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## Face time

The city of Plymouth's website was given a face lift but not, it was pointed out Monday, the City Commission members whose faces appear on it.

The revamped site — [www.ci.plymouth.mi.us](http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us) — went live Wednesday, and the commission was given a big-screen preview at its Monday meeting. City tech guru Tom Alexandris, who led the project, called up Mayor Dan Dwyer's page — featuring a prominent, smiling head-and-shoulders photo of Dwyer — to show commissioners what their pages would look like.

That prompted a quip from Commissioner Mike Wright: "Can we substitute good-looking people?" he said, drawing laughter from commissioners and the audience.

"I merely put up what I was told to put up," responded Alexandris.

It should be noted that other city officials, including department heads, don't have their mug shots on the new site.

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## Township in middle of flap over zoo tax

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

A battle is brewing over whether local communities' Downtown Development Authorities, including the one in Plymouth Township, can tap into a regional millage intended to support the Detroit Zoo.

According to Wayne County records, DDA "captures" of the zoo millage by communities in the county have totaled nearly \$800,000 since voters in the met-

ro area approved the tax in 2008. The zoo millage is one-tenth of a mill, or 10 cents for every \$1,000 of a property's taxable value.

Plymouth Township and several other communities continued collecting the tax in 2011, after Wayne County Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz's office told local communities to stop doing so.

The dispute became public early last week. According to a story in the *Detroit Free Press*, which relied on county records,

Plymouth Township's DDA collected nearly \$8,000 through the zoo tax through 2011.

Township Treasurer Ron Edwards said Friday state law backs the township's position, and that the township is one of several area communities, including Dearborn Heights and Wyandotte, that have consulted a law firm on the matter.

"We believe what we're doing is correct and we'll keep doing it until a court tells us not to," Edwards said.

Finance officials in the city of Plymouth and Canton Township agreed with Edwards's position, though both communities stopped collecting the DDA-related portions of the zoo tax after David Szymanski, the deputy county treasurer, told communities to stop.

"Clearly, the communities that disagree with the (county) treasurer have a point," said Melissa McLaughlin, Canton's treasurer.

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## School lunch

The Plymouth Community and Canton Chambers of Commerce are partnering to host the first "State of the District" lunch featuring Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Jeremy Hughes.

The event takes place Wednesday, Feb. 20, starting with an exhibition of student excellence at 11:30 a.m. The luncheon takes place at Plymouth High School, 8400 Beck, Canton.

The \$15 fee at the door benefits the Plymouth chamber's student scholarship program. RSVP by calling (734) 453-1540.

## Committee chair

State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth, has been named chairman of the newly formed Criminal Justice Committee in the Michigan House of Representatives.

Heise served as vice chair of the House Judiciary Committee in the previous legislative term. The new Criminal Justice Committee was created out of that committee in response to the variety of complex criminal law issues facing the Legislature.

"We're serious about fighting crime and promoting public safety," said Heise, who cited human trafficking, medical marijuana reform, crimes against children and senior citizens, illegal drugs, and victims' rights as his highest legislative priorities.



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Cherry Qian skates at Compuware Arena during a recent practice. The 15-year-old Plymouth High School sophomore skates for the figure skating team for PHS and Salem and Canton high schools.

## Ice season heats up for local figure skaters

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

With high school competition in high gear and a national tournament heading to Plymouth Township next month, it's a busy time for the Plymouth Figure Skating Club.

Skaters are putting in ice time to prepare for skills-testing within the club, and members who are also on the figure skating team at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park high schools are practicing for the next round of state competition, which is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 13, at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

Two of three district-level rounds have already been held, and all three skill levels of the PCEP team are in the running for the state finals, with the C-level squad far enough ahead in points that it is almost guaranteed a spot.

"I think we're doing really well. 'B' team's doing a lot better than last year," Abby Meyers, a B-level skater, said during a recent practice at Compuware Arena.

Abby, 15, a sophomore at Plymouth High School, said she found her niche in the sport after trying several others, including basketball, swimming and volleyball. She took to skating at age 9; she's at Compuware five days a week and also practices ballet to help with grace and posture.

"She has the passion," said her mother Jill Meyers.

### Chance to compete

Meyers said she likes that the PCEP team offers a chance for skaters at all skill levels, from those who've been skating since they were toddlers to those just getting on the ice, to compete. There are 33 girls on the team.

"I like the competition and learning new things, and I like to get better," Abby said.

"It's a challenge, and you feel accomplished," said Cherry Qian, 15, also a PHS sophomore and team member. Cherry, who has been skating since she was 6, is on the 'B' team for jumps and

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## Principals push for new middle school

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

What to do about inequities in learning for middle school students caused by the age and condition of Central Middle School has been at the center of discussion over how to construct a potential \$114.4-million bond proposal the district may seek this spring.

Replacing Central Middle School has centered around two options: Adding classroom space to the district's other four middle schools or building a new middle school on district-owned property in Canton.

Middle school administrators made it clear Tuesday night they prefer the latter.

If the principals at the five middle schools had their druthers, the district — once the new middle school was built on property at Canton Center and Cherry Hill — would have five middle schools operating with some 750 students in each.

### Size matters

The difference in size among the various schools constitutes inequity in the learning environment. For instance, East Middle School (population 769 students) has one iPad cart for every 384 stu-

dents, where as Discovery (population nearly 1,000) has one iPad cart for every 487 students.

The smaller learning environments, according to the principals, would also offer a more personal learning experience with smaller teacher-to-student ratios, among other advantages. It would also provide greater opportunity for parental involvement.

"Students and parents feel more connected in smaller buildings," said Scott Burek, principal at East Middle School, which has 769 students. "The staff at East knows most of the parents by face. A secretary at East Middle School can identify a parent just by the number that pops up on the caller ID. That gets a lot tougher in a 1,000-student school."

### STEM chance

Building a new school, the principals believe, will also make it possible to offer equitable learning opportunities such as the STEM curriculum, which is currently only available at West, Central and Discovery middle schools.

"When we have the STEM Academy at the (high school) Park, and only three of the five middle schools have

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Administrators say the cramped classrooms at Central Middle School are part of the equity problem in the middle-school learning environment.

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# City's websites get fresh look, plus new features

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

Plymouth's two official websites, one for the Downtown Development Authority and another for the city itself, have been updated with fresh graphics, more interactive features and more information at users' fingertips.

City officials say the idea was to give the sites newer looks and, on the city's site, make links to the most-requested information easier to find. Both sites include prominent links to social media sites, like Facebook and Twitter.

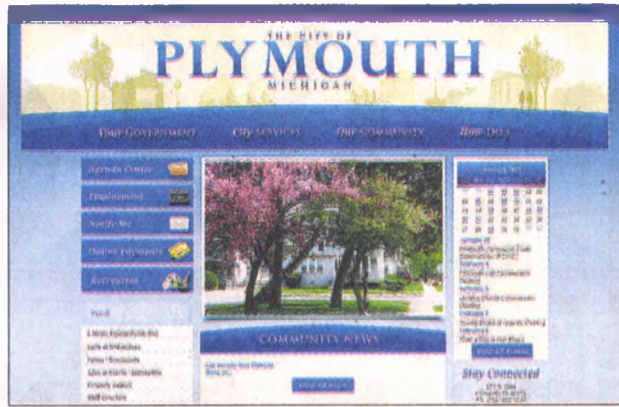
The DDA's updated site, www.downtownplymouth.org, went live Jan. 18, while the city's revamped site, www.ci.plymouth.mi.us, debuted Wednesday.

"It needed an updating," said Tom Alexandris, the city's technology director, as he gave the City Commission a preview of the city site during Monday's commission meeting.

"This is a great improvement," said Commissioner Gerald Sabatini.

## Home page

The city site's home page is dominated by a large photograph, with links to different types of information across a horizontal masthead on the top and flowing down a



column on the left. On the right is a calendar with the dates of scheduled events highlighted and more information available to users who click on those links.

The more in-depth information that was available on the old site, such as a property-tax lookup feature and official meeting agendas and minutes, is also available on the updated one.

The DDA site's home page includes a video feature in the center — currently showing a carver

at work during last weekend's Plymouth Ice Festival — links to information about downtown businesses and attractions, a calendar, an announcements section and links to a photo gallery and a suggestion-box-type feature called Community Voice, in which site visitors can register comments or concerns.

That prompted Mayor Dan Dwyer to ask if public comments would be moderated; Dwyer said he doesn't have a problem with legitimate com-

plaints but wants to avoid "theater of the absurd" diatribes that are racist, sexist or off topic.

## Team effort

DDA operations director Tony Bruscato said he and his staff would have the ability to remove posts that might be off topic or offensive.

Alexandris said city employees from many departments contributed ideas to the site revamp project, and that although maintaining the city's website sometimes takes a lot of his and other staffers' time, having the site also saves time by giving the public convenient access to information. The site is fluid, Alexandris said, and more information can be added as needed.

"The employees have gotten to a point where this is just part of our responsibilities," Alexandris said.

Bruscato said social media has become a big part of the DDA's mission to inform people about downtown Plymouth. The DDA is on Facebook, Twitter and recently introduced a new application, or app, for smart phones.

"It does take a lot of time, and we work hard to make sure we keep up," he said. The time spent on social media has been worthwhile, he said.

The city's websites are hosted by a company called CivicPlus for a cost of about \$3,000 a year. Alexandris said the face lifts were done mostly by himself and other staffers, with some work by CivicPlus that cost about \$2,000.

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that capability, those (other) schools really aren't getting that opportunity," said Kevin Rhein, the principal at Pioneer, which does not have STEM capability at the moment.

Discovery Middle School Principal Roche LaVictor said the principals would have preferred going even bigger with their proposal, but under the district's financial constraints, they realized that's not possible.

"Our recommendations don't go far enough ... They will allow us to improve what we have available," LaVictor said. "We are not going for a 'Mercedes Benz.' This is going to be a scaled-down program, but it's going to be what we can afford."

The presentation, by and large, impressed board members.

"You've convinced me," said Sheila Paton, who had been on the fence on

the issue. "I think building a new middle school is the right option."

## Cautionary tale

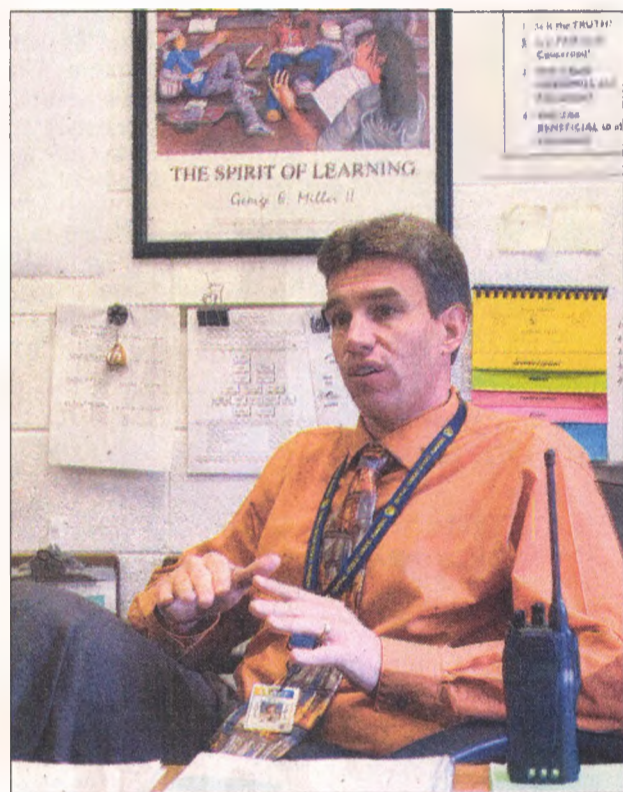
Trustee Mike Maloney, a former board president, pointed out that even if the board decides to build a new middle school, it isn't going to happen right away.

"Central's not going to close in the fall," he said. "What are the things we can do in the meantime to get as big a chunk of equity as we can?"

But Vice President Judy Mardigian, long a proponent of a new school, said the presentation only served to strengthen her view.

"I am totally in support of the new middle school, and I have been for a long time," said Mardigian, whose son was a Central Middle School student. "I understand the aspect of student achievement. This is our chance to get it right."

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Central Middle School Principal Anthony Ruela talks about the challenges of teaching in a building that began construction over 90 years ago, with multiple additions.

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## Swim groups push new pool for bond

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

Swimmers in the Plymouth-Canton aquatic community are hoping the school district's decision to close Central Middle School won't leave them high and dry.

Members of the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers and other advocates of swim programs are appealing to the district's Board of Education to provide a new pool when the district moves out of Central, which will be sometime in the next two years if the board pursues the bond proposal it's considering.

The fear is the community will not only lose Central as a school, but will also lose the pool. Central Middle School houses, further complicating an already crowded swimming venue schedule.

"I do hope swimming is not left out of the program when the new school facilities are planned," said Canton resident Charlie Poat. "There should be some way not to diminish the facilities to support swimming."



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Assistant Principal James Hunter and Principal Anthony Ruela hit the water to pay off on the promise they made if Central Middle School students hit their goal in a canned good drive last year. The Central Middle School pool is a center of focus for aquatic groups hoping the district will build a new pool with bond proceeds.

Right now, pools at Canton and Salem High School, along with the pool at Central, are used to support high school and recreational swimming programs, like the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers.

### Pool problems

Cruisers officials say there are problems with all three pools. Among them:

- Water in the pool at Central is roughly 81 degrees, ideally too cold for lessons and other

swim classes. The pool is closed to programming 60-70 days a year, and the lanes are too narrow for aquatic training, according to the Cruisers.

- The pool at Canton High School was built in 1976, it's too small and, because of depth issues, the diving well overlaps competition lanes. Some youth programs often don't end until well after 9 p.m.

- The pool at Salem is even older, having been built in 1971. It has some of the same depth and timing issues as the pool at Canton.

So convinced are the Cruisers the aquatic program needs an upgrade, they put forth a pair of proposals they'd like to see the board include in the \$114.4-million bond the board is considering seeking.

One proposal — which Breda conceded is "pretty high end" — would be to build a stand-alone aquatic center that would include a new training/competition pool and a new teaching/fitness warm-water pool. Breda estimates the cost of such a center at \$15 to \$16 million.

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## ON CAMPUS

### Eastern Michigan

**Josh Hurst**, a senior International Affairs major from Canton, has a perfect blend between his personal and school life.

Since enrolling at Eastern, he's been preparing for a military career through the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC). As one of the program's top cadets, he's carrying a 3.8 grade-point average and has earned the title of battalion commander. Some days run 14 hours. But that doesn't deter Hurst, who will pursue an Army military intelligence position after graduating.

"I spend most of my day in physical fitness training and mentoring the younger cadets," Hurst says. "Sometimes I arrive as early as 5 a.m. As a battalion commander, I'm learning what it takes to be an Army officer. That involves a lot of multitasking. But it's not hard to juggle my schoolwork and ROTC responsibilities. The ones who have it hard are the soldiers fighting in Afghanistan."

There are presently about 100 ROTC cadets at Eastern. The program is part of the cadet's college curriculum and is designed to produce military leaders. Full, four-year scholarships are available

to many high-achieving cadets. Scholarship recipients agree to complete four years of military service. Selected cadets may choose to serve part-time in the U.S. Army Reserve or Army National Guard while pursuing a civilian career.

### Minnesota-Duluth

The University of Minnesota Duluth has announced its Dean's List for Fall Semester 2012. Students on the Dean's List have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Among the Dean's List students is **Amber Beattie** of Canton, studying education & human services.

### Baylor University

More than 3,300 Baylor University students were named to the Dean's Academic Honor List for the 2012 fall semester, including **Jemima Ruth McCluskey** of Canton, studying in the school's College of Arts and Sciences.

### Adrian College

**Jennifer Hunsaker** of Canton made the Dean's List at Adrian College.

Hunsaker has compiled a cumulative grade-point average of 3.89.

### Hope College

Several Plymouth and Canton students made the Dean's List for the second semester at Hope College. To be named to the Dean's List a student must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Plymouth students making the list included **Jillian Sommerville, Austin Beaudoin, Abigail Dalton, Catherine Koloian, Evan Johnson, Riley Hoernschemeyer, Gina DeBiasi, Adam Payne, Marina Milad, Emily Meade, Alicia Curmi and Sophia Daly.**

Canton students on the list included **Lauren Maslyk, Lindsey Davidson, Hannah Zomermaand, Wayne Titus, Lindsay Anstess, Elyse Gryniewicz, Chelsea Shirmer, Paige Jowski, Hanna Mielke, Mary Winther and Alyssa Silletti.**

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spins and on the 'A' team for skating moves.

Club members have figure skating goals beyond their team competitions; the highest is to become a gold-level skater by U.S. Figure Skating Association standards. The Plymouth Figure Skating Club is a member of U.S. Figure Skating.

"I know I'm never going to be in the Olympics or anything. I like to do it," said Melanie Elliott, 16, a Plymouth Salem student and PCEP team member at the 'B' level.

"We're in a good place at the moment, but the points are still really, really, really close," Melanie said of her squad's showing in district competition.

The state high school figure skating finals, scheduled for March at the Farmington Hills arena, will feature the top three teams from four districts around the state. PCEP's district is made up of teams from several area high schools, including Ladywood, Mercy, Novi, Northville and Farmington.

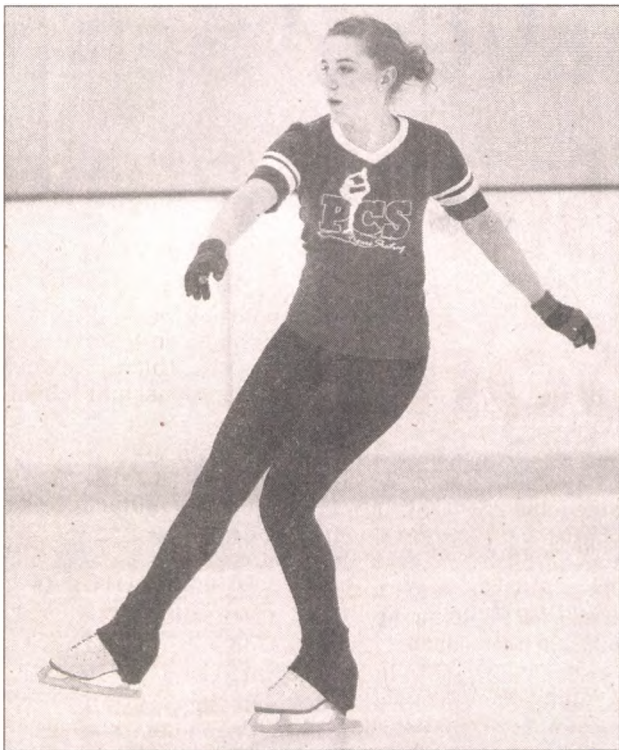
Melanie's mother Ellen Elliott is the new president of the Plymouth Figure Skating Club, which has more than 50 members of all ages. Elliott said her goals are to provide skaters with the resources they need and recognize their on-ice success.

