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Rotary Club honors first responders

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

If Charles Rozum thought he was going to be able to kick back with his feet up and relax after ending his 27-year career as a police officer in Farmington Hills, his wife soon made it clear Rozum had another think coming.

Rozum, now a rookie police officer in the Plymouth Township Police Department, said he only made it to the first Monday of his retirement before his wife Claudia told him it wasn't going to work that way.

"My first Monday, (Claudia) said, 'You're not going to lay on the couch,'" Rozum said Friday, moments after being named the township's Officer of the Year at the 13th Plymouth Rotary Awards luncheon.

Rozum was one of four honored by the Rotary Club, which honors the area's first responders every year. Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington said he wondered, as a 50-year-old man, how Rozum would respond as a rookie police officer.

But Rozum has handled some high-profile cases. In

one, he ended up arresting the suspect who robbed the Bank of America branch at Five Mile and Beck in August. By evening, Tiderington said, Rozum had identified the suspect and "was placing handcuffs on him by the end of the night."

He also apprehended the 37-year-old man who ran off with a 15-year-old girl last month. That man, Robert Messer of Northville, was bound over for trial this week on several criminal sexual assault charges.

"He certainly is one of our

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Plymouth Rotary Club honored top first responders Friday, including (from left) EMT Scott Bernhardt, firefighter Bob Weiland, Plymouth police officer Mark Farhat and Plymouth Township officer Charles Rozum.



Sam Abdallah preps for the lunch rush at Aladdin's. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

FOOD IS FOCUS AT NEW 789 BUILDING

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Plymouth foodies – and people just looking to grab lunch or a snack downtown – can put three more stops on their checklists.

Three eateries – the Cafe Jorge coffee shop, Yummie Yogurt and Aladdin Shawarma Express – opened recently in the 789 Building at Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail. The three are the first occupants of what building developers plan as a food court with, on the second floor, an upscale restaurant.

"So happy to be here. It's a beautiful town," said building co-owner Omar Hamdan, whose wife Diana is running Aladdin, which boasts authentic Lebanese food.

Hamdan, a developer who spent 30

years in the restaurant business, owns the 789 Building with Nabil Kadi. Hamdan launched the project in 2010 with then-partner Ed Dombrowski, who has since left the venture. Winning city approvals for the project took nearly a year and finishing it, from groundbreaking to occupancy, another two.

The 789 Building, named for its address on Ann Arbor Trail, was built on the site of a long-closed gas station that was torn down in early 2011. Hamdan said the construction price was more than \$1 million.

Sites available

Hamdan, who lives in Plymouth Township, said he wanted to do something nice for the community with the

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Adina St. John makes an espresso at The Corner Shop. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Township cited for business growth

Plymouth Township has been recognized for their work to foster entrepreneurial growth and economic development in a study by researchers at iLabs, University of Michigan-Dearborn's Center for Innovation Research.

Plymouth Township was honored along with more than 50 other communities across the state. As a five-star community, the township received the highest level of recognition possible.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said attracting, retaining and expanding entrepreneurial ventures has always been a high priority.

"Plymouth Township is strong in the automotive sector and we continue to expand in the advanced technology and life science fields," Reaume said. "We are truly honored to receive this recognition and will continue to work hard to make Plymouth Township a great place to do business for all entrepreneurs."

The eCities research surveyed 114 communities from 40 counties in Michigan that are home to 34 percent of Michigan residents and nearly half of its college graduates. More than 125,000 entrepreneurs with more than \$3 billion in self-employed income call the participating communities home. These communities also had more than \$1.5 billion in 2011 commercial construction and more than 70 percent share services with other communities.

The communities were honored at a ceremony at UM-Dearborn. Support for eCities 2012 is provided in part by the DTE Energy Foundation, the Michigan Economic Development Corp. and UM-Dearborn's College of Business.

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SHARE YOUR THANKSGIVING TRADITIONS

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you cook your turkey. Or a special entree, veggie or dessert you just have to have.

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leaders," Tiderington said of Rozum. "He's a leader not based upon his words, but based upon his actions."

Others honored Friday included Plymouth police officer Mark Farhat, Northville-Plymouth firefighter Bob Weiland and paramedic Scott Bernhardt of Huron Valley Ambulance.

City of Plymouth

Farhat has been a police officer in the city of Plymouth since February 2012, serving most of his first 18 months as a road patrol officer on the night shift. He started his

police career in 2001, according to Plymouth Chief Al Cox, but was often a victim of a drop in the numbers of officers in Michigan because of layoffs and mergers.

