Public Health will hold a Walk-in Flu Vaccination Clinic for children and adults 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday at the Health Administration Building, 33030 Van Born Road (at Venoy), in Wayne.

Cost is \$5, cash only.

Medicaid and Medicare, Part B will also be accepted.

Flu shots are available for ages 6 months and older. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend a flu shot as the best protection against the flu.

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those that can be rolled up easily. Use the front entrance to the building facing Van Born Road.

Flu shots are also available by appointment.

Call the Wayne County Department of Public Health at (734) 727-7000 or (734) 727-7100 for more information.



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Granddaughter-in-law Kellie Brown helps Phyllis Brown unwrap a case of Veggie Straws, her favorite snack.

## Two local women turn 100

Two Livonia women — Bea Karoub and Phyllis Brown — are celebrating a century of life.

Karoub turned 100 on Dec. 31. A party was held in her honor at George's Senate Coney Island on Haggerty, one of her favorite restaurants.

Brown turned 100 on Friday, Jan. 11. A party was held for her at the Meadows of Livonia, the senior community where she lives.

Karoub was born in Canada and lost her mother at a young age. She and her brother were shuffled between family and foster parents, some of whom did

not treat her well, friend Pamela Panagos said.

She met her husband Jimmy and moved to the south end of Detroit where they owned a convenience/party store.

"Bea and her husband were always hard-working people," said Panagos, who has "adopted" Karoub as her grandmother. "I enjoy visiting her and listening to all her wise advice about life."

Brown was born in Hart, Mich. At 4 years old, she moved to the Detroit area. Brown worked as a supervisor for Awrey Bakery for 21 years. She is a wid-

ow, mother of one son and grandmother.

She is an avid reader and bingo player.

"Always with a friendly smile on her face and a song in her heart, Phyllis goes out of her way to make each and everyone of us feel like we matter — that we are all special," neighbor Sharon Lawrence said. "Personally, I see her every morning on my way out of the building as I go to work. Every morning, she makes my day with her cheerful greeting and warm wishes for a wonderful day, along with a motherly 'Be careful.'"

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM WILL BE HELD BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MEETING ROOM OF THE TOWNSHIP HALL WHICH IS LOCATED AT 9955 N. HAGGERTY ROAD ON FEBRUARY 8, 2013.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE TO AFFORD THE PUBLIC THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLACE BEFORE THE BOARD ANY PROPOSED USE OF THE 2013 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS.

PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS FROM THE WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM ARE THAT THE ESTIMATED 2013 FUNDING ALLOCATIONS FOR THE TOWNSHIP WILL BE APPROXIMATELY \$88,000. WAYNE COUNTY REQUIRES FOR 2013 THAT OUR REQUEST FOR PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS NOT EXCEED 15% OF THE TOTAL ALLOCATION. BASED ON THAT SPECIAL REQUIREMENT THE PROJECTS ARE PROPOSED AS FOLLOWS:

#### ESTIMATED 2013 ALLOCATION BASED ON 15% PUBLIC SERVICE CAP

	Allocation
<b>PUBLIC SERVICES</b>	<b>\$13,358</b>
Senior Services	\$4,558
Council on Aging	\$2,334
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<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$8,800</b>
Administration	\$8,800
<b>BRICK &amp; MORTAR</b>	<b>\$65,842</b>
ADA Township Park Improvements	\$65,842
<b>TOTAL ALLOCATION</b>	<b>\$88,000</b>

IF WAYNE COUNTY DETERMINES AFTER ALL APPLICATIONS ARE RECEIVED THAT ADDITIONAL FUNDS SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS THE PROPOSED ALLOCATIONS SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

#### ESTIMATED 2013 ALLOCATION BASED ON TOWNSHIP PREFERENCE

	Allocation
<b>PUBLIC SERVICES</b>	<b>\$43,120</b>
Senior Services	\$11,440
Council on Aging	\$9,216
Senior Alliance	\$2,224
Senior Transportation	\$30,800
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## Livonia to host state history conference

The 55th Annual Michigan in Perspective: The Local History Conference will be held March 22-23 at the Holiday in Detroit—Livonia Conference Center. The conference is one of the Historical Society of Michigan's four major history conferences. Lead sponsors include Meijer Inc. and the Detroit Historical Society.

Organized by the Michigan in Perspective Planning Committee, the conference will feature several keynote speakers and breakout sessions focused on local history in Michigan.

Keynote speakers will talk about the auto bailout, newspapers and the digital age, the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie and a Michigan soldier's Civil War journal.

To see the full conference flier or to register online, visit <http://www.hsmichigan.org/conferences/local-history-conference>.

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open to anyone interested in state or regional history. Registration for the two-day event is \$39 (\$49 after March 13).

Meals that feature keynote speakers, including lunch on both days and breakfast on Saturday, are available by reservation on a space-available basis. The luncheons are \$22 per ticket, and the Saturday breakfast is \$17 per ticket. Register online at [www.hsmichigan.org](http://www.hsmichigan.org) or by calling (800) 692-1828.

The first day of the conference will close with a Friday evening reception at the Plymouth Historical Museum. The reception is free for all registered conference attendees, but tickets are required and can be secured during the conference registration process.

For more information on the Historical Society of Michigan, visit [www.hsmichigan.org](http://www.hsmichigan.org) or e-mail [hsm@hsmichigan.org](mailto:hsm@hsmichigan.org).

## New Year's resolution or medical condition?

While losing weight may be one of the most common New Year's resolutions in 2013, it will also be one of the most abandoned resolutions during the year. For many people, their weight issue is



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actually the chronic medical condition of obesity. And, while personal resolutions are the first step, people struggling with obesity may benefit from medical care to reduce their health risks and improve their quality of life.

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"Obesity is associated with life-threatening conditions that reduce quality of life and lifespan, including diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, stroke, arthritis, certain cancers and sleep apnea" said Dr. Gary Katz, medical director of the bariatric surgical team at St. John Providence Weight Loss Center. "Research shows that 66 percent of all U.S. adults and 18 percent of U.S. children are at risk for these health conditions due to their weight."

According to the National Institute of Dia-

betes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), weight loss surgery is an option for people who are severely obese and cannot lose weight by traditional means or those who suffer from serious obesity-related health problems. The operation promotes weight loss by restricting food intake and, in some operations, interrupting the digestive process. As with other treatments for obesity, the best results are achieved with healthy eating behaviors and regular physical activity.

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- "Weight loss surgery has helped millions of people shed excess weight and live healthier lives" said Katz. "It is a common treatment option for people with severe obesity who have been unsuccessful with other weight loss methods. Weight loss surgery works because it also includes education to transform eating habits to maintain an ideal weight and thus live a healthier life."

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# OCC, Schoolcraft among top international winners

Oakland Community College and Schoolcraft College are among the winners in the 23rd International Culinary Art Exhibition - "The Culinary Olympics" in Germany in October.

The American Culinary Federation's Michigan Chefs De Cuisine Association announced that the Michigan Culinary Olympic Team (MCOT) returned home with more medals than any other state in the United States. This year's award-win-

ning team included Doug Ganhs, team captain and chef instructor at The Culinary Studies Institute of Oakland Community College (gold and bronze medal winner) and Shawn Loving, culinary arts department chair, Schoolcraft College (bronze medal winner).

Held in Erfurt, Germany, the Internationale Kochkunst Ausstellung (IKA) in October featured more than 1,600 talented chefs from more than 50 countries to showcase their

respective culinary skills and innovation in a competitive format.

Approximately 25,000 people attended the competition. The world-class event is similar to the traditional athletic Olympics. Every four years, the IKA serves as the single most elite competitive culinary event globally. This culinary Mecca highlights the best in both professional and student culinary teams from around the world to compete for Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals in mul-

iple categories.

Overall, the 2012 MCOT, sponsored by the ACF Michigan Chefs de Cuisine (MCCA), brought home three gold medals, one silver medal and three bronze medals from this year's competition. This year's competition resulted in Michigan winning more medals than any other state.

MCOT's goal was to use Michigan products in the competition including beef, pork, poultry, seafood, fruits, vegetables, beer, wine, liquors and hand crafted service ware, platters and plates.

"Our mission was simple," said Randy Smith, manager of the 2012 MCOT and executive chef of the Walnut Creek Country Club. "We represented the Detroit metro area, Michigan and the entire United States on an international stage, using products grown, raised, processed and manufactured in our Great Lakes state, emphasizing that Michigan is home to some of the greatest products and chefs in the world."

In addition to Ganhs and Loving, this year's award-winning team included Sarah Rougeau, banquet chef at the Oakland Hills Country Club (silver medal winner), Chef Gabriel Vera, executive chef, Lena & Habana restaurants in Ann Arbor (bronze medal winner), John Miller, executive chef, Chartwells at Oakland University (gold medal winner), and Brian Beland, executive chef/



The 2012 Michigan Culinary Olympic Team members from left top, John Miller, executive chef, Chartwells at Oakland University; Deni Smiljanovski; Doug Ganhs, team captain and chef instructor at The Culinary Studies Institute of Oakland Community College; Brian Beland, executive chef/director of food and beverage at the Country Club of Detroit; Steve Valenti; Shawn Loving, culinary arts department chair, Schoolcraft College; and Gabriel Vera, executive chef, Lena & Habana restaurants in Ann Arbor. From left bottom, Karen Hoffman; Randy Smith, manager of the 2012 MCOT and the executive chef of the Walnut Creek Country Club; and Sarah Rougeau, banquet chef at the Oakland Hills Country Club.

director of food and beverage at the Country Club of Detroit (gold medal winner).

Michigan is home to nearly 1,000 American Culinary Federation members statewide and has had great success in previous World Culinary Olympics winning 12 gold, nine silver and six bronze medals in international competitions over the last 25 years.

Businesses that sponsored this year's team include: US Foods, Sysco Food Services of Detroit, LLC, Gordon Food Service, Northern Lakes Seafood & Meats, Mark's Quality Meats & Culinary Specialties, Coastal Produce, Churchill China, Lorge

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The conference will take place 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 2, at the VisTaTech Center - Schoolcraft College, Livonia.

The Talk Early & Talk Often Parent Connection Conference will offer parents of middle and high school aged youth the opportunity to learn how to talk to their children about sex. The conference, loaded with workshops, will highlight the facts about sexually transmitted diseases, how to navigate through sexting, texting and social media, how parents can work together to support effective sex education and much more.

This first of its kind conference is the brainchild of Barb Flis, founder of Parent Action for Healthy Kids. Flis' track record for parent workshops, webinars and trainings debunks the myth that parents don't support sex education.

The conference fee is \$25/\$35 after Monday, Jan. 14. Parents must pre-register; there will be no on-site registration the day of the event. The conference includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

A pre-conference workshop, Roles & Responsibilities When Serving on Your School's Sex Education Advisory Board, will be held 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, March 1, at the VisTaTech Center - Schoolcraft College. The Pre-Conference is intended for parents who serve on a Sex Education Advisory Board (SEAB) or would like to learn more about the SEAB's roles and responsibilities. Pre-Conference registration is \$25 and includes dinner.

Visit [www.parentactionforhealthykids.org](http://www.parentactionforhealthykids.org) for conference information and to register. Be sure to use the hashtag #TPCC2013 when tweeting about conference, or when looking for tweets about conference.



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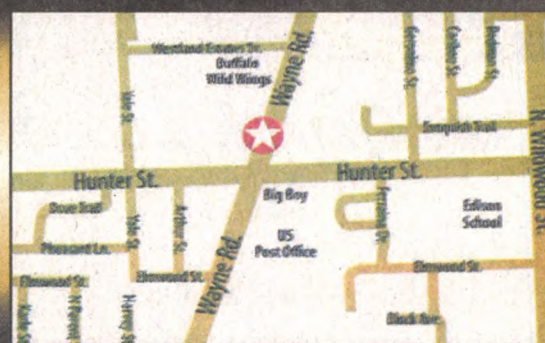
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## SPORTS

## MHSAA: 'Cats' forfeits stand

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

As expected, the Michigan High School Athletic Association batted away Plymouth-Canton schools' Hail Mary thrown to keep Plymouth's nine 2012 varsity football wins in the record book.

The MHSAA sent letters Thursday to Plymouth-Canton Community Schools informing officials of the decision to deny a waiver of consequences — pitched by the district in December after it was discovered that an ineligible player suited up for the Wildcats last season.

In turn, PCCS Secondary Education Director Erin MacGregor dispatched letters to parents giv-

ing them the news.