"I want to make sure we are helping our skaters with things they want to accomplish," she said. "It's a day-to-day thing when I'm here at the rink."

Elliott noted that January is National Figure Skating Month.

### National spotlight

Compuware will play a big role next month in U.S. Figure Skating's national synchronized skating competition, which will be held there over five days beginning Tuesday, Feb. 26. The competition will draw teams from around the country; locally, the Compuware-based Allegro! synchronized team, which includes some Plymouth Figure Skating



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Melanie Elliott, 16, skates at Compuware Arena recently. She is a member of the Plymouth Figure Skating Club and the figure-skating team shared by the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park high schools.



Abby Myers, 15, on the ice at Compuware Arena during a recent practice. She skates with the Plymouth Figure Skating Club and is a member of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park team, which is in the midst of state figure-skating competition.

Club members, will be competing. Synchronized skating involves teams of 12 to 18 members skating to music in choreographed patterns.

The event will be sponsored by the Detroit Metro Skating Council, an affiliate of U.S. Figure Skating.

"It's a big production," said Jennifer DeJohn, director of skating at Compuware, and a Plymouth

Figure Skating Club member for more than 30 years. DeJohn explained that it will fall to her, during the tournament, to shuttle some 47 different tournament officials between airports, their hotels and the arena.

"It takes a village to put on this national event," she said.

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## ZOO

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"The law is pretty unambiguous."

McLaughlin said Canton's DDA collected a total of nearly \$42,300 through the zoo tax over three years, and stopped in 2011.

In Plymouth, county records show, nearly \$13,200 was collected for the DDA over three years; Plymouth also did not collect the tax in 2011.

City Finance Director Mark Christiansen said officials discussed the issue with legal counsel after receiving Szymanski's letter telling communities to stop collections, and decided the amount wasn't

worth fighting about. "To me, already way too much money has been wasted on the whole issue," Christiansen said.

DDAs, created under state law and intended to boost business districts by raising money for physical improvements and marketing efforts, use a tax increment financing formula, applied within the boundaries of the district, to "capture" part of the taxes that property owners in the district pay. A baseline valuation is set at the creation of a DDA, and when property values rise, resulting in higher taxable values, the DDA "captures" the revenue generated by applying

the tax rate to the difference between the baseline and the higher value. McLaughlin said a Canton resident called her office last week concerned that the property taxes on his house that would have gone to the zoo had been diverted to the Canton DDA, and she assured him that was not the case.

In Plymouth Township, the DDA district is along Ann Arbor Road between about I-275 and just west of Sheldon. In the city of Plymouth, it's the downtown proper, while in Canton, the DDA is along Ford Road.

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## AROUND PLYMOUTH

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

### TABLE-TOP GAMES

**Date/Time:** Feb. 16, 2-4 p.m.

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

**Details:** The Plymouth District Library is offering an afternoon of table top board and card games for adults. Games such as Settlers of Catan, Munchkin and 7 Wonders, will be provided or attendees can bring their own games. Treats will be provided by Friends of the Library.

**Contact:** Sign-up is requested online, in person, or by phone at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

### 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)

### EUCHRE TOURNNEY

**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.

**Contact:** Pre-register your first and last name by calling (734) 358-4280 or email [CantonLionsEuchre@yahoo.com](mailto:CantonLionsEuchre@yahoo.com) by Jan. 30.

### BIPOLAR SUPPORT

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

**Location:** Lincoln Behavioral Services Cen-

ter, 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.

### 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).

### SEWING GUID

**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."

**Contact:** For more information, e-mail [ASGPC@comcast.net](mailto:ASGPC@comcast.net)

### DIABETES SUPPORT

**Date/Time:** 2nd Thursday of the month, 2-3:30 p.m.

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

**Details:** The Plymouth Lions Club is sponsoring a new Adult Diabetes Support Group. Fern Vining, a registered nurse, certified diabetes educator and Plymouth Lion, will be the group facilitator. There is no charge to attend. Topics for discussion will focus on understanding diabetes and self management strategies.

**Contact:** Call Fern Vining at (734) 454-0859.

### MOPS MEETINGS

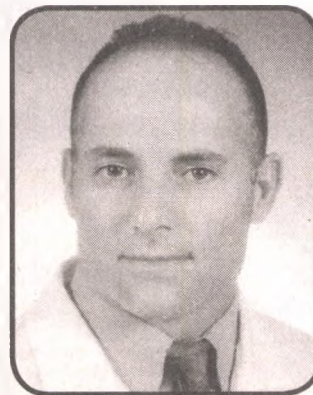
**Date/Time:** First-third Fridays, 9:15-11:30 a.m.

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

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

**Contact:** Heather at (734) 437-9517 or email [stekmops@gmail.com](mailto:stekmops@gmail.com), or visit [www.stekmops.org](http://www.stekmops.org).

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# Beards or clean shaven? Schoolcraft students asked for their preference

By Ken Abramczyk  
Staff Writer

A national razor manufacturer conducted a little informal research Thursday at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

"Kiss & Tell" was a chance for couples or friends to let Gillette know their preference — a kiss with someone with a beard or stubble or a clean-shaven face. While some couples participated, it didn't stop some young men from getting a free shave and a free razor to try during the promotion.

"It is part of a 15-city tour," said Stephen Snart, senior account executive with Ketchum, a public relations firm handling the event for Gil-

lette. "We invited couples to come out and test whether his face is preferred with stubble or clean shaven."

Snart said research has shown that "two out of three women have avoided kissing a guy because he had facial hair."

The idea was for couples to kiss beforehand in one booth, then shave the man's beard. The couple would kiss again in a second booth and participate in a short survey on the preference. The men received free Gillette swag (a razor), while the women received a lip gloss balm.

Chelsea Nguyen of Westland and Mario Hernandez of Novi joined in the fun. Nguyen, who said she and Hernandez are friends, preferred the

clean shaven over the stubble. "The clean shaven face is definitely a lot smoother," Nguyen said.

"I thought (the promotion) was a great idea, bringing it around college students," Nguyen said.

Hernandez called the experience "weird" as all eyes were on him as he shaved, as lenses were aimed by several photographers taking his picture. "I had to make sure I didn't mess up," he said.

Hernandez showed up with stubble that morning, but said he normally keeps a clean shaven look for his job at Abercrombie & Fitch. "I use an electric (razor), but I like this because it is really smooth," he said.

For Hernandez, he didn't

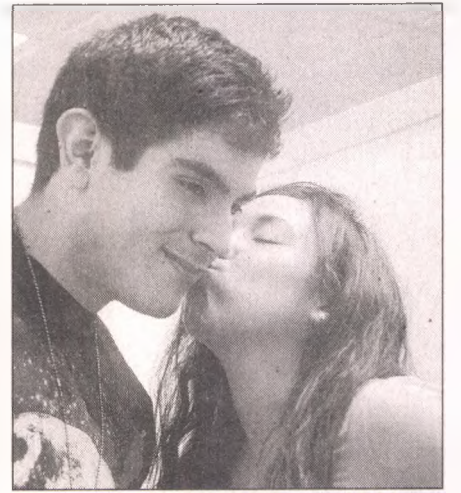
have a preference for himself with the stubble or clean shaven look. "I got a kiss both times," he said.

Tim Daul of Livonia showed up to try a razor and get a free razor. "It's pretty good," he said. "It didn't catch or drag."

Jake Mulka of Livonia didn't bring his girlfriend, but got a clean shave. "It didn't catch on my face," he said. "I like it a lot. My beard is like sandpaper, so it's nice."

Mulka said his girlfriend prefers him without the beard. "She likes it neat, not the full beard," he said.

Gillette will announce results from its "survey" Valentine's Day.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
After the shave, Mario Hernandez, of Novi, gets a kiss from Chelsea Nguyen, of Westland. Mario liked the blade. He works at Abercrombie and is required to be clean-shaven when he works.

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# Teaming up to fight childhood obesity

By Lonnie Huhman  
Staff Writer

Lt. Gov. Brian Calley couldn't score a goal on Novi Woods fourth-grader Duncan Lowes, but he did record a helpful assist to a program aiming to curb childhood obesity.

Calley was at the Novi Kroger store last week to help launch a program — developed by the Detroit Red Wings Foundation, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and The Kroger Co. of Michigan — to bring awareness to childhood obesity.

"This is a serious issue facing us," Calley said before a gathered crowd

of kids and parents at the Kroger on Grand River Avenue.

He cited the growing number of obese children as one of the biggest health concerns in the state. However, he said this effort is an exciting development that should help reduce the numbers, and added it will be helped by working together.

"The key for its success is its partnerships," he said of the program.

For the launch, Kroger hosted students from Novi Woods Elementary School as well as their parents. The students participated in a hockey activity, learned about nutrition and sampled some kid-friendly healthy food recipes.

The idea came from the Pure Michigan FIT initiative, which started last

year. It provides tools and resources for Michigan families to incorporate healthy eating habits and physical activity into their lifestyles.

Besides Calley, remarks were given by representatives from each partner, and each expressed their wholehearted support.

"The Detroit Red Wings Foundation is thrilled to be part of such a wonderful program," said Lynsie Estes, director of the Foundation. "Our entire organization is committed to making a difference in the lives of our local youth, and we are honored to have the School Assembly Program identified as a Pure Michigan FIT program."

The goal of this partnership is to reach more than 50,000 children in 2013. It will introduce kids to

the sport of hockey and encourage them to live an active, healthy lifestyle.

After the remarks, some of the students and representatives had a floor hockey shoot-out in front of the Starbuck's coffee counter inside Kroger. The kids won 2-0. It was a fun moment for the kids, including Duncan, who stopped Calley's shot with a kick of the leg.

His mother, Stacey Lowes, said it was fun as well as a good reminder for them and their kids.

"This was neat, and it makes a big impression on the kids," she said. "Eating healthy has been and will always be the goal in our home."



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Novi Woods Elementary second-grader Kelsey Lowes reaches into a bag to try to determine what kind of healthy vegetable a Kroger worker is holding during the Jan. 9 Pure Fit Michigan gathering at the Novi store on Grand River Avenue. The vegetable in the bag was a red pepper, which the kids from Novi Woods learned contains lots of healthy vitamin C.

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Change of Use - Office to Residential  
Zoned: B-3, General Business  
Applicant: Michael A. Jones

-All interested persons are invited to attend.

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# Students march for life, marking 40th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade

By Karen Smith  
Staff Writer

Nearly 60 Madonna University students participated in the National March for Life Rally in Washington, D.C., on Friday, marking the 40th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Roe vs. Wade.

They were among nearly 400 area high school and college students on eight charter buses that left Thursday night from the Troy office of the Oakland/Macomb chapter of Right to Life-LIFESPAN. The buses were scheduled to return to Michigan on Saturday morning.

Cathy Ligeski of Canton has made the "red-eye" bus trip for five years now. She is president of the Respect Life Club at Madonna, which values the dignity of all human life from womb to tomb.

"I think life is a miracle in every way, and I want to defend that gift that God gave us," said Ligeski, who is studying to be an obstetrics nurse.

"It's always a peaceful march, all done in a very peaceful way," she said. "It's very prayerful, very joyful."

The theme for this year's march is "40=55M." According to the sponsor's website, www.marchfor-life.org, the theme signifies that in the 40 years since Roe vs. Wade, 55 million abortions have been performed in the United States.

The website said 55 million is nearly the population of California and New York combined.

The landmark court decision legalized abortions for all nine months



Brien Dux of Berkley and Allison Follbaum of Livonia travel by charter bus to participate in the National March for Life Rally in Washington, D.C.

of pregnancy. The march, beginning at the National Mall and going up to Constitution Avenue to the Supreme Court building on Capitol Hill, is attended annually by an estimated 500,000 people.

### 'Marching for those who can't'

"We're trying to make a big statement that abortion is taking a huge toll on our nation," Ligeski said. "We're marching for those who can't."

Ligeski said she hopes and prays Roe vs. Wade will be overturned. She said she thinks the march touches hearts, and a change of heart is what is needed to bring about a reversal. She said she thinks that's happening, starting with her generation.

According to the Pro Life Action League, the Public Religion Research Institute's recent poll on millennial generation adults (ages 18-29) showed them to be, on average, more pro-life than those from other age cohorts.

Madonna senior Allison Follbaum of Livonia, who's studying journalism and public relations, is another member of the Respect Life Club who attended the march.

It was her second march. She went during her freshman year and always wanted to return. "We need to be here speaking for those who can't speak for themselves," she said during a cell phone interview while standing in the National Mall.

Follbaum said she has prayed outside abortion clinics for the women entering. She said she understands they feel

scared and alone, but she wants them to know there are organizations to support them.

Follbaum has also participated in human life chains in which pro-life advocates stand shoulder to shoulder holding up signs along roadways.

She said she is encouraged by the viable pro-life movement, and the growing number of young people joining its ranks.

"If life is not respected in its most vulnerable form, how can we expect life to be respected at any age?" she asked.

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## Career Technical Center to hold open house

The William D. Ford Career Technical Center is inviting the public to come and see at an open house 6-8:30 Tuesday, Jan. 29.

Guests will have the opportunity to visit all 18 of the technical training programs offered to high school students and adults. Each program has state-of-the-art equipment, technology and instruction to prepare high school and adult learners to gain skills directly related to the goal of employment.

Since the Career Tech Center has opened in 1981 they have prepared more 15,000 youth and adults from all over southeastern Michigan with the hands-on skills needed to succeed in the global marketplace.

The Career Tech Center has business and industry trained and state certified instructors, aggressive job placement, business and industry advisory committees and extensive student support services.

Students from Wayne-Westland, Belleville, Plymouth-Canton, Redford, Melvindale, Inkster, Huron Valley Lutheran and Westland

Lutheran are offered the chance to earn practical in the areas of auto body repair and automotive technology where students work on actual customer vehicles. The students in the child care program plan and operate a preschool for 3- to 5-year-old children, and the Café Marquette is an on-site restaurant that is run by culinary arts students and open to the public for lunch and dinner.

Other programs offered at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center include CADD (computer aided design drafting), digital media, electronics/robotics technology, electronics/alternative energies, emergency medical technician (EMT), game design and programming, graphic design, communications, health occupations, heating/air conditioning/refrigeration (HVAC), media production, medical assisting and welding technology.

The William D. Ford Career Technical Center is at 36745 Marquette, west of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call (734) 419-2010.

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The patient who presents such a case has a point: why say the same story yet another time? However, the patient's protest is overruled by a stronger argument. The purpose of a consult is to obtain a different viewpoint.

In turn, consultants learn early on in their careers never take anything for granted. It is the same for all consultants: if your computer screen suddenly turns black and you call the Microsoft technician, the first question the expert asks, whether you are Bill Gates or not, is: "Is your computer plugged in?" The technician, like the medical consultant, knows to take nothing for granted.

It is true that the consultant will ask to hear the story of the patient's illness all over again, but even more so. Often the consultant will drill down into details of exactly where the pain started, and want to know in a precise way the manner in which the pain changed or moved. The consultant is thinking ahead to what tests not yet done are in order or what biopsies or imaging could confirm a suspected diagnosis. These interventions can be expensive or carry risks. The consultant, to warrant recommending these orders, wants as much information as possible.

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# Hi ho, hi ho

## AAUW members stage fairy tale classic 'Snow White'

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

It could be said Kristen Cupp has had a meteoric rise to stardom.

One minute she was a new member of the Plymouth-Canton American Association of University Women, the next minute she was playing the title role in the group's live theater production of *Snow White*.

"I was looking for a small part like a lady in waiting, but I only got to try out for Snow White," the Plymouth resident said. "Becky (Copenhaver) was all casual, all nonchalant about it. She called me to read for Snow White. I thought she needed someone to read the lines."

"She came to the branch meeting on Thursday, tired out on Tuesday and she got the lead," said Copenhaver, who is directing this year's production. "She's done an amazing job."

Sandra Iannucci, who plays Dopey, laughs about choice. She had enticed Cupp to come to the branch meeting, telling her she was going to be Snow White.

"I kept telling her, 'I know you're going to do it,'" Iannucci said.

The women's group will present the fairy tale classic Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 31 through Feb. 2, at Garden City High's O'Leary Auditorium. In its 53rd year, the members started out as a branch interest group aimed at bringing live drama to children in Plymouth. It has now



PHOTOS BY STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Snow White Kristen Cupp of Plymouth (center) is surrounded by five of the Seven Dwarfs — Kathy Sharpe (Happy) of Garden City (bottom row, from left), Mickey Edell (Doc) of Canton, Dawn Parker (Sleepy) of Canton (top row, from left), Lisa Noel (Sneeze) of Plymouth and Esther Nelson (Grumpy) of Canton.

become the major project of the branch, which is known around the state for its live theater.

The organization takes classics like *Snow White*, *Peter Pan* and *Cinderella* and crafts hour-long AAUW versions. Its first production was *Hansel and Gretel*, and the group now has a repertoire of seven plays that it rotates through and updates every few years.

More characters have been added to the beginning of this year's pro-

duction. There also will be two new backdrops — a terrace scene and one of the dwarfs' home. Copenhaver wanted the dwarfs to walk over a bridge onto the stage, but the bridge the group had didn't work, so a new one is being built.

"We've even added a line about right-to-work," Copenhaver said. "As the characters start doing their lines, they'll embellish them, but they check with me first."

The play serves as

a fundraiser for the branch, which uses the money to provide scholarships for women attending school or returning to school at places like Schoolcraft College and Madonna University. It also has become a popular program for Scouts who attend presentations and watch the show Thursday evening and Saturday morning, while earning fun patches.

Sharon Belobraidich, a retired Plymouth-Canton teacher, has been doing the plays for 42 years. As it has been in the past, she's cast as a meanie, this time as the queen.

"I'm either stupid or mean or I direct," Belobraidich said. "When I'm cast as a meanie, I think mean, I like to be mean. When I started doing these plays, I played the piano. We had live music."

In the play, the queen transforms into the peddler woman, played by Helene Lusa of Livonia. This is her 29th production and her role is definitely different than in the past.

"I usually play someone neutral or nice, but I wanted to play someone I could lose myself in," she said. "I love it, I'm having fun with this. And I get to have a scratchy voice."

Last year, Sue Bellows of Garden City played the fairy godmother in *Cinderella*, this year she's cast as Sir Dandipratt, a

### SNOW WHITE

**What:** The 53th annual Plymouth-Canton AAUW's children's theater production of *Snow White*.

**When:** 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 and 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2. The Thursday evening and Saturday morning performances will be for Boy and Girl Scout troops. Scouts, families and friends are invited to experience a "behind-the-scenes" look at live theater by the cast at 6:15 p.m. Thursday and 10:15 a.m. Saturday, followed by the show.