Cox called Farhat "dedicated" and "productive" and noted Farhat's quick acceptance of the "team" concept in the city of Plymouth.

Cox recalled an April case where Farhat was first on scene when a distressed mother called because her 9-month-old daughter wasn't breathing. Farhat, father to 2-year-old Avery and soon-to-be-born Jack, saw upon his arrival the girl's face was turning blue. He noticed a dime-sized piece of plastic lodged in the child's

throat and dislodged it, allowing the baby to begin gasping for air.

Cox noted the sense of empathy his officers have in these cases because, like Farhat, most of them have young children themselves. Farhat agreed that was foremost in his mind.

"My heart sank," Farhat said. "I think of my own kids and how devastating it would be if they were in that situation."

Northville-Plymouth firefighter

Firefighter Bob Weiland is on about his third career, having retired from the Plymouth Township Fire Department and from a job at AT&T before taking his current position with the Ply-

mouth station of the Northville Fire Department.

He'd been hired in Plymouth Township in February 1978. He took Red Cross and advanced first-aid training, got his ambulance attendant license and his EMT and paramedic licenses.

He retired from AT&T in 2002 and left Plymouth Township in 2009. When Northville and the city of Plymouth came to their joint agreement, Weiland joined the Plymouth station in 2010.

"Bob is always eager to be of help and ready to respond when the tones go off," Northville Fire Chief Jim Allen said. "He approaches each task with enthusiasm and dignity."

Weiland said the reason for that is simple – he just wants to help.

"That's how it's always been," Weiland said Friday. "I just want to assist the community."

Top paramedic

Bernhardt, a Garden City resident, began working with Huron Valley Ambulance when he graduated from Schoolcraft College in 2008. He went into firefighting after a conversation with his wife's grandfather, retired Garden City firefighter Ken Heins.

HVA's Paul Hood hailed Bernhardt as a "shining example" of what a paramedic should be. Instead of telling stories about Bernhardt's

service, Hood read letters from patients Bernhardt has served, touching letters Hood said point out the kind of paramedic Bernhardt is.

"Scott shows service above self every day, a trait that cannot be taught," Hood said.

Bernhardt, with his wife Erin and his children – 3-year-old daughter Ryan and 1-year-old son Ken – watching, said he was "surprised and excited" after being chosen Paramedic of the Year.

"I like helping people," Bernhardt said. "When you have critical patients and there are good outcomes, that's the best feeling."

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FOOD

Continued from Page A1 project. He's planning on two or three more eateries for the food court – quality ethnic food would

be a good fit, he said – and a restaurant upstairs, which has a balcony overlooking downtown.

"I'd like to see a very nice restaurant up there, a five-star restaurant," he said. He's received

some inquiries, he said, but the fact that no liquor license is available – the number of active licenses to sell alcohol by the glass is currently at the city's maximum of 24 – causes restaurateurs to hesitate.

The second floor could also be built out as office space, Hamdan said, and potential office tenants have also in-

quired.

Aladdin, at the center of the food court's current configuration, offers what chef Fadi Barakat says is the authentic food of Lebanon – what visitors to that country would find.

"There is nothing canned, nothing frozen," he said. Like Hamdan, Barakat has about 30 years in the business. He has cooked in a number of ethnic styles.

The menu includes falafel, beef and chicken shawarma, stuffed grape leaves, hummus, baba ghanouj and more.

"For a new business, we are doing very well," Hamdan said.

Coffee corner

Next door to Aladdin is Cafe Jorge, where, according to proprietor Mary Stackpoole, locally made treats and snacks are emphasized and Illy coffee is served.

Snacks for sale Tuesday included flavored popcorn and cookies from Detroit, chocolates from Dexter and gluten-free granola from Walled Lake.

"We're always looking for new vendors," manager Adina St. John said.

Stackpoole, of Plymouth, is a newly retired teacher who spent 32

years at Fordson High School. A big fan of downtown Plymouth, she saw an opportunity at Hamdan's building and took it.

"It was the right place at the right time," Stackpoole said. She knew she would be taking up a second career, she said.

Cafe Jorge has traditional coffee and espresso drinks, plus steamers (steamed milk and flavored syrup) teas and chai lattes. Wireless Internet service is available in the entire food court.