"Today, we received the official response from the MHSAA," MacGregor's letter stated, "and I regret to inform you that our request for waiver of consequences was denied. Unfortunately, we will be forced to forfeit all of our games from the 2012 season."

MacGregor reiterated to parents that the player was ineligible due to being in his ninth semester in the district, and that it was the result of an honest mistake.

"The student in question was unaware that he was in violation of the rule, and the eligibility issue was discovered after the season was over," the letter continued.

Also in the letter, parents were informed that "while we deeply regret this situation, we felt it was important for us to share the news with you as soon as we received the letter from the MHSAA."

## Returning the trophy

Although players will be permitted to keep medals earned from winning the Division 1 District 2 title, the team trophy must be returned.

MacGregor, in an e-mail Friday to the Observer, said the district was disappointed in the decision.

"However, as a proud and honorable member of the MHSAA," MacGregor replied, "we respect this decision and will return the district championship trophy as

directed."

That the MHSAA did not take individual medals away provided some solace.

"These are small symbols of the hard work, commitment, and sacrifice demonstrated by the coaching staff and student-athletes of the Plymouth High School football program," MacGregor continued. "Coach (Mike) Sawchuk and his staff have built an incredible program that emphasizes character, work ethic, and the importance of teamwork."

Moreover, MacGregor added that the district is "saddened that an administrative procedural oversight has taken attention

Please see FORFEITS, B2



## Jones to host pitcher clinic

Detroit Tigers pitching coach Jeff Jones, along with the Livonia Stevenson High baseball program, will stage two sessions of pitching clinics on Sunday, Jan. 20, at the high school fieldhouse.

Session 1 (ages 9-12) will be from 10 a.m. to noon, followed by Session 2 (ages 13-18) 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Former pro pitcher Dave Marcon, a member of the Stevenson coaching staff and owner-scout for Indy Pro Showcase, will assist Jones in covering the proper throwing mechanics, fielding, warmup and drills for pitchers.

The cost is \$40 per person.

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

## Chiefs win campus battle in OT

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Friday's campus rivalry game between Plymouth and Canton at times resembled a rugby by scrum, with bodies flying all over the basketball court.

But the hard-fought KLA Central Division boys basketball matchup played out the way both coaches thought it would. It took a missed jumper at the buzzer to keep the game deadlocked at 32-32.

Then in the four-minute overtime, Canton's Greg Williams and Josh Mayberry (15 points) connected on huge shots that led to the Chiefs' 40-37 victory.

"I got the ball, so I went to the rack," Mayberry said about his base-line drive that resulted in a three-point play and a 38-34 advantage. "I got the and-one and it was clutch for us."

With 1:25 left in OT, Williams (nine points) drained a jumper from the left corner, making it 35-32 Canton.

"Those guys made plays when we needed them to make plays," Canton coach Jimmy Reddy said following the win, which upped the Chiefs' record to 4-5 and 2-1 in the division.

## Sweating it out

The Wildcats (3-6, 1-2) nearly won the game at the end of regulation. With 2:22 left in a 32-32 ballgame, Plymouth guards Brendan Swanson (12 points) and Jake Divens (six points) played keepaway from the Chiefs, dribbling away as time ticked down.

Finally, with 1.4 seconds remaining, Plymouth inbounded the ball and managed a jumper from beyond the top of the key that bounced off the rim.

"We were going to try and walk off and win one," Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup said. "We had two or three looks at it and just couldn't shoot it down. The story of the season for us."

The Wildcats connected on just 11-of-41 field-goal tries (26 percent) with just 2-of-10 attempts from beyond the 3-point arc hitting the mark.

That stretch of the game was "frustrating" because all the Chiefs could do was get out on the Wildcats and prevent them from scoring the winning shot, Mayberry said.

"But our coach was very proud of us because we played 'D' for three minutes," he said.

Please see CAMPUS, B3



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Sinking a clutch basket during overtime is Canton's Greg Williams (No. 22), shooting over the outstretched arm of Plymouth defender Jake Divens (No. 4).

## Salem boys lacrosse meeting

At a recent Salem Boys Lacrosse Booster Club meeting, Paul Nemzek was introduced as the new head coach for the upcoming 2013 season.

Nemzek spoke of his lacrosse experience and how he hopes to expand on the already successful program that is in place. His message was well received by players and parents.

Next up for Salem boys lacrosse is a registration meeting Monday, Jan. 14. Those interested in joining the program can find more details at [www.lacrosse.salemrocks.com](http://www.lacrosse.salemrocks.com).



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Battling for a rebound Friday night are Plymouth's Shelby Cheston (No. 35) and Canton's Paige Aresco (No. 14).

## Chiefs put clamps down on Wildcats

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Fundamentals continue to be the calling card for Brian Samulski's Canton girls basketball teams, as Plymouth found out Friday.

The Chiefs earned a 36-28 victory over the Wildcats in the opening game of a girls/boys varsity doubleheader at Canton.

Plymouth managed just 11 points in the first half, falling behind by nine at the break.

In the second half, although the Wildcats had a little more success offensively, they couldn't get enough cracks at the basket as Canton refused

to turn the ball over.

For the game, the Chiefs (6-3 overall, 2-1 in the KLA South Division) had just seven turnovers — one in the second half.

"With this group, we've been talking about you got to take care of the ball, you got to be sure with the ball," Samulski said. "That's something the girls have been working on. To their credit, they're getting better at that."

Leading Canton with 23 points and seven rebounds was junior forward Paige Aresco.

"Paige has been doing great all year, she's awesome just like the rest of the girls on the team,"

Samulski said. "But this year she's really taken it on her own to attempt to score and get to the rim."

Leading Plymouth (3-6, 2-1 in the KLA South) with eight points, seven rebounds and six blocked shots was 6-5 junior center Shelby Cheston.

"Shelby's ready to break out," Wildcats head coach Bob de Bear said. "She played tough tonight and that's what we're going to need out of her."

He lamented another slow start offensively by his team, but he praised the girls for bouncing back after the intermission.

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## K-of-C foul shot contest

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship for boys and girls ages 9-14 will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, at St. Thomas a'Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley Road, Canton.

Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. All age-group contestants will be recognized for their participation in the event, which will progress through local, district and state competition.

Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent.

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# Chiefs ward off 'Cats' challenge

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

With every dual meet and tournament, Canton's girls gymnastics team proves it belongs at the top of the chart as far as statewide supremacy is concerned.

The Chiefs are trying to finally overtake Grand Ledge, the team that kept John Cunningham's team from winning it all last season.

But don't forget about Plymouth, an up-and-coming team that pushed Canton to the limit Wednesday night before falling 143.45 to 139.55. The Wildcats set a new school record with that total, the third highest chocked up in Michigan this season behind — you guessed it — Grand Ledge and Canton.

Canton and Plymouth are now ranked second and third in the state, respectively.

"The team is improving weekly," said Wildcats' coach Pam Yockey, adding that this weekend's Fraser Invitational will provide another tough test. "We're looking for a strong finish there."

That there is a "friendly rivalry" between teams coached by Cunningham and Yockey is nothing new.

"Pam and I started coaching together in 1970, then against each other when she coached Westland John Glenn, later Salem, and now Plymouth," Cunningham noted. "It has always been friendly and usually close."

### Best so far

Canton (6-0) prevailed by registering a season's best team score.

Spearheading the Chiefs was sophomore Jocelyn Moraw, who finished first on floor exercise (9.425) and all-around (36.235).

Cunningham, meanwhile, said a 9.7 score by freshman Maddie Toal to win on balance beam was "our highlight" of the meet.

Finishing behind Toal were Canton's Melissa Green (second, 9.2), Moraw and Plymouth captain Sarah Uhlman (tied for third, 9.1).

Another plus for the Chiefs, he noted, was the return of 2012 state champion Erica Lucas on uneven parallel bars, where she scored an 8.9 — just shy of first-place finisher Rebecca Simu of



Plymouth's Rebecca Simu set her school's freshman record for uneven parallel bars with this performance Wednesday against Canton.

Plymouth, who tallied 9.0.

With that, Simu set a new school record for a freshman in that event.

Canton took the top two places on vault, with Green (first, 9.15) and Moraw (9.0) edging Plymouth's Haley Metz (8.95) and Jane McCurry (8.85).

Several performers from both teams made a run at the top of the all-around standings, demonstrating their cross-the-board talents.

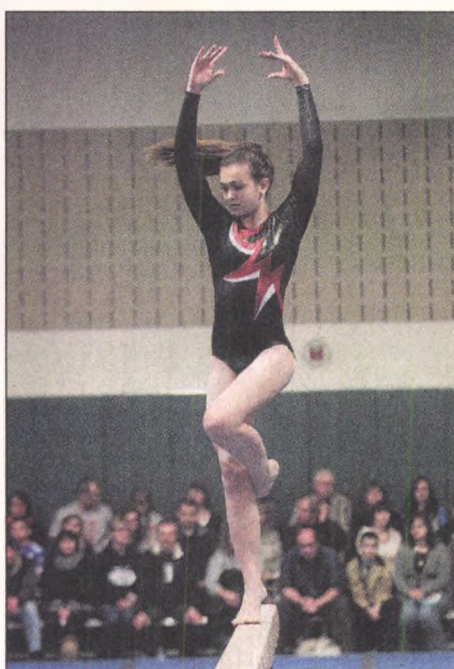
Although Moraw did take the top spot, she barely outscored Green (36.3), with Toal (35.175) and Plymouth's Metz (35.0) not too far behind. Metz fell just short of the team record in that category.

Yockey said her team's captains (Katie Salanga, Brenna Connelly, Sarah Uhlman and Jane Uhlman) are setting high standards for work ethic and leadership that are rubbing off on their teammates.

"We have great team sportsmanship," she said. "I'm proud of every one of them."

Following are results from the meet, which took place at Plymouth High School:

**CANTON 143.35**  
**PLYMOUTH 139.55**  
Jan. 9 at Plymouth H.S.  
Vault: 1. Melissa Green (Can-



Canton freshman Maddie Toal scored 9.7 on balance beam Wednesday, a performance her coach called a 'highlight' of the dual meet for the Chiefs.

ton), 9.15; 2. Jocelyn Moraw (C), 9.0; 3. Haley Metz (P), 8.95; 4. Jane McCurry (P), 8.85; 5. Maddie Toal (C), 8.8; 6. Sam Fontana (P), 8.55.  
**Bars:** 1. Rebecca Simu (P), 9.0; 2. Erica Lucas (C), 8.9; 3. Moraw (C), 8.85; 4. (tie) Metz (P) and Green (C), 8.65; 6. Fontana (P).  
**Beam:** 1. Toal (C), 9.7; 2. Green (C), 9.2; 3. (tie) Moraw (C) and Sarah Uhlman (P), 9.1; 5. Nicole Lasecki (C), 8.85; 6. Metz (P), 8.5.  
**Floor:** 1. Moraw (C), 9.425; 2. Green (C), 9.3; 3. Jane McCurry (P), 9.1; 4. Lasecki (C), 9.05; 5. Toal (C), 9.025; 6. Brenna Connelly (P), 9.0.  
**All-Around:** 1. Moraw (C), 36.325; 2. Green (C), 36.3; 3. Toal (C), 35.175; 4. Metz (P), 35.0; 5. Simu (P), 34.45; 6. Lasecki (C), 34.0.  
**Team records:** Canton, 6-0 overall, 4-0 in KLAA; Plymouth, 3-2.

# 'Cats, Rocks both 'Super' in KLAA matches

A 235-game by Ryan Riva keyed Plymouth's varsity boys bowling team to a 17-13 win Wednesday against Novi at Super Bowl in Canton.

Riva led all bowlers in the match with a 410 tally to help Plymouth overcome getting shut out in the Baker games (154-151, 202-163).

Other Wildcats to help the cause included Zack Behr (211-162-373) and Charlie Anderson (211-157-368).

Plymouth took both regular games, winning 895-810 and 876-776 in Game 2 — the one featuring Riva's 235 score.

Also Wednesday at Super Bowl, Salem defeated Westland John Glenn by a 19-11 score.

The Rocks won the Baker games, by scores of 208-182 and 173-151. The teams split the regular games, with John Glenn taking the opener by a 940-847 score but Salem rebounding 931-857 in the second game.

Kevin Williams led the Rocks, rolling a 166-219-385 scoreline. Also registering a 200 game was Brandon Allison, with a 203 score in Game 1. Tyler Snyder (173-178-351) and Steven Cadwell (166-219-385) also contributed to the victory.