**Where:** Garden City High School's O'Leary Auditorium, 6500 Middlebelt, north of Ford, Garden City.

**Tickets:** Presale tickets cost \$5 and are available at Fanatic U, 30409 Ford, Garden City, and Sideways-Plymouth, 505 Forest Ave., Plymouth. Tickets will be available at the door for \$6 each.

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Sharon Belobraidich of Plymouth plays Queen Bragmore and Helen Lusa of Livonia plays the old peddler woman the queen turns into in 'Snow White.'



In her fourth AAUW production, Sue Bellows of Garden City has been cast as Sir Dandipratt, who works for the queen.

know-it-all member of the queen's court. Bellows is a relative newcomer to the branch. She joined four years ago because of her daughter Kaytee, who was Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz*.

"She came home and said, 'Mom, we need a bear,'" Bellows said. "I said, 'I can do that.' I love doing this. This is such an incredible group of wom-

en. I'll hang around them as long as I can."

Cupp feels the same. "This is a great group of ladies, they're so dynamic," she said. "I feel honored to be able to work with them. I've gotten to meet a great group of women."

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# Lawsuit might be necessary when loan goes bad

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

**Q:** Dear Rick: I wrote you last year about loaning money to a friend. Unfortunately, I did not take your advice. I loaned my friend \$10,000 and, contrary to what you recommended, I did not have him sign anything. I simply gave him a check and assumed he would pay me back. He promised that it would be paid back by the end of last year. When I approached him about repayment, he told me that he thought it was a gift as opposed to a loan. He said he has no intention of repaying me any money. I can't believe how stupid I was. Is there anything I can do? It has been recommended that I consider suing him. Someone also suggested that I could write off the loss on my taxes. What do you think?

**A:** You shouldn't be



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

kick- ing your- self. It is only natu- ral when dealing with fami- ly and friends to let our guard down. Unfortu- nately, that is what hap- pened. We assume that our family and friends will not take advantage of us, but in too many cas- es they do. As far as I'm concerned, it shouldn't be shame on you, rather it should be shame on him. In reviewing your options, a lawsuit is a pos- sibility. The problem is that as the plaintiff you would have the burden of proof that it was a loan vs. a gift. In this situation

it could be difficult, but not impossible. I recom- mend that you discuss the case with an attorney. One issue to consider is how much this going to cost you. Many attorneys will take a case like this on a contingency fee. That means they collect if they win. In other words, if they take the case and you lose, you're not liable for any attorney fees. On the other hand, other attorneys will charge an hourly fee, which you are liable for whether you win or lose. As to writing off the loss on your taxes. There is a provision in the tax code that allows you to write off bad debts. How- ever, it's not that easy. In order to write off a bad debt, you have to prove that you tried to collect the debt and in many cases that means you

brought a lawsuit. Loaning money to friends and family is cer- tainly admirable, however, it can cause problems. If you loan money to a friend or a family member, put it in writing. This includes terms of the loan, such as when it is due, payment, schedule and interest. Putting the arrange- ment in writing and dis- cussing the consequen- ces of default helps reduce the risk of something going wrong. Spending a few minutes dotting your I's and crossing your T's can save you lots of aggravation. Good luck!

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## POOL

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### Too expensive


The other proposal is for an addition to the pool at Canton High School. It would include a new pool for competition/training, and turn the existing pool into a fitness/teaching pool. That facility would cost some \$11 or \$12 million. "Frankly speaking, the pools at Canton and Salem are significantly behind other pools in the area," the Cruisers' Mike Breda said. "There's a big need to improve the aquatic programming in the area." Most of the talk about Central Middle School's fate has centered around either using it as an administrative building or selling it to the City of Plymouth. In either case, the pool would still be accessible for school dis-

trict programming. But Breda doesn't think that's adequate. "Using Central has a short-term benefit, but it's not a long-term solu- tion," he said. However, Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Plymouth-Can- ton's superintendent, said adding either of the Cruisers' proposals to the bond would take it higher than administrators are willing to go. As currently constructed, the bond would not require a tax increase (although it would eliminate a break taxpayers are sup- posed to get in the form of a reduction of the debt millage). "Our first reaction was if we continue moving forward (with the bond) by not adding anything to the tax burden, we could not fit this in without tak- ing out things we feel are more important," Hughes said. "It's a distraction from our real needs."

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# Paying tribute

## Detroit Tigers Winter Caravan visits Holocaust Memorial Center

By Susan Steinmueller  
Staff Writer

The Detroit Tigers paid tribute to the work of the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills when its winter caravan made a stop there Thursday.

A framed Tigers jersey was presented to museum officials by Tigers representatives during the private event attended by some 50 people, including members of the media and supporters of the center.

The jersey was given in memory of those who died in the Holocaust, in honor of those who survived and in recognition of the museum's contributions to a "free and open society," according to an engraving on the frame that was read by Tigers general manager David Dombrowski.

Tigers manager Jim Leyland, bench coach Gene Lamont, hitting coach Lloyd McClendon and Fox sports Detroit broadcaster Rod Allen were other representatives of the Tigers caravan.

The visit was appreciated by center supporters and Tiger's fans, such as Harvey Goodman of Farmington Hills.

"I think it's wonderful that we are witnessing the Tigers showing appreciation for what happened to the Jewish people," Goodman said.

Goodman, who attended the private event with friends, added, "We are die-hard Tigers fans ... they'll make it to

the World Series again." Steve Goldman, executive director of the center, said he was also very pleased with the visit.

"We'll put it in the board room," he said of the jersey. "We have other proclamations there."

The gathering was held in front of a black marble wall and next to an eternal flame burning in a deep vessel.

Docent Donna Sklar of Farmington Hills briefly described the purpose of the center.

Not only does the eternal flame burn to remember the six million lost to genocide in Germany, but it teaches people to think about their future choices, she said, "so that we can prevent anything like this from happening again anytime, anywhere, anyplace."

As the Tigers representatives answered questions, Dombrowski showed his faith in the Tigers going to the World Series again.

"We have a good club," he said.

He also noted, "winning in the major leagues is very difficult to do ... that's why it's so special to win."

The 2013 Detroit Tigers Winter Caravan made its way throughout Detroit and Michigan Thursday and Friday Jan. 24 and 25 as it spread baseball fever to fans of all ages in anticipation of the upcoming season.

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Tigers manager Jim Leyland leaves the Holocaust Center after the visit.



Dave Dombrowski, Detroit Tigers general manager, shakes hands with Adam Grant, Holocaust Center board of directors, at the presentation.

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# Bee good: Students test word skills in annual contest

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Ben Biber has taken a lot of ribbing from his parents about the word "bouffant." He missed one letter in spelling it and lost the chance to compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., in 2011.

He may have a new word.

The Stevenson Middle School eighth-grader saw his hopes of making a run for the national spelling bee dashed on Thursday when he misspelled "fallibility," opening the door for Melaina Climer to win the middle school spelling bee and the chance to represent the Wayne-Westland Community Schools at the regional spelling bee in Detroit on March 2.

"If his father were here, he'd be pacing," said his mother, Mary, who tracked her son's words on paper as he spelled his way through them.

Biber and Climer went toe-to-toe for seven rounds before he stumbled on the word which means capable of making an error. Climer needed to spell one word to win and did it with the word "compartment."

"My mom tells me to try and do my best," said Melaina, an eighth-grader at Franklin Middle School. "That what I will do at the regional, I will try my hardest."

Fifth-grader Nivene Rizkallah extended Marshall Upper Elementary's winning streak to three years by correctly spelling the word curiosity. She also will represent Wayne-Westland at the regional bee.

"I feel like a celebrity," said Rizkallah. "I knew



KATHY HANSEN | WAYNE-WESTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Fifth-grader Nivene Rizkallah kept Marshall Upper Elementary School's streak alive by winning the annual Earle Chorbagan Spelling Bee for fifth- and sixth-graders Thursday.

most of the words, but I had a problem with curiosity. I thought there might be a U at the end."

This was the 33rd year the district hosted the spelling bee named after retired middle school Principal Earle Chorbagan and the third year

that individual contests were held for fifth-/sixth-graders and seventh-/eighth-graders. It's also the third year the students will compete in the regional bee. In the past two years, Wayne-Westland students have been the runners-up at region-

als. "The regional can run almost four hours," said Aaron Baughman, executive director of curriculum development. "The last two years, we've had the runners-up and it's come down to one letter. It's very intense."

## IN THE BEE

Competing in the 33rd annual Earle Chorbagan spelling bees were:

- Adams Upper Elementary — fifth-graders Sabrianna D'Water, DaYonna Embry and Claudia Lazorishchak and sixth-graders Jasmine Elder, Anthony Thibodeaux, Carter Vair and Xavier Walker. Fifth-grader Adalia Kirby was at camp and did not compete.
- Marshall Upper Elementary — fifth-graders Madison Carroll, Erik Luke, Othniel Mykojomolade and Nivene Rizkallah and sixth-graders Sarah Bigelow, Emily Gamble, John Lachine and Mikaila Stone.
- Franklin Middle School — seventh-graders and Skye Bolden, Isabella Goff, Cassie Jackson and Kaylin Scott and eighth-graders Jacob Clark, Melaina Climer, Yasmin Flint and Ethan Morgan.
- Stevenson Middle School — seventh-graders David Kaiser, Raven Mayle, Kevin Partin and Sabrina Yuchasz and eighth-graders Jonathon Allison, Benjamin Biber, Victoriana Schwartz and Dajanae Walker.

Climer used her hands to write out the words before spelling them. It was something she started doing when she got the list of spelling bee words at school. She also studied with fellow spelling bee contestant and eighth-grader Jacob Clark, who misspelled "curiosity" early on in the competition.

"I study for four hours straight when I studied with Jacob, and I also studied with my mom," said Climer.

"I knew she could do," said her mother, Karen Climer. "She just has a great memory."

Also watching the contest was her grandmother, Rose Carol Toth, who said she wasn't a bit nervous.

"I knew she could do it," she said.

Rizkallah spent between a half hour and an hour with her father every evening studying for the district bee. She plans on bumping that up to one-two hours a night for the regional bee.

"In the beginning, I

thought it would be hard, but then I figured I was just up here talking," she said. "I didn't notice the pressure."

"I'm proud she even made it this far," said her mother, Amy Albany. "I'm really impressed with her ability to spell."

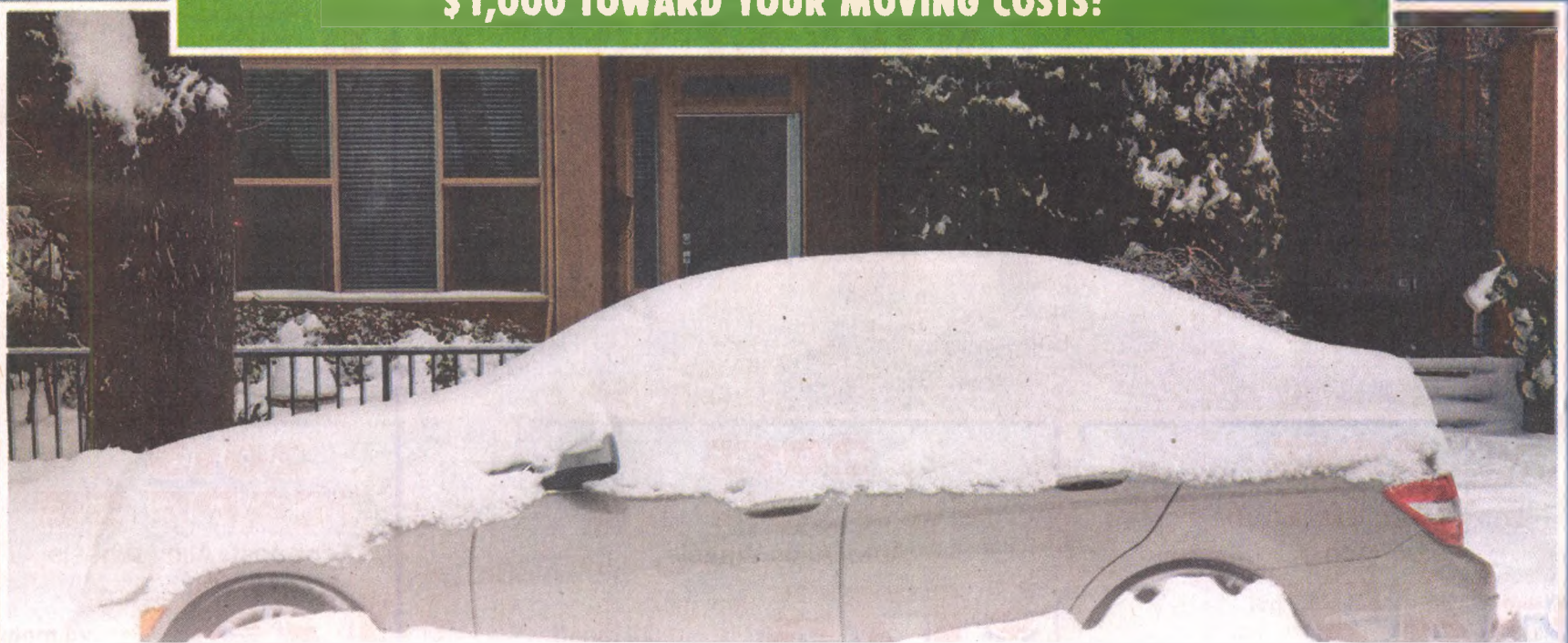
Chorbagan was on hand to congratulate the winners. He used his time with the microphone to encourage all of the students to use their words wisely.

"Obviously, you're good students and you have a way with words," he said. "Don't waste it. Use your ability with words and read, read, read. It's going to pay off for you in the future."

The regional spelling bee will be held March 2 at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit. The winner will advance to the Scripps National Spelling Bee May 26 through June 1.

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## Canton unable to slow Rockets

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Paige Aresco put Canton's varsity girls basketball team on her back and nearly carried it over the finish line Friday night against Westland John Glenn.

But not even Aresco's stellar, 28-point game — a career high — could offset the dangerous Bankston twins as the visiting Rockets earned a 52-43 KLASA South Division victory.

"That's what I was looking to do. I wanted to score," Aresco said following the game, which kept the Chiefs from tying John Glenn in the division standings. "I know we needed to score because they score a lot, they're a great team."

"This was a huge game. We really needed it if we wanted to tie for first in the division. We were ready to go for this game."

Countering Aresco for John Glenn was senior guard Raven Bankston, who led all scorers with 28 points and pushed the pace all night.

Contributing 11 for the Rockets (11-1, 6-0 in the KLASA South) was her twin sister Raine Bankston.

The loss dropped Canton's record to 8-4 overall and 4-2 in the division.

"Paige is a great player and she got hers," John Glenn head coach Eric Kovatch said. "I think we made it difficult for her at times and we focused on shutting everybody

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## Thanks, tankers!



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Plymouth's varsity boys swim team celebrated Senior Night Thursday, featuring a 130-55 win over Wayne Memorial. In the front row (from left) are Cameron Earls, Steve Yee and Austin Ryan. In the back row (from left) are Nick Weber, Gunnar Savalox, Alex Wilson and Connor McManus.

## Senior Night a winner for Plymouth boys swim team

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Thursday's Senior Night for Plymouth's varsity boys swim team couldn't have gone any smoother even if it had been scripted.

The Wildcats dominated Wayne Memorial from the get-go at the Canton High School natatorium, cruising to a 130-55 victory over the Zebras.

Throw several MISCA cuts into the spirited mix, not to mention a near-record in diving for senior Connor McManus.

And don't forget about the festivities following the dual meet, highlighted by the presentation of flowers to the seven seniors' moms.

"Pretty close," said McManus, who tallied 192.80 points — just shy of the



Connor McManus, one of the seven Plymouth seniors honored Thursday, warms up for the diving event. He nearly set a new school record.

Plymouth record of 198.65. "I got a MISCA cut (his first), but I wish I would

have got the record.

"There's still two meets left. Maybe I'll get it then."

McManus wasn't alone as far as seniors enjoying Thursday's competition and congratulations following their final home meet.

Also honored were co-captains Cameron Earls, Gunnar Savalox and Nick Weber, along with Austin Ryan, Alex Wilson and Steve Yee.

First-year Plymouth head coach Kenn Forbes has been cheering them on all season and with good reason. With the win over Wayne, the Wildcats improved to 4-2 overall and 3-0 in the KLASA South Division, getting a foothold as title contenders in the process.

The seniors enjoyed excel-  
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## Chiefs roll over Rocks

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

There will be bigger fish to fry in another month or so for the Canton and Salem varsity boys bowling teams.

Last year's Canton squad reached the Division 1 finals, while Salem would like to trade places at the top.

For now though, both teams will settle for Wednesday's rivalry dual match at Super Bowl in Canton, won 20-10 by the Chiefs.

"This is a big match. We always like to bowl the other schools in the Park," Canton head coach Karl Brubaker said. "But it's just another match. We move forward from here."

Despite his team's defeat, Salem assistant coach Glenn Clark hinted that what the Chiefs did last season is giving the Rocks a bit of extra motivation.

A strong push in the final weeks of the regular schedule could help both teams be clicking when the D1 regionals take place Feb. 22-23 at Super Bowl.

Regionals are when teams and individuals qualify for the state finals, slated for March 1-2 at Northway Lanes in Muskegon.

"That's what we strive for all year," Clark

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Following through after delivering the ball Wednesday is Canton's Alex Champagne.



BRIAN QUINTOS

Salem's Jack Driscoll (No. 28) circles the Canton net Wednesday, while Chiefs' defenseman Hunter Schlamp (No. 15) chases him.

## Rocks nip Chiefs, grab Lash Cup

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Salem boys hockey coach Ryan Ossenmacher was ready to pull his goalie in a tie game Wednesday against Canton because the Rocks needed a win to have a shot at the coveted Lash Cup.

The Chiefs briefly put Ossenmacher in a quandary because Canton junior forward Kurt Snow's goal with 3:11 left made it a 3-3 game at Arctic Edge.

But all it took was 40 seconds for the Rocks to regain the lead, when Jake Fedel swatted in a puck to put Salem up 4-3. An empty-netter by Alek Zultowski salted away the 5-3 victory.

"We were probably going to pull the goalie if it stayed tied, because we were looking for the win," Ossenmacher said. "We thought we had a chance to win the Lash Cup if we won. We thought we had a chance to stay in the points race

for the (KLAA South) division with a win.

"So I told the guys I was glad they scored because I didn't want them to put me in the position of pulling the goalie with the game tied."

As for the race for the Lash Cup — awarded annually to the Park team with the best record against the other two PCEP teams — the Rocks eked it out despite having the same record as Plymouth (3-1).