"We are starting to see a core group of people come in at the same time every day," St. John said.

Yogurt stand

Rounding out the food court is Yummie Yogurt, the third location for a self-serve frozen yogurt retailer launched just this year. Owner Tony Nguyen, who says his plan to attend dental school was sidetracked when he was inspired to go into the frozen yogurt business, also has locations in Farmington Hills and Rochester Hills.

"The customers really love our product. They've never seen a shop with so many toppings," Nguyen said. There are about 70 toppings available.

Yummie Yogurt,

Nguyen said, buys yogurt from a local supplier, Frosty Products in Canton Township, and has 100 flavors offered on a rotating basis. Workers there mix several flavors themselves.

There are non-fat, no-sugar, non-dairy and Italian ice-style selections (the latter two are technically not yogurts), Nguyen said. Yummie Yogurt also serves bubble tea, flavored teas with tiny tapioca balls that are popular among college students.

Nguyen, who lives in Farmington Hills, said he's long enjoyed downtown Plymouth and "kept an eye out" for a potential location there. It's different from other area downtowns that draw big crowds or have become over-commercialized, he said.

"You can actually take a walk in downtown with a cup of coffee or a yogurt and take in the scenery," he said.

Cafe Jorge is open 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Aladdin Shawarma Express is open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week, while Yummie Yogurt is open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week.

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The study focuses on entrepreneurship because of its importance to expansion and diversification of Michigan's regional economies and the impact small businesses have on job creation. To date, 165 communities across Michigan have participated in the study.

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Giving spirit helps diaper bank surpass goal

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Tugging along 21-month-old son Sennett, Plymouth mom Jessica Bigas dropped off diapers he had outgrown to help the Canton Public Library pack a truck with donations for the Detroit Area Diaper Bank.

"We had some extra diapers and this seemed like a good cause," Bigas said, pausing before she took Sennett inside the library for a story time session. "He outgrew the diapers, so this worked out really well."

Her charitable act was repeated across metro Detroit as diapers and donations poured in from Rochester to Wyandotte to help diaper bank founder Marybeth Levine shatter her goal to collect 250,000 diapers by Thanksgiving.

The library alone collected 44,963 diapers during a two-day Stuff the Truck campaign that ended Thursday, pushing Levine's fall drive to 259,059 diapers and bringing in 259,059 monetary donations to buy thousands more.

"I'll never get over the people who pull up with diapers and just drive off," Levine said, as she greeted donors along with volunteer Lisa Kluka and the library's marketing and communications department head, Laurie Golden. "The turnout is always so heartwarming."

Donations flow

These volunteers needed warming as a chilly November day gave way to rain. Still, the donations came, from The Funky Frog children's resale boutique in Rochester, from Girl Scout Brownie Troop 71041 in Taylor, from Corvette Legends club member Sandy Vassallo, from Canton grandfather Rod Jenkins and his grandson Axel, from a local man who no longer needed adult diapers after his wife had died.

They donated diapers and money to help children and adults they would never know. They gave so Levine, an unpaid volunteer who started the Canton-based diaper bank in April 2009, could distribute diapers to social service agencies across southeast Michigan. They gave so she could fill a need neglected by government safety-net programs.

"I think what Marybeth



Volunteer Lisa Kluka sorts through the back of the truck. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Sennett Bigas and his mother Jessica Bigas dropped off diapers he outgrew to help the Detroit Area Diaper Bank. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Marybeth Levine offers a sticker to Axel Jenkins and his grandfather Rod Jenkins. Lisa Kluka watches the parking lot for donors. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

does is just wonderful," Vassallo said.

Jenkins wanted to help the diaper bank and the library where his wife Patricia volun-

teers her time.

"The library is a special place for us," he said.

And it's a special place for the diaper bank, hosting a

Stuff the Truck campaign every fall using a truck donated by a Canton catering company, Fat Chef in a Little Coat. Library employees donated dia-

pers, too; Director Eva Davis even asked friends to give diapers rather than buy gifts for her birthday in November.

"We always worry what kind of response we will get because we've been doing this for five years," Golden said. "It always amazes us."

Worse for others

She mentioned a Canton woman who had battled cold nights all week after she lost electricity during a round of storms Sunday night.

"She still brought diapers over," Golden said.

Donors gave because they realized that, no matter their own circumstances, others had it worse — mothers who choose between buying food or diapers, children who could become sick if they don't have basic necessities.