Leading all bowlers in the match was John Glenn's Steve White, with a two-game score of 390.

Meanwhile, Salem also won 19-11 Tuesday against Wayne Memorial, led by

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Kevin Williams' 214-212-426 scoreline.

Allison (204-204-408), Nolan Rudis (207-190-397), Snyder (185-202-387) and Cadwell (199-167-366) also had solid matches.

### Girls recap

Salem's varsity girls bowling team struggled last week. On Tuesday, the Rocks dropped a 24-6 score to Wayne Memorial and then fell 23-7 Wednesday at Super Bowl against John Glenn.

Kristin Larkins had an excellent match against the Zebras. She tallied games of 253 and 204 to total 457 for the day. The next-best two-game score for the Rocks was Bridget Maul's 310.

In the loss to the Rocks, Maul led Salem with a 167-190-357 scoreline. She was followed by Rachel Boucha (148-156-304), Larkins (160-131-291) and Rachel Lopez (135-127-262).

• Plymouth defeated Novi 22-8 in Wednesday's other matchup at Super Bowl.

Pacing the Wildcats to victory were Emily Fraser (146-183-329), Caitlyn Webb (156-172-328) and Megan Blanck (153-175-328).

Both teams split the Baker games and Novi took Game 1 by a 726-722 score. But Plymouth rebounded in the second game, winning comfortably (788-719) to earn the match victory.

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away from the positive aspects of an accomplished program and it's student-athletes."

Last month, after players learned about the situation, quarterback Jamarl Eiland lamented

having something taken away that they worked so hard to get.

"I'll be disappointed, but everybody knows what happened," Eiland said then. "I'll be sad if they take the trophy away or we don't get to hang a banner."

Meanwhile, MHSAA Executive Director

John Roberts wrote to district Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Hughes that it would be up to the Kensington Lakes Athletics Association to "determine the effect of these decisions on league standings."

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# Salem girls break into win column

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

The basketball finally started to drop through the cylinder for Salem's varsity girls basketball team, as the Rocks rolled Tuesday night to a 44-20 win over visiting South Lyon East.

That win gave the Rocks much-needed confidence that carried over to Friday's 36-32 win at Livonia Stevenson. Salem improved to 2-6 overall and 2-1 in the KLAAC Central Division with the two victories.

In each game, senior forward Breanne Beaver led the way. Against South Lyon East, she tallied 13 points and 13 rebounds and followed up Friday with 14 points and nine boards against the Spartans.

"It's a win that obviously we've been shooting for for a number of games," said Salem head coach Fred Thomann following Tuesday's game. "We were close at Northville, losing by three (24-21 Jan. 4), we were close at Plymouth, losing by three.

"We played (Dearborn) Divine Child very tough and Ann Arbor Huron very tough for a half. Finally to get a win is good for the program, good for the girls and is something that had to happen."



Salem forward Breanne Beaver, shown here in an earlier game, scored a total of 27 points last week to lead the Rocks to their first two wins of the season.

A balanced offense sparked Salem against South Lyon East. In addition to Beaver, who was stellar in the low post, the Rocks received seven points from Kelly Whalen and six points from four players — Katie Latack, Shara Long, Kayla Kavulich and Jamyra Wilson.

Kavulich and Wilson each helped the cause with seven assists.

Against Stevenson, a very competitive game featuring numerous lead

changes, Wilson added nine points and seven rebounds with Kavulich and Whalen scoring four points each.

"We had a little more confidence," Thomann confirmed. "We played right through to the end of the game."

He said earlier this season, the team found it tough in the final minutes to score points.

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"That's something we work on at practice, to play perfect defense."

It was a nail-biter the entire way, with Canton leading 13-11 after the first quarter and 17-16 at half-time.

In the third, Plymouth scored on a trey by Josh Priebe (10 points) as the buzzer sounded to give the Wildcats a 27-24 lead. On that play, Swanson inbounded the ball from under the Canton basket to Priebe in the right corner.

That fired up Plymouth even more and the Wildcats led or were tied for almost all of the fourth.

With Plymouth up 32-29 with 4:46 left, 6-8 Canton forward Jordan Nobles (nine points, 15 rebounds, six blocks) muscled in for a layup and followed up with

a free throw a half-minute later to even the score.

That's how things stayed until the overtime, but not before those final minutes when Plymouth possessed the ball.

"That's Plymouth's style, they slow it down," Reddy said. "I knew it was a possibility that they'd hold it there."

"Greg Williams did a great job on Priebe and I thought we did a better job keeping people out of the paint."

**SALEM 47, STEVENSON 40:** Another double-double by Salem senior forward Chris Dierker lifted the host Rocks to victory over Livonia Stevenson in Friday's KLAAC Central Division tilt.

Dierker scored 15 points and grabbed 12 rebounds for Salem, now 7-2 overall and 3-0 in the division.

"It's good to come out undefeated in division play," Salem head coach Bob Brodie said. "Especially with as tough as our division is. I'm happy with

that."

Other key contributions were made by Kevin Mack (nine points), Nate Sass (seven points, three steals) and Ahmad Khalid (five points, seven boards). Salem broke out to a 19-14 lead after one quarter and upped that to 31-20 at halftime before hitting Stevenson's defensive wall in the third — managing only three points.

But the Rocks got going again in the fourth to close out the victory.

"It was a hard-fought game," Brodie said. "We led wire-to-wire, but the game was in doubt all the way to the end."

Salem will visit Novi Tuesday before hosting South Lyon on Friday.

**PCA 78, PARKWAY 53:** Host Plymouth Christian Academy improved to 6-1 overall with Friday's win over Parkway Christian.

Top scorers for the Eagles were Mick Noel and Alex Huber, with 16 and 14 points, respectively.

Big players in the paint for PCA were Drew Ibach (11 rebounds, along with 10 points) and Matt Sumner (13 boards along with nine points).

Adding 10 points was Mike Slater.

*'This game gave me the chance to extend my high school career and also see where I'm at as an athlete.'*

**CAMERON DILLARD,**  
Canton senior

# Dillard relishes bowl game experience

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

For one more game at least, Canton senior Cameron Dillard was a high school football player.

Dillard, a 6-4, 290-pound lineman and All-Observer selection, played Jan. 1 in the annual Offense-Defense All-American Bowl. This game was played in Houston, Tex. at Reliant Stadium.

"It was great being able to play with the best of the best," said Dillard, whose team came out on the winning side of a 20-9 score. "It felt great being able to hold my own against players who will be playing at Division I schools next year."

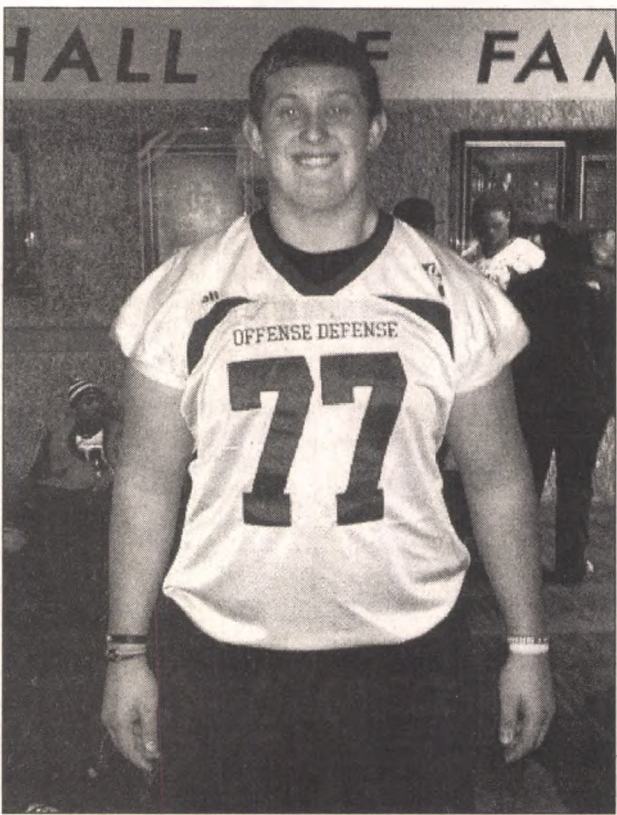
"This game gave me the chance to extend my high school career and also see where I'm at as an athlete."

Where he's at is a pretty good place.

The three-year star on Canton varsity's offensive and defensive lines is committed to play D-I football at Florida.

Dillard is the latest Plymouth-Canton football standout to compete with the best college recruits in the country.

"Being selected for the O-D All-Star game was an honor because it was the same game (Plymouth's) Kyle Brindza played in a



All smiles, and for good reason, is Canton senior Cameron Dillard, who played Jan. 1 in the Offense-Defense All-American Bowl.

few years ago," Dillard said. "I am especially fortunate because I believe Plymouth-Canton is such a supportive community and I felt that presence ... during the game."

According to Dillard, being part of the all-star game wasn't just about football.

"I felt the game was not

about winning or losing," Dillard stressed. "It's not even about having fun. The O-D Bowl brings together talented athletes from across the country to build new friendships that can carry for a lifetime."

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Canton's 20-11 half-time lead was cut to 28-21 after three quarters, as the Wildcats had some

success working the ball inside to Cheston.

Scoring four points for Canton was Alan-na Brown, while Rachel Winters contributed four rebounds.

Jada Woody chipped

in with nine boards for Plymouth, with Kylie Robb, Paige Slominski and Leah Kliczinski each scoring five points.

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# Zhang sparks Salem tankers

With Jason Zhang swimming in mid-season form, host Salem earned a 109-77 dual meet victory Thursday over KLAAC Central Division rival South Lyon.

Zhang already earned a state cut in the 100-yard backstroke, with his time of 55.63 seconds, good for first place.

He also captured the 200 IM (2:04.96) and shared honors in the victorious 200 medley and 400 free relays (1:44.06, 3:27.91, respectively).

"It's nice to get a win in the Central Division any time," Salem head coach Chuck Olson said. "There were some better times for most of the guys, which is what you're looking for."

Other individual wins were tallied by Jerry Bai (100 butterfly, 59.12), Matt Pairitz (100 free, 52.50) and Turner Solterman (100 breaststroke, 1:04.05).

Solterman and Smaran Bhaktawara were 1-2 in the 100 breast, with Bhaktawara finishing in 1:08.04.

Salem took two of three relays, beginning with the 200 medley relay team of Zhang, Solterman, Bai and Jason Basanese. They took the race with a time of 1:44.06.

In the 400 free relay, the quartet of Pairitz, Charles Liu, Danny Lynch and Zhang prevailed in 3:27.91.

Even in events won by South Lyon, the Rocks came away with an edge in points.

Although Spencer Ruggiero earned six points



Salem's Jason Zhang powers through the water en route to a first-place finish in the 200-yard freestyle during a recent boys swimming and diving meet. He won or shared first place in four events Thursday against South Lyon.

for the Lions by winning the 200 free (1:54.94), Salem swimmers finished in places 2-4 to total nine points.

Those depth points were scored by Salem's Pairitz (1:55.75), Lynch (1:57.47) and Brian Kuang (1:57.73).

It was the same pattern in the 50 and 500 free, each won by South Lyon's Max Wilkinson (23.12, 5:06.64).

Finishing 2-4 in the 50 free for the Rocks were Kenny McManimon, Bai and Basanese; likewise scoring points for Salem in the 500 free were Liu, Solterman and Kuang.

**SALEM 109**  
**SOUTH LYON 77**  
Jan. 10 at Salem

**200 medley relay:** 1. Salem (Jason Zhang, Turner Solterman, Jerry Bai, Jason Basanese), 1:44.06; 2. South Lyon, 1:48.35; 3. Salem (Brendan Wellman, Smaran Bhaktawara, Patrick Casey, Kenny McManimon), 1:52.26.  
**200 freestyle:** 1. Spencer Ruggiero (SL), 1:54.94; 2. Matt

Pairitz (S), 1:55.75; 3. Danny Lynch (S), 1:57.47; 4. Brian Kuang (S), 1:57.73.

**200 IM:** 1. Zhang (S), 2:04.96; 2. Charlie Liu (S), 2:08.71; 3. Adam Stone (SL), 2:14.22; 4. Bhaktawara (S), 2:15.39.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Max Wilkinson (SL), 23.12; 2. McManimon (S), 23.38; 3. Bai (S), 23.72; 4. Basanese, 24.27.