Salem (9-6-1 overall, 5-3-1 in the KLASA South) outscored Plymouth 6-5 in their two meetings to win the goal-differential tiebreaker.

Wednesday's KLASA South Division matchup was fast, well-played and up for grabs until Zultowski finally scored into the empty net with 29.6 seconds remaining.

"They (Chiefs) worked hard," Ossenmacher said. "They definitely outworked us for spurts of that game and it showed. It was a close game all the way down to the very end."

Canton (3-13-1, 1-10-0) had been pressing for the equalizer, a hectic sequence for Ossenmacher because the Rocks failed to clear the zone twice.

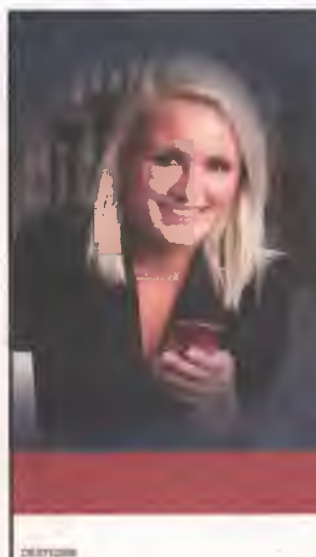
Salem junior goalie Parker Godfrey (22 saves) came up with a big save on a shot by Chiefs captain Matt Cox with 70 seconds to play and continued to battle.

Salem defenseman Noah Willer finally chipped the puck out of the Rocks' zone and sent it up to Zultowski for his second goal of the game and 12th of the season.

Zultowski is seventh in scoring in Division 1 with 36 points, according to the MHSAA Hockey Hub website.


"The team didn't give up," Canton head coach Jeremy Majszak said. "We put together three periods, we've been competitive. Our whole thing since Christmas break was turning this thing around."

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Salem's Kevin Williams is the picture of concentration Wednesday at Super Bowl in Canton.



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### BOWLING

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said. "We tailor our whole season for the regional and try to get the kids geared up for that one day (team regionals Friday) and singles on Saturday.

"Once you get to the state tournament, anything can happen. Three or four years ago, our team made it all the way to the semi-final and last year Canton made it to the final."

Canton (7-2 overall, 4-2 in the KLAA Central Division) finished the dual match scoring 1,704 pins to Salem's 1,622, overcoming a slow start in the Baker games (Salem took six of 10 points).

The Chiefs, spearheaded by Alex Champagne's 389 series, turned it up during the regular matches — posting 833-782 and 871-840 victories for 16 of the 20 available points.

Champagne led all bowlers in the match with a score of 221 in the second regular game. Also strong for the Chiefs were Aaron Madsen (179-181—360), Jacob Peltz (172-181—353) and Mitchell Zelenak (201-140—341).

Setting the pace for Salem (9-2, 6-2) was Nolan Rudis, who rolled a 353 series on games of 172 and 181.

Chipping in with a 149-146—295 scoreline was anchorman Kevin Williams, who Clark said "does a pretty good job of filling that 10th frame when we need him to."

Canton exacted a bit of revenge on Salem for the season's previous

meeting, won 21-9 by the Rocks.

### Plymouth prevails

Meanwhile, the Canton-Salem matchup wasn't the only one on the docket Wednesday. Plymouth registered a 19-11 victory over KLAA Central opponent Northville.

Plymouth's record stands at 6-5, 4-3 on the season, while the Mustangs dropped to 5-6, 2-6.

Northville got off to a great start, taking all 10 Baker points, winning 172-163 and 158-155.

But the Wildcats quickly turned the tables once regular matches began. Plymouth outscored Northville 1,727-1,452, featuring a 879-824 edge in Game 1.

Four Plymouth bowlers cracked the 300-pin plateau, with Jordan Orzech leading the way with a 372 series on games of 172 and 200.

Not far behind was Ryan Riva (204-159—363), followed by Charlie Anderson (179-179—358) and Evan Grimme (180-152—332).

"We're trying," Plymouth head coach Tammy Thompson said. "We have a short bench this year, which makes it a little difficult. But we're working on it."

Colton Ma-Wu was one of the bright spots for Northville. He threw a 202 score in the first game and finished with a team-high 340 series.

Contributing a 131-162—293 scoreline for the Mustangs was Anthony Long.

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# Canton girls win campus matchup

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

After winning last weekend's Wayne County Tournament, Salem's varsity girls bowling team looked to keep things rolling Wednesday against campus rival Canton.

"Today is kind of a backyard brawl kind of situation with Canton," joked Salem assistant coach Crystal Webb.

The Rocks did take the opening Baker game and carried a 6-4 edge into the regular matches. Unfortunately for Salem, the Chiefs took over from there and ultimately earned a 20-10 triumph at Super Bowl in Canton.

With the KLAA Central Division result, Canton improved to 6-3 overall and 4-2 in the division while Salem's ledger dipped to 5-6, 3-5.

In the regular matches, Canton took 16 of 20 points by prevailing 714-642 and 734-728 for a 1,448-1,370 total tally.

According to Canton coach Cindy Lucke, her girls made the necessary adjustment to deal with lanes that were slipperier than usual.

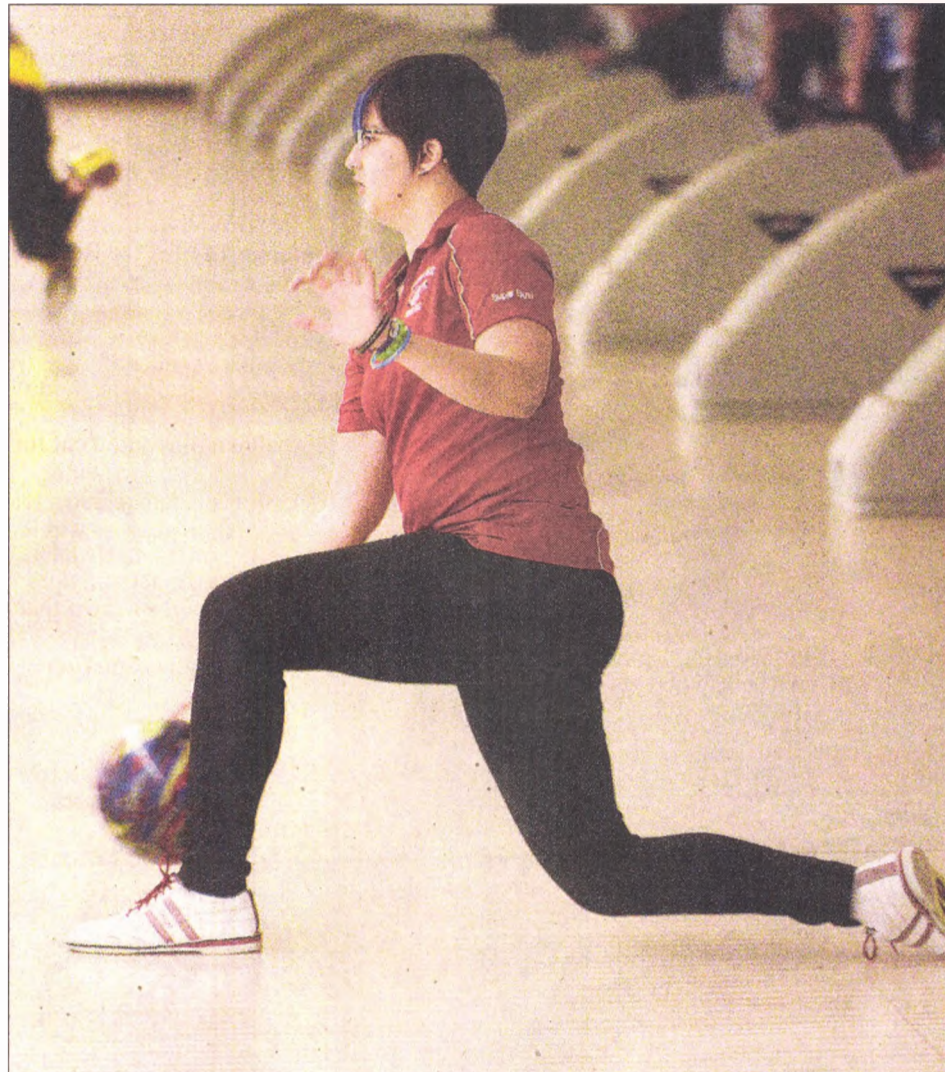
"The girls just had to stay focused and play the oil," Lucke explained. "It was a little difficult pattern today and both teams seemed to struggle. I was glad to see them step up, adjust and take the win."

Pacing the Chiefs (6-3, 4-2) were Jessica Holowicki and Brianna Bailey, with respective scorelines of 176-143-319 and 127-189-316.

Charlotte Zimmer and Kim A'Hearn registered two-game totals of 276 and 273 while Beth Stark contributed a 264 series.

"Each one has taken their turn being the leader for the day," Lucke said. "They've all been real good about stepping up and doing what they need to do."

The best individual series of the dual match



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Releasing the ball during Wednesday's dual match against Salem is Canton's Jessica Holowicki.

belonged to Salem's Rachel Lopez. She rolled games of 155 and 169 for a 324 total.

Not far behind with a 141-149-290 scoreline was Bridget Maul.

Rachel Boucha (241 series) and Brynna Samuels (236 series) also chipped in.

The Rocks were without Kristin Larkins, one of two Salem bowlers (along with Maul) to compete at last season's Division 1 individual finals.

"Bridget and Kristin are our top bowlers," Webb said. "They're fourth-year starters, they lead the team and they carry the team."

Webb said success at the tournament level isn't translating to the KLAA



Plymouth's Emily Fraser (left) is congratulated by teammate Caitlyn Webb after throwing a strike Wednesday against Northville.

regular season, at least so far.

Salem is 5-6 overall and 3-5 in the KLAA Central. But the Rocks finished on top at the Wayne County meet (Jan. 19 at Cherry Hill Lanes in Westland).

At the county meet, Larkins led the way with a three-game series of 612. Maul registered a 571 series.

"The girls bowled really well as a team that day (on Jan. 19 at the Wayne County tourney)," Webb noted. "They made their spares, they bowled some really tough matches and really stuck together as a team."

"We were all proud of them. That was their first win as a team as far as a tournament goes."

Wildcats romp  
Also on Wednesday

at Super Bowl, Plymouth took on Northville in another KLAA Central matchup.

The Wildcats swept the 10 Baker points and went on from there to post a 25-5 victory.

For Plymouth (5-6, 3-4), Caitlyn Webb enjoyed a big day. She shot a 328 series on games of 171 and 157 to lead all bowlers in the match.

Emily Fraser scored a 299 series, featuring a 168 game. Other Plymouth contributors were Lauryn Vincent (142-153-295) and Megan Blanck (158-118-276).

Top performers for Northville (2-9, 1-7) were Sami Sugiyama (168-135-303) and Esha Bedi (127-156-283).

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Canton's Rachel Winters (left) is guarded by John Glenn's India Gliespie during Friday's KLAAs South Division showdown.

## GIRLS

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else down."

The strategy worked almost to perfection as Aresco piled up points on aggressive drives to the basket — she scored 15 of her team's 24 first-half points and nine of 11 points in the third.

Unfortunately for the Chiefs, not much else was working offensively.

### Almost there

Still, the Chiefs were within reach of the Rockets until about three minutes to go in the final quarter, when a triple try that would have tied the game at 46-46 fell short.

That chance followed a block by junior center Taylor Hunley at the other end. Hunley had a solid all-around game with eight points, seven rebounds and four blocks.

And at the start of the quarter, an off-the-mark jumper kept Canton from making it a 37-37 game.

"We were right there, we had a couple opportunities where we didn't make those shots," Canton head coach Brian Samulski said. "You're going to have to make shots down the stretch. You never know what would happen if you tie the game and go from there. Then you don't have to foul, you just got to guard."

The Rockets took off from there, making six straight free throws and pestering the Chiefs into costly turnovers (Canton had 19 for the game, 12 in the second half).

Samulski praised Aresco's performance, calling it "nothing new, we know she has that capability."

He also said his team worked "super hard," but had trouble with John Glenn's pressure defense and speed. Although Hunley did some damage in the paint, it wasn't nearly enough for the Chiefs' offense to really get going.

"I thought Taylor was great inside, she rebounded the ball well," Samulski said. "What I would have liked to do is get the ball to 'T' a little more inside. Because of their pressure, we got backed away from the rim and we weren't able to get the ball to her inside as much as I would have liked to."

Kovatch, meanwhile, lauded the seven girls he had available for the game for their effort. John Glenn is without guard ShaKeya Graves and 6-4 center Diamond Jordan, both injured.

"ShaKeya Graves is one of the top three players in the state of Michigan," Kovatch said. "And we came in here and still got a great win, a gummy win, with the girls we have."

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## 'Cats upend Churchill

Shelby Cheston scored 12 points and blocked eight shots Friday to lead Plymouth's varsity girls basketball team to a 38-23 victory Friday over Livonia Churchill.

With the KLAAs South Division win, the host Wildcats improved to 5-7 overall and 4-2 in the division while Churchill dropped to 5-7, 1-5.

Kylie Robb and Jada Woody each added six for Plymouth, which outscored Churchill 28-21 in the second half after trailing 12-10 at intermission.

Sophomore center Hannah Pummill paced the Chargers and all scorers with 15 points. Senior guard Sydney Anderson added six.

"We came out totally different in the second half with intensity and finished strong," Plymouth head coach Bob de Bear said. "We got nice contributions from our bench, especially Brooke Senkbeil and Megan Wieloch."

"They played disciplined and smart and were part of a lineup that opened up our lead."

**NORTHVILLE 35, SALEM 17:** Kendra Brenner drained four triples and wound up with 19 points to lead visiting Northville to this KLAAs Central Division victory over Salem (4-8, 3-3).

The Rocks were led by Janyra Wilson (six points, six rebounds) and Bre Beaver

(six points, five boards). "They did a better job of handling the ball," Salem head coach Fred Thomann said. "We had 19 turnovers and most importantly, 12 in the first half, which didn't help us very much."

Northville jumped out to leads of 11-5 after the first quarter and 19-10 at halftime.

**PCA 46, ROEPER 25:** A strong all-around game Friday sparked host Plymouth Christian Academy (9-3, 5-1) to a MIAC-Blue win over Birmingham Roeper.

Several Eagles were in flight. Karen Windle, Rachael Fuller and Jenny Malcolm each scored nine points, with Jenna Abraham (eight points) and Rachel Smith (seven points) helping the cause.

Emily Gerulis had a big defensive game, with 10 rebounds along with four steals and two blocks. Malcolm led PCA with 11 rebounds.

Martha Mullett tallied five rebounds and three steals.

"We played a great team game tonight very balanced offensively and tough in-your-face defense," PCA head girls basketball coach Carol Gerulis said. "I am very proud of my players. They played so well tonight and it didn't matter what combination of players I had on the floor. They worked well together."

# Dierker trey wins it for Salem

Salem's varsity boys basketball team is showing a flair for the dramatic that's paying off in the win column.

After trailing 39-34 going into the fourth quarter of Friday's KLAAs Central Division matchup at Northville, the Rocks forced turnovers and transition buckets with pressure defense.

With 12 seconds remaining and the game tied, Salem (10-3, 5-1) called a timeout, went for the last shot and senior Chris Dierker nailed a triple off the glass to win it.

"It was definitely a lot tougher the second time around against them than it was the first time," Salem head coach Bob Brodie said. "Northville was bound and determined to get a little revenge on us but the kids responded pretty well."

## BOYS BASKETBALL

Brodie said the depth of his roster also was a key factor. "Getting contributions from a lot of players also helped."

The top scorer for the Rocks with 14 points was Ahmad Khalid (also eight rebounds) while Dierker and Nate Sass tallied 13 each. Scoring 12 was Kevin Mack.

**PLYMOUTH 47, CHURCHILL 38:** Josh Priebe's 19 points carried the Wildcats (5-7, 3-3) to a KLAAs South Division triumph Friday at Livonia Churchill (4-8, 2-4).

The Wildcats, who also got nine points from Tyler Gamblin and eight from Sid Acharya, fell behind 16-4 after one quarter before pulling to within four at halftime, 27-23.

Plymouth's defense stepped it up in the second half, allowing just 11 points, as the Wildcats slowly pulled away. "Obviously we were able to ratchet it up a couple notches defensively, so that really

helped us out," Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup said. Priebe led the Wildcats with five rebounds, with Deji Adebisi and Brendan Swanson adding four and three, respectively.

**PCA 48, ROEPER 46:** Drew Ibach and Alex Huber reached double figures in scoring and Matt Sumner pulled down 13 rebounds to lift Plymouth Christian Academy (8-3, 3-3) to this Michigan Independent Athletic Conference win Friday at PCA.

Ibach (11 points) and Huber (10 points) led the way, with Daniel Jipping (nine points) and Sumner (seven points) also chipping in.

## LUTHERAN WESTLAND 44, LUTHERAN SOUTH 31:

Lutheran High Westland (5-4, 4-2) overcame a sluggish first half to earn a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference win Friday at Newport Lutheran South (3-8, 3-4).

Nick Andrzejewski led the victorious Warriors with 18 points, nine rebounds, five steals and two assists.

Brandon Wyman added eight points and nine boards. Michael Roebke led South

with eight points. The Warriors trailed 12-6 after one quarter before getting untracked and put it away with a 14-6 fourth-quarter run.

"We knew coming out of halftime that they had only two main threats," Lutheran Westland coach Jim Hoeft said. "We decided to switch things up on defense in the second half and we completely shut down their go-to guys. Overall, it was our team defense that won this game for us. Our shots weren't falling (19-of-65), but we ramped up our defensive intensity."

**BAPTIST PARK 67, HVL 48:** Ryan Schaffer's game-high 25 points were not enough Thursday as host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (3-7, 1-5) fell to Taylor Baptist Park Christian (6-3, 4-2) in a MIAC Red Division game.

Kirk Thomas led the victorious Wildcats with 23 points, while Jovan Shell and Anthony Kaminski added 19 apiece.

HVL trailed 28-23 at that, but was outscored 39-25 in the second half as Baptist Park shot 50 percent from the field, including 5-of-12 from three-point range.

# Chiefs rally, grab share of first

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn had a chance to put itself in the driver's seat Friday night at home in the KLAAs South Division boys basketball race.

Instead, the Rockets find Canton sitting in the passenger side ready to grab the wheel following a 55-50 upset win that ended Glenn's 10-game winning streak.

Both teams now stand 5-1 in the division with four games left.

Glenn captured the first meeting on Jan. 4 at Canton, 53-48, by making most of the right plays down the stretch.

But the Chiefs (7-5 overall) had other ideas in the rematch getting a huge three-pointer from Josh Mayberry with 3:16 left to make it 49-48 followed by critical baskets from Scott Gring and Greg Williams during the final 2:25 to help secure the win.