Levine, who has a dedicated group of helpers, has distributed nearly 1.8 million diapers since April 2009.

After reaching her goal before Thanksgiving, she now has supplies to help the diaper bank get through part of a long, cold winter — a winter that, because metro Detroit cares, will be a little warmer for some of its most vulnerable residents.

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Reality check

Exercise shows students ways of the 'real' world

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Like a lot of kids her age, Rowan Ashton may not always have understood what it means to have children and how expensive it can be.

But she does now.

Like the rest of her West Middle School eighth-grade classmates, Rowan recently went through the annual exercise known as "The Reality Store," which is really more of a reality check for kids about what grown-ups often call "the real world" is all about.

"I'm learning it's really expensive to have kids," Rowan, who'd like to maybe be a veterinarian one day, said as she surveyed the various options for day care in the store. "It's teaching you how expensive it is to live and how much your parents actually do for you."

The Reality Store is a social studies exercise designed to teach kids how to choose a career, what salaries are like and, most importantly, how much money it costs to pay for the various parts of their lives. It's a partnership between the school,

the Canton Business and Professional Women and Schoolcraft College that teaches kids a valuable lesson about life.

According to social studies teacher Jeanne Martin, when students go through The Reality Store they have selected a career, they're technically 25 years old and the salary they're given is based on the career they've chosen. They're told whether they have benefits and what their taxes are so they can know what amount they have to work with for a month.

Various stations are set up in the cafeteria - day care, transportation, utilities, groceries, phone store - and students make their way through the gauntlet of life decisions.

"It gives kids a shot at what real life is kind of all about," Martin said. "For instance, if they're a mother with two kids, they can't pick a motorcycle, because they have two kids."

April Dabelstein-Shepler knows what kind of reality check life can dish out. A para-pro for Wayne-Westland Schools, Shepler had to decide quickly what she was going to do when her husband became ill. Her choice: Go back to school at Schoolcraft College to study accounting.

"I love it (at Wayne-West-



Rowan Ashton (left) talks with parent volunteer Enza Lanava at the housing table in The Reality Store.

land), but at 50 years old I can't always keep up," said Shepler, who was on hand as a student volunteer. "I'm looking at something where ... the income can be much better."

Those are the kinds of lessons Martin believes The Reality Store can teach and, at the end of each session, the students do an evaluation to see if they've learned them. The eval-

uation packet includes a "value" survey that begins to show the students the things that are important to them.

They learn a little bit about handling a checkbook and they also get a chance to interview their parents.

Martin said she's often fascinated to see how much the students really do understand, especially once they've complet-

ed the exercise.

"I think they really begin to get a bigger understanding of what their parents have to deal with month-to-month that they didn't realize," Martin said. "Some of the parent feedback is that this has been helpful because (kids) have a better understanding of how the real world works. It's really eye-opening."

Canton student heads to Cambridge for studies

Katrina Maynes of Canton will soon be headed to graduate school at Cambridge University in England.

She remembers that when she needed to learn social studies facts in elementary school, her mom made it into a quiz game and her dad would let her win. Maynes learned her lessons quite well and went on to study French and take several advanced placement classes in history before graduating in 2010 from Salem High School.

Maynes, the daughter of Theresa and the late William Maynes, continued her out-



Maynes

standing performance at Grand Valley State University, where she has been recognized with a Frederik Meijer First Generation Honors College Scholarship, a Niemeyer History Scholarship, a Grand Valley Faculty Scholarship, a Grand Valley Award for Excellence, a Grand Finish Grant and an I Am Grand Valley Award.

Maynes said that her parents instilled in her the importance of education and a strong work

ethic.

"I just found what I loved and was willing to work hard at it," said Maynes, a Grand Valley Honors College history major and international relations minor. "I've always been interested in exploring identity, community and social integration, perhaps in part because I was adopted from South Korea. I have paired those interests with a focus in medieval history."

While completing challenging college history courses and French and Latin studies, Maynes also managed to be involved in a number of campus

groups, including the Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Fraternity and the Phi Sigma Pi Academic Honors Fraternity, and served as president of History "Theta" Club, vice president of the International Relations Organization and editor of *The Grand Valley Journal of History*. She is also one of only three Lead Peer Research Consultants at Grand Valley's Student Academic Success Center, working with students and mentoring and training incoming consultants.

She said she tried to take advantage of all that Grand Valley has to offer, from campus

groups and classmates, to the expertise of her professors.

