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Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Jeremy Hughes will be the keynote speaker when the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and the Canton Chamber of Commerce



Hughes

team up to present "State of the District" 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, at Plymouth

High School.

Hughes will talk about "Who We Are and What We Stand For" during the luncheon event, which will begin with an exhibition of student excellence.

There's a \$15 donation being requested at the door, the proceeds of which will be used to support Student Citizen Scholarship programs for both chambers.

To RSVP, call Jana Porter at the Canton Chamber of Commerce, (734) 453-4040, or Teri Fry at the Plymouth chamber, (734) 453-1540.

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New name

Seeking to settle any confusion about the school's identity, the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education approved the renaming of Starkweather, the district's alternative education program now housed at the former Fiegel Elementary School. On Tuesday, at Hughes' request, the board approved the name "Starkweather Academy at Fiegel."

Police chiefs support leaving BAC level at 0.08

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Police chiefs in Canton and Plymouth townships are indicating support for keeping a decade-old law that reduced the drunken driving limit for Michigan drivers to a blood-alcohol level of 0.08 percent — a change advocates say has coincided with fewer crash-related deaths.

"I do think there are benefits to keeping it lower," Canton Public

Safety Director Todd Mutchler said.

Michigan lawmakers are expected to pass legislation to thwart a sunset provision that would return the legal blood-alcohol level to 0.10 percent in October.

Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington said he supports keeping the lower drunken-driving threshold.

"I would not want to see any change (back to 0.10 percent)

unless there could be data or information that could be provided to demonstrate it would be in the community's interest to change it back," he said.

Michigan State Police statistics indicate the number of alcohol-related car-crash deaths gradually declined from 340 in 2003, when the blood-alcohol content limit was first lowered, to 253 in 2011. Authorities say tougher laws coupled with a push for designated drivers

have made a difference.

"It really sort of started to change the culture," Mutchler said. "It's a problem in every community every time somebody who has been drinking gets behind the wheel. We needed the lower (blood-alcohol level)."

Mutchler said he has perceived a change among younger drivers who are more likely now to appoint a designated driver.

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The Rev. Dorian McGlannan is retiring after serving as the rector at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth since 2005.

Her final sermon

St. John's rector heads to retirement

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The Rev. Dorian McGlannan laughs about it pretty easily, the rumor she's about to run off with Pope Benedict XVI.

The jokes started among McGlannan's parishioners after it turned out the pope and McGlannan are retiring on the same day. Both announced their departures to their respective

congregations at roughly the same time.

"The emails started right after that," McGlannan, the pastor at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth, said with a chuckle. "There have been a lot of jokes going around."

But her retirement is a serious matter. McGlannan, citing health issues, told her congregation last week she'd be leaving at the end of February. Her

last sermon takes place Feb. 24, and her resignation is effective four days later.

Health issues have McGlannan headed back to Seattle after that, where her husband, Joseph Cospito, has lots of family.

"It's kind of multiple things," said McGlannan, who's been pastor at St. John's since 2005.

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School board narrows picks for new chief

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education got one step closer to finding a new superintendent Tuesday when trustees announced the names of five finalists corralled by Iowa-based search firm Ray & Associates.

One of the five should be familiar to Plymouth-Canton residents. Brodie Killian, the district's executive director of business services, made the final cut.

Killian, who has a master's degree in public policy from the University of Michigan, graduated from the Michigan Leadership Institute's Superintendent's Academy in 2008.

"I am honored to have been selected," said Killian, who spent several years as a municipal bond attorney before joining Plymouth-Canton schools. "Plymouth-Canton is an outstanding community and I am proud to be currently serving the district. I look forward to the interview and the opportunity to share my qualifications and vision with the Board of Education and the community."

Ray & Associates, hired in October to lead the district's search, brought 10 names to the board, and trustees narrowed it to the five who will be interviewed.

Those interviews will take place Monday through Wednesday, Feb. 25-27, at a location to be determined. Board members are expected to conduct two-hour interviews with each candidate (tentatively two on Monday, two on Tuesday and the final one on Wednesday).

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Killian

Survey: Steps made Park a safer environment

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Halfway through the first school year after adding security cameras and a third Security Response Officer at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, a non-scientific survey of high school administrators and teachers shows staff feels the Park is a much safer environment.

The measures, all approved by the Board of Education before the school year started, included not only the cameras and additional SRO, but the addition of three Dean of Students positions — one for each high school — to help with discipline and security at the Park.

"We believe these are significant

improvements at the Park," said Nancy Laws, the principal at Salem High School. The board provided us the resources ... These have had a profound effect on the environment at the Park."

One of the more dramatic additions was the advent of security cameras. According to Erin MacGregor, the district's director of secondary education, there are now more than 90 cameras in each building, with more for each building's perimeter on the way next month.

According to Canton Township Officer Dave Eyl, one of the three SROs at the Park, the increased cameras have allowed officers to "dramatically reduce"

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Officer Jacob Krogmeier speaks with Corbin Reeves and Durga Tata, both 17 years old, in the Salem cafeteria. At right, Lindsey Oprisius.

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State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, who chairs the House Criminal Justice Committee, heard testimony Wednesday on two bills aimed at keeping the lower blood-alcohol content in place. Heise said the committee within days is expected to approve the measures and send them to the full House.

"I'm sure there will be no problems with the bills going through the House and the Senate," Heise said. "It's absolutely necessary from a public safety standpoint."

Heise said Michigan could potentially lose \$50 million in federal funding if the state allowed the higher blood-alcohol threshold to revert back to 0.10 percent.

"While there are some federal road funds that the state stands to receive by maintaining the (blood-alcohol) limit at its current level, the most important feature of these bills is that they lower the amount of acci-

dents and alcohol related vehicle deaths," Heise said.

He voiced strong support for two House bills, 4093 and 4131, that are intended to preserve the lower limit.

"These bills are designed to keep our communities safe," Heise said, pointing to "very compelling testimony" before the House Criminal Justice Committee for protecting the reduced limit.

Those who testified before the committee included representatives of the Michigan State Police, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, General Motors Corp., the Michigan Department of Transportation, the state Attorney General and Secretary of State offices, AAA Michigan, the Prosecuting Attorneys Association, the Michigan Police Chiefs Association, the Michigan Association of Drug Court Professionals and the Michigan Alcohol Policy.

Heise predicted the full House will vote on the bills in March and send the measures to the Senate and Gov. Rick Snyder.

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the amount of time spent investigating and doing paperwork, and given the SROs more time to spend among the students.

Sharing the cost

The SROs are a partnership between Canton Township and the school district. Canton Township pays for the first two, and is sharing the cost of the third. The district is paying 50 percent of that cost this year and 75 percent next year before fully assuming the cost of the third SRO in 2014-15.

The SROs believe the addition of a third partner has been a big help. Until this year, the two SROs had to rotate between buildings.

"We've got coverage in all three schools now," said Officer Brian DeYoung, in his third year as a SRO. "The addition of the third one allows me to get out in the hallways, walk the paths (between buildings) and be seen by the staff and kids."

According to statistics Eyl showed at Tuesday's board meeting, discipline data recorded by the three high schools show the additional SRO has resulted in more sus-



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Officer Dave Eyl teaches a class at Salem High School.

pensions and handling of more noncriminal incidents, making the Park safer.

That's tough to do, Eyl pointed out, with some 6,500 people in those three buildings.

"The student population (at the Park) is about 8 percent of the population of Canton Township," Eyl said.

Candid cameras

In the staff survey, which drew responses from 280 of 300 staffers, better than 85 percent said they believe discipline issues are now

being handled in a timely, satisfactory fashion. More than 90 percent said the cameras have added a measure of safety.

"It's certainly not scientific," said Cheri Steckel, the principal at Plymouth High School. "But it's very important feedback because it's coming from our staff members at the Park."

Not everyone agrees it's a safer environment. While Canton High School senior Emily Farhat said some things have changed, she thinks the SROs are focused in the wrong areas.

"They take care of the big stuff," she said. "They fix problems, but not always the problems that are bothering the kids. I'm not sure they're always in tune with what's going on."

But Officer Jacob Krogmeier, a 27-year-old in his second year as a SRO, said most of the kids have reacted well to having the additional security. Krogmeier, on Thursday patrolling the cafeteria at Salem and exchanging greetings and high-fives with the students, said his interaction with them is the best part of the job.

"I like working with the administration and the security team that's already in place here,"

Krogmeier said. "It's really rewarding to work with the kids, and see them grow and develop."

More trust

In addition to patrolling the halls, the SROs get involved in the classroom, teaching things such as practical law and basic law enforcement. That interaction has led to a more trusting relationship with the students, who often warn officers of potential problems, according to Krogmeier.

"Because of the relationship with the kids, we often get notified before things happen," he said. "We spend a lot of time making sure things don't happen. One of our biggest goals is to be proactive."

The SROs serve on a three-year hitch, and DeYoung is coming to the end of his third year. He got in it to begin with because he likes working with kids and "thought it was a good position for me to be in."

But now ... "I truly enjoy this position," DeYoung said. "I'm not looking forward to the end of the school year."

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Plymouth police seize pot, plants

Plymouth Police Wednesday seized more than five pounds of what they said was harvested marijuana after serving a search warrant.

According to Plymouth Police Detective Lt. Jamie Grabowski, the warrant was executed in a commercial section of the Old Village area of the city. Police received information about suspicious activity and obtained the search warrant.

Grabowski said approximately 5½ pounds of harvested marijuana was seized, along with 38 plants he said were in various stages of growth.

Also seized were candy marijuana suckers, butter and Hash, according to Grabowski, who declined to identify the business searched.

Grabowski said the investigation is continuing into the activity that was taking place.



Plymouth Police seized more than five pounds of harvested marijuana from an Old Village commercial area Wednesday.

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"Some things that hadn't cleared up since I had to battle cancer a couple of years ago."

'Frozen Chosen'

She leaves behind a church she believes has changed for the better over the years. When she got her more than seven years ago, McGlannan said, Episcopalians had a reputation as the "Frozen Chosen," a reticent group that has since learned to be more open.

"We've become more hospitable and friendly," McGlannan said. "We've made a very intentional and concerted effort to great result. I think the Episcopal Church has a great deal to offer people. I've very passionate about its traditions."

Things have changed structurally, as well.



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The Rev. Dorian McGlannan said she'll "definitely cry" when it's time for her final sermon, which comes Feb. 24.

For instance, the house that used to serve as the church's rectory is now home to the Youth Ministry, which gets involved in a variety of outreach efforts.

"We've done some things structurally that have provided some sta-

bility," she noted.

McGlannan is also happy with the liturgical direction of the church. She said while the service looks a lot like the Catholic Church, but noted the two churches are different organizationally.

In these days of author-

itarian, top-down worship, she said, The Episcopal Church is offering a different way of offering ministry and leadership. In her church, McGlannan said, the congregation itself plays a vital role.

"Clergy come and go," McGlannan said. "The congregation is the backbone of the church, its life and energy."

That backbone isn't quite as large as it used to be — it's dropped from some 300 families when she got there to 240 families now — but it's coming back.

"We got hit so hard when the economy turned," McGlannan said. "In the summers of 2007 and 2008, we had going-away gatherings (for families) who were leaving almost every Sunday. We lost a lot of income in those years, and that's been hard to recover from."

New leader

While it continues to recover, the church will also have to find its new leader and, it seems, a new identity.

"It's going to be difficult," said Julie Ford, the church's minister of music. "I think the church will need to revisit who we are, because so much of the church identity is the pastor."

In the meantime, the church will appoint an interim pastor. But McGlannan said the congregation itself has done a great job of pulling together.

"When we celebrated our centennial, it was the lay people who organized the whole thing," McGlannan said. "Now that I'm leaving, there are many, many talented people who will hold it all together."

It won't be easy. "It's always a challenge when a rector leaves

who has been a real leader and much beloved," said Rachel Baird, the church's minister of Christian formation. "It's going to be tough. We'll miss her a lot."

She acknowledged the Feb. 24 sermon — her last — will be an emotional one — "I'm a very teary person," she said — but she figures she'll get through it. And there's lots of things she'll miss, but most of all will be the people.

"I'll miss the relationships here in the church," McGlannan said. "I certainly want to encourage them in the future, because they're wonderful people here."

"I'll be able to hold it together through the important parts, but yes, I'm going to cry," she said. "But it's time."

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The other candidates on the list:

- Christopher Timmis, superintendent of Adrian Public Schools, the only other Michigan candidate in the field.

- Curtis Cain, associate superintendent for educational services in the Shawnee Mission School District in Overland Park, Kan.

- Michael Meissen, supervisor of school improvement and student achievement for Milwaukee Public Schools in Mil-

waukee, Wis.

- Rick Mills, chief executive officer, Minneapolis Public Schools, Minneapolis, Minn.

John Barrett, president of Plymouth-Canton's Board of Education, said board members "were impressed" with the field of 10 candidates brought

forth by Ray & Associates.

"We were also impressed with the system they used to help us narrow it down," Barrett said. "We were happy with the depth of experience in districts at all levels. Many of (the candidates) had experience

at all levels of administration. They had good reviews from the people who worked with them."

The board is looking to replace Jeremy Hughes, who hired on as the interim superintendent in the wake of the departure of former Superintendent Craig Fiegel. He had

the interim tag removed from his title last year. Hughes, whose contract expires at the end of the 2012-13 school year, has said he's not interested in staying longer.

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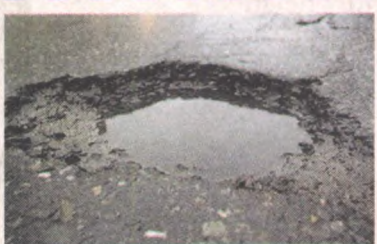
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Open house draws elementary crowd

By Brad Kadrich
 Staff Writer

After the results of their first one Monday, Plymouth-Canton schools officials are probably wondering why they waited so long to host an elementary school open house.

District officials estimated more than 500 people showed up for their first open house at Hoben Elementary School, and some 300 parents registered their children for kindergarten in what is likely the largest kindergarten roundup in district history.

"The turnout was amazing," Board of Education President John Barrett said at Tuesday's board meeting. "Those folks did an outstanding job."

The open house — and similar events scheduled next month for middle and high school students — was part of a marketing plan the district rolled out recently to combat a loss in enrollment and competition from other sources (such as charter schools).

"The open houses are a way to give families a chance to see all the good things we have to offer," said Frank Ruggirello, the district's former director of community relations (he left the district for a similar job at Schoolcraft College) who helped organize the open house. "Parents start shopping for schools for the next year after the holidays, so this is a good time for us to do it."

Similar open houses are scheduled for middle schoolers at Pioneer Middle School March 13 and at Salem High School March



Plymouth-Canton school officials estimated some 500 people turned out for Monday's open house at Hoben Elementary School.

14. While the elementary open house will be focused on providing information, the others will focus more on the kind of work students do. It will feature student singers, artists, athletes and others.

"It's important we share with the Plymouth-Canton community what we have to offer, and to explain we have a comprehensive curriculum that will meet the needs of all learners," said Liz Vartanian-Gibbs, Hoben's principal and the organizer of the open house.

In addition to the open house, all elementary schools will be offering individual building tours on Wed., Feb. 27, at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

P-CCS will be accepting Kindergarten registrations at all elementary schools March 11-15. Parents can visit the Kindergarten Registration website for more information at www.pccs.k12.mi.us/registration/#kindergarten

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While Monday's open house was held at Hoben Elementary School, representatives from all 15 elementaries were on hand to talk to parents.



Officials said some 300 parents registered for kindergarten at Monday's open house, where a plethora of information was available about programs offered at Plymouth-Canton schools.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Photo finish

Alyssa Braun of Canton was the big winner in the recent Scholastic Art Exhibit. More than 5,100 individual entries and 324 senior portfolios were judged by teams of artists and art educators. After eighteen hours, and careful and some-



Braun

times lively deliberation, they selected 250 Gold Keys, 344 Silver Keys and 408 Honorable Mentions. Some 77



One of Canton resident Alyssa Braun's winning photos in the recent Scholastic Art Exhibit.