Mayberry then connected with a pair of free throws with 1.97 seconds to put it away.

"It's a big time win, on the road, against a really good team," said Canton coach Jimmy Reddy, who played and coached under Glenn's Dan Young. "And Coach Young is a big-time coach. I've learned so much from him playing for and coaching with him. The difference tonight is that we finished the game. We played with more purpose and poise than we did three weeks ago."

Although the Rockets (10-2 overall) trailed most of first half, they got untracked in the third quarter outscoring Canton 16-10 to pull even at 37-37.

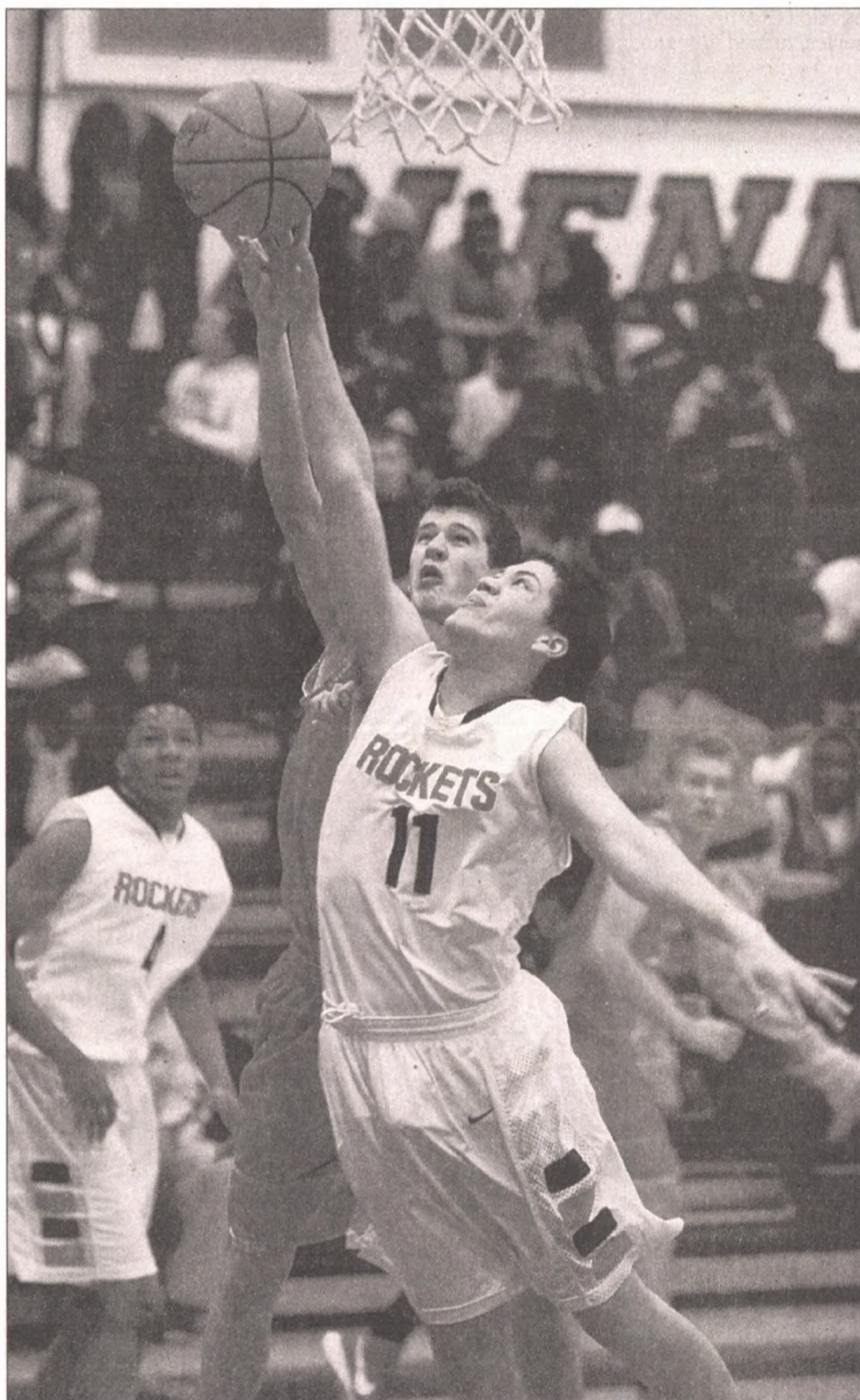
Glenn then scored the first five points of the fourth quarter with senior forward Richard Roberts (14 points) nailing a three-pointer with 6:55 to put the Rockets up 42-37.

Canton used a balanced scoring attack led by Gring, a 6-foot-3 sophomore senior, who finished with 14 on 5-of-6 shooting.

Jordan Nobles, a 6-7 junior, added 12 points and nine rebounds.

"It's great because it gives us a great chance of winning the division because nobody else could beat them," Nobles said. "We had a team meeting after the first (Glenn) game and we felt like we're the only team that could beat them in the division."

But Nobles came up with a big hoop with 6:30 left in the final period to stem a Rocket surge and cut the deficit to 42-39.



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John Glenn's Dre Black (11) gets blocked from behind by Canton's Ryan Planey as teammate Isaac Everette (4) looks on.

"The third quarter they (Glenn) got 16 points and made a 5-0 run to start the fourth so they scored 21 during that time," Reddy said. "We challenged our guys. They dug in and guarded. The last six, seven minutes we guarded well."

"That's a big possession in the game. They're making their run and we weathered the storm."

Williams, a 6-2 sophomore forward, and Mayberry, a 6-2 senior point-guard, added 11 and 10 points, respectively. Ryan Planey also contributed eight off the bench.

"It's always one of the toughest games and they're always one of the best defensively," Glenn coach Dan Young said. "That says a lot because they're not going to quit and he (Reddy) is not going to quit. He never quit and they're good."

"It's a little bit of an eye opener for us. They were better than us tonight. The four years we've

been going against each other every game seems to come down right until the end. They were very good tonight, very ready to play."

Glenn, despite leading by as many as five early in the fourth quarter, made only 4-of-18 shots from the floor and ended up 19-of-61 overall (31.1 percent).

"We took a lot of bad shots, we really did," Young said. "Obviously, for whatever reason, we were out of sync offensively. But I want to give all the credit to them because they were better than us."

In the first meeting between the two teams, Nobles came on in final period scoring eight of his 11 points.

"Three weeks ago when we played Glenn we went into halftime and he (Nobles) had zero points and zero rebounds," Reddy said. "We challenged him because he's the most skilled player on our

team. And since then, he's been delivering and playing like he's able to."

The Chiefs held Glenn's top scorer, senior point-guard Nick Daniels, to 13 points on 4-of-13 shooting. James Pruitt, a 6-6 junior, added 10.

"Defensively we went with the same game plan," Reddy said. "Offensively we wanted to attack the rim more. I don't think we shot nearly as many 'threes.' I think the last time we played them we shot 22 'threes.' That's too many for us. We've been doing a better job of attacking the rim and playing inside-out since then."

Canton made 20-of-46 shots from floor and committed only 12 turnovers.

"We played as a team," Nobles said. "We played great offensively and didn't turn the ball over. We crashed the boards and did everything right."

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# SWIMMING

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lent results against the Zebras, with Earls and Weber winning individual events (200 freestyle, 100 butterfly, respectively) and sharing in two first-place relays. Earls took honors in the 200 free with a time of 2:01.96, while Weber's 58.57 finish was best in the 100 fly. Wilson was on all three victorious relay teams and the Wildcats garnered depth points from Savalox and Yee.

### Pushing each other

But a number of versatile and talented underclassmen are following the leaders, in work ethic and on the scoreboard. That is music to Forbes' ears. "The older kids, the seniors and juniors, they're bringing in the younger kids into their lanes and they're pushing them harder ... and harder," Forbes said. "They all feed off of that energy. I've noticed significant time drops from everybody. "Our depth is increasing as the year goes on." Strength in numbers again showed itself against Wayne, with Plymouth finishing 1-2-3 in two events (100 backstroke, 100 breaststroke)



Plymouth freshman Garrett Beauprez, shown from earlier this season, won two individual events and a share of two relays Thursday against Wayne Memorial.

and taking the top two spots in four other races. In the 100 back, Ben Yang (1:00.39), Weber (1:02.52) and Keegan Kendall (1:08.27) did the honors to garner 13 of 16 available points. Taking the top three spots (and 13 more points) in the 100 breast were Tyler Kazimierzuk (1:15.38), Bronson Knowles (1:19.62) and Savalox (1:23.49). Plymouth placed 1-2 in the 200 medley relay. The 'A' team of Earls, impressive freshman Garrett

Beauprez, Weber and Wilson took first with a time of 1:50.15; in second with a 1:59.38 finish was the 'B' team of Yang, Ryan Heinze, Ben Henderson and Alex Johnson. Other 1-2 events for the Wildcats were the 200 freestyle (Earls, 2:01.96; Johnson, 2:03), diving (with Grant Hoberrecht's 126.60 points second behind McManus) and 100 free (Johnson, 54.41; Heinze, 54.45). First-place points were secured in two other relays, as well as two

additional individual races. In the 200 free relay, the tandem of Earls, Weber, Heinze and Wilson placed first with a time of 1:39.10. Also finishing first with a mark of 3:43.97 was the 400 free relay team composed of Yang, Wilson, Johnson and Beauprez. Beauprez grabbed first in two events, the 200 IM (2:14.39) and 500 free (5:15.53).

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## BOYS SWIM RESULTS

### DUAL MEET RESULTS PLYMOUTH 130 WAYNE MEMORIAL 55 Jan. 24 at Plymouth

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Plymouth (Cam Earls, Garrett Beauprez, Nick Weber, Alex Wilson), 1:50.15; 2. Plymouth (Ben Yang, Ryan Heinze, Ben Henderson, Alex Johnson), 1:59.38; 3. Wayne (Ethan Drouillard, Alec Gibson, Noah Karson, Jacob Griffith), 2:06.68.  
**200 freestyle:** 1. Earls (P), 2:01.96; 2. Johnson (P), 2:03; 3. Zack Williams (W), 2:09; 4. Michael Gibson (W), 2:13.02; 5. Mack Beeny (W), 2:13.93.  
**200 individual medley:** 1. Beauprez (P), 2:14.39; 2. John Stover (W), 2:14.44; 3. Yang (P), 2:15.89; 4. Karson (W), 2:27.84; 5. Keegan Kendall (P), 2:38.97.  
**50 freestyle:** 1. Heinze (P), 24.57; 2. Devin Gibson (W), 24.93; 3. Wilson (P), 24.93; 4. Griffith (W), 26.19; 5. Andrew Liakos (P), 26.37.  
**1-meter diving:** 1. Connor McManus (P), 192.80 points; 2. Grant Hoberrecht (P), 126.60; 3. M. Gibson (W), 111.95; 4. Uriel Figueroa (W), 73.40.  
**100 butterfly:** 1. Weber (P), 58.57; 2. Karson (W), 1:06.69; 3. Brandon Burger (P), 1:10.01; 4. Jacob Cason (P), 1:12.15; 5. Collin Malcolm (W), 1:30.99.  
**100 freestyle:** 1. Johnson (P), 54.41; 2. Heinze (P), 54.45; 3. D. Gibson (W), 55.25; 4. Mack Beeny (W), 59.37; 5. James Gholston (P), 59.99.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Beauprez (P), 5:15.53; 2.

Stover (W), 5:19.90; 3. Earls (P), 5:22.86; 4. Williams (W), 5:56.27; 5. Mayank Jayaram (P), 6:38.89.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Plymouth (Earls, Weber, Heinze, Wilson), 1:39.10; 2. Wayne (D. Gibson, M. Gibson, Williams, Stover), 1:43.31; 3. Plymouth (Burger, Tyler Kazimierzuk, Steve Yee, Liakos), 1:48.  
**100 backstroke:** 1. Yang (P), 1:00.39; 2. Weber (P), 1:02.52; 3. Kendall (P), 1:08.27; 4. Drouillard (W), 1:11.39; 5. Malcolm (W), 1:18.10.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. Kazimierzuk (P), 1:15.38; 2. Bronson Knowles (P), 1:19.62; 3. Gunnar Savalox (P), 1:23.49; 4. Figueroa (W), 1:40.86; 5. Michael Dennard (W), 2:00.81.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Plymouth (Yang, Wilson, Johnson, Beauprez), 3:43.97; 2. Wayne (Stover, M. Gibson, Karson, D. Gibson), 3:46.29; 3. Plymouth (Gholston, Andrew Harris, Kendall, Liakos), 4:11.01.  
**Dual meet records:** Plymouth, 4-2 overall, 3-0 KLAAs South Division.

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**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Canton (Kyle Bindas, Alex Bourdreau, Trevis Majtara, Josh Joy), 1:54.92; 2. John Glenn (Jacob Burcicki, Petr Orzech, John Kukulka, Chris Sabal), 1:56.58; 3. Canton (Travis Alber, Michael Wilyard, Cole Malhoit, Chris Jenner), 2:01.24.  
**200 freestyle:** 1. Aaron Alholinna (WJG), 2:01.55; 2. Brad Alholinna (WJG), 2:05.65; 3. Jake Derring (WJG), 2:07.82.  
**200 individual medley:** 1. Josh Wakeford

(WJG), 2:13.19; 2. Bourdreau (C), 2:19.39; 3. Burcicki (WJG), 2:27.56.  
**50 freestyle:** 1. Cody Hodges (WJG), 24.67; 2. Majtara (C), 24.85; 3. Bindas (C), 25.41.  
**1-meter diving:** 1. Dave Cunningham (WJG), 157.70 points; 2. Nick Osam (C), 150.95; 3. Austin Tetlow (C), 118.20.  
**100 butterfly:** 1. Wakeford (WJG), 59.52; 2. John Kukulka (WJG), 1:03.35; 3. Malhoit (C), 1:07.71.  
**100 freestyle:** 1. Hodges (WJG), 54.58; 2. Majtara (C), 55.87; 3. B. Alholinna (WJG), 57.01.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. A. Alholinna (WJG), 5:34.02; 2. Deering (WJG), 5:38.64; 3. Wilyard (C), 6:00.05.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1. John Glenn (Kukulka, Burcicki, Hodges, Wakeford), 1:39.23; 2. Canton (Majtara, Joy, Bindas, Jenner), 1:41.99; 3. John Glenn (Nate Alvord, B. Alholinna, Deering, A. Alholinna), 1:46.98.  
**100 backstroke:** 1. Kukulka (WJG), 1:07.82; 2. Alber (C), 1:11.52; 3. Burcicki (WJG), 1:11.83.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. Bourdreau (C), 1:09.63; 2. Orzech (WJG), 1:20.21; 3. Derek Sweet (WJG), 1:21.45.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 1. John Glenn (Hodges, A. Alholinna, B. Alholinna, Wakeford), 3:45.84; 2. Canton (Jenner, Noah Adams, Alber, Alex Sogge), 3:59.95; 3. Canton (John Everitt, Kyle Spence, Bourdreau, Wilyard), 4:08.03.  
**Dual meet records:** John Glenn, 5-0 overall, 3-0 KLAAs South Division; Canton, 0-5 overall, 0-3 KLAAs South.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Rocks need asst. track coach

The Salem varsity girls track and field team is looking for an assistant coach "with knowledge in the two throwing events of discus and shot put." Please contact head coach Dave Gerlach at (734) 416-7708 or Salem-GirlsTrackandField@pccsml.net if interested.

### 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 parent's driver's license and car insurance for team travel; a check made out to Salem Girls Tennis to order a uniform.

### 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. Players will be taught drills and techniques

used to prepare college seniors for the NFL Combine. To register, go to [www.coachjacksonspeed.com](http://www.coachjacksonspeed.com) or for more information contact coach Jackson at (248) 535-7404.

### Madonna to hold softball camp II

Madonna University's first winter softball camp for kids ages 7-18 ends Saturday, but the second camp is around the corner. Fundamentals Camp II is slated from 12 noon-2:30 p.m., Sundays, Feb. 3, 10, 17 and 24. For more information, visit [www.MadonnaCrusaders.com](http://www.MadonnaCrusaders.com).

### CHS Hall of Fame

The 11th annual Livonia Churchill Athletic Patron Hall of Fame induction will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 21 at the Italian-American Hall, 392000 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Among the inductees are the 2007 Class A state champion girls volleyball team, former Churchill baseball player Rod Hawraney and parent volunteers Don and Jane DeRoo. Tickets are \$35 per person (if purchased by March 1) or \$40 (after March 1).

The evening includes hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, dinner and program (from 7:30-9 p.m.). For more information, call Rob Suida at (313) 617-5448; or email [rsuida@cmsenergy.com](mailto:rsuida@cmsenergy.com).

## Canton win streak at 25

The Canton gymnastics train keeps chugging along with two more wins to make it 25 straight dual-meet victories. Canton tallied a season-high 144.725 score Thursday to defeat Brighton (142.725) and Howell (136.95).

Jocelyn Moraw and Melissa Green paced the Chiefs, with all-around scores of 37.3 and 37.125, respectively. Scoring event wins for Canton were Moraw (uneven parallel bars, 9.4; balance beam, 9.7), Green (vault, 9.35) and Nicole Lasecki (floor exercise, with a personal best of 9.7).

"Generally it was a good meet, but there's lots of room for improvement," Canton head coach John Cunningham said.

### Big night for 'Cats

On Jan. 15 against Livonia Red, the Huron Valley Invite, Plymouth set a new team record with 140.55 points while Rebecca Simu's mark of 9.1256 on uneven parallel bars set a new individual school record for that event.

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Other outstanding performances were turned in by Haley Metz (9.0 on floor, 8.825 on bars), Sam Fontana (8.675 on bars, 8.75 on floor), Emily Welch (8.8 on floor) and Katie Salanga (9.25 on beam).

### DUAL MEET RESULTS SALEM 138.7 LIVONIA BLUE 136.65 Jan. 24 at Plymouth H.S.

**Vault:** 1. (tie) Brittany Ramirez (S) and Andrea Merlott (S), 9.1 each; 3. Bri Rhoad (Blue), 9.0; 4. Morgan Soper (S), 8.9; 5. Brooke Allgeyer (S), 8.8.  
**Uneven bars:** 1. Rhoad (Blue), 8.8; 2. Alex Zukowski (Blue), 8.35; 3. Merlott (S), 8.25; 4. Jillian Zafarana (Blue), 8.2; 5. Allgeyer (S), 8.15.  
**Balance beam:** 1. Merlott (S), 9.2; 2. Soper (S), 8.85; 3. Rhoad (Blue), 8.6; 4. Zafarana (Blue), 8.45; 5. Emily Chatterjee (Blue), 8.3.  
**Floor exercise:** 1. Soper (S), 9.5; 2. (tie) Zukowski (Blue) and Merlott (S), 9.0 each; 4. (tie) Rhoad (Blue) and Maddie Burt (S), 8.9 each.  
**All-around:** 1. Merlott (S), 35.55; 2. Rhoad (Blue), 35.30; 3. Soper (S), 35.20; 4. Chatterjee (Blue), 33.55; 5. Paulette Martino (S), 33.55.  
**Dual meet records:** Salem, 4-1 overall; Livonia Blue, 2-6 overall.