**1-meter diving:** 1. Alex Canadi (SL), 234.00 points; 4. Zach Bartolec (S), 137.85; 5. Mike Falzon (S), 121.20.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Bai (S), 59.12; 3. Lynch (S), 1:00.55; 5. Casey (S), 1:05.70.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Wilkinson (SL), 5:06.64; 2. Liu (S), 5:07.86; 3. Solterman (S), 5:08.92; 4. Kuang (S), 5:20.82.

**200 free relay:** 1. South Lyon, 1:35.55; 2. Salem (Pairitz, Basanese, McManimon, Bai), 1:35.72; 3. Salem (Wellman, Lynch, Liu, Kuang), 1:37.16.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Zhang (S), 55.63; 3. Casey (S), 59.41; 5. Wellman (S), 1:04.62.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Solterman (S), 1:04.05; 2. Bhaktawara (S), 1:08.04; 4. Gregory Payne (S), 1:15.53.

**400 free relay:** 1. Salem (Pairitz, Liu, Lynch, Zhang), 3:27.91; 2. South Lyon, 3:29.25; 4. Salem (Colin Urbaczewski, Russell Sharpe, Payne, Wellman), 3:59.98.

**Salem dual meet record:** 2-0 overall, 1-0 in KLAAC Central.

## PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

**WAYNE MEMORIAL 42**  
**PLYMOUTH 30**  
Jan. 9 at Wayne

**103 pounds:** Jack DeJack (WM) decisioned Collin Reed, 11-4; **112:** Mohamad Youssef (P) pinned Dominick Sanders, 3-49; **119:** Treyvon Berry (P) won by major dec. over Tyler Mulligan, 16-7; **125:** Tim Way (WM) dec. Spencer Schiftar, 13-6; **130:** Michael Nicholson (WM) p. Daniel Ahearn, 1-32; **135:** Jonathan Conn (P) p. Tim Flores, 1-09; **140:** Alec Breckenridge (P) p. Marcus Jordan, 3-56; **145:** Alec Breckenridge (P) p. Kevin Marz, 5-15; **152:** Allen Parker (WM) p. Hussein Youssef, 2-11; **160:** Joseph Shaver (P) dec. James Hieltness, 11-10; **171:** Samuel Ekanem (WM) p. John Rubio, 1-10; **189:** Lucas Hofbauer (WM) p. Michael Jordan, 0-24; **215:** Tyler Casteels (WM) p. Ronnie Dancer, 2-28; **285:** Aaron Mauldin (WM) p. Adam Dulong, 2-33.

**LIVONIA STEVENSON 39**  
**SALEM 28**  
Jan. 9 at Stevenson

**103 pounds:** Russel Gavbatz (Salem) pinned Jacob Osterwind, 1-00; **112:** Marco Lytwyn (LS) decisioned A. Arble, 8-6; **119:** Greg Shaver (Salem) won by major dec. over Taylor Droste, 8-0; **125:** Trevor Demers (LS) won by major dec. over H. Scandrett, 13-4; **130:** Caleb McCabe (Salem) dec. Sandro Lytwyn, 6-5; **135:** Riley Dooxtader (Salem) p. Tyler Statham, 6-5; **145:** Majidi Hatem (LS) dec. Jacob Kubinski, 14-7; **152:** Kody Roy (LS) p. Danny Abed, 3-01; **160:** Connor Vaughan (LS) p. James Voshaw, 1-03; **171:** Tyler Gross (Salem) p. Justic Betke, 1-53; **189:** Mitch Gross (Salem) dec. Jacob Kelley, 10-7; **215:** Matthew Spohr (LS) p. Bekim Myca, 2-21; **285:** Ryan Eddings (LS) p. Derick Young, 0-56.



# They're not 'Forgotten'

## Plymouth icers spend day working to help feed the hungry

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Plymouth varsity boys hockey players recently put in an extra shift to help the hungry and get food for thought in the process.

The Wildcats, on Dec. 27, took part in their second annual visit to Forgotten Harvest headquarters in Oak Park.

Players and several coaches broke down cases of bulk food and packaged them for Forgotten Harvest to forward to area families in need.

"I think it's important for the kids to see out of their own little world," Plymouth head coach Gerry Vento said. "When they're hungry they just go to the refrigerator and open the door."

"But for many people that's not the case and this kind of opens their eyes to that fact."

Vento said the team spent the day helping assemble smaller, deliverable packages that Forgotten Harvest will distribute to food shelters and — from there — to families.

Part of the job was checking fruits and vegetables (such as squash) to make sure they were edible and good to go.

"Mainly fruits and vegetables (such as squash) is what we were working with," Vento said. "There's everything, they get quite a bit of stuff in."

Vento said he didn't know how many families the team's efforts could help feed, but "I think they are all over Michigan. Forgotten Harvest



Community service is a big deal for Plymouth's varsity boys hockey team, including efforts Dec. 27 at Forgotten Harvest in Oak Park.

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Members of the Plymouth Wildcats work Dec. 27 at the Forgotten Harvest headquarters in Oak Park. At left (back to the camera) is Cam Nadell; on the other side of the table are Charlie Supernois and Josh Smith (right).

is a pretty big organization."

A spinoff benefit for the players was spend-

ing time with each other away from the ice rink.

"It's a great way for team building because

they're working together in an environment they're not comfortable or familiar with," Vento explained. "But once they see what they're doing and it gets explained to them why they're doing it, they really seem to enjoy the day and the service they're providing."

All of the hockey teams at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park are involved in various community endeavors.

A couple examples of that include the Canton Chiefs collecting "Toys for Tots" and the Salem Rocks collecting food for Canton's Open Door Ministry.

"It's what it's all about," Vento said. "All schools do their thing and try to help in any way possible."

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# Whalers active at OHL trade deadline

Plymouth Whalers general manager and head coach Mike Vellucci swapped centers with Saginaw ahead of Thursday's Ontario Hockey League trade deadline.

Vellucci acquired Vince Trocheck from the Spirit in exchange for Zach Bratina and three draft picks.

"We are very excited to be able to acquire Vince," said Vellucci. "He is someone we've coveted since his minor midget draft year (Detroit Little Caesars)."

"Vince and Ryan Hartman are coming here just having helped the United States win a gold medal in the World Junior Championships. I am looking forward to seeing Vince in the lineup."

Plymouth also sent second- and third-round draft choices in 2015 and a third rounder in 2016 to the Spirit.

Trocheck, 19, leaves Saginaw as the second leading scorer in franchise history with 94 goals and 146 for 240 points in 236 games.

**Face-off phenom**

This season, Trocheck has 24 goals and 26 assists for 50 points and is plus-18 over 35 games. He's one of the best face-off men in the OHL and was considered the face of the franchise as captain in Saginaw.

Trocheck was originally selected by Saginaw in the second round (24th overall) of the 2009 Ontario Hockey League Draft. Later, Trocheck was taken by the Florida Panthers in the third round (64th overall) of the 2011 National Hockey League Entry Draft and has been signed by the

Panthers.

As Vellucci said, Trocheck and current Plymouth teammate Ryan Hartman helped the United States win the gold medal in the recent 2013 World Junior Championship in Ufa, Russia.

Trocheck scored three goals with three assists for six points while Hartman scored two goals and an assist in the tournament.

Bratina, 17, was taken by Plymouth in the first round (19th overall) of the 2012 Ontario Hockey League Priority Selection and scored four goals with four assists for eight points in 37 games.

**Division dealings**

Division rivals usually don't make trades and Vellucci acknowledged Saginaw's participation in the deal.

"I want to thank the Saginaw Spirit organization for making this deal possible," Vellucci said. "It's not always easy to make a deal with a cross-town rival. But they are getting an exceptional person and player in Zach Bratina. We are going to miss him."

Trocheck was expected to report Thursday to Plymouth and was set to be in the lineup this weekend for two games at Compuware Arena (against Brampton and Erie).

Ironically, the Whalers made another deal with a division rival earlier this week. On Tuesday, Plymouth acquired 19-year-old left wing Zach Lorentz from Windsor for right wing Alex Aleardi (Farmington Hills). Lorentz made his Whalers debut in Wednesday's 6-5 loss at Saginaw.

# Whalers double up Brampton, 4-2

The Plymouth Whalers broke open a scoreless first period with four goals in the second period and defeated Brampton 4-2, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday night before 2,369 at Compuware Arena.

Plymouth (20-13-5-3) gained on first-place Sarnia, who lost 5-1 Friday in Kitchener. The Whalers have 48 points, three less than the

Sting in the OHL West Division.

Matt Mistele led the Whalers' attack as the game's first star with his 20th and 21st goals of the season. Other contributors included Ryan Hartman and Tom Wilson (one goal, one assist each) and newcomer Vince Trocheck (two assists).

Goalie Matt Mahalak stopped 32-of-34 shots in goal for the win.

The Whalers played without Stefan Noesen, a first round pick of the Ottawa Senators, who is attending the Senators' NHL training camp.

Rickard Rakell (first round pick of the Anaheim Ducks) is scheduled to leave for Anaheim's camp on Saturday. Wilson will leave Sunday for the Washington Capitals' training camp.

# Rocks lose to Sailors, 5-1

A loss is a loss, but Salem varsity boys hockey coach Ryan Ossennacher saw the silver lining with how his team played Friday, despite losing 5-1 to Muskegon Mona Shores at Plymouth Cultural Center.

First off, Mona Shores is undefeated (15-0) and ranked No. 4 in the state.

"And we outplayed them, we outshot them 25-19," Ossennacher said. "We played well and competed."

"We couldn't capitalize on some of the plays that

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we should have. But overall, I'm pleased with our effort."

Scoring early in the game to put Salem (6-6-1) up a goal was forward Alek Zultowski, on an unassisted effort.

The Sailors knotted the score at 1-1 after one period and then tallied three unanswered goals in the second to take a commanding lead. Their final goal was scored late in the third, into an empty net.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

**Salem needs discus coach**

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Please contact head coach Dave Gerlach at (734) 416-7708 or SalemGirlsTrackandField@pccsmail.net if interested.

**Nike combine**

Nike Combine Training for high school football players to prepare for the 2013 season will begin Sunday, Jan. 27 at D1 Sports in Bloomfield.

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**Salem tennis meeting set**

A mandatory meeting for those interested in playing Salem girls tennis this spring is slated for 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28 in the

Salem High School library. Forms will be filled out and uniforms ordered for the upcoming season. This will be the only opportunity to order a uniform.

Interested players should bring a current physical dated after April 30, 2012 as well as the following: health care policy information; a copy of parents driver's license and car insurance for team travel; a check made out to Salem Girls Tennis to order a uniform.

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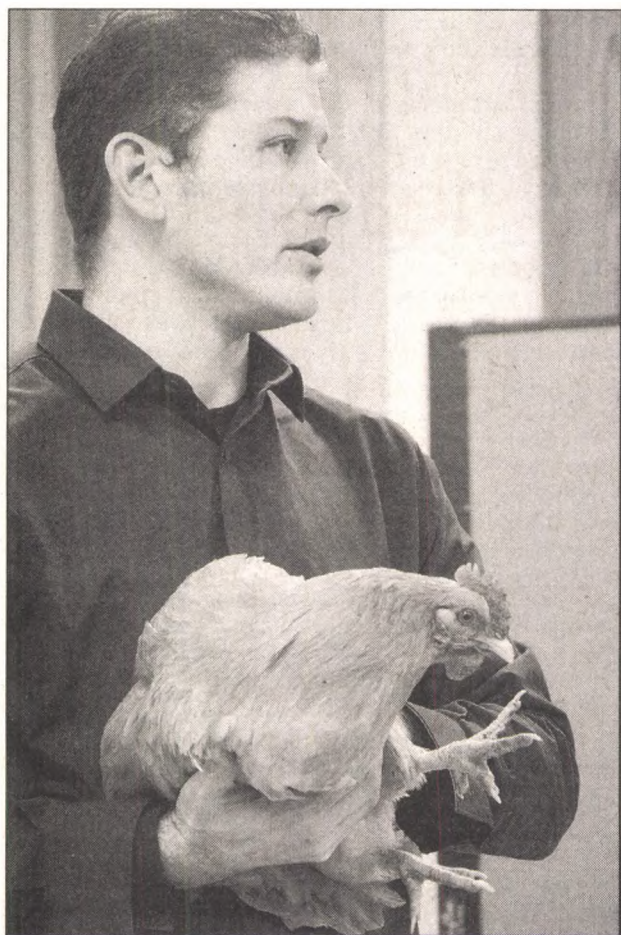
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# COMMUNITY LIFE



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 Vince Kogo holds a Buff Orpington.