"I have been very fortunate at Grand Valley to have so many excellent professors who have been caring mentors and role models for me," said Maynes, who will graduate in May. "My passion for history has also inspired me to become a professor to share my love of learning and history with the next generation of scholars."

Following graduation from Grand Valley, Maynes will continue her studies in the master's program in medieval history at Cambridge University.

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Whether dining in or carrying out, Thanksgiving is all about family time

By **Jill Halpin**
Correspondent

Cooking an elaborate Thanksgiving feast for 20-plus guests every year is a labor of love for Plymouth Township resident Laura McHugh.

"I've been doing it for at least 10 years," McHugh said, and "every year it seems to get easier even as the guest list seems to grow."

The main draw – complete with roast turkey, an array of side dishes ranging from stuffing and the requisite mashed potatoes to pecan praline sweet potatoes and chorizo sausage macaroni and cheese – is prepared almost entirely by McHugh, with relatives providing the dessert offerings.

She admits it is a lot of work, especially between trips to the airport and train station to pick up her daughter Alex, a senior at Washington University in Washington, D.C., and son Tim, a sophomore at Columbia College in Chicago.

Her son Lee, 13, an eighth-grader at West Middle School and husband Dan assist as best they can, she said, setting tables and setting our hors d'oeuvres.

'Blessing to serve'

"I'm grateful for the opportunity to have a chance to spend time and feed my friends and family. It is a blessing to be able to serve so many people," McHugh said.

That's not to say that all of the blessings have come easy, McHugh said, recalling a time not-so-long ago when she discovered that she had put the turkey in the oven upside down – with the breast on the bottom.

"I panicked," she said. "I think I was expecting 25 and wondered what was going to happen if it didn't cook properly."

Fortunately, the turkey tasted fine. Her turkey faux pas brought a smile to her face recently, she said, when she saw chefs on television touting the benefits of roasting your turkey breast-side down.

"I guess I was really in vogue without even realizing it," she said, laughing.

Not everyone enjoys cooking as much as McHugh or the time and that is where caterers and local markets come into the picture.

"Our lives are changing," said Justin Zdyrski, sous chef with Joe's Produce and Gourmet Catering in Livonia. "A lot of people want to host their families and friends for the Thanksgiving holiday, but they just don't have the time."

Ordering out has benefits

Although some people may have been reluctant to "order out" for their Thanksgiving meal, Zdyrski said that he has seen a shift as more and more people realize the benefits.

"It is losing the stigma it once had and definitely becoming more acceptable. We are literally making the same exact things that you would in your own home and it tastes just as good," Zdyrski said, recalling a customer who came in inquiring if the gravy included in the catering package was from a can. "I told her, no that our gravy is made from scratch, the same way most people do at home, using turkey stock," he said. "She was surprised."

An added bonus of ordering out, Zdyrski said, is the opportunity to spend more time with guests, relaxing and enjoying their company.

"That really is the biggest advantage," he said. "Many people are

realizing that they do not want to spend their time off cooking – they'd rather be socializing."

Joe's has already taken many orders for the meal, he said, and sizes on orders range from a 10-pound turkey to a large 30-pounder.

"It's across the board. That is the other nice thing, we can personalize it to your party and guests, just like you would do if you were cooking it yourself," Zdyrski said.

Dining out is popular

Dining out for Thanksgiving is another option that seems to be growing in popularity, according to some area restaurateurs.

"A cozy Thanksgiving meal does not necessarily mean that you have to host it in your home,"

said Mark Zarkin, proprietor of Lelli's on the Green in Farmington Hills.

Lelli's, which serves both dine-in and carry-out Thanksgiving meals, offers a three-course meal with two sides and dessert starting at noon Thanksgiving Day.

"We have everyone from the single person at the lounge to the larger parties of 10 or more. Everyone is relaxed and in a festive spirit," Zarkin said.

Zarkin said that he believes people are starting to find out they really don't want the hassle of cooking and cleaning for a large crowd.

"We do it all for them," he said, "People love the atmosphere – and it's a nice chance to really sit back and enjoy the holiday."



Laura and Dan McHugh of Plymouth Township look forward to cooking Thanksgiving dinner for their extended family.



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Often by history and examination alone the physician has enough information to tell where the pain originates. If doubt remains, an x-ray of the shoulder joint may confirm the cause of the pain and allow the doctor to undertake therapy.