## HOCKEY

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We've been competitive in every game but one." On Salem's winning goal, junior defenseman Jason Katulski gambled and skated into the left corner to retrieve a loose puck. Katulski, just above the red line, sent the puck into the crease area where it bounced off a defender. Fedel got to it before Chiefs junior netminder Justin Kolbicz (30 saves) did and backhanded it in. Also assisting was junior forward Jack Driscoll.

### Worth the risk

"It's kind of a risky play because they could then turn it around with a defenseman down deep," Ossenmacher said about Katulski pinching on the winner. "But it worked out." After a scoreless first period, each team scored early in the second. With 13:55 to go, Fedel's centering pass was rifled under the crossbar by senior defenseman Kyle Downey. Canton answered quickly, as junior defenseman Dillon Schlampp (two goals) one-timed a feed from senior winger Charlie Steslick. Starting the

play was sophomore forward Connor Wherrett.

The Chiefs took their only lead of the contest at 7:58. Senior forward Drew Oldani sent the puck in front and Schlampp poked it past Godfrey.

Salem's power play perked up with two goals in the final 2:40 to go up 3-2 entering the final period.

Willer persisted in front of Kolbicz and scored on his own rebound. Junior forward Jason Newel collected the lone helper.

Then with 36 seconds left, Zultowski ripped the puck in off the left post on a play made by junior

forward Jake Sealy — who threaded a pass from the right corner. Senior blueliner Evan Patton drew the second assist.

"Five-on-five it was a pretty good hockey game, it went back and forth," Majszak said. "But we took some penalties and they're very disciplined on the power play, they move the puck pretty well."

"Before the game in our pregame chat, I said this game was going to come down to special teams and it did."

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## WRESTLING RESULTS

### DUAL MATCH RESULTS PLYMOUTH 40 CHURCHILL 29 Jan. 23 at Livonia Churchill

**103 pounds:** Mohamad Youssef (P) pinned Spencer Blanchard, 1:12; **112:** Dylan Dwyer (P) p. Zachary Smith, 2:19; **119:** Trey Berry (P) decisioned Josh Perez, 5-4; **125:** Jonathon Locklear (LC) p. Austin Currier, 1:25; **130:** Jake Hale (LC) major decision over Spencer Schiftra, 13-5; **135:** Jon Conn (P) p. Zachary Leck, 1:19; **140:** Alec Breckenridge (P) p. Jake Humphrey, 2:17; **145:** Hussein Youssef (P) maj. dec. Justin Baker, 13-0; **152:** Ben Leck (LC) maj. dec. Aaron Smyth, 16-4; **160:** Terek Tamimi (P) p. Matt Siemasz, 1:39; **171:**

Joseph Shaver (P) dec. Nathan Dietrich, 7-0; **189:** Baker Hauwan (LC) p. Michael Jordan, 4:43; **215:** Jacob Mercieca (LC) dec. Ronnie Dancer, 4-3; **285:** Emmanuel Haddad (LC) p. Adam DuLong, 2:33.  
**LIVONIA FRANKLIN 36 WAYNE MEMORIAL 30 Jan. 23 at Wayne**  
**145 pounds:** Allen Parker (WM) won by major decision over Tyler Solnikowski, 14-6; **152:** Nick Frazier (LF) won by major dec. over Kevin Marz, 16-6; **160:** Shamen Hall (WM) won by major dec. over Mitchell Retting, 13-5; **171:** Jordan Atienza (LF) pinned Sam Ekanem, 3:31; **189:** Allen Steele (LF) won by technical fall over Lucas Hofbauer, 19-2; **285:** Aaron Mauldin (WM) won by void; **103:** Jack

Newa (LF) won by tech. fall over Jack DeJack, 21-6; **112:** Nick Robertson (LF) p. Dominick Sanders, 3:16; **119:** Tyler Mulligan (WM) dec. Jeremy Nelson, 11-5; **125:** Tim Way (WM) dec. Adam Ross, 11-4; **130:** Colin Smith (LF) won by major dec. over Christopher Pernell, 21-7; **135:** Dan Martinez (LF) p. Tim Flores, 1:30; **140:** Marcus Jordan (WM) p. Kenneth Steele, 2:23.  
**Dual match records:** Franklin, 18-5 overall, 4-1 KLAAs South Division; Wayne, 14-3 overall, 3-2 KLAAs South.  
**WAYNE MEMORIAL 45 BROWNSTOWN WOODHAVEN 24 Jan. 23 at Wayne**  
**152 pounds:** Jarek Ammons (BW) pinned Aaron Heinonen, 1:19; **160:**

Robert Duncan (BW) decisioned Shamen Hall, 8-3; **171:** Sam Ekanem (WM) won by injury default over Mickey Sutton; **189:** Lucas Hofbauer (WM) p. Justin Patton, 5:22; **215:** Chris Gutmann (BW) dec. Tyler Casteels, 3-2; **285:** Aaron Mauldin (WM) dec. Quintin Ruddell, 9-3; **103:** Jack DeJack (WM) p. Jeff Cross, 1:45; **112:** Matt Horne (BW) p. Dominick Sanders, 3:00; **119:** Tyler Mulligan (WM) dec. John Hancock, 11-7; **125:** Tim Way (WM) won by major dec. over Devin McClain, 11-3; **130:** Austin Avison (BW) p. Aaron Stone, 1:58; **135:** Tim Flores (WM) p. Ian Sikina, 1:58; **140:** Marcus Jordan (WM) p. Josh Ozog, 2:28; **145:** Allen Parker (WM) won by technical fall over James King, 22-5.

## Sarnia stings Whalers in shootout, 5-4

Sarnia needed a shootout to defeat visiting Plymouth 5-4 Friday night in an Ontario Hockey League contest.

The Whalers tied the game at 4-4 with a three-goal second period, with goals by Garrett Meurs, Cody Payne and Sebastian Uvira.

But neither team could break the tie during the third period and overtime, sending the contest to the shootout which Charles Sarault one for the Sting. It was the only goal by either team in the shootout.

Both teams are tied at the top of the OHL West Division with 57

points after 47 games. Making 24 saves in a losing effort for the Whalers was Matt Mahalak.

Plymouth got on the board in the first when Meurs found the range with 2:16 left to cut Sarnia's edge to 2-1. His second goal, which tied the game on the power play, gave him 22 for the season.

On Thursday, forwards Vince Trocheck and Matt Mistele scored two goals each in the Whalers 8-2 road win against Windsor.

One of the Windsor goal scorers was former whaler and Farmington Hills product Alex Aleardi.



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## Building an 'ARK'

### Women fundraise for pet housing at First Step shelter

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Ailsa Blunk was volunteering with a friend at First Step's new domestic abuse shelter in 2011, when she noticed the agency's wish list included a safe haven for clients' pets.

"Right away my eyes zoomed onto that. They said they needed \$80,000 to make that come to fruition," said Blunk, a Northville resident and pet lover. "I said we know 80 people we can get \$1,000 from. That was our first plan."

A year and a half later, Blunk is in charge of the First Step ARK (Animals Receiving Kindness) Committee, a 12-member group dedicated to building and operating temporary housing for family pets at the agency's shelter. In addition to Blunk, the

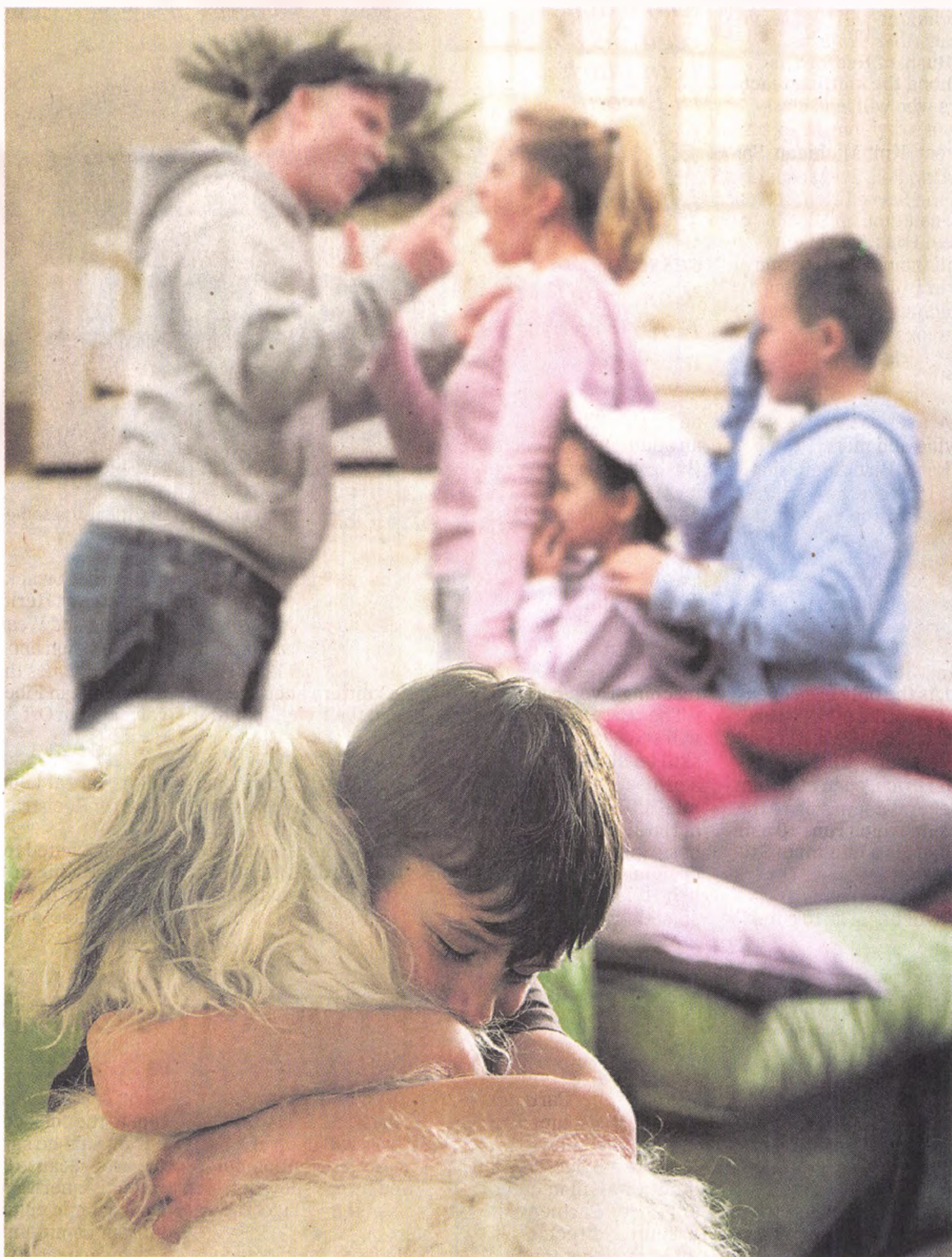
group includes Tami Rager, Karen Thiele, Jane Weaver, Susan Johnson, Susan Lee, Susan Kage, Amy Marmaduke, Kathy Bernard, Eileen Freeman, Joanne Sawicki and Marjorie Lynch. First Step has offices in Plymouth and supports victims of domestic and sexual violence through a variety of programs, including emergency housing in western Wayne County.

Nine of the Committee's members are friends who attend church together at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. They came together in October 2011, spent a year researching domestic abuse shelters — including La Casa in Howell, Michigan's only shelter with pet housing — made connections with local veterinarians and res-

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Chico is in good hands after leaving an abusive environment. A volunteer agreed to foster the dog until his owner, a client at First Step, got back on her feet. The woman relinquished her pet and the volunteer adopted the dog.





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# Spin, knit, weave, crochet at fiber event

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Knitters, it's time to cast on. From backward loop to long tail to magic and cable, Marti Bush is ready to show you which technique will best serve your fiber project.

Bush, of Redford, is among the knitting teachers who will lead classes at a day-long fiber arts event, Knit Michigan, Saturday, Feb. 2 at Academy of the Sacred Heart, 1250 Kensington, in Bloomfield Hills. The event will include instruction in knitting, crocheting, spinning and weaving; demonstrations; a market; a knit and crochet help area; group "knit-in" and "spin-in;" silent and live auctions; raffle; yarn dyeing and more.

Early Bird Admission is \$15 and allows participants to enter the market and shop for one hour before Knit Michigan officially opens. The market, with more than a dozen different yarn shops from southeastern Michigan represented, is the only area open at 9 a.m. All other areas, which also are included in the Early Bird Admission price, open at 10 a.m. General admission to the event, which runs 10 a.m.-4 p.m., is a minimum \$10 donation.

Ten different classes will begin at 10 a.m.,

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and 2 p.m. They cost an additional \$35 each. Bush, who teaches regularly at "Art Is In Market" in Livonia and Novi, will present "Cast On! Many Different Ways," in the morning session and "Continental Knitting" in the afternoon. She has been knitting since she was a child and began teaching five years ago.

The "Cast On!" class will show knitters of all skill levels how to start a project. "Continental Knitting" is aimed at those with at least basic knitting skills. It's designed to help the English-style knitter make a smooth transition to the



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Want to learn to knit and help charity at the same time? You can, at Knit Michigan, an annual fiber arts event, Feb. 2 in Bloomfield Hills.

Continental method and will include instruction in knit and purl stitches, three types of cast-ons and binding off. English-style knitters keep the yarn in their right hand; Continental knitters use their left hand.

In addition to Bush, Cherie Cornick, a Canton resident, will teach a morning class, "Carding a Perfect Rolag." Carding is one of the steps involved in preparing fiber to be spun

into yarn. Cornick teaches classes at Heritage Spinning and Weaving in Lake Orion and learns new techniques through the Michigan Fiber Festival and Spin Off Autumn Retreats.

Class registration is online only at [knitmichigan.org](http://knitmichigan.org). Registration closes Jan. 31.

"I am excited to teach at Knit Michigan. It is a great way to volunteer my time, support a

great cause and still play with yarn," said Bush, in an e-mail to the *Observer*. "Knit Michigan offers classes, knitting supplies, and is a wonderful way to make new friends that enjoy the same hobbies."

Knit Michigan is a non-profit organization. Nearly all funds raised through the event are used to support charities that help cancer patients and their families, including Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer

Institute in Detroit, Gensys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc, Gil-da's Club in Royal Oak, Beaumont Hospital's Rose Cancer Treatment Center in Royal Oak, and U-M Comprehensive Cancer Center in Ann Arbor. The group also makes and donates chemo caps, lab blankets and other comfort items to patients.

For more information, e-mail to [info@knitmichigan.org](mailto:info@knitmichigan.org).

# Tickets on sale for rock-n-roll fundraiser in Canton

Old Time Rock-n-Roll is in. Old Man Winter is out.

At least, that's the plan for this year's Partnership for the Arts & Humanities second annual rock fundraiser, featuring the popular Livonia-based band, Steve King and the Dittilies.

The band performed at last year's event, billed as a Valentine Rock-n-Roll concert, which raised

\$8,700 for the Partnership and drew 324 supporters — through a snowstorm — to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. Jill Engel, Partnership executive director, said afterward that the show might have sold out if the weather had been better.

This year's fundraiser, "Old Time Rock-n-Roll," is set for March 2 — a little closer to spring and

with a better chance to thwart Mother Nature.

Doors will open at 7 p.m. for a reception, followed by the show at 8 p.m., at the Village Theater.

The event will include sample-sized treats from Antonio's Cucina Italiana, Hayden's Grill & Bar and Panache 447, along with specials from Showroom of Elegance and Indigo

Salon & Day Spa, in addition to the rock concert.

King said he supports the arts because "it is our collective heritage and an economic engine for a vibrant community."

"I have heard it said that creativity will be the currency of the 21st cen-

tury and anything that I can do to elevate the arts to the level of math and science as an educational pursuit I am obligated to do." Tickets are on sale now for \$25 per person if purchased by Jan. 31. After that date, they increase by \$5.

Get tickets at [www.cantonvillage theater.org](http://www.cantonvillage theater.org) or by calling (734) 394-5460.

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By Sharon Dargay



Steve King and the Dittilies will rock the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton at the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities fundraiser in March.

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# The weather starts many conversations

By Joe Gagnon  
Guest Columnist

Have you noticed that television newscasts often will start off with the weather person telling the viewer what it's going to be like for the next few days? This can turn out to relax you or make you a nervous wreck.

I received an e-mail the other day from a lady in Marietta, Ga., who has a concern with her 6-year-old Kitchen Aid microwave oven. Her husband, an engineer, was taking it apart to try and fix it and I passed on some friendly advice. Simply put, the microwave will kill him if he touches a wire when it is plugged in and operating.

That lady's name is Sharon Stein who used to write a newspaper column. Over 30 years ago, she wrote a story about a survey she was doing for her column which pointed out how much it would cost to have a service technician come to her home and change the bake element in her General Electric range. She called several appliance repair companies and received estimates from all of them. She called my appliance repair shop and I informed her that she didn't have to spend the money for a technician if she would just come to my store and I would sell her the element and show her how to install it herself. That was the first story every written about me and so I called her in Georgia and we had a nice conversation. The first thing I asked her was, "how's the weather?"

I interviewed a Dr. Abbasi the other day and asked him if the dry Michigan weather is a factor with many of his patients. He pointed out that many homeowners do not have a humidifier working on their furnace and itchy skin certainly is a problem for many. I have written many times about the importance of proper humidity in your homes

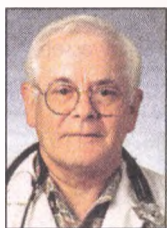
and again the colder it is outside the more humidity you need inside.

Speaking of temperature, it was 44 below zero on Jan. 16 in my home town of Timmins, Ontario. Now that is not the "feel like" temperature, it is actual and they are only half way through the winter season. It gets colder and I can't imagine how I managed to play hockey every day on outdoor rinks. I remember my father coming home from work and hooking up a hose to the boiler in the basement of the house and watering the rink he made for us in my back yard. I was so proud to see him standing at center ice dressed in his police officer uniform making sure he could do something for the neighborhood kids. It was so cold that if you took a puck in the face it would only take seconds to stop bleeding. I met a guy just a few years ago who I hadn't seen since I was 15 years old. He said, "Do you remember when we painted the center red line on your rink with the cut on my chin?"