## BWUAK! BWUAK! BWUAK!



Garden Club member Ann Ruel pets a Buff Orpington. She also won a door prize of a 5-gallon pail of composted chicken manure.

### Livonia Garden Club learns about backyard chicken farming

By Sharon Dargay  
 Staff Writer

Vince Kogo is passionate about chickens and it all started with a plate of eggs over easy.

"I love runny eggs. I was in Tennessee visiting my brother and sister-in law and they had some eggs their neighbor had given them from the backyard. So they served me these eggs and the yolks were gigantic. They were runny, bright orange and when you ate them they were the most creamy sensation you'd have out of eggs over easy. At that point I was hooked.

"My brother-in-law who lives in Michigan started raising chickens. I was like, alright, I've got to do this. I started looking into it and I'm not going back."

The Redford man did more than research the topic. He started raising chickens in his backyard three years ago, guaranteeing himself, his wife and their six children, a continuous supply of fresh eggs and occasionally meat.

Kogo, whose day job is as a manufacturing supervisor in Farmington Hills, brought his suburban chicken farming expertise, equipment and

some hens to the Livonia Garden Club meeting last week.

Kathy Wilson, vice president, had heard Kogo speak at a Master Gardener meeting and invited him to address the 80-member Livonia group.

"I've heard some complaints like, what does a chicken guy have to do with (gardening) anything?" Wilson said. "But it's all about knowing where your food comes from. Everybody should be aware of that."

That's partly why Kogo raises hens. Store-bought eggs are less expensive than those harvested

from his backyard chicken coop, but he knows exactly what his fowl ate while producing them.

#### Why raise chickens?

"You get good, nutritious eggs. Another benefit is you're going to get sustainable living," he told the group. "A lot of people like raising their own vegetables because they like being self-sufficient. Raising eggs can help you do that same thing."

"The other thing is compost. Chicken manure is one of the best manures you can have for your garden."

Kogo's door prizes for

the evening included a 5-pound bucket of chicken manure, won by Livonia Garden Club member Ann Ruel. She said she planned to wait until spring and then apply the fertilizer to her flower beds. Other members won baskets of fresh eggs.

#### Friendly fowl

Kogo took each of his birds out of their shared cage and allowed audience members to stroke their feathers and get close-up views.

"There's a lot of fun you can have with chickens. If you're raising them from eggs, they will fol-

low you around and eat out of your hand."

Kogo once had a chicken follow him around the block as he attempted to break the bird's habit of sitting on the flock's eggs, a behavior called "going broody."

"The technique is to handle them for 20 minutes a day. You have to pull them off the nest," he said. "I decided to take a walk. I had her under my arm and halfway through I set her down and this chicken followed me. I had people coming out with cameras. One woman looked and came by

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# Times change: The enemy is now a close friend

By Joe Gagnon  
Guest Columnist

**H**is name is Joe Henderson and he is a regular guest on my radio show. He is older than I am and his hair is much whiter and I think intellectually he makes me sound like a little boy. I always learn something from him that makes me a better person. I met Joe Henderson back in the mid 1970s when I was a service and sales manager with the Amana Corporation and he was a sales representative with the Litton Corporation. Amana had introduced the first microwave ovens for use in the American kitchen. Our jobs meant get-

ting appliance retailers to stock up on inventory and we made hefty commissions on each truckload order. My boss at the time was a great guy named Jack Platiny who managed the factory branch in Livonia and told me that as nice as Joe Henderson was, he was still the enemy. He informed me that the Litton microwave was being made in Japan and would be in direct competition with the Amana product, made in America. He was going to have some stick-on tags made which he wanted me to stick on the Litton microwave ovens every time I saw them on retailer's sales floors. The tag was going to simply say a few words, "Don't Forget Pearl Harbor." Now you have to understand the feelings of my boss, Jack, at the time. He spent a few years fighting the Japanese in the Philippines during World War II and it took some convincing on my

part that this would not fit into the image of the Amana Corporation. The Japanese did build a good microwave oven but it was always second to the Amana product which always made Joe Henderson's job a little tougher than mine. I remember that first Amana Radar Range to hit the market sold for \$850 which was a lot of money based on average income in those days. **Cooking classes** The microwave was a revolutionary product in those first few years of the 70s. Both Amana and Litton would hire a dozen of the many home economists who came out of our colleges so that when you purchased an oven you were given a certificate to attend a cooking class to learn how to use it. My boss Jack put me in charge of all these ladies and it was a real experience travelling across

the state with all these beautiful women and learning how to cook with a microwave oven. I used to tell Joe Henderson that my girls were much smarter than his and he used to give me these dirty looks which were part of the competitive game. **Technicians needed** Joe and I went on to leave the corporate game but we were never far apart. Today, he is a consultant with a large appliance retailer and co-owner along with his sons of a very successful appliance repair company in Ann Arbor. We talk a lot these days about the biggest problem going on in the service industry — the great need for good, qualified appliance service technicians who just simply are not out there. Service training schools are no longer available and no respectable service company wants to send a rookie into your home for fear of creat-

ing an unsatisfactory situation. Service companies are stealing employees from their competition and it's a mean resolution to a problem that will continue to exist for a long time. The biggest problem shared today by consumers who need a technician to fix an appliance is that they have to wait an inappropriate amount of time for someone to show up. My good friend Joe Henderson and I both agree there are too many quality problems with some appliances and just not enough service technicians and it's a tough proposition to ask the homeowner to wait a little bit longer. Let us hope that time heals just as it has done for Joe Henderson and Joe Gagnon. 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](mailto:appldr@twmi.rr.com).

## Try agility at Novi show, get trained in Westland

The Michigan Winter Dog Classic, presented by the Livonia Kennel Club and Oakland Kennel Club, will offer an interactive twist this year: the AKC's "My Dog Can Do That!" program. Professional trainers will show participants how to get their dogs started in the canine sport of agility, which is a timed event on an obstacle course. Dogs will get a chance to try out some agility equipment and trainers will offer behavior tips, as well as resources The American Kennel Club also will offer

all participants a discount registration in its AKC Canine PartnersSM program. This program is for all dogs, including mixed-breeds, and allows them to enroll with AKC and compete in events, including agility. Anyone who registers their dog will receive a T-shirt, bandana, one-year subscription to AKC Family Dog magazine and other gifts. No pre-registration is required for the My Dog Can Do That! program, which will run 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 19-20 at the Suburban Col-

lection, 41600 Grand River Ave., in Novi; (248) 348-5600. The agility program is free but participating dogs must be at least 6 months old and have proof of rabies vaccination. Dogs also must wear a buckle collar and be on a 4- to 6-foot leash to participate. No retractable leashes, prong collars, chain choke collars or head halters will be allowed. The My Dog Can Do That! program is just one of many activities planned for the Michigan Winter Dog Classic, which will

run Thursday-Sunday, Jan. 17-20 at the Suburban Collection. Visitors may watch breed, obedience, agility, group and "Best in Show" judging, each day. Duck herding demonstrations will be held Friday-Sunday and animal rescue groups and pet supply vendors will be on hand throughout the show. Admission is \$35 for families (two adults and three children), \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and children, 7-12. Kids, 6 and under, are admitted free. Show hours are noon-6

p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Sunday. **Training classes** Better Life Canine Center in Westland offers a free training class for all dogs adopted or fostered through the organization. It runs 3-7 p.m. Saturday, at Healthy Paws Veterinary Medical Center, 37697 Ford Road in Westland. The session is \$50 for non-Better Life Canine Center dogs. Brian Finn leads the class, which is designed to help dogs with socialization issues and own-



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## Get vintage radio appraised at Costick Center in Farmington Hills

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Radio Club will offer free appraisals as well as sources for the repair and restoration of vintage radios. Attendees will

have the opportunity to view and purchase vintage electronics and antique radio sets and electronics-related items of all kinds,

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A Rhode Island Red

Suburban chicken farmer Vince Kogo talks about eggs.

## CHICKENS

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again and then a third time. Finally, she stopped her car and said 'I'm sorry, but is that your chicken or is it chasing you?'"

### Meat

Although Kogo described chickens as "quirky" and "fun" with

"a lot of personality," he also considers them as food, not pets. He doesn't allow his children to name them or pick out "favorites."

When his hens are past their prime egg-laying period — which generally runs from six months to a year and a half — he butchers them, boiling them in soups or grinding their meat for spaghetti sauce.

Roosters that have hatched from eggs have ended up on the barbecue. Redford Township prohibits residents from keeping roosters, which are much noisier than hens.

"I've hatched eggs. It's a neat experience and the kids loving watching them, but you don't know what you've got," Kogo explained. "We've learned very quickly

how to process birds. If you're going to raise them from eggs, you have to know what you're going to do with the roosters. You can send them to a farm. If you don't have the stomach to butcher them, there are people who will do it for you."

Chicken farmers raise their birds from incubated eggs, which hatch in 21 days, or they

buy them from farms, either as chicks or 3- to 6-month-olds. Hens lay three to five eggs a week during their peak production period, depending on their breed.

Kogo keeps his fowl in a coop and protected run in his backyard. He suggests that residents talk with their neighbors about their plans before launching a backyard

chicken farm. They also need to consult local ordinances.

"It's cool after a fresh snow to see chicken footprints through the yard," he said. "I wake up in the morning and hear my chickens cooing — bwuaaak, bwuaaak — and it's such a soothing noise from the hens. There is something nostalgic about it. My neighbors like it, too."

# Concert benefits shelter for seekers of asylum Event offers prom, graduation vendors

Detroit blues and gospel legend, the Rev. Robert B. Jones, will perform in concert 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia.

The concert is a benefit for Freedom House, a shelter for individuals and families seeking political asylum in the United States. The program, entitled "The Bridge to Freedom," is in celebration of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday; and will feature Jones as well as residents of Freedom House.

For more than 30 years Jones has championed American roots music and stories. He has performed throughout the United States, Canada and Europe, spreading his message that traditional American songs and stories teach as well as entertain.

Jones is a native Detroit and he has played for a wide variety of groups and causes, including YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit, Focus HOPE, the NAACP, the Grey Panthers, Habitat For Humanity in Michigan and Mississippi, the ACLU, Empty Bowls, Freedom House of Detroit, and others.

Tickets for the benefit are \$30 and may be reserved by calling (313) 964-4320.



Rev. Robert Jones will perform at a fundraiser for Freedom House, Thursday, Jan. 17, in Livonia.

## Event offers prom, graduation vendors

Planning a graduation party? Thinking ahead toward prom?

Get a jump on planning at Destination Graduation, 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, in the Franklin High School, 31000 Joy, Livonia.

Meet representatives from local restaurants, caterers, bakeries, party rentals and planners, DJ services and more. Attendees also will get a chance to sample an assortment of foods from local businesses.

Advance tickets are \$6. They're \$8 at the door. Proceeds benefit the Franklin High School Senior All night party, which strives to keep kids safe on graduation day.

Reserve tickets by calling Sharon Culbertson at (734) 261-3264 or e-mail to celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com. You can drop off payment, name and phone number in an envelope marked Destination Graduation at the Franklin High School main office or mail it to Sharon Culbertson at 27815 Oakley, Livonia, MI 48154. Checks should be made out to Franklin SANP.

## Groups seeks hospice volunteers

Michigan Community VNA — formerly known as the Visiting Nurses Association of Southeastern Michigan — needs volunteers to provide companionship to patients at the end of life.

Companion and respite volunteers provide on-going support and reassurance to patients and their families. Patients may reside at home or in skilled nursing facilities. Respite care allows caregivers to take care of necessary errands, get some time away or just take a nap.

Volunteers also are needed to help in the office and to write patients' life stories. Memoir Maker volunteers help patients leave a lasting memory for their families by writing their stories. Volunteers interview patients about the important moments of their lives and weave them into a document that will be cherished for generations. Office volunteers provide administrative support through activities such as phone calling, filing, preparing mailings and putting together training manuals.

Free training is required and runs 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb 9, at Michigan Community VNA head-

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# Milestones

## DeWitt-Normansell

Jane Elisabeth DeWitt and David Michael Normansell announce their engagement.