Gold Key Portfolios were selected from 324 submitted, seven were selected "Best of Show" and five Gold Key works were selected as American Vision Nominees. All Gold Key work will be judged at the national level in March. The national ceremony will be on May 31 at Carnegie Hall and will also be live-streamed for students and teachers who are unable to attend.

For more information on the contest, visit www.artandwriting.org/the-awards.

New Morning auction

New Morning School hosts its 37th annual auction, "There's No Place Like New Morning School," Friday, March 15, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

The auction helps the school mark its 40th anniversary. The event, hosted by and benefiting New Morning School, features (among other things) a unique trio of autographed memorabilia from Tommy "The Hitman" Hearns, including an autographed robe, trunks and an autographed picture; Custom dinner out for six at E.G. Nicks with a gourmet, customized three-course menu with wine pairings; two hours in a 747 simulator used for professional flight training for four people; and a visit to the Blaine & Allyson in the Morning radio show.

Cost is \$75/ticket (includes meal and open bar). For reservations visit www.newmorningschool.org/support/nms-auction.html or contact the auction coordinator by email at judy@newmorningschool.com or calling (734) 420-3331.

Montessori honor

Plymouth-Canton Montessori School announced it has earned a five-year accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the country's leading organization of early childhood professionals.

According to Kay Neff, Head of School, the accreditation process is a rigorous one that includes an extensive self-study to measure its program and services against the 10 NAEYC Early Childhood Program standards and more than 400 related accreditation criteria. The school also received an on-site visit by NAEYC assessors to ensure the school's program meets each of the 10 standards and is subject to unannounced visits anytime during the five-year period.

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Yankee Air holds cost of B-17 flight experience

The Yankee Air Museum is holding the line on what it charges for its Flight Experience (FLEX) rides on board its B-17, "Yankee Lady."

The decision to keep FLEX rides on the meticulously restored World War II Flying Fortress at \$425 per person for 2013 comes as the Yankee Lady is in the midst of ambitious winter maintenance. YAM members will continue to be rewarded with a \$50 discount on flights.

A FLEX ride is a 45-minute experience with approximately 30 minutes of air time. FLEX rides are being booked now for select Wednesday evenings out of Yankee Lady's home base at Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti, May 15 through Oct. 9.

"Our costs have risen sharply," said Ray Hunter, YAM chairman of the Board of Directors. "Keeping on top of scheduled maintenance is paramount. The increased cost of parts, fuel and oil weighed heavily on an already difficult decision. We could justify a price hike, but keeping rides affordable and keeping history alive, especially for our Greatest Generation, is very important right now."

Hunter said it is imperative to have every flight fully booked. He said an analysis of 2012 expenditures for the Flying Fortress FLEX ride program revealed an average cost of \$3,500 for every hour flown. Contributing to the high costs is the record high price of aviation fuel. The four-engine heavy bomber burns more than \$1,000 of high-octane gasoline every hour. Fuel costs for the 2013 flying season are unpredictable.

Hunter added that by holding the line on pricing, the YAM is also giving a nod to the many people last year who said "maybe next year."

"It's a near certainty this is the last year we'll be able to offer rides at these prices," said Norm Ellickson, YAM's B-17 Crew Chief. "The Yankee Lady is in great shape, but it's been nearly 18 years since she was fully restored and it's time to freshen her cosmetics, so to speak."

Ellickson referred to a long list of winter projects, including painting the tail assembly and wing tips with the World War II markings of the 8th US Army Air Force 381st Bomb Group which this airplane honors. Some interior painting and re-upholstery was done inside as well. YAM volunteers who

work with the salaried chief mechanic donate most of the labor, but material costs on a priceless aircraft are extraordinary.

"While we're fortunate to have some exceptionally talented engineers, mechanics and craftsmen donate their time and talent, we need full flight revenues" said Dave Wright, director of the FLEX ride program. "This year, more than ever, we need people to scratch 'a ride in

a Flying Fortress' off their bucket list."

People who are interested in flying on the B-17 are encouraged to plan early. According to Wright, some of the premium dates may sell out early. To order a B-17 FLEX ride or to obtain a gift certificate, call Wright at (734) 483-4030, Ext. 236. Donations are tax deductible within the limits of the law and will directly support the B-17.

"This year it's time to

quit saying 'maybe next year,' advised Hunter. "After all, Yankee Lady is also of the Greatest Generation and she has a bucket list too. Make sure you're on it!"

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Steve King and the Dittilies headline a benefit for the Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities at the Village Theater March 2.

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Rake-N-Go applications ready for seniors and volunteers

Senior citizens or disabled persons who could use a hand with yard cleanup this spring are getting their chance.

Plymouth Community United Way, in conjunction with Comcast Care Days, is organizing a Rake-N-Go Saturday, April 27, in Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton.

Seniors and disabled individuals in need of help to clean their yards should call (734) 453-6879, ext. 7 or e-mail betty.nolan@pcuw.org before Friday, March 15.

"It's a great partnership with the community," said Marie Morrow, President, Plymouth Community United Way.

Volunteers are needed as well to clean yards

and do light outdoor chores. Come alone, with your family or bring a team of co-workers or friends.

Volunteers are asked to bring rakes, garden tools, hedge trimmers, and gloves. PCUW will supply yard waste bags. Deadline to apply is Friday, April 12

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The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, March 5, 2013 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 6, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 7, 2013 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Monday, March 11, 2013 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointments only. COMPLETED 2013 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY, and must be submitted to the Front Office located on the First Floor of City Hall prior to your appointment. The "Deadline" for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Monday, March 11, 2013.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner. Written petitions must be received by Monday, March 11, 2013 by 9:00 p.m. Postmarks are not accepted.

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper.

All Board of Review Meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at (734) 453-1234, ext 253.

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W-W expands Spanish class to all K-4 buildings

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Five months after launching a pilot Spanish class at Walker-Winter Elementary School in Canton, Wayne-Westland school officials have decided to expand it and make the language class available to all elementary and upper elementary students next year.

The Wayne-Westland school board unanimously approved a request to begin offering the once-a-week class in the 2013-14 school year.

According to Aaron Baughman, executive director for curriculum development, the addition of the language class at the lower grades will allow students to leave sixth grade with one high school credit. Coupled with the opportunity to earn a second credit in middle school, students could enter high school and have

already two credits "under their belt."

"The state now requires two credits in the same foreign language with this year's freshman class to graduate," Baughman said. "That's four semesters they're forced to be in unless we take steps for them to learn the language earlier. Students need to have it in K-12 and can be introduced to it in the elementary piece."

The district has been offering Spanish to K-4 students at Walker-Winter since September. They receive one hour of instruction each week. Moving forward, the current world language class offered in fifth grade will be converted to Spanish and complement sixth-grade Spanish.

Students will be offered an equivalency examination at the end of sixth grade which will show their mastery of the language. If they pass, they will

receive one high school credit.

"Building the program and making it rigorous will help us stay competitive and provide opportunities to our students," said Baughman.

According to Spanish teacher Katie O'Keefe, Walker-Winter students are immersed in the language as soon as they enter the classroom. When she greets them in the hallway, it is in Spanish.

"We're always using it in the classroom," she said. "Ten percent of our school population is Hispanic, we have parents coming in teaching mini lessons."

The goal of the K-4 program is to build a foundation in the language. Students learn words and phrases and have fun doing it. There's no need for textbooks. O'Keefe uses a SmartBoard.

"We cover the language domains — reading, writing,

listening — and add the core classes," she said.

Jennifer Raymond, who teaches Spanish at Marshall Upper Elementary, said the advantage of children learning the language at a younger age is that they come to fifth grade "with a base knowledge."

"You're not building from scratch, you're adding on to what they've already learned," she said. "Sixth grade builds on what they learned in fifth grade. It's extremely exciting to create a cohesive language program for the schools."

According to Baughman, a lot of thought went into building the program and making it work. The advantages are that no textbook is needed in the K-4 classes and the existing texts will be used for 5-6.

"This is one of the programs that will make us more competitive and put us at a higher level than surrounding dis-

tricts," he said. "It allows our students to take more advanced classes in high school."

School Superintendent Greg Baracy told the board that the district will administer the language test that can be given "as early as we feel the student is ready."

"We don't have to wait for a certain point, we can give the test, if we feel they have mastery of the subject," he said. He added that filling the language requirement at an early age gives high school students more choices in electives, like vocational classes, that require more space in their schedules.

"It's been in the works a long time," said school board President Carol Middel. "It's something we need and we are all for it."

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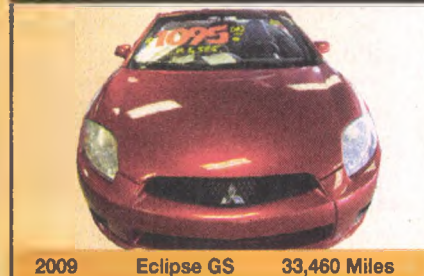
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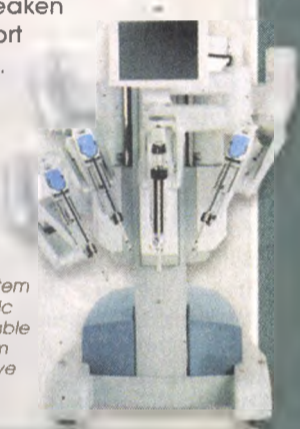
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The keynote speaker is Dr. John Chirban, author of several books on the topic.

Chirban's recent books include *How to Talk with Your Kids about Sex*; *What's Love Got to Do with It?* and *True Coming of Age — A Dynamic Process that Leads to Emotional Well-Being, Spiritual Growth, and Meaningful Relationships*.

He is a contributor to numerous scientific journals, popular magazines, and a frequent guest of television and radio talk shows.

Chirban has served on the Advisory Board of



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the Dr. Phil Show since its inception. His current research includes a national study

on the impact of divorce of children and parents, the survey hosted on Dr. Phil's website http://drphil.com/speak_main/. Following a working relationship with B.F. Skinner (The Father of Behaviorism) spanning two decades on psychology and religion, Chirban is completing a psychohistory of Dr. Skinner based on their extensive library of recorded interviews.

Chirban maintains special interest in integrative studies of medicine, psychology and religion

and serves as clinical instructor in psychology at Harvard Medical School at The Cambridge Health Alliance. In 2003, he was named Senior Fellow at the Center for the Study of World Religions at Harvard University. He also serves as professor of psychology and chairman of the Human Development Program at Hellenic College. Chirban serves as director of Cambridge Counseling Associates and director of the Institute of Medicine, Psychology and Religion in Cambridge, Ma.

He lives with his three teenagers in Carlisle, Ma.

There is a \$10 registration fee that includes lunch. Register online at <http://saintmarylivonia.com/home/?p=1469>.

Japanese-English charter school hosts open house

Hinoki International School, the first Japanese-English bilingual public charter elementary school in Michigan, will host an Open House 6 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 36611 Curtis Road, Livonia, for prospective students and families enrolling for kindergarten through third grade in the 2013-14 school year.

At the Open House, visitors will have the opportunity to learn about the school's two-way Japanese-English immersion program and curriculum, tour classrooms, and

meet teachers, administrators, Hinoki school board members and parent volunteers. A brief presentation about two-way language immersion will start at 6 p.m.

Hinoki International School is a tuition-free public charter school with open enrollment to all students residing in Michigan.

Hinoki International School opened in fall 2010 with a kindergarten class; the school continues to add a grade each consecutive school year. For the 2013-14 school year,

enrollment is limited to 50 students in each grade of kindergarten and first grade, and 25 students in each grade of second and third grade. A native-speaking English teacher and a native-speaking Japanese teacher teach each class.

At the Hinoki Open House, baked Japanese goods made by Hinoki's Parents and Teachers Organization will be available for sale. For more information, visit hinoki-school.org or facebook.com/hinokischool, or call (734) 422-5931.

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Benefit raises funds for Make-A-Wish

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Some terminally ill children dream of visiting places such as Walt Disney World before they die. Others simply want their neighborhood playground made accessible for their wheelchairs.

Make-a-Wish Foundation helps those dreams become possible. And a decision by Canton's Arctic Edge Ice Arena to host a benefit for the nonprofit organization raised nearly \$1,500 to grant wishes of children who are terminally ill or facing life-threatening health issues.

"The total raised at the event was \$1,446, which we think is great," Brook Boggs, Arctic Edge event planner and coordinator, said.

Arctic Edge hosted the two-hour ice-skating and fundraising event Saturday, Feb. 9, after the arena was approached by 15-year-old Ryan Rabinowitz, a healthy Novi youngster who has been raising money to help children less fortunate than he is.

Ryan's effort involved collecting ice arena concessions from Michigan ice arenas to donate to Make-a-Wish Foundation, but Boggs said Arctic Edge took the campaign one step further by donating ice time and allowing fundraising patrons to skate for two hours.

Boggs said she and other arena employees arranged the benefit because they viewed Ryan's project as a worthy cause. The event also allowed patrons to learn more about the nonprofit Make-a-Wish Foundation.

Youngsters who attended the Arctic Edge event got to meet Artie Edge, the arena's penguin mascot, who played ice games with children. One of those was a "Wishing Well" game on ice, Boggs said.

"Kids tossed plastic coins into the wishing well and had much fun with this game, as well as with the other games on ice," she said.

For more on the Make-a-Wish Foundation of Michigan, go to www.wishmich.org. For more on the national organization, go to www.wish.org.

The national website notes that 231,586 wishes have been granted. A wish is granted every 38 minutes. Some children want to travel to places they've only dreamed of seeing. Others want to improve their physical surroundings.

Those attending "Ryan's Round-up at the Rink" were asked to donate \$5 for skate admission. His mother, Trish Rabinowitz, also said the event was



Skaters play ice games with Arctic Edge mascot Artie Edge during a fundraiser to benefit the Make-a-Wish Foundation.



Arctic Edge mascot Artie Edge puts his arm around Novi teen Ryan Rabinowitz, who brought his fundraising effort for Make-a-Wish Foundation to Canton.



Ice skaters play games with mascot Artie Edge.

to include fundraising efforts.

Rabinowitz said her son last fall contacted ice rinks across Michigan in an attempt to collect con-

cession proceeds to benefit Make-a-Wish.

Ryan, a Novi High School freshman, counts himself as fortunate to have good health. He's

on the prep hockey team at school and considers hockey "the best sport in the world."

Yet, he knows other youngsters face wor-

ries of terminal illnesses, so he wanted to help. His efforts also have become part of his confirmation at St. James Catholic Church and Novi High

School community service hours.

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Why Haven't People Who've Had a Car Accident Been Told These Facts?

If you've recently been involved in a car accident and suffer from any of the following...

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If you're like this, or have any of the symptoms listed above, you could be suffering from whiplash. Whiplash is an injury to the spine caused by a jerking motion, either backward, forward, or from the side.

Whiplash can severely damage your ligaments, even if you feel just a little sore after the accident. If not healed properly, painful scar tissue will develop, causing misery in your neck joints for decades.

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Sincerely,
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P.S. What will your pain feel like months, even years from today?

A Study published in the *Journal of Bone and Surgery* looked at people who had been in a car accident 15 years ago. They found that 70% of the whiplash injured patients continued to complain of problems related to the original accident.

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Dr. Kramer is a Diplomate American Academy of Medical Legal Professionals. This is a national medical research organization that provides the latest research on the diagnosis and treatment of spinal trauma related conditions.

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Converting to Roth IRA often a good strategy

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I'm in my early 70s and have just retired. Social Security and my pension cover all my expenses. In fact, I'm actually saving money per month. I have approximately \$350,000 in my IRA. I don't need the income from that money at this point but I was told that because of my age I would have to start taking distributions. Since I don't need the money is there any way that I can avoid having to take required minimum distributions?

A: There are a couple of ways to avoid taking required minimum distributions. One is putting the money in a Roth IRA which is not subject to required minimum distributions. Since it appears that your money is in a traditional IRA, you would have to convert the money into



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

a Roth. As part of this transaction, the money that you are converting is subject to ordinary income tax. Once the money is within the Roth IRA, you can leave it there and it will grow tax free for as long as you choose. I speak often about converting traditional IRAs into Roth IRAs. The upside is that money in a Roth IRA grows tax-free and is not subject to required minimum distributions. The downside is that whatever money you convert you have to pay taxes on. That money, however, would always have been subject to tax. By converting it you're paying

the tax a little earlier.