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Dolores Hamrick (left) and Tami Phillips run MiMoz Clothez, a clothing bank serving youngsters in Wayne-Westland Community Schools. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Grandmothers join forces to clothe needy children

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

When Wayne residents Dolores Hamrick and Tami Phillips decided help local youngsters in need of clothing and shoes, they weren't sure what kind of response they'd get in collecting gently used clothing for redistribution.

"We never thought this would take off. We bought 10 (plastic) bins at Target and figured we could each keep five, if it didn't work," Phillips said. "We said who'd give us clothes? Had we only known?"

"We didn't know if would fly. We laughed when we were at Target," Hamrick said.

Started in 2012, MiMoz Clothez now has 40 bins plus clothing racks and shelves to temporarily store clothing in the basement of Hamrick's home.

The big demand is clothing and shoes for youngsters at the start of the school year. MiMoz Clothez helped 117 kids in 2012, mostly high school age, and that number jumped to 286 youngsters this year with requests primarily for kids in third- to sixth-grade.

"We started early with a Facebook account. We put out that we needed gently used clothing," Hamrick said. "The second call we received had 15 bags of clothes. It is just blossomed from there."

Focus on schools

MiMoz Clothez tries to focus on students in the Wayne-Westland School District with referrals from the Family Resource Center housed at Adams Upper Elementary School. Other word-of-mouth requests come from the Wayne County Family Center and First Step.

The idea for MiMoz Clothez started when Hamrick was on vacation in Florida and read a book called *7: An Experimental Mutiny Against Excess* by Christian writer Jen Hatmaker.

"She (Hatmaker) decided



A pair of Spiderman slippers peer out from a tub of children's shoes waiting to be distributed by MiMoz Clothez. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

to cut out a lot of the excess in her family's life," Hamrick said.

"You're able to focus on the needs of others and appreciate the bounty in your life," added Phillips.

Noting Hatmaker and her core group of friends helped change the life of one boy, Hamrick said. "We talked about it for awhile."

"I said I could help a whole school. I texted Tami," Hamrick said. "We talked about it for awhile."

The women, who have known each other for about a decade through First Baptist Church of Canton, contacted Family Resource Center coordinator Amanda Faughnan to see if there was a need.

This year, requests began in July and haven't stopped. That put a dent in clothing available to fill requests. "We got a nice financial donation. We had no boys' pants in certain sizes. We usually give two pairs of jeans," Phillips said. "We cleaned out Value Village and bought 53 pairs of jeans. We check out the zippers and make sure they are good. We bought 80-some shirts."

Organize clothing

Hamrick and Phillips launder and put together clothing for youngsters based on gender and size. The women learned it was easier to fulfill requests by organizing the clothes in marked clothing

racks and bins - the shoes have painters tape with the size written on it.

"One of the biggest comments we get is that people would rather give the clothes to someone than to the Salvation Army or Purple Heart where they have to pay for it," Phillips said. "Some people can't afford that. We deliver the clothes."

MiMoz is federally registered non-profit but Phillips and Hamrick keep their efforts a two-woman organization.

"It's just the two of us. We have no criteria. Some places you can only get things every three months. We want to make sure kids get to school," Phillips said.

"We don't want anyone to tell us who we can give to. It's all about the kids. They can't control the lives of their parents. It doesn't take much to make them happy."

The name MiMoz comes is derived from nicknames used by the women's grandchildren - Hamrick's five granddaughters call her Mimi, while Phillips's two grandchildren call her Momo.

Both Hamrick and Phillips cite the support of their husbands - Hugh and John, respectively - who help carry, wash and deliver clothing.

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Family ties bring WWII project close to home for DAR

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Marie Pleuss of South Lyon is glad to know Plymouth District Library staffer Susan Stoney of Plymouth.

Pleuss is second vice regent of the Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter Plymouth-Northville, Daughters of the American Revolution, marking its 87th anniversary. She dealt with Stoney to make room reservations at the library - and discovered Stoney's cousin, Larry Halbert of Ann Arbor, is the sculptor for The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial.

"I saw that and I thought this would be wonderful," said Pleuss, who went about setting up a program, held Nov. 18 at Station 885 with Halbert and Debi Hollis of Royal Oak, president of the initiative.

"We really do support veterans," said Pleuss, who was a longtime Wayne-Westland schools administrator. "That's one of our big causes."

Regents (similar to presidents) from other chapters attended with well wishes, according to DAR protocol.