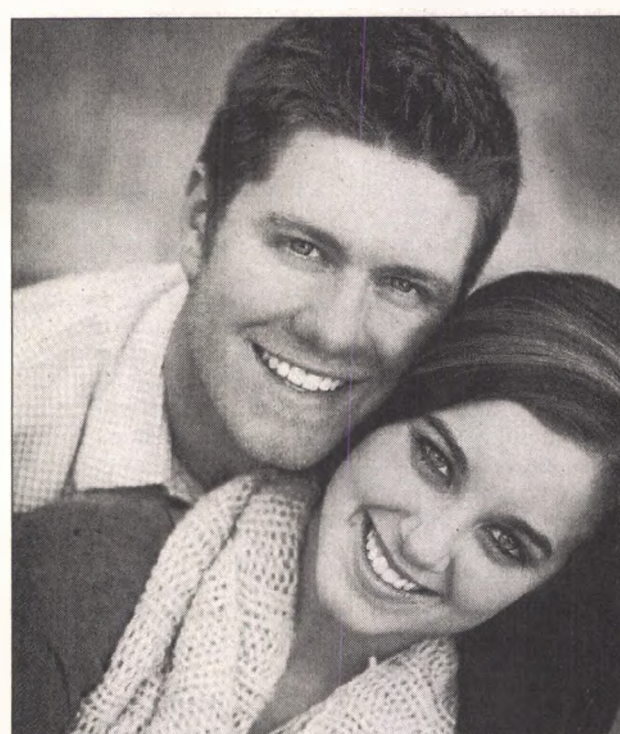
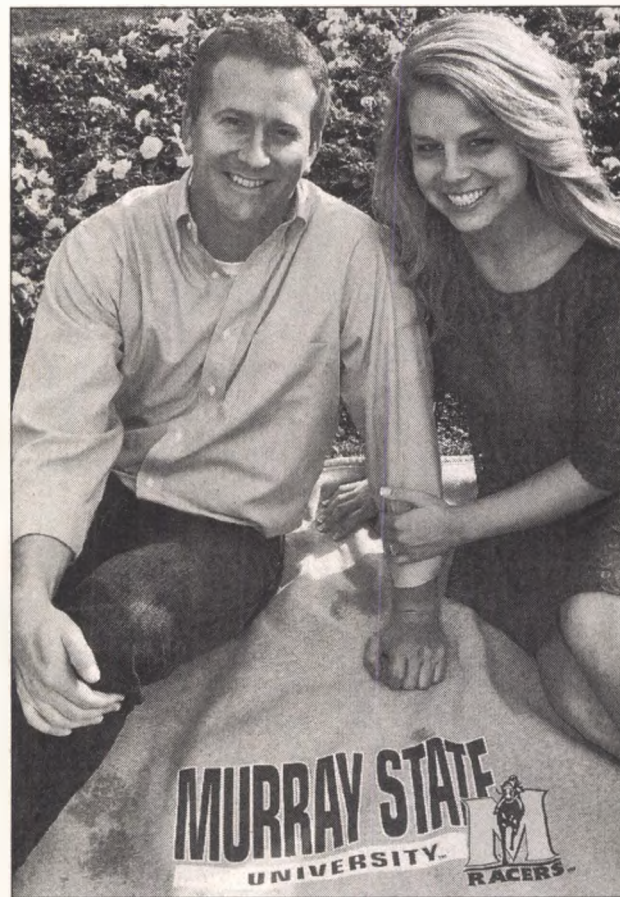
The bride-to-be, daughter of Scott and Elisabeth DeWitt of Hendersonville, Tenn., formerly of Plymouth, is a Plymouth Salem High School graduate. She received a

bachelor's degree in business/marketing from Murray State University in Kentucky. She also graduated from Marshall University with a master's degree in sports administration. Jane is a marketing account executive with IMG College at Vanderbilt University.

Her fiancé, son of Dan and Jean Normansell of Belleville, Ill.,

received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Murray State University and graduated in 2011 with a master's degree in industrial organizational psychology from Western Kentucky University. He is an HR management associate with Gerda.

A July 2013 wedding in Nashville, Tenn., is planned.



## Daniels-Ahrens

Christie Daniels and Kevin Ahrens announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Tom and Sally Daniels of Canton, graduated in 2009 from Michigan State University and received a doctorate of physical therapy in 2012 from Oakland University.

Her fiancé, son of Ken and Kay Ahrens of Houston, Texas, graduated in 2007 from Memorial High School in Houston and currently plays baseball for the Toronto Blue Jays Minor League organization.

An October 2013 wedding is planned in Novi.

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### AYLWARD, ROBERT GEORGE

Age 77, of Livonia and formally of Detroit passed away peacefully on December 20, 2012. Son of the late Alexander and Gertrude Aylward, brother of Joan Brantigan, uncle to Gail Gordon and Dale Brantigan. Robert (Bob) valued friendships and he enjoyed mentoring. His passions were cars, horses, and travel. A memorial luncheon will be held in celebration of his life on January 13, 2013 in Farmington Hills. Details will be provided by calling 248.880.7339

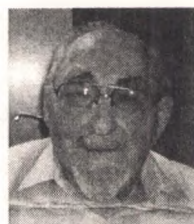


### BROWN, RODNEY G.

Notable inventor, retired DuPont Company executive and former Birmingham resident, died peacefully at age 97 on January 3rd, 2013 in Newtown Square, PA. Born May 1, 1915 in Elkhart, Indiana to Lester Ames and Margaret Grube Brown, he graduated from Oberlin College and began work in 1937 as a chemist in DuPont's legendary Parlin, NJ Laboratory. In 1946 Rodney Brown patented the industry-changing 'hot-melt' adhesives that still bind the world's paperbacks and magazines. Having worked on modern car coatings and automotive finishes, and being both rarely knowledgeable and outgoing, Rodney was tapped to call on customers and ultimately became DuPont's Automotive Sales Manager in Detroit and consultant to car makers in Brazil and Venezuela. Rodney was active in Boy Scouting and a School Board member in Havertown, PA and was a deacon in Kirk-in-the-Hills in Bloomfield Hills, MI. After retirement he worked with International Executive Service Corp to improve auto finishing operations in Korea and Mexico and became a stockbroker, joining Smith Barney. Survived by his beloved wife of 72 years, Fannie Wood (Suze) Brown; Rodney was the much-cherished patriarch of our extensive family: father of Garrett, Margaret and Sheldon and father-in-law to Carl, Ellen and Jude; adored Grandad of Jonathan, Janet, Sarah, Jamison, Rachel, Garrett and Jessica; Great-Grandad to Jasmine, Savanna, Marley, Cole, Dylan, Hudson, Griffin, Ruby and Charlotte. Rod and Suze (Grandad and Nana) traveled extensively and delighted in taking children and grandkids on trips to destinations around the world. In 2000 they moved to Whitehorse Village in Newtown Square, PA, where he and Suze enjoyed the society of their many friends and last spring, once again, at ages 97 and 99, were Croquet Champions! An avid reader and lifelong sailor, Rodney G. Brown loved a fresh breeze on the Chesapeake, a fine joke, a great story and a slice of world-class lemon meringue pie. He was a good, sweet man and a true inspiration who will be joyfully remembered for all of our lives.

### GORDON, JEAN F.

Age 90, of Northville, passed away January 6, 2013. She was born January 6, 1923 in Oil City, Pennsylvania, daughter of Robert and Frances (Williamson) Gordon. Jean completed her undergraduate degree from Eastern Michigan University and her master's degree from Western Michigan University. She taught biology and horticulture for 19 years in the Livonia Public School district; retiring in 1988. Jean was very active with the Detroit Story League and the Northville Weaving Guild. Jean was a wonderful sister, aunt and friend. She is survived by her brother Wesley (the late Sophia) Gordon and nine nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sisters Norma Stachlewitz and Lois Ann Adams. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the Unity Church of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48154. Online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com



### KAYE, VINCENT (KESHISHIAN)

Age 104. Vincent passed away on January 10, 2013. Beloved husband of the late Rose. Loving father of Anne (Dr. Khalil) Dirani. Loving grandfather of Gena Rose Dirani. Dear brother of Susan (Albert) Leyva of California, the late Joseph (Anne) Keshishian and the late Harry (Ina) Keshishian and their families. Dear brother in law of Marjion Artinian. Visitation Sunday 5pm-8pm at the Armenian Congregational Church 26210 W. 12 Mile Rd. (East of Northwestern Hwy), Southfield. Prayer Service 7pm and Knights of Vartan Service 7:30pm. In state Monday 10am until 11am Funeral Service at church. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations in memory of Vincent can be made to the Armenian Congregational Church or the Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Kaye Endowment Fund - Armenia Relief (Please make check payable to AMAA). To send a loving message, please go to Vincent's obituary at www.ekfh.net. Arrangements entrusted to Edward Korkoian Funeral Home (248) 541-8325



### HOOT, DONALD A.

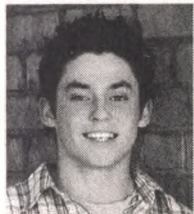
79, passed away on Sunday, December 30, 2012. He is survived by his wife Barbara and his children, Rhonda Dearman (Michael), Donald P. Hoot, Kellie Puro (Glenn), Darlene Jablonowski (Frank), two brothers Billy and Robert Hoot and one sister Linda Linton. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. A celebration of his life will be held Friday, January 18, 2013 at 10:30 am at St. Raphael's, 31530 Beechwood, Garden City, MI 48135. Burial will be at St. Hedwigs Cemetery with luncheon directly following at Garden City Moose Lodge 538 29137 Ford Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

### HULL, ROBERT JAMES

Was born December 15, 1930 in Rochester, NY. He was a graduate of Notre Dame in Business. He proudly served in the United States Army. He went on to work for Corning Glass, Bendix, and retired as Vice President of Denso. He loved working, sailing, reading and family. Survived by his wife, Lois Hull of Farmington Hills, and four daughters, Kathleen McCormick of Strongsville, OH, Suzanne Hull of New Canaan, CT, Barbara Choate of Pomfret, MD, and Colleen Hull of Grass Lake, MI, five grandchildren and 3 son-in-laws. After an illustrious career Robert gave back to society through his countless hours of volunteer work with AARP, Local Area on Aging, Elder Law of Michigan and MPRO. He received AARP's "Shining Star Award", a highlight of his volunteer career. He closed his life with peace. "It has been a great life", he said. He passed away January 9, 2013 at Legacy Assisted Living in Jackson, MI. He died from lung failure. Please join us for a service of family and friends to honor his life on Monday, January 14, 2013 at St. John's Catholic Church in Jackson, MI with visitation from 12 P.M. until the time of Mass. He will be laid to rest in Maple Grove Cemetery in Grass Lake, MI in a private family ceremony at a future date. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Sherwood Funeral Home, Grass Lake. Please sign Robert's guest book at: sherwoodfh.com.

### MORGAN, JAYNE E.

Age 57, of Billerica, MA passed away on January 7, 2013 from complications related to long-standing illness. Jayne was born May 24, 1955 in Garden City, MI, to Earl James Breech, Jr. and Mary Jane Collett. Jayne subsequently relocated to Massachusetts and most recently resided in Billerica. Jayne was an active member of New Colony Baptist Church and enjoyed the benefits of her community. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Gina & Greg Denton, daughter Adrian Morgan, brother and sister-in-law Joseph & Kyle Breech and several friends in faith from New Colony Baptist Church. Preceding her death was that of her mother, Mary Jane Collett in 2009.



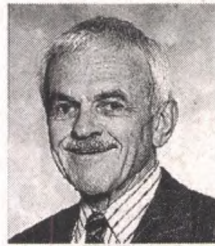
### BAWULSKI, LUKE AUSTIN

24, of Farmington, died suddenly January 7, 2013. Luke will be remembered as a kind and compassionate soul who had a smile for everyone and was loved in return. He enjoyed working out, disc golf and coin collecting. He deeply loved his nephews, Cort and Reed. Luke is lovingly survived by his father, Ronald; mother, Cynthia; sister, Brooklyn (Scott) Gehringer; brother, Eric; grandparents, Elaine (the late Fred) Bawulski, and Joan and John Weld; and nephews, Cort and Reed Gehringer. Funeral Ceremony Saturday, January 12th, 10:00 am at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Visitation Friday 1-9 pm. Interment Farmington Oakwood Cemetery. Luke is truly loved and will be sorely missed. heeney-sundquist.com



### BROKSHIRE, TELFER "BROKIE", JR.

Age 86 passed away on December 27, 2012. Cherished husband of Vivian U. Brokshire of 61 years. Beloved father of David and Denise Brokshire, Patricia (Steven) Matthews, and the late Marguerite. Grandfather of Christina Petriches, Justin (Amy) Matthews, Jared Matthews, Marcus Brokshire and Brooke Timlin. Great-grandfather of Harrison Chase Matthews. Sisters Vera (Art) McDonald Shirley (late Robert) Carter, and late (Patricia) Brokshire. Loving son of the late Telfor and Leona Brokshire. Mass was offered by Father Theo at St. Priscilla Catholic Church on December 29, 2012. A Military Service was profomed by the Navy. Brokie retired from Chrysler Corp. after working there for over 40 years as Manager of the Blue Print Dept. on Dec. 31, 1987. He was laid to rest on Dec. 31, 2012 at St. Hedwig Cemetery. He also leaves many nieces and nephews, family, and friends. Arrangements by Charles R. Steps Funeral Home.