Particularly in a situation such as yours, it may pay to start an aggressive strategy of converting money into a Roth IRA. I don't believe it makes sense to convert the entire amount at once because it would throw you into a higher tax bracket. However, it may make sense to implement a program where you're converting your traditional IRA into a Roth IRA over a five-year period. Five years down the road all the money would be in the Roth IRA and you would no longer be subject to required minimum distributions.

My general rules for converting traditional IRAs into Roth IRAs include:

- You must have the money to pay the tax owed without touching the money being converted.

- Converting won't throw you into a higher tax bracket.

- You are able to leave the money to grow within the Roth IRA for at least five to seven years.

There is another way to get around the minimum distribution rules and that is you can donate your required minimum distribution to a qualified charity. As long as the money goes directly from the IRA to a qualified charity, there are no tax consequences.

This is a very good strategy to use particularly for people who are generous in nature and who no longer can itemize their charitable contributions. This strategy has been in and out of the law for a number of years but was once again put back into the law during the fiscal cliff discussions. Even though you do not get a charita-

ble deduction when you follow this strategy, you are avoiding the tax on your required minimum distribution.

One last note and that is when it comes to converting traditional IRAs into Roth IRAs, it's not something that only seniors can take advantage of. Anyone can convert money into a Roth IRA. You don't have to convert your entire account; you can convert any portion of it. If you meet the criteria outlined here, no matter how old or how young you are, converting can be a very good strategy.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like Bloom to respond to your questions, please email him at rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF HEARING ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE OF HEARING given that the Plymouth Township Board of Review will meet on the following dates and times:

Hearings are by appointment, please call 354-3269, between 8 am and 4:30 pm for an appointment.

Tuesday, March 5	9 am- Noon	Organizational Meeting
Monday, March 11	2 pm- 5 pm 6 pm- 9 pm	Hearings by Appointment Hearings by Appointment
Wednesday, March 13	9 am- Noon 2 pm- 5 pm	Hearings by Appointment Hearings by Appointment
Thursday, March 14	9 am- Noon	Hearings by Appointment
Saturday, March 16	9 am -11 am	First Come - First Served

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed.

All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. Written protests to the Board of Review must be received by mail or delivered in person to the Assessing office by the close of business on Monday, March 25, 2013 at 4:30pm.

The Board of Review will be held in the Board Meeting Room of Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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"Around Town" 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.

WINE EVENT

Date/Time: Friday, March 8, 7-11 p.m.

Location: Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center

Details: The third annual Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Educational Excellence Foundation Wine Tasting Event is set. Tickets are \$40 per person and include wine tasting & strolling dinner. Tickets are available at all Busch's Fresh Food Market locations and Showroom of Elegance on Canton Center Road in Canton. There will be more than 60 varieties of wine from around the world and Michigan based Craft beers. Pouring takes place from 7-9:30 p.m. Proceeds will be used to fund teacher grants in Plymouth-Canton classrooms. There will be a silent auction at the event and currently a live web-based auction is taking place. The most unique and exciting items are \$1,000 and \$2,000 certificates toward the purchase of a new car at one of seven local participating dealerships including Atchinson Ford, Lou LaRiche Chevrolet, Jack Demmer Ford, Victory Honda, Dick Scott Chrysler-Jeep-Dodge-Ram, Tennyson Chevrolet and Hines Park Lincoln. You can view all the available items and purchase tickets online at WWW.PCCSEEF.COM

Contact: For more information please call Executive Director Carole Kody (734) 416-2718.

MAD HATTER TEA

Date/Time: Sunday, March 10, 2-4 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main in Plymouth

Details: It's tea time ladies! Grab your gals and come to the Plymouth Historical Museum for the annual Mad Hatter Tea where ladies wear their craziest hats! "Mad About Hats--100 years of Wearing Hats, 1860-1960" will be presented by Sandy Root, a



Chess champs

The South Canton Scholars Charter Academy chess team came in 8th place during a state-wide tournament on Feb. 2. The school sent a team from third grade and a team from sixth grade to compete in the Elementary Chess Tournament. The third-grade team placed 8th out of 18 teams, and the sixth-grade team placed 8th out of 20 teams. Sixth-grade student Surya Parasuraman won a gold medal for his individual performance and his teammate Gurekmann Gill won silver. Third-grade student Varun Nalla also won an individual silver medal.

Civil War reenactor and period milliner. Before the presentation, enjoy scrumptious delicacies from Joe's Deli of Plymouth and the Museum's signature "Mary's Blend" tea—a taste bud tingling cherry and almond black tea in honor of Mary Todd Lincoln. This tea is also available for purchase in the Museum's store. Tickets for the Mad Hatter Tea are \$20 for non-members, if purchased by March 1 (add \$5 to the ticket price after that date), and can be purchased at the Plymouth Historical Museum during open hours, or on the website at <http://www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html> using PayPal.

Contact: For further information, call (734) 455-8940.

JAZZ @ THE ELKS

Date/Time: Tuesday, Feb. 26, 7-10 p.m.

Location: The Plymouth Elks

Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: The Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 welcomes you back to another fine series of Jazz @ The Elks in a beautiful club setting. Entertainment by the Johnny Trudell Quartet with Johnny on Trumpet and Flugelhorn, Ray Tini on Bass, Chuck Shermatero on Keyboard and Bill Cairo on Drums. There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres.

Contact: For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com.

MEDICARE/MEDICAID COUNSELING

Date/Time: Wednesday, March 6, 2-4 p.m.

Location: United Home Health Services office, 2200 Canton Center, Suite 250, in Canton.

Details: United Home Health Services, a local home care company in Canton, is proud to offer the

community free counseling with a certified MMAP (Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program) counselor. The Medicare Advantage disenrollment period (Jan. 1-Feb. 14) is when seniors are able to change to a Medicare D plan if desired. This process can be confusing so the MMAP counselor can help you 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.

Contact: United Home Health Services at (734) 981-8820. You may also access the MMAP website at www.mmapinc.org/pages/about.html

SEWING GUIDL

Date/Time: First Thursday of each month, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church Street, Plymouth

Details: This Plymouth-Canton neighborhood group is open to sewists of all levels. The Feb. 7 meeting features "Machine Embroidery Primer," followed by "3D Flying Geese-hands on" on March 7; "Charity auction" April 11 (note date change); and "Machine or Hand Applique Quilt Block-hands on" on May 2.

Contact: For more information email asgpc@comcast.net

BIPOLAR SUPPORT

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

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

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

Contact: Call Nancy at (734) 536-

3457 for directions.

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.

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, or visit www.stekmops.org.

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CHECK OUT THE NUMBERS IN TODAY'S SPORTS SECTION

Walkers help bring warmth to families in need

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

With 16 teams signed up and more expected, Erin Southward knows the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency's annual Walk for Warmth will be a success.

This is the 17th year the agency has held the walk, which will be Saturday, Feb. 23, at Westland Shopping Center. It's Wayne Metro's largest fundraising event and provides money to assist families in out-Wayne County who are in desperate need of utility assistance.

"Last year, we were able to assist more than 500 families," said Southward, the agency's communications manager. "We helped them avoid utility shut-off. If they get a notice and bring it to us and if the funding is available, we may pay the bill or there may be a co-pay to help them avoid having their utilities shut off."

This is the third year the walk has been held at Westland Shopping Center. Last year's event attracted hundreds of walkers and raised \$50,000. According to Southward, the money raised is unrestricted and helps the agency help families that don't meet the guidelines of other programs.

The walk will be 9 a.m.



Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano (center) will once again serve as an honorary chair of Wayne Metropolitan Action Agency's 17th annual Walk for Warmth at Westland Shopping Center Saturday, Feb. 23.

to noon and is designed to be a fun event for the entire family. There will be entertainment by the Dance Academy at Westland Shopping Center and RC DJ and Video Productions. Members of the Detroit Derby girls roller derby team will be on hand along with different mascots, including Warmin' the penguin, the Wayne Metro mascot. Community supporters are encouraged to start a team with their co-workers, friends and family. Teams must include

at least five walkers, however, individuals can participate. Walk-

ers are asked to raise a minimum of \$15 and the first 300 who raise that

amount will receive a Walk for Warmth T-shirt. Teams with at least five members are eligible to win awards. Awards will be presented in both youth and adult categories for Best Team Name, Most Team Spirit, Highest Total Pledges and Largest Team of Walkers.

Participants will walk around the mall, but there's no requirement on how far. Teams can sign up right up to the event, said Southward. Those already signed up are more than last year.

"We expect a few more teams," she said. "People can sign up at the walk and the can donate. We usually have walkers who see what is going on, ask what's happening and then participate."

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and Westland Mayor William Wild again will serve as honorary chairs and will

be joined by Channel 7 Action News meteorologists Dave Rexroth and Keenan Smith.

"It's really a lot of fun. Teams get pretty competitive and it's all for a great cause," said Wayne Metro CEO Louis Piszker.

As the community action agency for the 42 communities in out-Wayne County, Wayne Metro offers more than 50 programs to assist income-eligible community residents. Included in its service area are Westland, Wayne Garden City, Canton Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford, Livonia and Northville.

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Rocks nip 'Cats, face Glenn next

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Although Salem could not repeat as KLAAs Central Division champion, senior guard Kevin Mack and his teammates still have a card to play.

The visiting Rocks — sparked by some blue-collar work by Salem's captain — hung on by a thread Friday night to edge Plymouth 45-43 in a KLAAs Kensington Conference boys basketball tournament game.

Defending KLAAs champion Salem (12-5) now advances to the second round and will host Westland John Glenn at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

"We lost the division championship and that made us hungrier than we've been this whole season," said Mack, who made several clutch plays in the fourth. "We had a good two days of practice and we just wanted to get back on a winning streak."

Yet the Rocks couldn't exhale until the final buzzer sounded.

Plymouth's Brian Schmid scored on a putback with three

seconds left to slice the lead to 45-43. Salem then muffed the ensuing inbounds play, with possession returning to the Wildcats (6-11).

Couldn't finish

The Wildcats got the ball in the hands of red-hot senior guard Josh Priebe (20 points) for a 3-ball attempt from the left flank. The shot hit iron and Plymouth could not convert a putback as the game ended.

"It put us in a position to win the game and we just couldn't get it done," Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup said. "You got to execute. If you don't do that, it's a tough way to live."

His Salem counterpart, Bob Brodie, said the Rocks survived despite putting themselves in a precarious position.

"We just didn't do a very good job of making decisions out there," Brodie said. "We had a play designed and that's obviously not what we wanted to do or where we wanted to throw it. We had all kinds of timeouts. We could have

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem senior captain Kevin Mack goes up for a shot during Friday's KLAAs Kensington Conference tournament game. Trying to stop him is Plymouth's Tyler Gamblin (No. 42).

Salem icers honor Merget

Before Friday's Salem varsity boys hockey game against Howell at Plymouth Cultural Center, the team honored Salem senior Max Merget as part of Senior Night festivities.

Merget is battling the return of brain cancer after a 10-year remission. A 50-50 raffle was held with proceeds going to pediatric brain cancer research.

Although he does not play hockey, Merget played Salem varsity tennis and plays varsity baseball along with Colin Pietron and Jack Driscoll (juniors on the Rocks' hockey team).

Go to Maxyourbrain.org for Merget's story.

Also honored on Senior Night were captain Kyle Downey, Alek Zultowski, Evan Patton, Jake Fedel, Adam Marthaler, Kory Johnston and goalie Anthony Veresan.

Hoop clinic for shooting

The Metro Basketball Association will offer a shooting clinic (grades three-eight) from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17, at Huron Valley Lutheran High School, located at 33740 Cowan, a half mile east of Warren Road, Westland.

The cost is \$35 (if pre-registered by Feb. 15) or \$45 at the door for the Pro Shot Shooting System clinic. For more information, visit www.metrobasketball.org. You can also call Kevin Wilkinson at (313) 406-2722 (office) or (313) 247-5405 (cell).

Chiefs come up clutch in OT to edge Novi

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

When it came down to crunch time Thursday night, a freshman played like a seasoned veteran for Canton's varsity girls basketball team.

In overtime of the KLAAs Kensington Conference tournament second-round game, with the score 38-38, freshman guard Natalie Winters intercepted a Novi pass near mid-court.

She then raced down the floor for what turned out to be the

GIRLS BASKETBALL

winning basket of a 41-38 Canton victory over the KLAAs Central Division champs.

"I thought that steal was huge," Canton head coach Brian Samulski said. "And then Nat came down and ended up getting a defensive rebound. So it was that whole series. She's a great competitor. She got after it."

Winters rebounded the ball after Novi's Amanda Geiger missed a triple try that would have put Novi up 41-40 with

about 50 seconds to play in OT.

After that miss, Canton junior guard Rachel Winters (14 points) made an important free throw to extend the Chiefs' lead to three and the Wildcats' last-ditch 3-ball attempt glanced off the rim to secure the victory.

The win put Canton (14-4) in Monday's 7 p.m. conference title matchup at Westland John Glenn.

"We always have battles with Novi. It's always a good game," Samulski said. "That's why we played our non-league schedule

in terms of Grosse Pointe South, Marian, Mercy. Those three games help get us ready for teams like Novi and (Westland) John Glenn."

Forcing OT

Novi (16-2) needed a late push to force overtime, something that didn't seem likely after the Chiefs extended a 21-17 halftime lead to 33-24 after three quarters.

Geiger (11 points) drained two

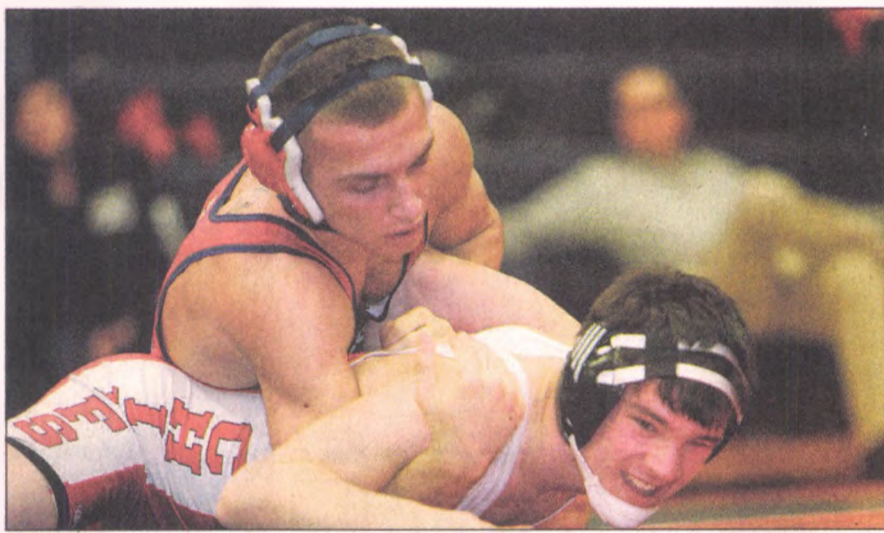
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Spartans' top gun



DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Stevenson defenseman Travis Harvey (17) racked up two goals and two assists in a 6-3 KLAAs crossover win Wednesday over Walled Lake Central at Livonia's Edgar Arena. For more on high school hockey, see page B2.



ANDREW RUBENSTEIN

Canton 152-pounder Ty Jasman (bottom) tries to escape the grasp of Westland John Glenn's Travis Mann during Wednesday's Division 1 team regionals.

Rockets' hopes for finals take a fall

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn was battling a strong opponent with a rich history both at the same time in Wednesday night's Division 1 team wrestling regional final.

The Rockets, making a bid for their first trip since 2010 to the MHSAA's Elite Eight in Battle Creek, fell victim to a red-hot Temperance Bedford squad, 58-10.

D1 TEAM FINALS

Glenn, which finished its dual match season at 21-10 overall, reached the championship match with a 47-21 semifinal victory over Canton. In the other semifinal, Bedford ousted Saline, 46-17.