The weather can also affect the operation of a clothes washer today. If it's too cold on the wall behind the washer the transmission oil can congeal and cause the belt to slip and become glazed. It wasn't a problem with my mother's old wringer washer, which was down in our basement. That coal-fired boiler kept the basement nice and toasty even when it was 50 below zero. I would help her put the clothes through the wringer and then I would look with disdain at the long woolen long johns hanging on the clothes line. Gosh, I hated those things, they were so itchy but they sure kept me warm. To this day I still have an indentation on my right cheek. It was caused by sitting for so long on the button for the trap door. OK, I'm just trying to be funny and you can't see it.

Recently we lost the humor in weather when Sonny Eliot passed away. Now it's become frontline news. 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@twm1.r.com](mailto:appldr@twm1.r.com).



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

## GARDEN & NATURE

Send garden and nature information and photos to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com).

### Native tree seminar

Home gardeners with an interest in native trees and Rouge River ecology may attend a public seminar 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, at the Southfield Public Library, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. The seminar title is "Go Native! ...with Trees and Shrubs!" Featured speakers will include Bill Schneider, owner of WildType Nursery, and Kim Thompson Everett, a landscaper specializing in tree and shrub maintenance. Program topics will include benefits of native trees and shrubs; species recommendations and availability; planting and maintenance tips, and more. The seminar is sponsored by the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) in cooperation with the City of Southfield and Rouge River municipalities. The seminar is

free, but advance registration is required at (248) 288-5150 weekdays, or e-mail to [LFDean@aol.com](mailto:LFDean@aol.com).

### English Gardens

- 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](http://www.englishgardens.com).
- The store runs its annual "Orchid Festival" with first two Saturdays in February. Visitors can 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. Orchids available during the festival include cattleya, with large showy flowers in white, lavender, purple, yellow and red; dendrobium, which are easy to grow, and available in white, yellow, green, pink, red, purple, stripes or spotted; miltonia, known as the pansy orchid, featuring breathtakingly beautiful flowers; oncidium, distinct and airy blooms on tall stems; papilio, compact plants that produce a single flower; and phalaenopsis, commonly known as the moth orchid, one of the most popular and easiest to grow orchids.

- Find out the basics of landscape design, 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16 at a free presentation.
- Learn about fresh flower arranging at a free presentation, 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23.
- Make a spring flower arrangement for \$29.99, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23. Register at [www.englishgardens.com](http://www.englishgardens.com).

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) 851-7506.

## ARK

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cue organizations and now are poised to begin fundraising.

"We're planning our fundraising blitz in February," Blunk said. "We're going to send letters to friends and family. We're thinking of celebrities we know. We have canisters we plan to put out at area pet stores, vets and hair salons. We're going to try anything and everything."

The group has printed brochures, videotaped a short program about the project, and made a PowerPoint presentation to shelter staff.

### Healing process

"They were very enthusiastic. They felt it was a definite need. It's a place where the family and their pets can start the healing process. Those of us who have animals know that if you are suddenly torn out of everything you know — especially for children — leave your house, leave your friends, leave your school, leave everything that is familiar and leave your pet behind knowing it could possibly be abused — how can you ever begin the healing process?"

"We know how much animals can assist in that healing process."

Theresa Bizoe, First Step associate director, said that when she mentioned the

plan at a meeting of shelter staff and clients a few months ago, two women burst into tears. They had given away their pets when they fled abusive environments.

"It is something very personal. Your animal companions, these wonderful creatures, are there when you are sad, hurt and injured. Sometimes they are the protectors of victims of violence," Bizoe said. "Animals know what is going on in the house. The Animal bond is an important part

of the healing process."

Bizoe expects that approximately 20 percent of shelter clients might need help with pet care. The shelter consists of 10 apartment-like mini suites. Clients who seek temporary shelter, most of whom are women with children, typically stay anywhere from a month to three months.

"Based on our research, we might see 30 animals a year," Blunk said.

### Building project

The Committee envisions four dog indoor dog kennels with adjacent outdoor runs, a separate room for cats with three "cat cabins," a quarantine room and a family gathering area. Pet owners would be required to care for and clean up after their animals, but the Committee members hope to fundraise another \$20,000 annually for utilities, pet care sup-

plies, food and veterinary expenses.

The animal housing is part of a larger building project that includes a playground, healing garden, and heated resource center. The resource center would include storage space for clothing, food, personal hygiene products, and other donated items, in addition to the animal haven.

Bizoe placed donated playground equipment in storage, while fundraising continues for drainage, fencing and cement work. She also welcomes in-kind donations and volunteer help.

Blunk hopes her group can meet its fundraising goal for animal housing this spring. In the meantime, she and other members are on call to find interim lodging at local veterinary hospitals and with rescues and foster parents. Two elderly cats stayed temporarily at a Westland veterinarian's office and Blunk's son offered to foster chihuahua for a First Step client. He adopted the dog and renamed it Chico after the shelter resident relinquished ownership.

To donate to ARK, send checks made out to First Step — with ARK on the memo line — and mail to First Step ARK, 44567 Pinetree Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170. To volunteer for the project, e-mail to [lemoblunk@aol.com](mailto:lemoblunk@aol.com) or call Blunk at (248) 719-1291.

## REUNIONS

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RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

January

ANNULMENTS

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30  
**Location:** St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton  
**Details:** The Rev. Ron Richards, a canon lawyer with experience working on the Tribunal for the Archdiocese of Detroit, will present information about annulments in a question and answer format. He'll answer such questions as: What is an annulment? How does one get an annulment? How long does it take to get an annulment. Call the parish office to register  
**Contact:** (734) 455-5910

GRIEF SUPPORT

**Time/Date:** 1:30-3 p.m. Wednesday, beginning Jan. 30  
**Location:** Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 27375 Bell, Southfield  
**Details:** Runs through March 6, is nonsectarian and designed for those who have lost a spouse. Call the National Council of Jewish Women Greater Detroit Section for information and registration. There is no charge but donations are accepted  
**Contact:** (248) 355-3300, Ext. 0

OPEN HOUSE

**Time/Date:** 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31  
**Location:** St. Genevieve Catholic School, 28933 Jamison, Livonia  
**Details:** Tour the school, talk to other parents and staff during this open house for the school, which includes classes for preschool through middle school, CYO sports, bus transportation for Livonia residents, and flexible payment plans. Registration packets will be available at the open house  
**Contact:** www.saintgenevieve.org or call (734) 425-4420

OPEN HOUSE

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27

**Location:** All Saints Catholic School, 48735 Warren Road, Canton  
**Details:** Parents who are interested in learning more about All Saints, may tour the school and meet teachers, staff and students. This year's open house will highlight All Saints' rigorous new curriculum, which since 2012 encompasses not only the State of Michigan and Common Core standards, but also the Core Knowledge curriculum developed more than 25 years ago by education reformer E.D. Hirsch. Core Knowledge is a sequenced set of age-appropriate content in history, geography, science, literature, and the arts that is taught cumulatively from one grade to the next  
**Contact:** www.allsaints.com or (734) 459-2490

OPEN HOUSE

**Time/Date:** 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 27  
**Location:** 11311 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Details:** St. Michael's School, Livonia's oldest and largest K-8 parochial school, invites all interested families to take student-led tours of their facilities, to meet staff members who will be available to answer questions and concerns, and to share refreshments and conversation with other parents and students. St. Michael's, SE Michigan's only two-time MANS accredited School of Distinction, offers a traditional faith-filled environment, with a commitment to high academic standards, service to others, a strong science and technology curriculum, coupled with many opportunities for significant parent involvement and extracurricular activities such as sports and scouts. St. Michael's offers half or full-day kindergarten, latch-key programming, and an extended curriculum which includes computer science, art, music, and Spanish.  
**Contact:** (734) 261-1455, Ext. 226, or www.livoniast-michael.org

February

CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10  
**Location:** Sacred Heart Banquet & Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia  
**Details:** Christian concert for children starring Rob Evans, "The Donut Man" and his sidekick, Duncan. The musician is nationally known for Bible story-songs. Admission is \$5 per person; kids, 3 and under are admitted free  
**Contact:** Rev. Joseph Marquis, Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, at (734) 522-3166

DINNER DANCE

**Time/Date:** 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16  
**Location:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** This Valentine's Day event will include a sit down dinner, DJ and dancing, and photo booth for special memories. Tickets are: \$35 per couple or \$20 per person. They're available by calling the church office  
**Contact:** (248) 553-3380

DIVORCE SUPPORT

**Time/Date:** 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14  
**Location:** Our Lady of Good Counsel School, Junior High Commons, 1062 Church Street, Plymouth  
**Details:** New Beginnings, support group for divorced Catholics, holds its next monthly meeting which will include a talk by the Rev. Ben Luedtke. Participants also will meet in small group discussions, giving them the opportunity to discuss issues related to divorce and faith in a safe, confidential, and prayerful environment. Pre-registration for this event is recommended and free of charge  
**Contact:** newbeginning-solgc@gmail.com

GRIEF SUPPORT

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 13 and 20  
**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia  
**Details:** The church and L.J. Griffin Funeral Homes present "Grieving with Great

Hope," a five-week grief support series that offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for people who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Presenters will include the Rev. Bill Tindall as well John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry  
**Contact:** St. Michael's at (734) 261-1455 or www.goodmourningministry.net



Rabbi Shmuley Boteach will speak Feb. 11 at The Berman Center for Performing Arts on the campus of the Jewish Community Center of Detroit, in West Bloomfield.

LECTURE

**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11  
**Location:** The Berman Center for Performing Arts, on the campus of the Jewish Community Center of Detroit, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield  
**Details:** Rabbi Shmuley Boteach, columnist and author of "The Fed-up Man of Faith," argues against Rabbi Harold Kushner's best-selling "Why Bad Things Happen to Good People" and boldly guides listeners to the conclusion that challenging God and his actions is not just a right but also a foremost obligation for human beings. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$25 at the door  
**Contact:** (248) 661-1900 or www.theberman.org

SOLANUS CASEY CENTER

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9  
**Location:** Met Hotel, 5500 Crooks, Troy  
**Details:** The Capuchin ministry will hold its ninth annual wine, dinner, and

auction featuring a cocktail hour with appetizers, a sit down dinner, exquisite wines from around the world along with a silent auction and live auction. Tickets are \$75 per person  
**Contact:** www.SolanusCenter.org or (313) 579-2100, Ext. 153

Ongoing

CLASSES/STUDY

**Men's Bible study**  
**Time/Date:** Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.  
**Location:** Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township  
**Contact:** John Shulenberg at (734) 464-9491  
**New Life Community Church**  
**Time/Date:** Jobs seminar, 8-9 am. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays.  
**Location:** 42200 Tyler, Belleville  
**Contact:** (734) 846-4615

**Our Lady of Loretto**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday  
**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford  
**Details:** Scripture study  
**Contact:** (313) 534-9000

**St. Michael the Archangel**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday.  
**Location:** School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Catholic author and bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads a study of the Gospel of St. Luke. The sessions are open to all, regardless of their faith or parish affiliation  
**Contact:** (734) 261-1455, ext. 200, or www.livoniast-michael.org

**Ward Presbyterian**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Mondays  
**Location:** Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville  
**Details:** Learner's Bible study is held  
**Contact:** (248) 374-5920

**CLOTHING BANK**  
**Canton Christian Fellowship**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to 1

p.m. fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m. second Wednesday  
**Location:** 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty  
**Details:** Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need  
**Contact:** (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

**FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL**  
**Time/Date:** 5-6 p.m. every Thursday  
**Location:** The Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Free meal  
**Contact:** (248) 477-1153, Ext. 12

**FOOD BANK**  
**New Hope Church**  
**Time/Date:** 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only  
**Location:** 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton  
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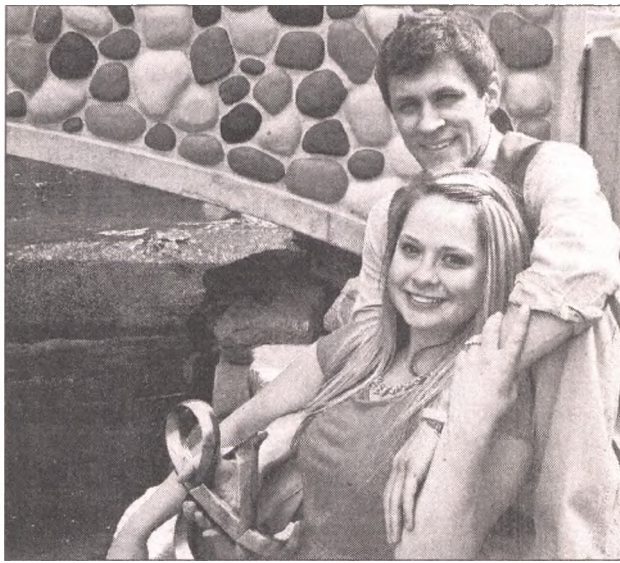
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**Walker-Wilson**

Emily A Walker and Daniel C. Wilson announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Margie Wallace and Frank Walker of Flushing, attended Ferris State University. She is employed as a cardiovascular RN at Spectrum Health Butterworth Hospital.

Her fiancé, son of Steve and Pat Wilson of Livonia, attended Ferris State University and is employed as a cardio-thoracic critical care RN at Spectrum Health Butterworth Hospital.



The couple plans to honeymoon in Mexico after an August 2013 wedding in Grand Blanc.

**Milestones**

**Guetschow-Spitzley**

Lauren Guetschow and Michael Spitzley announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Gary and Marcia Guetschow of Brighton.

Her fiancé is the son of Michael and Mary Spitzley of Canton.

They plan a January 2014 wedding in Detroit.



**STUDY: FLU VACCINE SAFE FOR KIDS WITH EGG ALLERGY**

Children who are allergic to eggs, including those with a history of anaphylaxis to egg, can safely receive a single dose of the seasonal influenza vaccine, according to a new study from the University of Michigan.

Historically, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended that children with egg allergies not take a seasonal influenza vaccine. Recent research conducted at the University of Michigan and elsewhere, helped modify this recommendation in 2011 so that caution was warranted for only those with severe egg allergy.

The new study, published in the *Annals of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology*, is good news for children who have severe egg allergies. In the study, none of the children with severe egg allergies developed an allergic reaction after receiving the vaccine, said Dr. Matthew Greenhawt, M.D., lead author of the study and assistant professor of allergy and immunology at the University of Michigan's C.S. Mott Children's Hospital.

"The flu vaccine is grown in embryonated chicken eggs and contains residual amounts of ovalbumin, a major egg allergen. This has historically raised concern about the safety of the vaccine in children with egg allergies," Greenhawt said.

"But this study shows these children, all of whom either had anaphylaxis or a severe allergic reaction from egg, can tolerate the vaccine. That's important because we know it's crucial that children get a vaccine to avoid the flu, especially this year as we've seen such an increase in cases and severity. The benefits outweigh the risks."

Influenza A is responsible for 21,156 annual hospitalizations of children, 4 and younger. The CDC reports that influenza activity right now is high and widespread across the nation. Thirty states and New York City were reporting high activity during the week of Jan. 6. As of Jan. 12, the total number of influenza-associated pediatric deaths was 29 for 2012-13. As many as one-third of children with a food allergy have asthma, and this group is particularly susceptible to influenza.

The American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology this month announced that administration of the flu vaccine is safe even in children with a history of a severe allergic reaction to eggs. In its recommendation, the College cited the U-M study.

Egg allergy is one of the most common food allergies in children, but by age 16 about 70 percent outgrow the allergy.

The study showed that a single dose is safe, making it unnecessary to administer the dose in two steps, which was a technique used in the past to minimize the risk of allergic reactions.

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**BUGEJA, ROBERT MICHAEL**  
Age 58, December 19, 1954. Dear father of Angelique (Richard) Cable and Eric Bugeja. Grandfather of Devin, Lucas, Christopher, Nicholas, Kaitlyn and Wyatt. Fiancee of Arleen Sommerville. Son of Josephine (Toby) Lampi and the late John Bugeja. Brother of Charles, Samuel, GERALYN, John and Joseph. Beloved uncle of many.  
Services were held by Santeiu & Son Funeral Home. santeiufuneralhome.com



**GILLIS, JOHN PATRICK**  
Age 94, of Livonia, passed away peacefully at Angela Hospice, surrounded by family on January 23, 2013. Gillis moved to Livonia in 1950 and established Gillis Electric, Inc. with his wife, Margaret, who predeceased him in 2003. Together John and Margaret raised a family of seven children: Patricia, Louise, Daniel (Laura), Laura (Nathan Butler), Marian, James, and Andrew (Marlene). John had 15 grandchildren. John's four sisters and three brothers preceded him in death. John Patrick was born in New Victoria on Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia on St. Patrick's Day, 1918, the seventh child of Daniel Gillis (b. 1866) and Mary Ann (MacDonald). John lost his parents at a young age. At age 8, John moved to the farm of cousin Neil J. Gillis and his sister Kate in Grand Mira. Neil later married Annie MacArthur. Neil and Annie's children became a second family for John. After a brief stint as a coal miner, John joined the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF), eventually serving as a lieutenant. During WWII John survived several plane crashes while performing reconnaissance and supply drops in Europe. He was picked up by fishermen in the North Atlantic and Dutch farmers in Holland. John met his wife of 57 years, Margaret Redmond, in 1942, when he came to visit his sister Helen Beaton in Detroit. Margaret's family had migrated from Cape Breton, Nova Scotia when she was a small child. John and Margaret married in 1946. As president and founder of Gillis Electric, John helped to provide a good living for hundreds. John and Margaret began the business in the basement of the family home in 1955, and Gillis Electric has operated an office and warehouse on Schoolcraft Road in Livonia since 1971. John also served as vice-president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, and treasurer of the Thomas Edison Club. John and Margaret were active at St. Maurice Parish in Livonia, and St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center in Detroit. John served as St. Maurice's retreat captain for St. Paul's for many years, and he attended retreats there for over 30 years. John learned to speak Scottish Gaelic when he moved to Grand Mira as a child. He had a deep knowledge of, and devotion to the history and Celtic culture of Cape Breton Island; he visited there every summer. He especially appreciated Cape Breton's unique music; it gave him much comfort in his last days. His love is a never ending circle. All our love "Beannachd Leibh". Visitation will take place at Fred Wood Funeral Home, 36100 Five Mile Road, East of Levan Road in Livonia, on Monday, January 28th, 4-9 PM, Tuesday, January 29th, 2-9 PM. A scripture service will take place on Tuesday at 7 PM. Funeral Services will take place at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center, 23333 Schoolcraft Detroit, MI 48223, Wednesday January 30th. The body will be in state at 9:30AM, and Mass will be celebrated at 10:30AM.  
In lieu of flowers, please donate to Angela Hospice www.angelahospice.org/donate, or St Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center www.stpaulretreat.org/giving Please share memories at fredwoodfuneralhome.com



**JONES, BARBARA ANN**  
Age 73, January 18, 2013. Beloved wife of Earl for 55 years. Loving mother of Judy (Ric) Kargel, Gary, Shirley (Charlie) Walker, Cathy (Dave) Glenn, Becky Morgan and Randy (Laurie). Dear grandmother of Julie (Joe), Tony, Stephen, Ricky and the late Chris. Loving great-grandmother of Shane and Joey. Dear sister of Mike (Debbie) Bush and Jon (Jayne) Bush. She will be dearly missed by her nieces and nephews, family, friends and all of Garden City. Funeral services were held at the Santeiu & Son Funeral Home. www.santeiufuneralhome.com



**PIERCE, MALCOLM GENE "MAC"**  
Age 82, January 16, 2013. Mac was an only child of parents Cyrus E. Pierce and Helen Millard Pierce, both teachers. Father was also principal for many years at various schools. The family moved from Mason, Michigan to Plymouth, Michigan when Mac was 16 years old. Mac excelled in a number of sports and other activities during his school years and beyond. He graduated from Ypsilanti Normal Teachers College, presently Eastern Michigan University, where he was a member of the men's basketball team and Zeta Chi Sigma Fraternity. He earned his Masters and Elementary Education credentials from the University of Michigan. There he met his wife to be Marilyn "Lynn", Nursing school student. One of Mac's all time greatest joys has been his many years teaching fifth graders at Bird Elementary School in Plymouth. Mac is survived by wife Lynn, four children and eleven grandchildren. Daniel with daughter Lyndse. David with daughters Amanda, Kali, Riley, McKenna. Joseph with wife Nancy and sons Brett and Craig. Susan and husband Chris with children Mark, Samantha, Emily and Hallie Jo. Visitation at 10:00 am followed by 11:00 am Celebration of Life at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Luncheon to immediately follow. The salvation Army, located at 9451 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, was a long time favorite of Mac. Should friends wish to make a contribution, materials will be available.