### ERB, FREDERICK A. "FRED"

January 10, 2013. Age 89 of Birmingham, MI and Naples, FL. An accomplished businessman, Fred, translated love of family, arts and the environment into a family foundation to perpetuate Fred and Barbara's philanthropy. Beloved husband of Barbara (nee Morley) for 66 years. Dear father of Rick Erb, Wendy Elaine Erb, Leslie Erb Liedtke and John Erb (Debbie). Loving grandfather of Mimi, Lark and J. Hugh Liedtke and Elizabeth Erb. Brother of George Erb (Barbara) and the late Marjorie Mouw and Jane VanDusen. Memorial service Saturday, January 19th 11a.m. at Christ Church Cranbrook, (Lone Pine, west of Woodward), Bloomfield Hills. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

### FLOWERS, MARILYN ANNE (nee: Sullivan)

Age 75, December 21, 2012. Survived by her husband William, her aunt Dorothy Coon and several nieces and nephews. Marilyn was extremely active in both Redford and Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Churches where she served in many different capacities in mission and service. She will be remembered for her hard work, dedication, can do spirit and loyalty to friends and family. She will be dearly missed. A memorial service has been planned for Friday, January 11, 2013 at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist. Family will receive visitors at 11:00 with a service at 12 noon with a luncheon to follow.

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

## GARDEN & NATURE

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

### Butterflies

Watch a film about the beauty and design of butterflies at the next meeting of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association (SEMBA), 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. The film includes a visit to the Monarch butterfly overwintering grounds in Mexico. Parking is available on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail. Cost is \$3 for non-members. Questions? Call (734) 326-0578 or visit www.sembabutterfly.com.

### English Gardens

- A free presentation on fresh flower arranging is planned for 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19.
- Make a Spring floral arrangement, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19. Cost is \$29.99. Sign up at www.englishgardens.com.
- Get tips on attracting birds to the garden in a free presentation, 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26.
- Youngsters, 3-12, can make a pine cone bird feeder for \$5 at a workshop, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26. Register at www.englishgardens.com.
- Learn about growing orchids at a free presentation, 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2. Then at 2:30 p.m. find out how to re-pot orchids.
- "More About Orchids" runs 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, with a free re-potting session following at 2:30 p.m. that same day.
- Find out the basics of landscape design, 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16 at a free presentation.

Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7806.

### 60-minute classes

Master Gardeners Western Wayne County (MGWCC) will offer a series of hour-long seminars in February at the Wayne County Extension Office, 5454 Venoy, a quarter mile north of Van Born, in Wayne. Classes start at 7:30 p.m. and cost \$10 each or \$30 for all four classes if registered in advance. All proceeds fund gardening grants and scholarships. To register, e-mail to mgwccorg@gmail.com.

• Pat Mann of Greenfield Village Herb Associates will talk about fairy gardens, including history and popularity, Tuesday, Feb. 5. Learn how to create your own fairy garden.

• Heirloom Tomatoes - From Seed to Sauce, will include tips on seed selection, growing techniques, use in the kitchen and recipes. Paul Rodman, community garden expert and an Advanced Master Gardener, will lead the class, Tuesday, Feb. 12.

### STREBEL, LOUIS H.

92, of Livonia, MI died January 6, 2013 at the Angela Hospice Care Center in Livonia, MI. He was a division controller for the R.L. Polk Co. in Cincinnati, OH and Detroit, MI; he was a WW II Army veteran and a proud member of the Livonia Kiwanis Early Risers. He is survived by his wife Evelyn (nee: Humbert) Strebel, 4 Sons and 5 Daughters and his 20 Grandchildren, 18 Great Grandchildren & 4 Great Great Grandchildren. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, January 10, 2013, at Divine Mercy Parish (Sacred Heart Church) in Bellevue, KY and burial at St. Stephen Cemetery, Fort Thomas, KY. Memorials are suggested to the Sisters of Divine Providence, St. Anne Convent, 5300 St. Anne Drive, Melbourne, Kentucky 41059. The Muehlenkamp-Erschell Funeral Home, Fort Thomas, KY, served the Family. Online condolences can be given at www.dmfefuneral.com



## Early signup ends Feb. 1 for cancer walk

Save money and register now for the 22nd annual Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure, presented May 18 by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Early bird registration offers a \$10-\$25 savings for adults and ends Feb. 1.

2013 Komen Detroit Race for the Cure will have something for everyone. Ten thousand pink ribbons will decorate the Woodward Race route where 22 bands and entertainment groups will perform; sponsors will have giveaways and offer interactive activities.

The event, held at Comerica Park in Detroit, will include an opening cere-

mony honoring survivors and the memory of lost loved ones, at 8 a.m.; 5k walk/run and 1-mile walk at 9 a.m.; followed by the closing ceremony with runner and team awards at 10:30 a.m.

All registrations include a race packet with T-shirt and numbered bib. Survivors receive an additional pink shirt.

Manual (paper form) registration costs slightly more and is available at a variety of one-stop locations, listed on the Komen Detroit website.

Children, 5 and under are free but must be officially registered by a parent or guardian to participate.

Here are the online registration prices:



Breast cancer survivors, friends and family enjoy the annual Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure. Registration is available now for the event on May 18 at Comerica Park in Detroit.

• Team registration for youths, 6-17, and seniors, 65 and older, is \$15 through April 30. Adults,

18-64, pay \$25 through Feb. 1 and \$30 Feb. 2-April 30. Online team registration closes April 30.

• Individual registration online is \$15 through Feb. 1, \$17 from Feb. 2-May 16 and \$25 on race day for youth, 6-17, and seniors, 65 and older. Adults, 18-64 pay \$25 through Feb. 1; \$35 Feb. 2-May 16; and \$50 on race day.

For those who can't attend the race, or just prefer to sleep in on May 18, Sleep In For The Cure includes a "Do Not Disturb" hang tag and a special "sn0oze" race bib with race T-shirt.

Each year, Komen Detroit Race for the Cure awards 75 percent of the net proceeds to breast cancer screening, treatment support and education programs for medically under-

served people in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. The remaining 25 percent funds breast cancer research grants awarded through Komen for the Cure.

The 2012 Komen Detroit Race for the Cure awarded more than \$1.55 million to local community programs and contributed \$317,300 to Komen's Award and Research Grant Program, benefiting scientists committed to ending breast cancer.

To register for the May 18 event or to learn more about sponsorship opportunities, visit [www.karmanoscancer.org/KomenDetroit/race.aspx](http://www.karmanoscancer.org/KomenDetroit/race.aspx).

### MEDICAL DATEBOOK

#### January

##### JOINT REPLACEMENT

The Center for Joint Replacement at St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers free monthly educational seminars with orthopedic surgeons and expert staff who will answer your questions, discuss joint pain, joint replacement procedures, and available implant options. Upcoming sessions are 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23 with Stephen Mendelson, MD; Thursday, Feb. 29 with David Mendelson, MD; and Wednesday, March 27 with Jeffrey Mendelson, MD. All meetings are held in Classroom 10 at the hospital, located on Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. Register by calling (734) 655-2345.

##### LUPUS SUPPORT

The Michigan Lupus Foundation will hold a lupus support group meeting, 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, in the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, in Livonia. The meeting is designed to assist individuals with lupus and their family and friends to connect with each other, get a better under-

standing of the disease and learn how to fight it. Admission is free. For more information visit [www.milupus.org](http://www.milupus.org), or call (800) 705-6677.

##### NUTRITION FOOD LAB CLASS

A dietician will lead the class, which is designed to help participants achieve their goals of losing weight and eating right. It's presented by Botsford Hospital and runs 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, at Botsford Hospital, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Cost is \$10. Call (248) 477-6100 to register. Space is limited.

##### SINUS RELIEF

Warren L. Brandes, D.O. will present a free community lecture about advanced technology that helps people suffering from chronic sinus symptoms, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22 at Botsford Hospital's Community Room in the Administration & Education Center, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Balloon Sinuplasty gives long-term relief by effectively opening blocked sinus passageways and is minimally invasive and FDA-approved. Call (877) 442-7900, option #1 to register.

##### YOGA CLASSES

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia will offer beginning and intermediate Hatha Yoga classes 5:15-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, beginning Jan. 29 in Classrooms 1 and 2, at the hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan. Classes run through March 5. The hospital also will offer Therapeutic Yoga 5:15-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, beginning Jan. 30, in Classrooms 1 and 2. Hatha Yoga increases flexibility, energy level and strength at your own pace in a non-competitive setting. Meditation and breathing techniques included. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and bring a firm blanket or sticky mat and bottled water. They should refrain from eating at least two hours before class. Therapeutic Yoga blends restorative yoga (supported postures), and gentle yoga, with chair and floor poses. This class is for those who may need something gentle yet effective for bringing the body into balance and reducing stress. Meditation and breathing techniques are included. Registration is required. Each class

is \$45 for the six-week session. Space is limited. To register, call (734) 655-1162 or register online at [stmarymercy.org](http://stmarymercy.org) and click on "classes and events."

#### February

##### MICHIGAN BARIATRIC INSTITUTE

The Institute offers free monthly educational seminars, from 6-7:30 p.m. about Bariatric weight loss surgery. Tallal Zeni, MD, director of Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery, and Jacob Roberts, DO, bariatric surgeon, will lead the sessions on Thursday Feb. 7, and March 14 at St. Mary Mercy Livonia, North Auditorium, located on the hospital campus at Levan and Five Mile, Livonia. The Michigan Bariatric Institute offers three options for Bariatric weight loss surgery, including laparoscopic gastric bypass, sleeve gastrectomy and adjustable gastric banding. Bariatric surgery is a minimal surgical approach to treating obesity and is performed laparoscopically, resulting in minimal pain, less scar-

ring, shorter hospitalization and recovery time. For more information, call the Michigan Bariatric Institute at (877) 949-9344, located at 14555 Levan Road, Suite 311, Marian Professional Building, Livonia.

##### SLEEP HEALTH

John Colasanti, DDS, will discuss options for snoring, obstructive sleep apnea and oral dental sleep appliance treatment from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan. Participants will discover the latest in medical equipment; masks and supplies for sleep disorders, such as CPAP technology. Those who currently have a CPAP machine, may bring it to the session for a free pressure accuracy check. This "Stay Awake" series presentation is offered by the Sleep Disorders Center. Refreshments and a drawing for movie tickets will be offered. The presentation is free, but registration is required. Call (734) 655-4640 for more information, or to register. Register online at [stmarymercy.org](http://stmarymercy.org) and click on "classes & events."

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## Going Viral ... Flu Season 2013

### Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



Laura Kehler  
Infection Prevention  
Coordinator

Every Sunday a different member from Garden City Hospital's award winning staff joins us to answer your health care questions.

With the 2013 flu season being one of the earliest and worst outbreaks in decades, emergency rooms across the nation are filled with patients suffering from moderate to severe flu symptoms. As Michigan flu activity continues to rise, Laura Kehler, Infection Prevention Coordinator at GCH, is giving us important insight for the battle at home.

**Q: At what age is it okay to get a flu shot, and is it too late to get vaccinated for this year?**

**A:** Flu can be serious for everyone, but it tends to be hardest on the young, the old, and individuals with underlying health issues. Everyone six months and older should get the annual flu vaccine. It is never too late to get the vaccine.

Garden City Hospital and other area health care providers are prepared to vaccinate anyone who needs to be, and I encourage everyone to get a flu shot as soon as possible.

**Q: At what point is a person with the flu contagious and how long can their germs live outside of their body?**

**A:** Most adults are contagious one day before symptoms develop and up to seven days after becoming sick. Children may pass the virus for longer than seven days. Symptoms generally begin one to four days after the virus enters the body. That means you may be able to pass on the flu to someone else before you even know you are sick, as well as while you are sick.