The fourth-ranked Kicking Mules, now sporting a 26-2 overall record, were the odds-on favorite going in

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MWGA news

Teaching golf pro Bob Krause and the Michigan Women's Golf Association are offering MWGA members discounts on lesson



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Krause, who spent nine years on pro tours around the country, provides year-around instruction at the all-weather Pure Impact Golf Studio in Commerce Township. He also will offer instructional opportunities at Fieldstone Golf Course in Auburn Hills and Lyon Oaks Golf Course in South Lyon.

MWGA membership is available to amateur female golfers of all ages and skill levels. The MWGA's annual meeting and four-woman scramble are scheduled for May 4 at Salem Hills in Northville. For more information, visit the website at www.mwga.org.



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KLAA kingpins

Glenn tops nemesis Salem for boys title

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

The third time certainly proved to be a charm Friday for the Westland John Glenn boys bowling team.

The Rockets emerged the victor in the Baker game elimination format defeating co-division champ Salem in three sets, 178-201, 214-174 and 246-148, to earn the Kensington Lakes Activities Association crown.

Salem had won first two head-to-head KLAA Central meetings, 19-11 and 18-12, but this time Glenn was able to turn the tables.

"Salem's bowlers are all very good," Glenn coach Ron Staples said. "We needed to take it to the next level mentally and we succeeded. I am so proud of all of our bowlers. They took on the challenge that Salem had our number and to a man said, 'Not on this day.'"

Steve Brusseau's school record tying 299 in the preliminary qualifying highlighted the win as the Rockets also got sterling efforts from Steve White, Mark Kassab, Ryan McCarthy, Billy Wicker and Mike Russom.

Glenn and Salem were seeded third and fourth, respectively coming out of the prelims.

The Rockets first elim-

PREP BOWLING

inated defending champion Wayne Memorial in the quarterfinals and state-ranked Grand Blanc in three sets to reach the final.

Salem, meanwhile, ousted Plymouth and Waterford Mott (in three sets).

In the championship match, Salem came out and put the Rockets in a hole by winning the first set. The Rocks also started well in the second.

"After the first game I called our team together and said, 'In all sports it's hard to close out a team for the victory,'" Staples said. "In the second Baker, Salem came out hot again striking in the first two frames while we went nine miss and spare in the second.

"My father (Chuck Staples) came to me and said, 'Keep your speed up and move to the inside and you will carry.' It worked. We kept our speed up and played the tight line and started carrying and the strikes started coming in waves."

Glenn evened the match and then won the third and deciding set in a run-away.

"In the third game it seemed that Salem slowed down and we focused on keeping our ball speed up and won the game," Staples said.

Rambaldo's 300

In his final dual match of his prep career, Wayne Memorial's Shane Rambaldo roll a perfect 300 game in a 23-7 KLAA Central Division victory Wednesday at Novi Bowl.

Rambaldo followed up with a 232 for a 532 two-game set.

Teammate Matt Mikulec added a 219-273-492 as the Zebras (8-6, 6-6).

Fox leads C'ville

Tyler Fox turned a personal best 470 two-game series Wednesday to lead Livonia Clarenceville to a 22-8 boys bowling victory Wednesday over Belleville at Cherry Hill Lanes.

Fox rolled games of 246 and 224 to improve the Trojans' overall record to 8-4 and remain in second place in league play.

Other high games were posted by Ricky Rutensbar (231), Kaylup Richards (229), Kyle Kissandi (225) and Matthew Thayer (201).

Clarenceville swept both Baker games, including a high game of the year with a 246.

In the regular match, Belleville edged the Trojans, 980-978, but Clarenceville stormed back to take the second game along with four individual points with their regular game high of 1,085.



ANDREW RUBENSTEIN

Canton's Allan Berkman (right) tries for a takedown against Herbie Taylor of Westland John Glenn in the 189-pound bout.

WRESTLING

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after qualifying 11 individuals, including four champions, out of the Saline district.

Glenn, meanwhile, had seven regional qualifiers, including two champs.

Bedford jumped out to a 14-0 lead before Glenn's Travis Mann (152 pounds) stopped the bleeding with a 15-5 major decision over Jordan Snider.

But the Rockets didn't score another point until 112-pounder Kyle Gillies ran his record to 49-0 with a pin in 1:04 over Cam Fornwald. But by that time Glenn was down 49-10.

Bedford has the distinction of 11 state titles and is practically an annual fixture in Battle Creek.

"They were tough, they're always tough," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "I think they're still a beatable team. We just didn't have the firepower to beat them, obviously. It went as I thought it would and we lost five close matches. We win those five close matches, the score is a lot closer."

Bedford's 119-pound senior Mitch Rogaliner, who won by technical fall over Kevin Huynh leads the way. He is a two-time state champion and one-time state runner-up.

"The second match I thought our guys were hitting on all eight cylinders," Bedford second-year coach Kevin Vogel said. "That might be the best we've looked all season. Guys were really pumped and they went after it. They didn't stand around to wait and see what was going to happen. Each guy got across the mat and got on their opponent, and took it to them. That's the style of wrestling I'm encouraging at Bedford. We were aggressive and very offensive."

Hard-fought bouts

The best match of the night was the 215-pound battle between Bedford's Brandon Sunday and Glenn's Jordan Brandon.

Sunday, a district champion, improved to 45-1 with a 1-0 win.

"That kid (Jordan Brandon) is good," Vogel said. "That kid is really explosive and talented. Brandon (Sunday) did an excellent job of shutting down his offense. He was just biding his time and waiting for his opportunity."

The next match at 285 proved to be a thriller as well when Bedford's Adam Ortman pulled out a two-point move in the closing seconds to edge Dylan Morantes, 3-2, in a match-up of regional qualifiers.

"We rely on our seniors to get those big points and it set the tone for the rest of the night for the team to follow," Vogel said. "It was hooting and hollering in here. That's the highlight right there of high school wrestling when you get both sides of the gym screaming at each other. That was pretty neat."

In the semifinal match against Canton, the Rockets trailed 11-7 before Mann's pin against Ty Jansen at 152 put his team ahead to stay, 13-11.

The Rockets had also won an earlier dual meeting between the two teams Jan. 9 by a 39-25 count.

"The future is really bright," said Canton coach Corey Mancuso, whose team finished 19-12 overall. "We've got some real young guys and a lot of guys coming back. We'll be back next year and we'll be real tough next year."

"John Glenn is a team that is full of seniors. We're just younger than them."

Room to improve

The Canton coach is already looking forward

to next season.

"I'd categorize our season as a 'C,'" Mancuso said. "We had our ups and downs. We got a lot of guys injured. That's affected our lineup. We've got young guys, we're just building and getting better every day. That's all we can do."

Meanwhile, Bedford has gone to the Battle Creek 12 times since 1997.

"We just want to build even more," Vogel said. "Each year we have more kids in our youth club. We have 147 kids in our youth club, up from 80 two years ago. And the spirit is just renewed with the youth. That's the heart of our whole program is keeping those kids in our program and getting them wrestling, and just getting experience. If we keep even a percentage of those kids up to the high school, we'll have a freshman class upward of 25 kids. That's huge."

According to Polk, it was a season of lost opportunity.

"Team-wise I'm pretty disappointed, just because it didn't go as it should have been," he said. "On paper, I think we were the best team in the region before the season started. But we lost kids along the way for one reason or another. We had to fill in the holes. I think the guys we put in there did a pretty decent job. I was telling the kids — winning Observerland, winning the (KLAA South) division and winning the (team) district is still a pretty good accomplishment. And if someone had told me we had done that without six of our starters, no way. Not bad, overall. But it's disappointing to lose in the regional finals and not go to Battle Creek, but we lost to a better team."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Feb. 19
Macomb at L. W'sld, 5:30 p.m.
Wash. Christian at HVL, 7 p.m.
Franklin at S.L. East, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Northville, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Novi, 7 p.m.
(KLAA Semifinals)
John Glenn at Salem, 7 p.m.
Canton at South Lyon, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 21
Luth. North at C'ville, 7 p.m.
Ypsi Calvary at HVL, 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 22
Stevenson at Lakeland, 7 p.m.
Hartland at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Pinckney at Wayne, 7 p.m.
L. South at L. W'sld, 7 p.m.
PCA at Roeper, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 23
Luth. Westland at HVL, 5:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Monday, Feb. 18
W.L. Cent. at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Milford, 7 p.m.
Franklin at S.L. East, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Grand Blanc, 7 p.m.
Howell at Salem, 7 p.m.
(Kensington Conf. Finals)
Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 19
Wash. Christ. at HVL, 5:30 p.m.
Annapolis at C'ville, 7 p.m.
Pershing at Ladywood, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 20
Brandon at C'ville, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 21
W.L. North at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Lakeland at Franklin, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Pinckney at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Howell at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Hartland at Salem, 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 22
L. South at L. W'sld, 5:30 p.m.

PCA at Roeper, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 23
Luth. Westland at HVL, 4 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Monday, Feb. 18
Stevenson at Liggett, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 20
W.L. Northern vs. Salem at Ply. Cultural Center, 7:30 p.m.
Stevenson vs. Macomb Dakota at Edgar Arena, 8 p.m.
Plymouth vs. Farmington at Farm. Hills Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
Canton at Berkley, TBA.
Thursday, Feb. 21
Ladywood at Regina, 6:25 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 22
Franklin at Berkley, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 23
Canton at Northville, 5 p.m.
Churchill vs. Brother Rice at Oak Park Arena, 5:15 p.m.
Ladywood vs. Port Huron at Arctic Edge, 5:30 p.m.
PREP SKIING
Monday, Feb. 18
Milford Roundup, TBA.
Tuesday, Feb. 19
SEMSL Championship at Alpine Valley, TBA.
BOYS SWIMMING
Friday, Feb. 15
Kensington Conference Diving at Novi, 5 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 16
Kensington Conference Finals at Novi, noon.
PREP BOWLING
MHSAA REGIONALS
Friday, Feb. 22
(Division 1 Team)
at Woodhaven Lanes, TBA.
at Super Bowl, TBA.
(Division 2 Team)
at Oak Lanes, TBA.

(Division 3 Team)
at Flat Rock Lanes, TBA.
Saturday, Feb. 23
(Division 1 Individual)
at Woodhaven Lanes, TBA.
at Super Bowl, TBA.
(Division 2 Individual)
at Oak Lanes, TBA.
(Division 3 Individual)
at Flat Rock Lanes, TBA.
GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Monday, Feb. 18
Canton at GP. North., 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 21
'B' Meet at Salem, 6:30 p.m.
GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER
MHSAA REGIONAL
Saturday, Feb. 23
Division 2 at Brandon, 10 a.m.
Division 1 at Novi, 3 p.m.
Division 3 at Oxford, 6 p.m.
Division 4 at Mason, 6 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Wednesday, Feb. 20
S'craft at St. Clair, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 22
Kirtland at S'craft, 3 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 23
Flint Mott at S'craft, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Wednesday, Feb. 20
S'craft at St. Clair, 5:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 22
Kirtland at S'craft, 1 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 23
Flint Mott at S'craft, 1 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Monday, Feb. 18
Ply. Whalers at Sarnia, 2 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 22
Windsor vs. Ply. Whalers at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 23
Sarnia vs. Ply. Whalers at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.
TBA - time to be announced.

Warriors fall in D4 team regional

Lutheran Westland's wrestling season came to an end Wednesday night in the Division 4 team regional at Sand Creek.

The Warriors defeated Madison Heights Madison, 64-12, in the semifinals before succumbing to the host Aggies in the championship match, 72-3.

"The final score with Sand Creek doesn't reflect how well we wrestled," said Lutheran Westland coach Joe Schmidt, whose team with a 19-5 dual-match record. "The effort and desire

was there from the kids I wrestled. We were just overmatched."

Junior Zachary Francis (130 pounds) was the only Warrior to win both of his matches on the day to improve to 45-0 on the year.

Also earning victories against Madison included Manny Rankine (103), Doug Laviolette (112), Connor Even (135), Kole Niemi (140), Adam Seta (145), Newman Harper (152), Jonah Lambart (160), Martin Kemp (171) and Thomas Krueger (215).

Shamrocks roll

Novi Detroit Catholic Central, the No. 1-ranked team in Division 1 and defending state champion, romped to a team district title Wednesday at Garden City with victories over Southgate Anderson, 65 (-1), and Dearborn Fordson, 69-3.

The Shamrocks, who won their fifth straight regional and 13th overall, improved to 22-3 and advance to the Elite Eight.

Fordson eliminated Livonia Franklin, 68-12, to end the Patriots' season at 21-5 overall.

PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

MHSAA TEAM REGIONAL WRESTLING RESULTS
DIVISION 1
Feb. 13 at Westland Glenn (Championship final)
TEMPERANCE BEDFORD 58 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 10
135 pounds: Blake Montrie (TB) pinned Brett Quinn, 5:45; **140:** Jake Lore (TB) won by technical fall over DeAndre Moore, 16-1; **145:** Trent Turshon (TB) decided Tunde Alawode, 5-2; **152:** Travis Mann (WJG) won by major dec. over Jordan Snider, 15-5; **160:** Ben Bialis (TB) p. Andre Brown, 3:09; **171:** Dave Lijewski (TB) won by void; **189:** Cody Bettencourt (TB) won by void; **215:** Brandon Sunday (TB) dec. Jordan Brandon, 1-0; **285:** Adam Ort-

man (TB) dec. Dylan Morantes, 3-2; **103:** Tyler Rogaliner (TB) p. Chase Spanos, 2:10; **112:** Kyle Gillies (WJG) p. Cam Fornwald, 1:04; **119:** Mitch Rogaliner (TB) won by tech. fall over Kevin Huynh, 20-5; **125:** Mitch Pawlak (TB) won by void; **130:** Jake Helmski (TB) dec. Quinn Dupraw, 5-1.
Dual meet records: Bedford, 26-2 overall; John Glenn, 21-10 overall.
(Semifinal match)
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 47 CANTON 21
130 pounds: Brett Quinn (WJG) decided Ryan Siegler, 7-2; **135:** DeAndre Moore (WJG) won by major dec. over Jacob Thornton, 11-3; **140:** Marc Pryzbylski (C) won by technical fall over Tunde

Alawode, 17-2; **145:** Paul Tacy (C) pinned Justin Hard, 5:20; **152:** Travis Mann (WJG) p. Ty Jansen, 3:37; **160:** Andre Brown (WJG) dec. Nick Durocher, 6-0; **171:** Logan Beau-doin (WJG) dec. Kyle Schwiebert, 9-6; **189:** Allan Berkman (C) p. Herbie Taylor, 3:33; **215:** Jordan Brandon (WJG) won by major dec. over K.J. Wooley, 12-3; **285:** Dylan Morantes (WJG) p. Andrew Blevins, 0:32; **103:** Chase Spanos (WJG) p. Harrison Samoy, 0:34; **112:** Kyle Gillies (WJG) p. Ryan Apple, 0:41; **119:** Richard DeMarois (C) won by major dec. over Kevin Huynh, 10-1; **125:** Quinn Dupraw (WJG) p. Kyle Polanski, 2:41.
Dual meet records: John Glenn, 21-9 overall; Canton, 19-12 overall.



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Clarenceville stuns Cranbrook at horn

Apparently there was no Hill too steep to climb Friday night for the Livonia Clarenceville boys basketball team.

The Trojans came back from the dead, overcoming a 22-point second-half deficit to stun host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, 53-51.

James Hill's buzzer-beating back-door layup off a pass from Jawan Nelson at the top of the key proved to be the game-winner.

Hill, a sophomore, finished with a team-high 13 points as Clarenceville improved to 4-14 overall.

Kimani Dooley and Jermell Johnson chipped in with 11 and 10, respectively.

That offset the game-high 25 points from

Cranbrook's Brandon Moore.

"We were down 18 in the first half (34-18), but we shut them down the last two minutes and it frustrated them," Clarenceville coach Justin Johnson said of the 9-9 Cranes. "We believed we could still win the game and we came out the second half and basically would not lose."