**WHITE, HELEN E.**  
Age 87, of Prudenville passed away on Sun. Jan. 20, 2013 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor with her family by her side. Helen was born on Nov. 15, 1925 in Detroit, MI.; to Constantine & Mary (Telescou) Johns. Helen married her loving husband of 60 years Harry S. White on Oct. 6, 1946 in Detroit. The couple moved to Prudenville in 1979 from Livonia. Helen enjoyed spending time at the Houghton Lake Senior Center with "The Ladies". Helen is survived by her daughter, Kimberley (Jim) Barefield of Colorado, daughter, Michele (Keith) Helfrich of Novi, four grandchildren Jessica, Charlotte, Natalie, Brittany, four great grandchildren, and daughter-in-law Lisa White. She was preceded in death by her loving husband Harry S. White in 2006, son, Michael in 1995, son, Phillip in 1999, sister, Elsie, sister, Florence and a brother, George. Visitation is scheduled at Christler Funeral Home-Prudenville Chapel on Sat. Jan. 26, 2013 at 11 am until the time of the service. The funeral will take place on Sat. Jan. 26, 2013 at 1 PM. Father Joe Muszkiewicz will conduct the service. Burial will take place in Denton Township Cemetery in the spring. You may express your condolences to the family at www.christler-holdship.com Christler Funeral Home-Prudenville Chapel is handling the arrangements.



**FOSTER, ROBERT "BOB" J.**  
Age 94, a resident of Bloomfield Hills for almost 50 years, died January 19, 2013 at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital in Pontiac. He was born October 29, 1918 in Atlanta, Georgia to the late Franklin and Marjorie Foster. Mr. Foster was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran who served in the South Pacific. He was the founder of Foster Machinery Sales in Madison Heights, Michigan. Mr. Foster was a Board Member for the Christian Businessman Association, Board of Regents with Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia, Board Member with Detroit Bible College and Board Member of Camp Michawana in Hastings, Michigan. He was a Financier of the Camp Michawana Chapel. He was a major donor to the Salvation Army, where an arts building is being erected at Echo Park. They are currently building a new surgical wing in Honduras at Hospital Bautista. This hospital which services the poor for \$1.00- \$2.00 day, also received the gift of a chapel and a previously constructed surgical wing. 18 teams of surgeons are expected in 2013. He's financed all of his children and grandchildren's education through college, as well as provided 32 college scholarships to Detroit Bible College and William Tyndale College. He also sponsored 32 Korean orphans to adulthood. He is survived by his wife Mary Elizabeth "Betty", whom he married on March 16, 1941, his children, Cynthia Lynne (Gary) Simpson, Craig (Beth Ann) Foster, Julie Grace Foster, his foster son Dr. Doo Yung (Eun Yung) Kwon, 10 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. He is predeceased by his daughter Cheryl Lee Bullard. Services were held at Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church in Bloomfield Hills. Inurnment will take place at Kirk in the Hills. Memorials to Kirk in the Hills, Salvation Army or Samaritans Purse in Boone, North Carolina are appreciated. Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak.  
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**LITVIN, ALBENA**  
Age 95. Devoted wife of the late Albert. Beloved mother of Charles (Shirley). Loving Grandmother of Christopher and Gregory. Sister of the late John Stanionics and Aunt to Carol Daniels. Visitation Thursday, 5 pm to 8 pm and Friday 1 pm to 8 pm with the funeral service Saturday at 12 Noon at Charles R. Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly (btw 6 & 7 Mile) in Redford. Interment Glen Eden Cemetery.



**LOUGH, DOROTHY "DOT"**  
71 years. Died peacefully in her home. She is survived by her loving husband Edward of 55 years of marriage, her daughter Laurie (Tony), son Daniel (Suzy) and four grandchildren, Jacqueline, Troy, Rebecca and Jacob. Memorial visitation Friday 10am until time of service 12pm at McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel, 851 N. Canton Center Rd., Canton. Memorial contributions may be made to: Kalkaska County Animal Shelter, 605 N. Birch Street, Kalkaska, MI 49646 www.mccabefuneralhome.com



**PANKAS, CAROL J.**  
70, of Farmington Hills, January 21, 2013. A longtime member of Nardin Park United Methodist Church, Order of the Eastern Star and Job's Daughters. Carol was survived by James, her beloved husband of 40 years; her loving children, Eric Ross, Amy Allen and Deanna Pankas; cherished grandchildren, Linda (Curtis), Rachael, Nicholas, Shelby and her great-granddaughter, Kaylynn; her devoted mother, Carmen Ybarra, and sister, Belinda Vada Tsolis (James). She was also survived by many other loving family members. Memorial Service Monday, Jan. 28th, 11:00am (gathering 10:30am) at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. Memorial gifts suggested to Nardin Park United Methodist Church. Arrangements entrusted to the Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). www.heenev-sundquist.com

**TAYLOR, DEBRA ANNE**

Age 57 of Howell for the past year and formerly of Redford, passed away Saturday, January 19, 2013. She was born November 11, 1955 in Detroit, the daughter of James A. and Rosemary Anne (Machurski) Taylor. Dear sister of Mark (Maria) Taylor of Williamsburg, MI and Alan (Linda) Taylor of Harrison Twp., MI. Also survived by nieces and nephews, Christina (Jason) Stewart of Traverse City, Theresa Taylor of Plymouth, Adam Taylor and Marina Taylor of Harrison Twp., MI and great-nephew and great-niece, Jameson and Aena Stewart. Debra was a 1973 graduate of Fordson High School in Dearborn and earned a bachelors degree from Madonna College. Funeral Mass was Tuesday, January 22 at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Howell. Burial in Sanford Cemetery. Visitation was Monday at MacDonald's Funeral Home, 517-546-2800. Please visit the family's online guestbook at macdonaldsfuneralhome.com

**In Memoriam**



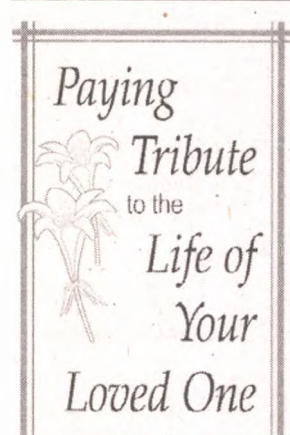
**MEYERAND, ROBERT (BOB)**  
9-24-1947 to 01-30-2009  
Four years ago you passed away, yet it seems like yesterday that as I held your hand God wrapped his loving arms around you and took you home. My heart aches, you were my best friend, my soul mate and my eternal love. I miss your smiles that warmed me and your hugs that always said "I love You". There is an emptiness in our family and our lives will never be the same. We miss your incredible laughter, your smile, sense of humor and your unconditional love. These memories will always be in our hearts; your our Hero, we love and miss you. As long as I live, you will live. As long as I live, you will be remembered. As long as I live, you will be loved.  
Your beloved wife, Bonnie, our children, grandchildren and family.

**SWAIN, ROBERT MICHAEL**

May 30, 1985 to January 19, 2013. Robert was a great guy and a great friend but most of all he was a beloved son to Mary, grandson to Virginia, brother to Kayla, nephew to Annie, Eileen, Carol and Bruce; and cousin to Rebecca, Raymond, Bruce Jr., and Breanna. He will be missed but never forgotten.



**WILLIAMS, MARY SUE**  
January 23, 2013, age 71. Beloved wife of John. Dear mother of Michael, Daniel (Elizabeth) and Timothy (Michelle). Grandmother of Ian and Lila. Sister of the late J. Michael Nalley. Visitation Sunday, 2 pm until 9 pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Rosary Service 7 pm. Visitation will continue on Monday 10 am until time of the Funeral Mass at 10:30 am at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 North Territorial (at Beck) Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia, MI 48154. Share your memories at: www.schrader-howell.com



## Be sure to put safety first: Avoid frostbite with these tips

Frostbite is a serious tissue-destroying disorder that is easier avoided than treated.

"When you're out in the cold, your body works hard to stay warm by altering blood flow toward your heart and lungs," says Dr. Jodie Sengstock, MPMA immediate past president of the Michigan Podiatric Medical Association (MPMA). "This leaves your extremities — arms, legs and feet — vulnerable to cold injury, especially toes and fingers."

Depending on the severity of the exposure, frostbite can affect the skin or underlying tissue. In most cases the area becomes numb and feels frozen. Skin will appear waxy, white or grayish. Any exposure should be evaluated and treated by a physician.

If you must go out in bitter cold, be prepared.

- Dress in light, loose, layered clothing for ventilation and insulation. Water-repellent fabric is a good overlay.

- Make sure that your head, hands and feet are properly covered. Mittens are warmer than gloves, and two pair of socks (wool over lightweight cotton) will help keep your feet warm.

- Avoid alcohol, caffeine and nicotine prior to, and while, you are outside. They leave the skin more prone to thermal injury.

- If you get wet, remove wet clothing as



quickly as possible and get to a warm location.

- Check yourself every half-hour or so for signs of frostbite. If your toes, fingers, ears or other body parts feel numb, get inside.

- If you believe you have frostbite, there are some things you can do right away. However, medical assistance should still be sought as soon as possible.

- Again, remove wet clothing as quickly as possible and get to a warm location. Do not expose the area to cold again.

- Avoid rubbing the area and warming by dry heat such as a fire, radiator or heating pad.

The affected area is numb and is vulnerable to burns.

- Soak the affected area in warm water for 30-45 minutes. This may cause pain, swelling and the skin's color may change. Keep in the water until the area feels warm and felling returns.

- Warm up the rest of the body by drinking a warm drink or broth.

- If blisters appear do not open them. Cover with a clean cloth and seek medical attention.

- Do not walk on frost-bitten feet. Keeping the foot elevated will also help.

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### January

#### 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

#### CELIAC

The next Tri County Celiac Support Group (TCCSG) meeting is 7 p.m., Feb. 4, at First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Thomas Alexander will talk about "Celiac Disease, Fatigue, and Hypoadrenalism." For more information about the group contact Marge Orlando, president, at [maorlando39@gmail.com](mailto:maorlando39@gmail.com) or (586) 751-8592. The group's new website is [www.tccsg.net](http://www.tccsg.net).

#### 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. 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.

#### LADIES' NIGHT OUT

The event, hosted by St. Mary Mercy Hospital, will feature a presentation focusing on women's cardiovascular health, Thursday, Feb. 21, in the hospital's South Auditorium. "Know Your Numbers" screenings — blood pressure, cholesterol and body mass index — as well as massages will be offered from 4-6:45 p.m., and Dr. Delair Gardi, M.D., a St. Mary

Mercy cardiologist, will speak from 7-8:30 p.m. Participants will learn about reducing their risk for heart disease, as well as heart conditions, including coronary artery disease, abnormal heart rhythm (arrhythmia), aortic valve disease, cardiomyopathy, aortic aneurysm, stroke and heart attack. Light refreshments, prizes and community vendors will be provided. Registration for this event is required. There is no charge, but a \$5 goodwill donation is requested to benefit Marian Women's Center Programs. Call the Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1182 to register. Or register online at [stmarymercy.org](http://stmarymercy.org) and click on "classes and events."

#### 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 scarring, 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."

#### THYROID CANCER SUPPORT

Thyroid Cancer Support meets monthly and is free and open to all thyroid cancer patients and survivors as well as their families and friends. The group's next meeting is 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 1641 Charlevoix Dr., Troy. For more information call Gwynne at (248) 515-0348. Visit the group's website at [Thyca.org](http://Thyca.org).

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## In Case of Emergency... The Cold Hard Facts of Winter Safety

### Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



Dr. Gardner  
Emergency Care

In addition to cases of the flu, emergency rooms across Michigan are experiencing a rise in specific winter-related accidents. This week, Dr. Tressa Gardner, an expert in emergency care at Garden City Hospital, addresses two of the more common winter safety problems.

**Q:** Every winter I hear so much about "slip & fall" accidents. What can I do to stay safe and avoid a fall?

**A:** The first thing to remember is that anyone can be injured from a slip and fall accident, not just the elderly. This time of year, ice is the number one cause of slipping-related injuries, but in the ER, we also see a number of people who have fallen from ladders or rooftops while taking down holiday decorations. We also treat babies and children for an array of injuries due to falling.

Here is my safety checklist to reduce your risk:

- Wear good shoes that have proper tread.
- Watch out. Be aware of your surroundings and avoid walking into dangerous areas.
- Get your vision checked. If you wear glasses, don't leave home without them.
- Have your hearing checked regularly. Hearing plays an important part in balance and space perception.
- Review medications with your doctor to see if they cause balance problems.
- Pay extra attention to your children's activities. Kids are not as accustomed to navigating snow and ice. Also, new large climbing toys can pose a fall hazard.
- Never leave babies unattended on furniture including beds, tables, chairs, and sofas, as well as cribs and changing tables with unsecured guardrails.

Finally, in the event that you or a family member do slip or fall, play it safe. Check for bruising, swelling or pain. If there is any question about the severity of the injury, go to the nearest emergency room. If a head injury occurs due to a fall, go directly to the ER or call 9-1-1.

**Q:** My 60 year old father refuses to hire someone to shovel his snow or even buy a snow blower. I am worried he is overexerting himself and putting himself at risk. Is there anything you can suggest?

**A:** Snow shoveling is a very vigorous physical activity, and while it may be good exercise, it can also be dangerous. As with any introduction to physical activity, preparation is important. Individuals over the age of 40, or those who are relatively inactive, should be especially careful and consider getting a physical or consulting with their physician at the start of the season. If you have a history of heart trouble, do not shovel without getting approval from your physician.

Taking it slow and pacing yourself are also important to remember. Shoveling can raise your heart rate and blood pressure dramatically. Be sure to stretch out and warm up before taking on the task. Don't pick up too much at once and make sure to lift with your legs and not your back. Keep your back straight. By bending and "sitting" into the movement, you'll keep your spine upright and less stressed. And never shovel while smoking.

Do not work to the point of exhaustion. If you run out of breath, take a break. If you feel tightness in your chest, stop immediately. Dress warmly and in layers. Remember that extremities, such as the nose, ears, hands and feet, need extra attention during winter's cold.

To read more from the GCH Health Experts on a variety of important health issues, visit [GCH.org](http://GCH.org) and click the Healthy Generations icon.

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# High school students take nursing careers for a test drive

(ARA) - Rachel Trevino always aspired to become a nurse. As a senior at a Chicago high school, she enrolled in the Navigate to Nursing (N2N) scholarship program, a dual enrollment program offered through Chamberlain College of Nursing. The program allowed Trevino to better understand the demands of college courses while contemplating her own future career. The hands-on experience helped her develop key skills she may need if she pursued a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree, such as the ability to complete assignments in a timely and organized way and a comfort level interacting with faculty and students in online discussion boards.

Chamberlain's N2N scholarship program provides up to \$8,500 in assistance for tuition to allow qualified high school seniors to begin earning college credit - online and on-site - toward a BSN while in high school. Trevino completed one course on campus and one course online through the program while completing her second semester of her senior year in high school. Eligible students must have a minimum high school cumulative grade point average of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale and submit

a letter of recommendation and an official copy of their high school transcript, among other requirements.

High school seniors often perceive the challenges of successfully transitioning to college as barriers to their continued education. Many state lawmakers support dual enrollment programs as an effective tool for overcoming these obstacles and setting the stage for college success. The experience gives high school seniors an opportunity to utilize college resources, helping them understand and meet college-level expectations. With help from professional advisors and resources, the students are able to navigate education options and develop a reasonable plan for meeting their career objectives.

Dual enrollment programs also help to prepare students for careers in fields where demand is growing, such as nursing. With more than 50 percent of its workforce nearing retirement, the nursing industry is experiencing a shortage, according to a report in Nursing World magazine. This demand will become magnified when more than 30 million Americans become eligible to receive



healthcare coverage under new legislation. Though this news is concerning for healthcare providers, it has ripened the employment market for incoming graduates.

While many industries are decreasing the size of their workforce, nursing is growing twice as fast as the general economy. A March 2012 U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics report projects 1.2 million job openings for nurses by 2020. Similarly, a 2011 report from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing indicates the average job offer rate for BSN program graduates at the time of graduation is 56 percent, compared to 24.4 percent for all new college graduates.

Today, Rachel Trevino is enrolled in the three-year BSN degree program at Chamberlain in Chicago. She has narrowed her focus in nursing to labor and delivery.

"Chamberlain's Navigate to Nursing scholarship program helped me transition from high school to college level courses and assignments", Trevino says. "I always intended to pursue nursing as a career, but getting a head start in high school eased my nerves about attending college and gave me the confidence to be an active participant in a more advanced college environment."

Whether they are tailored to nursing or other growing industries, dual enrollment programs help students prepare for college success and a future supporting the nation's workforce. Taking a career for a test drive can help students turn the dream of entering a career field into a reality, expanding the horizons for those who may otherwise have ruled out education after high school.

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