How long germs live depends on where they fall. Specific cold and flu germs have survival times ranging from a few minutes to 48 hours or more. How long such germs remain capable of infecting you in day-to-day life is harder to say.

Germs generally remain active longer on stainless steel, plastic and similar hard surfaces than on fabric and other soft surfaces. It's easy to catch the flu or a cold from rubbing your nose after handling an infected object an infected person sneezed on. But personal contact with an infected person — a handshake, for example — is the most common way these germs spread.

The best way to avoid becoming infected with a cold or flu virus is to wash your hands frequently with soap and water or with an alcohol-based sanitizer. Again, and most importantly, get a flu vaccine every year.

**Q: Does Tamiflu really work?**

**A:** Prescription Tamiflu is not a cure all, but it can decrease the duration of illness by 30% to 40%, and decrease flu severity by about 40% if taken in the first 36 to 48 hours of illness. It can also help prevent flu illness in people who have come into close contact with a flu patient.

It's important to note, because of the severity of this year's flu outbreak, pharmacies are struggling to meet the demand for Tamiflu. If it's too late for a flu shot and you're experiencing early flu symptoms, stay home and call your doctor. If you need a physician you can call the GCH Physician Referral Service at 877.717.WELL.

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## 'My very best advice for job seekers is ...'

**Susan Ricker,  
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Finding a job is easier said than done. While you may know to submit a professional résumé, write a thoughtful cover letter and practice before an interview, sometimes you still don't get the job.

While every job-search experience is different, it's helpful to hear from others who have been in the same boat as you. Here, experts and past job seekers share some of their best advice for landing your dream role:

### Practice makes perfect

"Be very careful how you answer questions in a job interview. You always want to be truthful, but it's best to practice your answers, as most websites suggest. I failed to do this prior to my first interview, and when I was asked what job I'd done that I was most proud of, I actually answered, 'Being a mother.' While this is true, it was definitely not the best answer I could have given and certainly not the one the interviewer was looking for. Do your homework on the companies you plan to interview with, and anticipate the kinds of questions they might ask. Come up with answers that will be both honest and impressive."  
— Margaret Miller, writer and editor at The Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation

### Don't let bad news get you down

"Don't listen to the doom and gloom that you hear in the news,

People are getting jobs every day, and companies are growing, even in a down economy. I say this as a business owner, whose biggest challenge over the past year has been finding quality help. I have also seen it with other local business owners who are looking to hire. I believe that people get an idea that there are no jobs because of all the negativity they hear about the job numbers in the media, so they buy into that and give up, while others go for it and find great jobs, regardless of the economic indicators."  
— Anthony Kirlaw, founder and CEO of AKA Internet Marketing

### Find what makes you passionate

"If you don't focus your job search on something you are passionate about, you won't stand out enough. Your networking, your résumé and your interviews all have to show a spark to get attention, especially in a tight economy. The good news is it's a great time to tap into what you love and then match that to the job market. It's possible and essential."  
— Val Nelson, career coach

### Show how you add value

"Figure out what value you can provide. Your credentials and your past are nice but secondary. I am glad you think you are great, but it's of little consequence to me. Convince me that my future is better with you than without you. Value, value, value — that's where it is at. Once you know the value you provide,

make it clear in your résumé, cover letter and interview."  
— Ann Latham, president of consulting and business-services company Uncommon Clarity

### Network, network, network

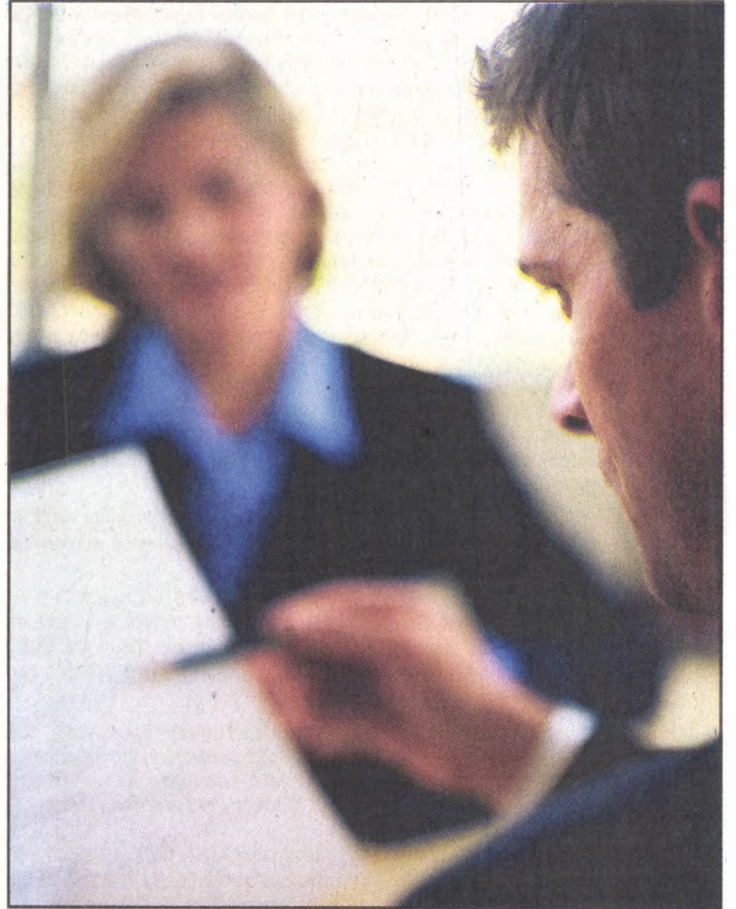
"Network with all kinds of people for useful market information, not just information about specific job openings or companies that are known to be hiring. Learn about the larger world and environment."  
— Tammy Gooler Loeb, career and executive coach at Tammy Gooler Loeb Coaching & Consulting

### Stay positive

"Positivity and persistence are key. Stay optimistic throughout the process and keep going until you achieve your goal."  
— Lynda Zucek, managing director of The Workforce Consultants

### Stand out from the crowd

"Every candidate is punctual, responsible and gets on well with people. To avoid blending in with the crowd, highlight unique elements of your personal brand. For example, a candidate listed an around-the-world trip she took in college as an educational experience. When we read that, we had to hear the story, so she got an interview and eventually a job. Don't skip or gloss over the cover letter. This is your opportunity to make a personal impression and connection. A résumé is just a list of facts about you, but the cover letter gives a hiring agent insight



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"Salespeople learn to translate features into benefits. When you are trying to sell yourself, you should do the same. A feature is a fact about you — experience, skills, education, etc. A benefit is why we should care. This requires some thought and customization of your résumé to each position you seek, but it is worth the effort. Casting a wide net by sending hundreds of generic résumés is largely wasted time. Instead, target a few positions for which you are well-suited at companies you admire. Customize and plan your approach. Connect to people who

already work where you want to work through social media like LinkedIn, attend networking events for the industry and leverage your personal connections. Even a small connection can often get you past the first paper cut or get your résumé the second glance it deserves."  
— Matt Meuleners, executive partner at professional training and coaching company FOCUS Training

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# Car Report

Advertising Feature

## Ford aims to play 'softer' side with new Sync apps Glympse and Kaliki



By Dale Buss

The Ford brand closed 2012 on some weak notes, grappling with pesky recalls on its newest vehicles and trying to figure out how to shore up owner confidence in MyFord Touch. But some believe Ford is on course for a stellar 2013, and the automaker is certainly showing signs of a new-year renaissance with its announcements at the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas in early January.

Ford's difficulties last year stemmed largely from confusion over how to use the MyFord Touch infotainment hardware and software, and their frustration spilled over into poor ratings via third parties such as Consumer Reports. Ford also took blows from issuing four recalls on its crucial new Escape SUV and from reviewer skepticism about reported mileage levels for its new C-Max hybrid.

Yet in the new year, which could be his last full one as CEO, Ford chief Alan Mulally and his troops will be able to rely on a number of momentum builders. They'll have full-volume sales of the newly designed Fusion mid-size sedan and, without any more recalls, should be able to build sales of Escape as well. Sales of the Focus compact continue to build; the Fiesta subcompact, in December, recovered a bit from its recent sales doldrums. And Ford's F-Series pickups continue as the best-selling vehicles in America.

Against that backdrop, and ahead of a "product blitz" at this week's North American International Auto Show in Detroit, Ford's 2013 CES news included enhancing

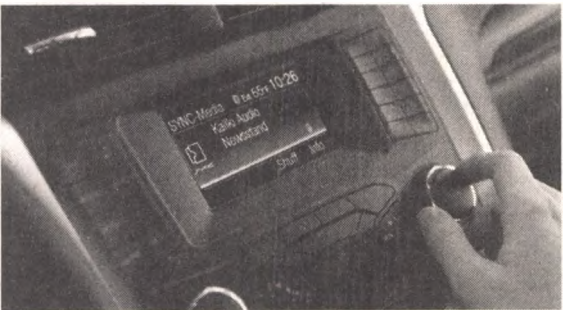
its Sync AppLink in-car connected platform with new mobile partners:

**Glympse**, an app that tracks a user's trip including whereabouts and even the speed at which they are traveling. Drivers will be able to share their location with friends and family directly from their car using simple voice commands, eliminating the need to touch their mobile phone while driving.

"At Glympse, we're dedicated to creating a more robust connected-car experience, and working with Ford will help us to reach millions of consumers who will be able to just say, 'Send a Glympse' to share their current whereabouts, eliminating the need to send a text or make a phone call," said Bryan Trussel, co-founder and CEO of Glympse.

**BeCouply**, a location-based app that attempts to help "couples looking to escape another mundane date night driving circles around town." The idea of BeCouply is to help create "an exciting social life" by making it "easy to discover great date ideas, capture special moments, and connect with other couple friends on the go."

"While I'm no expert, it's clear to me



Kaliki can now provide "talent-read" audio versions of newspaper and magazine articles through Sync.

the car can play a critical role in the success of a burgeoning relationship," Julius Marchwicki, global product manager for Ford's Sync AppLink, in a statement. "BeCouply is a terrific idea, and it shows how smartphone apps can help add convenience to the driving experience."

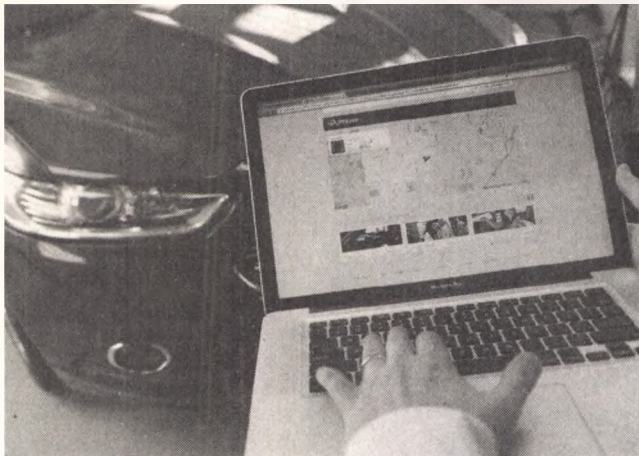
**Rhapsody**, the first full automotive integration for the streaming digital music service.

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**Kaliki's** mobile app, which lets drivers listen to "their favorite news content" from "major newspapers and magazines." It'll provide "talent-read audio versions" of articles in an interesting companion to audio books.

Ford's applications push (and developer program) unveiled at CES indicate a strategy for enriching its infotainment experience via new software and connections, presumably partly in a bid to get past all the problems with MyFord Touch, whose difficulties have centered on hardware issues such as video displays.

But Ford isn't the only automaker wooing mobile app developers, naturally; GM is also bringing its customers apps that promote safety or fuel efficiency. In fact, Detroit's two biggest companies seem to be shaping up as long-term rivals



With Glympse, friends and family know where you are in your Ford.

in the battle to find the right apps for car buyers. GM also announced at CES that it is inviting anyone from software geeks to the everyday driver to develop applications that can be used in their vehicles.

Ford said that it's opening up access to a specialized application connection software, called AppLink, so it can expand its current crop of 13 programs that connect to its vehicles.

"We think we're opening up an entirely new segment of applications," said Marchwicki, who oversees Ford's application-developer efforts. He said Ford will offer a website with documentation and specialized access codes to help developers get started connecting their apps into its cars.

Ford spent 2012 largely on its fuel-economy and design story, focusing on relatively traditional "hard" platforms as part of its "Go Further" global positioning. For 2013, it seems, Ford wants to tell a "softer" story as it goes even further.

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