Clarenceville made 16-of-22 free throws, while Cranbrook went 12-of-23.

GREENHILLS 51, LUTH. WESTLAND 41: Andrew Khouri pumped in 23 points to lead Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division champion Ann Arbor Greenhills (14-1, 14-0) to victory Friday at Lutheran High Westland (7-7, 7-6).

The Gryphons also got 10 points from Andikan Archibong.

The Warriors held a 21-18 halftime lead, but were outscored 33-20 in the second half.

"This was another game that got away from us," Lutheran Westland coach Jim Hoef said. "Overall, our effort and intensity was very high tonight. We played well, but again, we just made too many mistakes down the stretch. We were able to get some stops, but sloppy passes prevented us from capitalizing."

Brandon Wyman tallied 20 points and grabbed 11 rebounds in the losing cause, while Nick Andrzejewski added eight points.

Lutheran Westland shot 19-of-54 from the floor (35 percent).

"We need to learn to give credit where credit is due," Hoef said. "Greenhills is a good team and they have really earned their conference championship."

HURON VALLEY 57, MACOMB CHRISTIAN 47: Ryan Schaffer, a junior, scored a game-high 25 points Friday to power host Westland Huron Valley Lu-

theran (5-10, 3-9) to a MIAC Red Division triumph over Warren Macomb Christian (0-17, 0-13).

Matt Hurst and Romero Hardy scored 21 and 12, respectively for Macomb, which couldn't overcome a 35-27 halftime deficit.

BAPTIST PARK 67, HURON VALLEY 57: Dan Eubank tallied 17 points to lead four players in double figures Thursday as host Taylor Baptist Park Christian (11-5, 9-4) downed Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (5-10, 3-9) in a MIAC Red Division encounter.

Baptist Park, which raced out to a 44-19 halftime lead, also got 15 points from Javon Shell, while Anthony Kaminski and Devonte Schofield added 14 and 11, respectively.

Ryan Schaffer paced the Hawks with 18.

On Tuesday, host HVL defeated MIAC Red foe Newport Lutheran South, 53-31, behind 17 points from Schaffer and 11 from Jordan Runstadler.

Michael Roebke led the South with 13.

Rockets in final; Salem tops Pats

Senior ShaKeya Graves poured in a game-high 21 points Thursday as host Westland John Glenn earned a spot in Kensington Conference girls basketball final with a 70-51 semifinal victory over Northville.

Junior guard Kaira Barnes added 12 points, while senior forward Kierra Jordan chipped in with 11 points and eight rebounds as the state-ranked Rockets improved to 16-1 overall and will play KLAAs South Division nemesis Canton (14-4) beginning at 7 p.m.

Monday for the championship.

Glenn led 22-10 after one quarter and 33-22 at intermission before taking control with a 25-13 third-period run.

Kendra Brenner led Northville (13-5) with 17 points.

"Northville could shoot it," Glenn coach Eric Kovatch said. "We tried to trap them, but they rotated the ball and when that had opportunities they hit shots."

"That was probably the best first quarter we've had all year. A lot of teams would have folded, but Northville fought hard and came to play."

Glenn made 11-of-13 free throws, while Northville was 4-of-7.

SALEM 35, FRANKLIN 22: Breanna Beaver scored 17 points and Kelly Whalen chipped in with nine Thursday as the Rocks (8-10) downed host Livonia Franklin (8-10) in a KLAAs consolation bracket victory over the host Wildcats (7-10).

Beaver also added 12 rebounds, while Jamyra Wilson grabbed 12 boards.

"She (Beaver) had a big night," Salem coach Fred Thomann said.

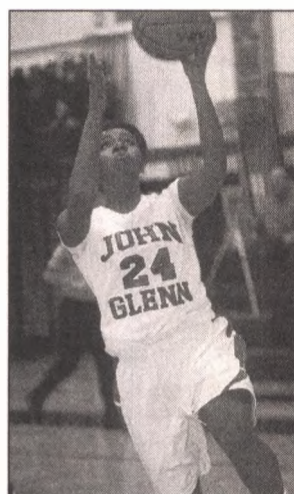
Salem won despite making only 21-of-39 free throws as the Patriots committed 27 fouls. On the flip side, Franklin was just 2-of-5 with Salem whistled nine times.

The Patriots made just 10-of-44 shots from the floor as Katelynn Devers led with nine points.

STEVENSON 57, CHURCHILL 20: Livonia Stevenson (8-10) was hitting on all cylinders Thursday night in a KLAAs consolation bracket triumph over host Livonia Churchill (6-11).

Rachel Wilkinson paced the victorious Spartans with 15 points, while Charlesann Roy added 10.

Stevenson, which split two



STEPHEN CANTRELL STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

John Glenn's Kierra Jordan (24) goes in for two of her 11 points in the Rockets' 70-51 first-round KLAAs playoff win Thursday over visiting Northville.

previous meetings with the Chargers this season, jumped out to a 21-5 first quarter advantage and increased their lead to 38-8 at halftime.

"We were great on defense and we played like the score did not matter," Stevenson coach Jen Knoph said. "We put on a lot of pressure and everything was falling. It was a great day to be at Spartans. Everybody got in and 11 of our 15 scored."

Andrea Trojan, a senior, and Natalie Spala, a sophomore, each tallied eight for the Chargers.

"I'm really proud of the girls who got in and played that normally don't get a lot of time but practice just as hard and deserve to get in the game," Churchill coach Matt McCowan said.

HARTLAND 48, PLYMOUTH 37: Junior Lindsey Pajot scored 17 points Thursday to lead the Eagles (15-3) to a KLAAs consolation bracket victory over the host Wildcats (7-10).

Hartland led 21-15 at halftime and by only two after three quarters, 29-27, before outscoring Plymouth 19-10 in the final period.

Kylie Robb led Plymouth with nine points, while Shelby Cheston chipped in with eight points, 11 rebounds, four blocks and two assists.

But the Wildcats couldn't overcome 23 turnovers and 31.9 percent shooting from the floor (15-of-47).

SOUTH LYON 52, WAYNE 40: On Thursday, Jessica Mehr scored 22 points and grabbed nine rebounds to lead the Lions (8-10) past host Wayne Memorial (1-16) in a KLAAs consolation bracket game.

Breanna Bias contributed 14 points and three steals for South Lyon, which went on a 12-0 in the third quarter.

Ashley Bland and Honia Williams paced the Zebras with 19 and 10 points, respectively.

Moving on: Glenn, Chiefs reach KLAAs semifinals

Senior Nick Daniels came out red-hot in the opening quarter to spark Westland John Glenn to a 58-44 win Friday over visiting Novi in the first round of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association boys basketball playoffs.

The 6-foot guard, bound for Oakland University, scored 11 of his game-high 22 to stake the KLAAs South Division co-champs to a 17-7 advantage.

Isaac Everette chipped in with 12 points, while James Pruitt and Dre Black added eight and seven, respectively, as the Rockets improved to 15-23 overall.

Jionni Ivy paced the Wildcats (7-10) with 12 points, while Nelson Cagle added 11 (all in

the second half) and Tre Cadwell finished with 10.

Glenn was 13-of-16 from the foul stripe, while Novi was 9-of-15.

CANTON 51, N'VILLE 34: Sophomore Greg Williams scored 16 points and Josh Mayberry added 10 Friday as the host Chiefs (12-5) defeated the Mustangs (9-8) in a first-round KLAAs playoff game.

Canton led 27-17 at halftime and increased its lead to 39-24 after three quarters.

Ryan Planey and Jordan Nobles each contributed eight points for the Chiefs, who made 21-of-44 field goal attempts (47 percent).

Scott Gring grabbed a team-high eight rebounds.

Junior Andrew Meacham led Northville with 15 points, including 7-of-8 from the foul line.

SOUTH LYON 76, CHURCHILL 40: Luke Short tallied 21 points and Connor Weidman added 11 as the Lions, the Central Division champs, opened the KLAAs

playoffs Friday with a victory at Livonia Churchill (6-11).

South Lyon jumped out to a 38-20 halftime lead hitting 13-of-22 shots from the floor, including 5-of-8 from three-point range to go along with 7-of-9 free throws.

"The effort was there the first half, but they (South Lyon) shot it extremely well," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "Their secondary transition was very, very good."

Jeremy Lewis led Churchill with 14 points.

The Chargers shot 34 percent from the floor (17-of-50), while South Lyon made 28-of-44 (63.6 percent).

FRANKLIN 51, STEVENSON 47: Andrew Lebbos led a balanced scoring attack with 11 points Friday as host Livonia Franklin (6-11) rallied on Senior Night to upend Livonia Stevenson (8-8) in a KLAAs consolation bracket game.

The Patriots trailed 40-32 after three quarters before outscoring the Spartans 19-7 in the decisive fourth quarter.

Nick Guest, Olushakin Cole

and Tyrone Rayford chipped in with eight points apiece to offset the game-high 21 points from Stevenson senior guard Josh Campbell.

Michael Gluth also had seven points, while Rayford and Cole also combined for 17 rebounds.

Joe Mims added five assists and six rebounds for the Spartans.

WAYNE 61, SOUTH LYON EAST 55: Josh Lowry's game-high 21 points carried Wayne Memorial (4-12) to a KLAAs consolation bracket win Friday at home over South Lyon East (0-17).

Rio Washington and Jarrell Poole each added 11, while DeAndre Carter chipped in with 10 for the Zebras, who led by only one at halftime (25-24) before outscoring the Cougars 25-14 in the third period.

Jack Leckner and Stanislaw Trybula each tallied 13, while Trent Willenborg added 10 for East.

Wayne made 12-of-21 free throws, while East hit only 7-of-17.

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called a timeout very easily, had that occurred to us.

"We tried to catch a basketball, it goes off our leg and now we have to do a good job defensively. We did a great job defensively. We knew Priebe was the guy they were going to go to."

The game was a grind-it-out affair from start to finish, with Salem's 36-29 lead early in the fourth the biggest gap.

"It's a campus rivalry (game) as always," Brodie said. "So it's never a smooth game. It's tough to pull away, either team."

In the fourth, however, the Rocks saw that lead melt to one point (36-35) following a trey by Priebe with 4:50 left.

Plymouth got the ball back with a chance to take the lead, but turned it over.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Driving the lane Friday night is Plymouth's Sid Acharya (No. 22).

Perseverance

That's where Mack made his presence felt. His teammates missed three in-close chances near the Plymouth basket during the same sequence.

Mack then emerged out of the pack to tip the ball in for a three-point lead.

"I saw the ball in the air, I tried to just jump high and tip it in," he said. "It worked for me."

After the Wildcats closed to within 41-40 a couple of minutes later, Mack drove in along the baseline for a nifty banker for more breathing

room.

"He stepped up, he's our captain and he's a real tough competitor out there," Brodie said about Mack. "He's gritty, he gets after it and he doesn't want to lose at any cost."

Foul shots by Mack and Chris Dierker (nine points, 13 rebounds) closed out Salem's scoring and the Rocks needed each of those points.

Plymouth hurt itself with turnovers at inopportune times, Soukup noted.

But Soukup praised the defensive play of forward Sid Acharya (eight points, five rebounds) against Dierker: "Sid did a really nice job defensively tonight, he forced him into tough shots."

Contributing eight points, four boards and two blocks for Salem was forward Ahmad Khalid, while sparkplug Cam Werner scored six.

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Marian knocks off Blazers, 49-43

Birmingham Marian overcame Andie Anastos' game-high 22 points Wednesday night to earn a 49-43 Catholic League A-B Division girls semifinal basketball win over Livonia Ladywood in a game played at Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

The Mustangs, who improved to 16-2 overall, will face Dearborn Divine Child for the Catholic League A-B crown beginning at 3 p.m. Sunday at the University of Detroit's Calihan Hall.

Anastos, a senior point-guard, got support from fellow senior guard Shelby Walsh, who finished with 13 points.

Laura Brunton led Marian with 16 points, while Kara Holinski added 10.

Marian led 29-19 at halftime and led by as many as 16 in the third quarter before the Blazers cut it to four with possession of the ball with only 45 seconds left.

"They (Marian) are good defensively and did not play well enough to get over the hump," said Ladywood coach Anthony Corati, whose team slipped to 11-7 overall. "The effort was there, but they just made more plays."

GREENHILLS 46, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 29: Jackie Oestrich went wild scoring a game-high 32 points Friday to lift Ann Arbor Greenhills (11-7, 8-2) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division win at Lutheran High Westland (8-10, 6-4).

Lutheran Westland, which

led 13-11 after one quarter, got eight points apiece from Angela Morrison and Alissa Flury, while Aldreanna Fikes contributed seven points and nine rebounds.

The Warriors had 18 turnovers and shot 12-of-38 from the floor (31.6 percent).

UNIVERSITY PREP 40, CLARENCEVILLE 39: Angelica Brown's 26 points was the difference Friday as Detroit University Prep (8-7) edged host Livonia Clarenceville (7-11).

University Prep rallied from a 29-18 third-quarter deficit by outscoring the Trojans 22-10 in the final quarter.

Junior center Ayanna Buckley led the Trojans with 18 points and 12 rebounds, while Mikala Kielsing chipped in with 14 points, including a pair of triples, and eight rebounds. Ashley Murphy also grabbed 10 points.

PCA 55, INTER-CITY BAPTIST 34: Emily Gerulis scored 17 points and grabbed 11 rebounds Friday to spark host Plymouth Christian Academy (14-5, 9-2) to this MIAC-Blue Division victory over Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

Also scoring in double figures for the Eagles were Rachael Fuller (14 points) and Jenny Malcolm (10 points). Karen Windle added eight points and six steals.

PCA held a 20-17 halftime lead before turning it on in the second half, with 16-8 and 19-9 margins in the third and fourth, respectively.

It also was Senior Night, with Windle and Jenna Abraham honored.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 48, FRANKLIN ROAD 41: The one-two inside tandem of Alissa Flury and Aldreanna Fikes proved to be too much Thursday as host Lutheran High Westland (8-9, 6-3) upended Novi first-place Franklin Road Christian (9-7, 7-2) in a MIAC Red Division game.

Flury finished with 14 points and eight rebounds, while Fikes added a double-double with 12 points and 12 boards.

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treys in the fourth, with her second cutting the Canton lead to 36-31 with about 2:30 remaining.

A three-point play by 5-11 senior post player Taylor Pavlika (nine points, six rebounds) with 43 seconds to go put a charge into Novi players and fans who made the trip to Canton.

Ferocious defensive pressure by Novi forced a Canton turnover on the ensuing possession, and a layup by Dina Fawaz (15 points) sent the contest into overtime.

"Novi's a great team. They came after us, they pushed us back away from the basket," Samulski said. "To the kids' credit, they hung in there, they battled, they grind-ed it out, they found a way to get it done."

Down the stretch, Canton's 6-1 junior center Taylor Hunley (three points, three blocks) often found herself in battles against Pavlika in the paint.

"She's tough, she's pretty strong and solid," Hunley said. "You just got to work hard and be strong in there."



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Dribbling around Novi defender Nicole Solakian (No. 11) is Canton freshman guard Natalie Winters (No. 13), who sank the winning basket in overtime Thursday night.

Hunley stressed the importance of the Chiefs collectively taking a deep breath before OT, to try to reverse Novi's momentum.

"I think we just had to refocus and play our own game," Hunley said. "Just focus on what we could do and keep it going and have confidence in our playing abilities."

Fouls cost Novi

According to Novi head coach Bill Kelp, whose team hit just 12-

of-27 field-goal attempts and tallied 14 rebounds, the team nearly salvaged a game that early on didn't go the Wildcats' way.

Novi had 10 personal fouls in the first half, before Canton finally was whistled for one.

"I'm not going to pin it on that (fouls)," Kelp said. "We still had a chance to win the game. We got to adapt to how the game's being called and we didn't do a good job of that."

However, several Wildcats (including Pavlika) were prematurely forced to the sidelines due to foul trouble — changing the game plan for a while.

"Yeah, we got to be careful, our post player (Pavlika) had to sit out when she got two fouls," Kelp said. "It just takes us out of a lot of things we try to do, but that's on us."

Despite finding tough sledding for most of the game, Canton junior forward Paige Aresco managed to lead all scorers with 15 points, including seven from the foul line.

Chipping in with five points was sophomore guard Alanna Brown. Top rebounders for the Chiefs were Aresco and Rachel Winters, with four each.

Spartans ice Vikings in KLAA crossover

Senior defenseman Travis Harvey picked up two goals and two assists Wednesday night leading Livonia Stevenson to a 6-3 Kensington Lakes crossover boys hockey win over visiting Walled Lake Central in a game played at Edgar Arena.

State-ranked Stevenson, which improved to 15-7-2 overall, led 2-0 after one period thanks to a Dominic Lutz power play goal at 12:25 from Tyler Irvine and Devin Kelly followed by Harvey's goal from Michael Beaudoin and Ryan Paulus just 33 seconds later.

Harvey's power play goal from Paulus and Beaudoin at the 5:52 mark of the second made it 3-0 before Jarrett Lazare scored for the Vikings 46 seconds later.

But the Spartans took a 4-1 lead into the final period on Mick Sinclair's goal from Harvey at 16 minutes.

Tim Kelly then scored seven seconds into the third from Dante Seychel and Irvine added a power play goal at 8:08 from Harvey and Chris Catalano to put the Spartans comfortably on top, 6-1.

Central (12-7-5), which was outshot 51-22, got late third period goals from Brendan O'Malley (12:14) and Connor Jeffries (15:15).

Central netminder Sam Woznicki made 45 saves,



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Franklin's Mike Diaz (16), who had a goal and two assists, is chased by Novi's Connor Kenrick in Wednesday's Kensington Conference crossover at Edgar Arena. Novi earned an 8-5 victory.

while Stevenson's Connor Humitz had 19.

"It was nice to get the win and see some others step up with guys being out of the lineup," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "I'm really happy with the effort from Michael Beaudoin and Ryan Paulus tonight. Walled Lake Central is a vastly improved club and we had to play well to get the win."

CHURCHILL 6, MOTT 2: Brad Milks had a pair of goals and one assist to

propel Livonia Churchill (10-11-2) to a KLAA crossover win Friday over Waterford Mott (8-13-2) at Edgar Arena.

It was tied 1-1 after one period, but a goal by Drew Sparks put the Chargers ahead to stay.

"We actually started slow, but when Sparks scored we came alive and looked like the Chargers of old," Churchill coach Jason Reynolds said.

Tommy Carey, Evan Gibboney and Dan Hudry (unassisted) added the

other Churchill goals, while Riley Brown had two assists.

Other assists went to Dylan Smith, Matt Sinclair and Luke Otto.

Ben Clemence and Todd Bonnavier scored for the Corsairs.

Mott goaltender Scott Koenigbauer had 42 saves, while David Turel stopped 15-of-17 shots.

CANTON 10, MILFORD 2: Cooper Rice and Christian Flack each scored twice as the Chiefs (6-16-1) routed Milford in this KLAA crossover game Friday at Arctic Edge.

Canton head coach Jeremy Majszak said the "Senior Night" game was halted by the mercy rule in the third period.

"It was not nice to not only get a big win and get a lot of contributions tonight," Majszak said. "But it was nice too because it was Senior Night for us."

Other players to spark the win were senior captain Matt Cox, senior defenseman Brad Ceci (one goal, two assists each) and senior blueliner Mark Montante, who scored his first varsity goal.

Splitting goaltending duties were Isaac Salinas and Jacob Dugan.

SALEM 9, HOWELL 5: Alek Zultowski scored three goals and assisted on three others to spark Salem's KLAA crossover

victory Friday night at Plymouth Cultural Center. The victory was the 11th straight for the Rocks (17-6-1).

Jason Newel and Taylor Burris chipped in with two goals each, with the other goals collected by Adam Marthaler and Jake Fedel. Other players with multiple points for Salem were Jake Sealy (three assists) and Noah Saad (two assists).

PLYMOUTH 9, GRAND BLANC 1: Plymouth (18-3-1) needed just two periods to win in a mercy Friday night at Arctic Edge.

Senior Nick Schultz (six points) and younger brother Mike Schultz (five points) led the assault.

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NOVI 8, FRANKLIN 5: Mark Baker and Chris Kennedy each had two goals and one assist Wednesday as the Wildcats (9-12-1, 4-6-1) pulled away in the final period to beat Livonia Franklin (8-13-1, 1-10) in a KLAA Kensington Conference crossover.

The two teams were deadlocked at 2-2 after the first period and 4-4 after two.

Brandon Wexler and Ryan Baxter also added a goal and two assists each, while Bryan Fegert and Patrick Wojtylo also tallied goals.

Adam Stadler led the Patriots with a pair of goals.

Mike Diaz added a goal

and two assists, while Josh Dudek also tallied a goal to go along with an assist. Other assists went to Richie Wiczorek, Alex Stavara, C.J. Cromie, Dylan Smith and Tyler Morrison.

Franklin goaltender Matt Monendo made 27 saves, while Novi's Austin Petty had 23 and assisted on a power play goal.

"I'm proud of the way the guys competed, but we still have a five-minute stretch where we let down a bit and can't afford to let down," Franklin coach Dennis Gagnon said. "We have to learn from our experience and hope to finish the season strong the next two weeks."

CHURCHILL 2, DAVISON 1: Livonia Churchill (9-11-2) snapped an eight-game losing streak Wednesday night with a non-conference boys hockey victory over the visiting Cardinals (10-10-1) at Edgar Arena.

The Chargers opened the scoring at 8:59 of the second period on Blake Burnette's power play goal from Nick McGee and Dylan Smith.

Matt Sinclair's goal at 11:55 of the third from Tommy Carey made it 2-0, but Davison answered with just 1:05 remaining on Nick Goyette's goal.

But the Cardinals were unable to score the equalizer.

Churchill goaltender David Turel made 26 saves, while Davison's David Arterburn had 25 stops.

"It's nice to get the monkey off our back after a tough stretch on our schedule," Churchill Jason Reynolds said. "It's been awhile, but now we have to fine tune some things."

PCS Penguins' seniors sparkle on their night

It was Senior Night Tuesday for the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins girls hockey team, and the five players honored before the game sparked a 6-1 win over Livonia Ladywood.

Scoring for the Penguins (8-6-2) were seniors Jordan Patterson and Annelise Niermann (in the first period) and captain Ashley Saunders in the second to put PCS up 6-0 at Arctic Edge Arena.

Chipping in with three assists was senior Cortny McAdoo and senior Beth Johnson turned in a solid performance on the blueline in the Michigan Metro Girls High School

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Hockey League tilt.

Junior Jenna Carter helped the cause with a two-goal performance — scoring both on the penalty kill and power play. Also scoring for PCS was junior Morgan Cusumano, who netted the first goal of the game.

Earning the win in goal for the Pens was junior Gwen Gadulka.

The Blazers (2-14-4) spoiled Gadulka's bid for a shutout with 6:48 to play in the second period, when Hannah Peieira scored. Assisting on the tally were Virginia Matherly and Sabrina Alfita.

Whalers win in shootout

Plymouth Whalers' goaltender Alex Nedeljkovic stole a game from Kitchener Friday night.

A major reason Plymouth won 3-2 in a shootout was the young goalie, who stopped 50 of 52 shots through overtime and then blanked host Kitchener on all four tries during the subsequent shootout.

Meanwhile, Stefan Noesen finally found the range against Joel Viennau on Plymouth's

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fourth shootout try and that turned out to be the difference.

Scoring for Plymouth were Zach Lorentz (short-handed) and Vince Trocheck, who also assisted on Lorentz' tally. Scoring twice for Kitchener was Matt Puempel.

The Whalers (30-16-5-4, 69 points) held on to first place in the Ontario Hockey League with the victory. They now hold a four-point lead on Sarnia.

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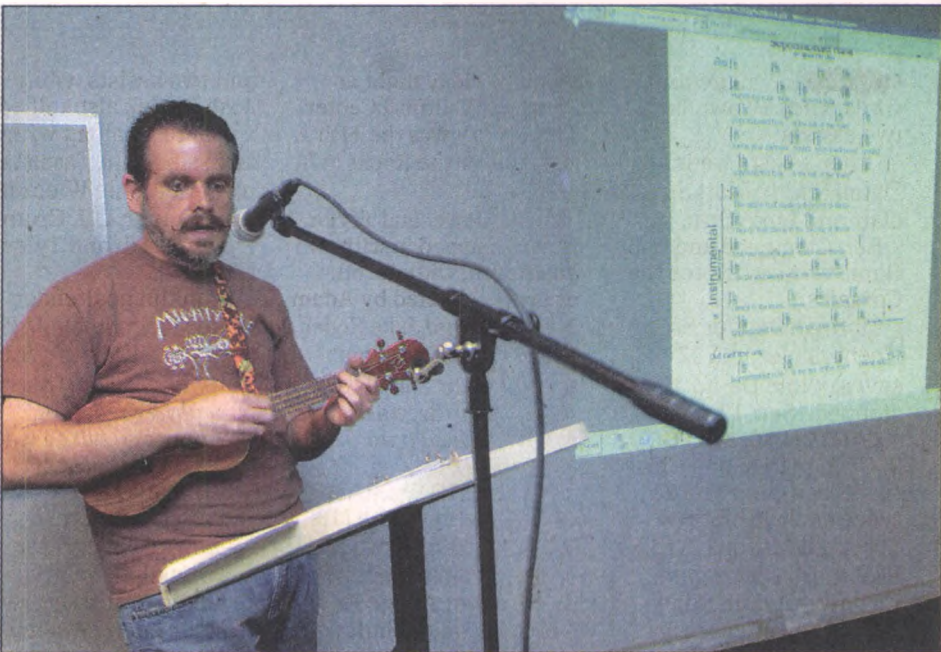
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Nick Kopas of Plymouth leads the Motor City Ukes in song at a Wednesday night practice in Farmington Hills.



Fawn Kopas not only plays Hawaiian music on her ukulele, she dresses in theme, too.
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Motor City Ukes

Ukulele players set the mood for hula dance at monthly meeting

By Sharon Dargay
 Staff Writer

It was the perfect night for a Hawaiian luau.

Ukulele players strummed and sang about white sandy beaches while dancers gracefully swayed their hips and hands like rolling ocean waves. The only thing missing was the roast pig and taro pudding.

But appetite is geared toward music only at monthly meetings of the Motor City Ukes, where members of all skill levels gather inside a Farmington Hills software firm to learn new songs, sing favorites and

rehearse for upcoming gigs.

"I love being in this group. We have some people who play just awesome and there are others who are sort of beginners like me," said Tonya Kopas of Plymouth. "I've played guitar and I found this to be immensely easier. It's so much easier to pick up and play."

Her husband, Nick, co-leads the group, which he founded two years ago after receiving a ukulele as a gift from his son, Trajan, 6, who has his own Sponge Bob-themed ukulele. They taught themselves to play by watching tutorials on the

Internet and by meeting with ukulele groups.

When the couple tired of driving to meet other players in Lansing and Ann Arbor, Nick created a Meetup.com group closer to home. Its website lists meeting dates — generally the second Wednesday of the month at Nick's work place — upcoming gigs and, at last count, 78 ukulele enthusiasts.

Attendance at the evening jam sessions runs from 10 to upwards of 30 members. They play all forms of the instrument, from small soprano ukuleles to bigger baritone versions and a variety of

music.

Some, like Mark Swarthout, Farmington Hills attorney and Bloomfield Township resident, also build collections.

"I've got about 15 ukuleles. I saw a group on YouTube and they were having so much fun. I said, that's cool. I had some gift card money ... I got my first ukulele. I haven't stopped since," he said.

Swarthout, who taught himself to play with help from the Internet, has performed with Motor City Ukes at Mighty Uke Day in Lansing — a festival of workshops and performances that runs May 10-11 this year — at First United Methodist Church in Birmingham and at



Joni and Joe VanSelous sing and strum together.

other gigs.

Teacher connection
 Hoaloha Polynesian Dance Group often joins

the musicians, as it did earlier this year for a Polynesian-themed event

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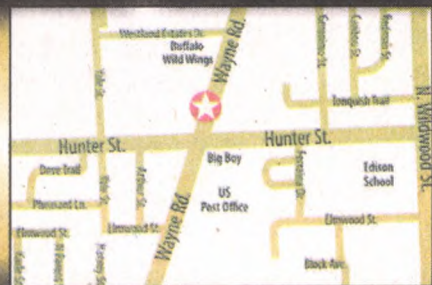


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Shall we dance? Local store offers prom package to one lucky girl

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Style Trader, an upscale resale shop in Livonia, is searching for Cinderella.

"It's a fun way for us to give back to the community," said Jennifer Fields, store manager. "We have all these amazing dresses coming in that we are buying from the community and we want to have a way to reach out and let people know about the amazing deals they can find."

"And then finding someone — whether she has a hardship in her life or she does wonderful things for the community — that's where Cinderella comes into play."

The public may nominate a high school girl for the store's prom contest through March 14. One winner will receive a dress and accessories from Style Trader, along with services — such as hairstyling and makeup — from local businesses that have partnered with the store.

Nominees must be at least 16 years old and

attend one of seven participating high schools: Stevenson, Franklin or Churchill high schools in Livonia; Garden City High School; Redford Union or Thurston high schools in Redford; and John Glenn High School in Westland. Girls can't nominate themselves. Only third-party nominations will be accepted.

Entry forms are available at www.StyleTrader.biz. They can be submitted via the website or printed and submitted at the store, located at 11502 Middlebelt, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia.

Taylor Bond, Style Trader president, said five finalists will be chosen based on nomination essays. The winner will be selected at random and announced at a prom showcase, March 28, at the store.

"This is our first year. We see it as an annual event," Bond said. "Prom is huge, but it can be very expensive. Some people drop \$1,000 on prom, but come here and you don't have to drop anything like that."

Style Trader's prom dresses range from \$9.99-\$129. The contest winner will get her pick of the store's prom dresses, which include designer styles and gowns with their original price tags still attached.

"We've seen quite a few Jessica McClintocks come in. We're always getting new inventory every day. We're getting in beautiful gowns. This one is \$19.99," Fields said, showing a floor-length, sparkly, white dress, with tags attached. "This was \$99 originally."

Since Style Trader opened in July last year, its employees have participated in a variety of community events, including the Plymouth Ice Festival, mom to mom sales and a school craft bazaar.

"We want to give back to the community," Bond said. "Our employees love it. They just love the opportunity to get out and meet people and represent the brand. We're an integral part of the community."



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Hoaloaha dancers interpret music played by Motor City Ukulele members. That's teacher and troupe leader Melanee Hirvela at far right.

UKES

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at Holy Trinity Church in Livonia and for the International Festival in Canton.

Several dancers were on hand last week for the Motor City Uke's monthly meeting. The two organizations initially met after Chris Kozaczynski of Farmington Hills and Melanee Hirvela of Plymouth, both teachers at Walker-Winter Elementary in Wayne Westland Community Schools, staged an end-of-the-year luau at their building. Kozaczynski quickly learned to play ukulele for the event, now an annual activity at the school, and Hirvela taught youngsters hula dance.

"Within a year I stumbled across Motor City Ukulele. I played with them for about a year and said, by the way, I know someone who dances. We're up to about five or six (joint) performances a year," he Kozaczynski said.

Hirvela, who emigrated from the Philippines 30 years ago, studied Polynesian dance in California and Michigan and continues her training at occasional workshops with hula masters.

"Whatever I learn I share," she said. "It's really the music that is first. Our job is to communicate it (through dance). It's really about the songs."

Telling stories

Hirvela said Motor City Ukulele play a more Americanized version of Hawaiian music, made popular in the mid-20th century by singers such as Elvis Presley. Called "hapa haole," the music combines English lyrics with Hawaiian melodies.

"They are starting to learn Hawaiian songs, which has been our emphasis," she added.

Dancers communicate the song lyrics through graceful hand movements, a kind of musical sign language.

Masako Ritch of Livonia, said she is



Teacher Chris Kozaczynski of Farmington Hills learned to play ukulele for the end-of-the-year luau at Walker-Winter Elementary School. His teaching partner at the Wayne Westland Community School, Melanee Hirvela, is a member of Hoaloaha Polynesian Dance Group.

drawn to the dance form because it tells stories through movement.

Mika Toreki of Northville sees a connection between the dance and her own Japanese culture.

"I think the majority of Melanee's students are from Japan. A lot of the people who dance will tell you that their beliefs, the Japanese also being island people, are very similar to the Hawaiians," she said. "I feel what they are feeling. There is a spiritual portion to it. It makes me think of home a little bit."

Although Hirvela said the dance is secondary to the music, Motor City Ukulele members enjoy the added dimension to their performances.

"We've done our own things, but when we get the dancers with us it's awesome," Nick Kopas said.

To find out more about the Motor City Ukulele, visit motorcityukes.com. For more about Hoaloaha's hula dance classes and performances, visit www.hoaloahamichigan.com.



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Jennifer Fields, manager of Style Trader in Livonia, shows off one of the many prom dresses for sale at the upscale resale shop.

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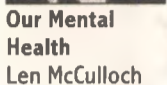
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Mental health awareness requires listening and talking

By Len McCulloch
Guest columnist

Shortly before last Christmas, the world was shocked by the news about the Sandy Hook Elementary School Massacre. The school in Newtown, Conn., was the site of the mass murder of 20-plus school children and teachers. Yes, we have had similar news in the past from the Columbine High School massacre, the Colorado movie theatre massacre, the Virginia Tech University student shootings, and others. Accounts of mass murders and serial killings farther back than that of Jack the Ripper are uncountable. And, yes there have been more school shooting tragedies since Sandy Hook. For example, on Jan. 10, a 16-year-old student armed with



Our Mental Health
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a shotgun walked into a classroom at a rural California high school and shot one student and fired at another before being talked into surrendering by a teacher. This attack came less than one month after the Sandy Hook gunman massacred his victims, and then killed himself. This latter incident in January was certainly not the last to be heard of and, unfortunately, we can expect similar tragedies in our future.

In the aftermath of the Sandy Hook massacre — said to be the largest in our country's history — a great amount of attention was given to our citizens' and politicians' talk about mental illness. The contention that murders are perpetrated by individuals with known or suspected mental illness is, to many, a foregone conclusion. Mentally healthy people don't do such things.

Public reaction

USA Today ran a story on Dec. 23 about a mother named Liza Long. It was said she reacted to the deaths of the children and

teachers at Sandy Hook by posting a blog on the Internet. It spread virally to hundreds of thousands of readers. It emphasized her words, "In the wake of another horrific, national tragedy... it's time to talk about mental health".

On Jan. 8, USA Today ran a story quoting another mother, Leisl Stoufer of California, saying, in reaction to the Sandy Hook news: "I don't want to be the mother whose beloved child's face comes across a TV screen having committed such heinous acts as the one's we have seen so recently." The implicit message seemed to be a plea for more focus, as a society, on our mental health/illness.

Soon after the atrocities, President Barack Obama's broadcast to the nation included statements that seemed to echo this sentiment, as if to say, "When our we going to start talking about our nation's mental health?"

Raising awareness

The answer to such a question is that we have been, we are, and we will

continue to talk about mental health issues. You see, it is being talked about more in our schools and taught about more by our teachers and mental health professionals than ever before. Our mental health associations continue to promote public awareness and our criminal justice system is giving more recognition to the issues through so called "mental illness courts" and "sobriety courts." The Veteran's Administration tells us more and more about epidemic levels of mental illness and brain injuries among our returning war combatants. So are others. Our local task force on teen suicide and our long-standing Call to Action Coalition are examples.

It occurs to me that the problem may not be that mental health issues are not being talked about, but that they are not being listened to and read about with more emphasis, less stigma, and with more open-mindedness. In my experience, we have come a long way, and in my opinion we have a long way to go. Perhaps our talking about mental health

issues is not frequent, organized, structured and regular enough. We tend to hear and talk and read about mental health and mental illness more often in the aftermath of tragedies such as Sandy Hook. Perhaps, we need more regular, ongoing, public forums. Is there any television station that has a built-in daily segment devoted to mental health awareness, education and prevention? I know of none. I do know of typical lead news reports that disclose the latest horrid tragedy, usually of a violent nature.

Negative view

I don't see a "counterpoint response," so to speak, on mental health awareness and reform. I seem to hear about the shortcomings of our society's response to the needs of our mentally ill citizens rather than the availability of treatment services. A lot of other people also tell me that they have the same perception.

At the risk of sounding self-serving, I believe that communities need to be made more aware of the

talk that is going on about mental health. My goal is to inform. I believe it is to the *Observer & Eccentric's* credit that the column you are now reading "Our Mental Health" has been printed monthly for over a decade. Not one month has been missed.

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Organization offers grants for bereavement programs

Angel Kisses, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving bereavement care for families that experience pregnancy loss, is accepting grant applications through March 1.

Founded in 2009, Angel Kisses initially worked directly with area hospitals to make positive change in bereavement care. Accomplishments include funding for bereavement rooms at Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital and St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit, donating a statue to the baby area at Roseland Park Cemetery, sponsoring two educational events for hospital care-givers, and more.

Its revised mission is to fund Michigan-based programs that improve care available to families who experience perinatal loss, with a focus on babies delivered during the second or third trimester.

"We have essentially sharpened our focus, while expanding our reach", said

Amy Allen, cofounder and vice president of Angel Kisses. "Now we can put more energy into fundraising, and leave the execution to those with more expertise in that area. We know there are some hospitals out there in need, and some people with really great ideas. Our hope is to discover and support some really unique and meaningful programs that will have a lasting impact on angel families. No idea is too big or too small."

The organization seeks applicants to apply for grants up to \$20,000.

Grant applications are available on the group's website at angelkisses.org or by e-mailing tracyroberts@angelkisses.org. Angel Kisses will award existing funds this spring. Future awardees also will be selected as the focus of the group's next fundraiser. Details about upcoming fundraisers will also be announced this spring.

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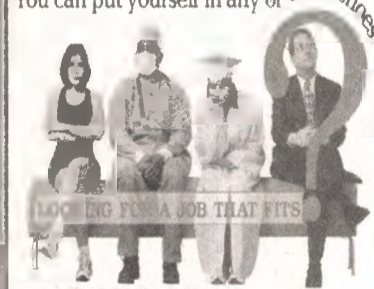
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Milestones

Emily Annabelle Saum

Emily Annabelle Saum was born January 14, 2013 at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital. Parents are Adam and Erica Saum of Farmington Hills. Big sisters are Elizabeth, 5, and Addison, 3. Proud grandparents are Carol Szymanski of Troy and Marlene and John Saum of Bradenton, Fla.



60th wedding anniversary

Donald Merritt and Margorie (Whitmore) Merritt marked their 60th wedding anniversary Thursday, Feb. 14. The Livonia couple was married in 1953 at St. Celilia's Catholic Church in Detroit. Their children are Deborah Jaskot of Plymouth and Jim Merritt of Pinckney. They also have four grandchildren. Donald has been retired from Dico Tool and Die for 23 years. Margaret retired from Flint Ink 13 years ago. The couple loves to travel and enjoys many activities with family and friends. They planned to celebrate their milestone anniversary with family and friends.

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DEGRAFF, PHOEBE CAMPBELL

Age 90, of Bloomfield Township. At home on February 8, 2013, from heart failure. Preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Daniel C. DeGraff. Survived by daughters Drieka DeGraff and Gretchen (Frank) Newman and granddaughters Anna (fiance Denis Griffis) and Grace Newman. Phoebe taught piano for over 50 years, directed the handbell choirs at the Congregational Church of Birmingham, and was an adjudicator for numerous music festivals. Service at Great Lakes National Cemetery will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to the Birmingham Musicale Philanthropic Fund, 18301 W. 13 Mile Rd., B2, Southfield, MI 48076.



JOHNSON, MICHELLE L.

Age 33, of Livonia, passed away peacefully February 14, 2013 surrounded by her loving family. She was born August 13, 1979 in Livonia; daughter of James and Vicki (Vacante) Johnson. Michelle graduate from Wayne State University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts. She was a talented graphic design artist, she not only did brilliant freelance work but also worked for The Henry Ford and Emerald City Designs. Michelle loved visiting the DIA, Greenfield Village, and Frankenmuth. She enjoyed traveling to warm climates so she could relax at the beach and be by the water. She was inspiring, hilarious, loving, strong-willed, generous, honest, compassionate and pure. Michelle wrapped her heart around everyone and all those who knew her loved her. She is survived by her mother Vicki Johnson; her sister Christie Johnson; and her grandmother Colleen Edwards. She was also loved by many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. She was preceded in death by her father James Johnson; her grandparents, Lyndal and Novella Johnson, Eugene Edwards, and Joseph Vacante. Visitation will be held Sunday, February 17 from 1-8pm at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 West Dunlap, Northville. The funeral service will be held Monday, February 18 at 11am, with visitation beginning at 10am at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the family of Michelle L. Johnson or the Huron Valley Humane Society. Share online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com



OLSON, ALTA L.

February 8, 2013, age 86 of Plymouth. Beloved wife of the late John. Loving mother of David (Therese), Jon (Colleen), Mark (the late Nancy) and Kurt (Patty). Adored Grandma of Markus, Kevin, Nicholas, Ryan, Lauren, Elodie and Alice. Funeral Service Friday 11 AM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, (Between Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. Visitation Thursday 6-9 PM. Interment Riverside Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army. To share a memory, visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



TOWER, DR. LYMAN MEISEL

Traverse City - Age 85, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Lyman was born on Thursday, January 26, 1928 in Pontiac, MI to the late Paul and Frieda (Meisel) Tower. He proudly served his country, as surgical technician, in the U.S. Army during World War II. Lyman entered into marriage with the love of his life, Ardis Joanne Schueller on Friday, September 8, 1950 in Wayne, MI. She preceded in death on May 16, 2009 after over 59 years of marriage. Lyman was a dedicated Family Physician and Surgeon. He practiced in Livonia for over 34 years and he was very proud to say he delivered over 1000 babies throughout his career. He absolutely loved caring for and treating his patients. Lyman will be remembered as a man with a genuine caring heart for others. He was deeply devoted to his family, friends and patients. He enjoyed traveling, fishing, boating, woodworking, walking his dogs, Michigan football and enjoyed tinkering with projects around the house. He was a devoted member of Kiwanis & The Elks Lounge. Left to cherish his memory are his daughter: Lisa (Bela) Antal, Traverse City, MI, his son, Erik (Rebecca) Tower, San Francisco, CA, and two grandchildren, the true apples of his eye, Nikolas and Sabrina Floros, numerous nieces, nephews and his furry buddies Murphy, Charlie and Molly. In addition to his wife and parents Lyman was preceded in death by three brothers: Robert S. Tower, Frederick C. Tower, Paul S. Tower and his niece Marie Tower. A Memorial Service honoring Lyman will take place at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 16, 2013 at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, 305 Sixth St. Pastor Nick Twomey will officiate. Friends and family are welcome to visit with the family on Saturday from 10am until the time of the Service. In accordance with Lyman's wishes cremation has taken place. Dr. Tower's family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff of Munson Hospice for their loving support and care. Memorial contributions may be directed to Special Olympics Area 2 and ACT Grand Traverse (Artists Creating Together). Please feel free to share your thoughts and memories with the family at the funeral home or through www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com. The family is being served by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.



Dahlia Hope Wenzlick

Dahlia Hope Wenzlick was born Jan. 29, 2013 at the University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor. Dahlia joins her parents, Marcie (Quirk) and Ted Wenzlick, and big sister, Lily, 2, at home in Livonia. Grandparents are Joyce Quirk of Farmington Hills, and Stan and Jean Wenzlick of Chesaning. Great-grandparents Ken and Helen Wenzlick of New Lothrop.

Matthew Frank Lado

Matthew Frank Lado was born Feb. 11, 2013 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Proud parents are Brad and Kate Lado of Redford. Grandparents are David Bobrowski of Livonia and the late Joyce Bobrowski; and Judi Lado of Adrian and the late Frank Lado.

RELIGION CALENDAR

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

Bus transportation is available for Livonia residents and Westland residents within the Livonia School District

February

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 17

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

Details: All you can eat pancake and French toast breakfast with ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice and milk. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, 2-10

Contact: (734) 425-4421

CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: Noon-2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24

Location: St. Damian Catholic School, 29892 Joy, Westland

Details: Take a guided tour of the school, which includes preschool-eighth grades, meet the staff members who will be available to answer questions/concerns and have conversation with other parents and students. St. Damian has interactive Smartboards in every classroom, Apple iPads and a technology lab. St. Damian offers latchkey programming, CYO sports, foreign language, music, computers, art, and physical education with more than 3 acres of outdoor sports

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FILM

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Feb. 20

Location: Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway

Details: Reel Events Film Series features "Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North." The film follows the descendants of the DeWolf family as they retrace the triangle of the slave trade from Ghana, to Cuba, to Rhode Island. Admission is free

Contact: (248) 354-4488

FILM

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills

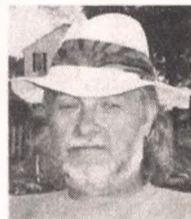
Details: See the movie, "Gifted Hands" for free in the church Fellowship Center. The film tells the true story of Dr. Benjamin Carson. A special dinner of breaded catfish, mac & cheese and more will top off the evening, which is designed to celebrate Black History month. Free will offering will be accepted for the meal. Call the church if you plan to attend the dinner

Contact: (248) 553-33809



GRZYCH, JESSICA ROSE

Lost her brave 5 year battle with leukemia on February 10, 2013 at age 23. Loving daughter of Pamela (Bert) Parsons and Walter (Lori Cicirelli) Grzych. Dear sister of Victor Parsons. Beloved granddaughter of Walter Grzych and Rose Schaffer. Dear niece of Aunt Shawn, Uncle Mike, Uncle Eric, Aunt Wendy, Aunt Kathy and Uncle Brian. Beloved cousin of Amanda, Dale, Hailey, Hannah and Sheldon. She was deeply loved and will be dearly missed by her beloved cats, Chloe, Kylie and Libby. Funeral service Thursday 10am at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 N. Inkster Rd., (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill), Garden City. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Jessica Rose Grzych Memorial Fund at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center. This fund will support research in the area of Leukemia and Graft Versus Host Disease. Checks may be made to "University of Michigan" and sent to Medical Development, Attn: Kim Schuster, 1000 Oakbrook, Suite 100. Ann Arbor, MI 48104. You may also call 734-998-6893 or visit www.mccancer.org/tribute to make your gift. In Jessica's honor please wear pink, purple, red or Red Wings attire. www.santeiufuneralhome.com



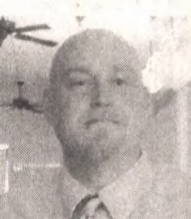
OLIVER, WILLIAM

Age 71 of Northville, passed away at his home on Weds., Feb. 6th, surrounded by his loving family. Bill was born in Detroit to parents Lawrence and Grace Oliver. A 1959 graduate of Cody High School, he later attended the Center for Creative Studies. Although he made his living as the owner of "Bill Oliver's Wallpaper & Painting", his passion for art, in various media, remained his lifelong passion. Bill was a founding member of Detroit Focus (Cass Corridor Artists) in the 1970's, a past member of the Visual Arts Association of Livonia, and a current, contributing member of the Northville Art House. Bill is remembered as an outstanding talent and accomplished artist whose works were exhibited in many local and national art shows. He was an avid gardener and collector of art, glass and pottery. He also gave of his personal time to deliver meals on wheels in the Northville and Livonia areas for many years. In addition to his loving wife, Elizabeth, Bill is survived by his mother Grace, sister Susan Threet (Larry), son Adam Oliver, daughter Amy Gallico (Mike), son Andy Oliver (Debby), step-sons Matt Unsworth (Jennifer) and Don Unsworth (Amy). He is also survived by eight grandchildren, two nieces, and beloved dog Trixie. A memorial service celebrating Bill's life and beautiful art is planned for a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations to the Northville Art House, Angela Hospice, the Animal Rescue Shelter of your choice, or Promise Village Home for Children. Arrangements were entrusted to Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Directors, 19091 Northville Rd., Northville.



RICHARD, DORIS WILLIAMS

Of Plymouth, passed away peacefully on the morning of February 13, 2013, in the presence of her family. Her loving husband Bruce "HB" Richard preceded her, passing in 2006. Surviving family members are daughter Nancy (Dan) Earle, sons David B. Richard and Michael (Deborah) J. Stone-Richard, six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, and sister-in-law Dorothy Jewell. Doris was born in Detroit, Michigan on October 10, 1921, and moved to Plymouth in 1939, graduating from Plymouth High School in 1940. After high school she worked at Henry Ford's all-woman Phoenix Mill, helping in the war effort. Doris was a longtime member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. She was an active community volunteer throughout the years in many organizations including the Plymouth Lions Club, the Plymouth Historical Society, and the Plymouth Garden Club. She was a member of the Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution, National Society of New England Women, Daughters of the Union, National Society of Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America, The Mayflower Society of Michigan, Daughters of 1812, and a Life Member of the National Genealogical Society. Her hobbies included gardening, needlepoint, genealogy and she was an avid reader, especially of mystery novels. The funeral service was held Saturday, February 16 the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. Donations may be made in Doris' memory to the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth or the Plymouth Historical Society. Share memories at schrader-howell.com



SCHWANTES, THANE N.

Age 34, died suddenly February 8, 2013. Beloved husband of Michele. Loving father of Elin. Dearest son of Ken and Judy. Dear brother of Erica. Son-in-law of Charles and Suzanne Krisher. Also survived by aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of family and friends. Funeral Service at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Saturday at 11 a.m. Visitation Friday from 1 - 9 p.m. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Thane Schwantes Family Trust C/O Chase Bank. Please share a memory at: www.rggharris.com



TAYLOR, LESLIE JOHN

Feb. 13, 2013 age 50 of Wayne. Beloved husband of Kathleen. Dear father of Sara, Michael A. & Robert J.. Loving son of Thomas & Phyllis. Brother of Raymond (Patricia) Peterson, Cynthia McBride, Thomas Taylor, Tamara (Matthew) Matsui & the late Michael Anthony, Zachary Scott. Funeral at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland; Tues. 11:30 am. Family will receive friends Mon. 1-9 pm. Memorial donations may be made to the family. Please visit and sign a tribute at www.uhtfh.com



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Nutritionist, fitness professional team up to offer health tips

Livonia audience shapes up at event

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Dietitian Zonya Foco knows convenience means many of us don't eat as well as we should. "We have convenience at every turn," said Foco. Too many of us — despite New Year's resolutions — consume more salt, sugar and fat than we should. "What do we do the other 23 hours of the day?" asked Foco, showing a photo of a 24-hour fitness center. "Reward ourselves."

Foco, author and TV host, and physical therapist Sherry McLaughlin, spoke recently at HAP's HealthierU event that was attended by some 400 at Burton Manor in Livonia.

HAP's HealthyU programs are designed to deliver education and inspiration to help members achieve their personal health goals. Presentations, and live demonstrations are designed to entertain and coach attendees on topics such as eating for optimal health, the importance of everyday exercise and how to stay motivated. Attendees started the program with a breakfast



Husband and wife, Michael Jurek and Rosa McDermott exercise while seated at the HealthierU event.



Chrisanetta Dunlap of Redford learns about healthy lifestyles at HAP's HealthierU event.

of Egg Beaters™ and turkey sausage, before getting tips on nutrition and moving for health.

Foco noted only 3 percent of people meet the standings for a recommended healthy lifestyle: nonsmoker, eating at least five fruits and vegetables a day, exercising 30 minutes or more most days, and in a healthy weight range.

She said 80 percent of heart disease, 90 percent of Type 2 diabetes, and 70 percent of cancers relate

to lifestyle.

Foco recommended Brian Wansink's *Mindless Eating*, in which he encourages people to use smaller plates at meals, and to re-engineer their kitchens as a "health haven."

Having a bowl of fruit out is better than potato chips on the fridge top.

Drinking a 12-ounce can of pop daily doubles your changes of getting Type 2 diabetes, Foco said.

She also emphasized weighing and measuring

food. First lady Michelle Obama has advocated the new plan of www.ChooseMyPlate.gov, with fruits and vegetables a bigger part of all meals, including dinner.

Foco compared the Applebee's Fiesta Lime Chicken for calories, sodium and fat to the same restaurant's much healthier Grilled Dijon Chicken with Portobellos. She encouraged attendees to go online for restaurant menus including nutrition information.

Physical therapist McLaughlin said we're designed to be symmetrical, and to move front-to-back, side-to-side and twisting.

Bad rotation is bad, she said, as "exercise buddies" checked each other for symmetry and movement. Muscles only learn what we teach them, McLaughlin said, guiding attendees through some exercises.

She encouraged women and men to walk, swim, cycle or run, as well as using the sternal lift of posing for a photo and sucking in your gut.

Pain's not inevitable, she said, and isn't due to genetics in most cases.

Karen (Stewart) Spica of Farmington Hills enjoyed her time at HAP HealthierU.

"I thought it was great," said Spica, who was interested in exercises to combat carpal tunnel.

"You don't even realize you're at the computer all day," Spica added.

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

February

HEART DISEASE & WOMEN

A free lecture about heart disease and women is set for 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28 at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, Private Dining Rooms 1-3, 6777 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. Attendees can learn about the differences in symptoms, the expert resources available, and the important steps they can take to reduce their risk of heart disease. A light dinner will be provided, and valet parking will be available. Register by calling (800) 532-2411 or at www.henryford.com/heart.

HEART SCREENINGS

The Henry Ford Heart & Vascular Institute is offering two types of screenings to monitor cardiac health. A "Know Your Numbers" screening will be held 8-10 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 27, at Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane, 19401 Hubbard Drive, Dearborn. The "Know Your Numbers" screening includes total cholesterol, LDL, HDL, triglycerides, glucose, BMI height/weight and blood pressure. An appointment is required, and 8-12 hours of fasting is recommended prior to the appointment. Visit www.henryford.com/heart, or call (800) 532-2411 for an appointment for a "Know Your Numbers" screening. Space is limited. Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, 6777 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, is offering a comprehensive screening program to give an overview of a person's heart and vascular health. Screening results will be explained the same day by a Henry Ford cardiologist. The Heart Smart Screening is limited to people under 65, and offers detailed diagnostic imaging and lab work including blood pressure, BMI, lipid profile, fasting blood glucose, 12-lead ECG,

Carotid Intima-Media thickness test and comprehensive risk assessment. Cost is \$99. Call (866) 381-0005 to make an appointment.

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 good-will 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 and click on "classes and events."

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Dr. Habhab
Cardiology

Q: Both my father and grandfather suffered heart attacks at rather young ages. Because of this, I am much more conscious of what I eat, and I exercise. Am I already at higher risk because of my family history even though I am a woman?

A: A healthy lifestyle has the biggest impact on cardiovascular health. People who adopted healthy lifestyle behaviors in young adulthood maintained a low cardiovascular risk profile in middle age. The five most important healthy behaviors are no smoking, low alcohol intake, weight control, physical activity and a healthy diet.

Studies show only a small proportion of cardiovascular health is passed from parent to child. Instead, what you do and how you live have a much greater impact than your genes or how you were raised.

It is never too late to get heart healthy. Know your numbers. Check blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar levels, and determine where the numbers should be when consulting with your doctor.

Q: My husband is a wonderful man, but I fear he works too hard. I am concerned stress and other job-related issues are going to cause him to have a heart attack or stroke. How can we determine the strength of his heart?

A: A cardiac stress test provides information about how your heart works during physical activity. Some heart problems are easier to diagnose when your heart is working hard and beating fast. As your body exerts energy, it requires more oxygen, so the heart must pump more blood. The test can show if the blood supply is reduced in the arteries that supply the heart. It also helps doctors determine the safest level of exercise appropriate for a patient.

Cardiac stress tests are non-invasive and painless. The test monitors heart rate, breathing, blood pressure, electrocardiogram (EKG) and how tired a person feels. Depending on the results of the test, your physician may recommend additional testing, such as a nuclear stress test or cardiac catheterization.

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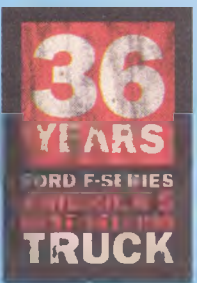
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Eight certifications that can boost your career

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In some fields — medicine and teaching, for example — certifications and accreditations are the “entrance ticket” to the profession. In others, certifications may not be mandatory but can significantly improve chances of landing a job, moving up, getting a raise or taking on new responsibilities.

The vast majority of professional certificate programs are for people who are already working in a particular field and are not for people with limited work experience or who are just out of high school.

Here are eight in-demand professional certificate programs. Some are industry-specific, while others can help careers in a variety of fields.

1. Professional project management.

Project managers can be found in just about any company or industry that has projects, from information technology to construction to government. While PMP certification, administered by the Project Management Institute, is now an expectation for project managers, it has become a bragging right for anyone who might have managerial duties.

2. Foreign language.

In many occupations, especially customer service, knowing more than one language can provide a significant career boost. Proving you’re proficient

in those languages is easier with a certificate of foreign languages. There are many tests and certificates offered through community colleges or distance learning programs.

3. Corporate training.

Corporate training is an in-demand business-management specialty that can be lucrative. If you’re in management or human resources and want to specialize, move up the company ladder or just want to extend your knowledge and skills, the Certified Professional Trainer degree offered by the American Training and Seminar Association can give you a boost.

4. Desktop support administration.

IT support specialists have a variety of certifications that can expand their portfolio of skills. The Windows operating system, however, is ubiquitous, and even if you’re working in a general support position, having a Microsoft Windows 7 Enterprise Desktop Support Administrator certification can be a big plus. The certification provides the knowledge to install, maintain and manage the Windows 7 desktop system.

5. Personal fitness training.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, this booming career field is experiencing faster than average job growth. In theory, anyone who understands fitness could be a fitness trainer, but having a cer-



tificate — or two or three — will prove to employers and clients that you know what you’re doing. Certification programs are offered by the Aerobics and Fitness Association of America, National Academy of Sports Medicine and American Fitness Professionals & Associates, among others.

6. Professional sales.

You’re unlikely to find a college degree in sales, but a variety of certificate programs can give you the skills and experience to prepare for a career selling goods and services. Many of these programs are industry-specific; there are nearly as many professional sales certificates as there are profes-

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Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Car Report

Advertising Feature

Improved 2014 Tundra demonstrates Toyota's renewed confidence



By Dale Buss

Toyota has revealed a 2014 Tundra that it called the most significant refresh since the pickup truck's second-generation model launched in 2007.

But for an also-ran brand in pickups, taking the wraps off the new Tundra will be only the first mile on a challenging road for a company that otherwise has nearly fully recovered from its travails of the last few years.

At the Chicago Auto Show, Toyota displayed a new Tundra with a more chiseled front end, taller grille, new three-piece front bumpers and blockier sheet metal overall. In back, the bed has a new look, and there's a three-piece bumper and updated taillights.

Inside, Tundra's cabin is reworked with a new seat design and instrument panel as well as blind-spot monitor, standard backup camera and Bluetooth.

As it unveiled this new Tundra in Chicago, Toyota seemed to be stealing a page from Chrysler's playbook for Super Bowl advertisements: Reveal almost no details of what you'll be showing until the appointed hour, resulting in maximum impact once you do.

Toyota sounded hopeful on the stage at the Chicago show. Earlier, Bob Carter, senior vice president of U.S. auto operations, told Bloomberg: "We're going to be a bigger player in the pickup market." And the rekindling of the U.S. housing market is making the pickup segment especially attractive these days.

But even a refreshed Tundra faces huge

obstacles. Toyota never has put more than a slight dent in a market that, of course, has always been dominated by GM, Ford and Chrysler.

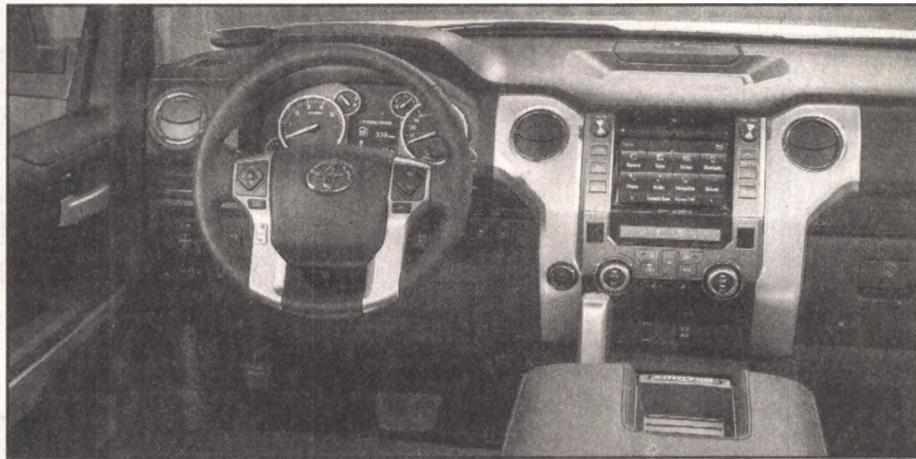
And the Detroit Three haven't been sitting on their lead. Ram recently unveiled a new version of its 1500, which was named North American Truck of the Year at the Detroit auto show last month; Chevy plans a second-quarter launch of an overhauled Silverado; and Ford continues to goose F-150 sales with the popularity of a six-cylinder option featuring a fuel-efficient EcoBoost engine.

Tundra was launched in 1999 and its second generation already featured touches that you'd expect from American-brand truck designers: ample interior room, knobs big enough to be operated through work gloves, and a 5.7-liter V8 engine. Toyota covered its bets with a wide variety of options for cab configurations and bed lengths and even went so far as to build a plant in San Antonio, Texas, of all places, to assemble Tundra.

But after a surge in sales in 2007 and 2008, Tundra slipped back during the Great Recession, when brand loyalty for Detroit Three trucks kept their franchises relatively strong even as the housing bust



Chiseled exterior styling of new Toyota Tundra begins with the front end.



All-new Tundra interiors cater to specific customers with specific budgets.

and other general economic woes made professional buyers harder to come by. Output in San Antonio slumped to about 100,000 units annually, or about half the Toyota plant's capacity.

Now — nearly two years after the earthquake and tsunami that leveled much of Japan's northeast coast and sent the nation's auto industry into a tailspin — Toyota is back on top of the world. While many psychic, physical and economic scars remain in Japan, Toyota reported a 23-percent rise in quarterly net profit this week and raised its annual profit forecast by ten percent.

Toyota and its Lexus and Scion brands are all benefiting from a snap-back in sales and market share in the U.S., as Toyota has managed to get through its recall fiasco in 2010 — as well as the natural disaster in 2011 — with flying colors. Toyota reported a 26 percent gain in sales in the U.S. market — more than double the industry average gain for the month of January.

Sales of the new RAV4, as well as a new

version of the Avalon full-size sedan, have started off strong this year, and the expanded Prius line continues to add to its dominance of the hybrid segment worldwide. Old reliables Camry, in a new and improved version, and Corolla continue to hold down huge portions of the crucial small-car segment.

A rewarding aspect of Toyota's recovery: Many thousands of American consumers patiently waited additional weeks and months during the last couple of years for the Toyota and Lexus vehicles they wanted as the company continued to restore its supply base from the 2011 natural disaster.

"Consumers are responding to our new products and to the great value we're able to offer," Bill Fay, Toyota's general manager, said in a conference call last week.

Toyota also re-took the top spot in global sales from GM in 2012.

And now, feeling its corporate oats, Toyota wants to make another concerted run at pickups with the new Tundra. It'd better get a big head start.

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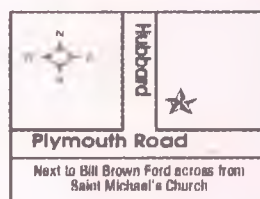
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