Gloria Hunt of Plymouth Township is an associate member of Sarah Ann Cochrane and past honorary state regent, as well as past vice president general. Her chapter is Louisa St. Clair, the first in Detroit and now in Grosse Pointe.

"Sarah Ann Cochrane has one of the nicest programs," Hunt said. "You feel you've learned something." Hunt, who also likes the fellowship, plans on a memorial brick for her husband, a World War II Marine buried in Royal Oak.

Jan Sockolosky of Plymouth Township was a guest of Pam Brady's that day at lunch. Sockolosky's father was reading his Bible in a boxcar as a prisoner of war when he was killed in Europe. She was born soon thereafter.

"I think it's a wonderful thing," Sockolosky said of the memorial planned for 13 Mile and Woodward in Royal Oak. Her step-dad was a staff ser-

geant in North Africa and then stateside, with both men in the U.S. Army.

Her father is buried in Luxembourg. "Our daughter went and saw the grave. He was 24" when he died, Sockolosky said.

Hollis shared some thoughts before her formal presentation at her luncheon table. "Memorial Park is kind of where we started," she said. "The city of Royal Oak has been completely gracious and cooperative."

Michael Gordon of Moiseev Architects is also key, she added.

"There's not a single other one like this," she said of the Michigan memorial. "It's the whole Michigan story."

Deborah Davis of Novi is vice regent for the Sarah Ann Cochrane chapter and supportive of the memorial.

"I'm surprised it took so long," Davis said. "We want to rally around it. It's a good one."

Davis' dad served in the Navy, her father-in-law in the Army Air Corps. Stoney's dad was also a World War II veteran.

There was some time at the meeting to remember Sarah Ann Cochrane members/regents who have passed, as well as to welcome two new members.

Cochrane, who lived from 1832 to 1917 and is buried in Northville, was remembered. She was a librarian at the Detroit Public Library who oversaw introduction of the Dewey Decimal System there.

Cochrane was descended from five Revolutionary War ancestors on both sides of her family. Current members recognize their ties to the American Revolution, along with assisting veterans, giving high school senior scholarships and a Native American scholarship, presenting JROTC and ROTC medals and other projects.

DAR information can be found online at www.dar.org, www.michdar.org or www.cochrane.michdar.net.

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Foundation hands out grants

In its 2013 grant cycle, the Community Foundation of Plymouth awarded \$17,300 to support nine local organizations and projects that will benefit the Plymouth community and its residents.

The groups and their grants: » Village Potters Guild gets \$2,500 for a studio-sized pug mill to support workshops for seniors and funding for soup swap events.

» Michigan Philharmonic gets a \$2,500 grant for its youth education programs, including arts programs in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra.

» New Hope Center for Grief Support received \$1,500 for program expansion in Plymouth, which will include an additional eight-week workshop per year geared toward seniors.

» New Morning School received \$2,000 for 10 one-week camp scholarships to enable low-income students living in Plymouth to attend the school's summer science, technology and engineering camp. Through hands-on activities, the camp enhances students' learning and stimulates interest in science.

» Plymouth Community YMCA received \$2,500 to expand the number of weeks the

YMCA's Youth Volunteer Corps is offered in the summer from six to eight weeks.

» Plymouth Fire and Drum Corps received \$2,800 for scholarships to help members attend band camp.

» Plymouth Historical Society received \$1,000 for continued upgrades to the Plymouth Historical Museum's security systems by replacing the current system with better technology, cameras and network access.

» Plymouth Oratorio Society received \$1,000 for Britten St. Nicolas performance: two pianists, tenor soloist and a girls choir.

» Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. received \$1,500 to support the Plymouth Community Opportunity House Beautification Project, which includes updating the living and kitchen areas and providing computer equipment for the 14 residents who live there.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Jazz @ the Elks

Date/Time: Tuesday, Nov. 26, 7-10 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road.

Details: The next Jazz @ The Elks features the Cliff Monear Trio with Susan Tobocman doing vocals. Monear is on keyboard, Jeff Pedraz on Bass, and Scott Kretzer on drums. The Plymouth Elks Lodge is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Rd. \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres.

Vendor fair

Date/Time: Thursday, Dec. 5, 4-8 p.m.
Location: Farrand Elementary School, 41400 Greenbriar Lane
Details: Farrand Elementary School's annual Vendor/Craft Fair will feature more than 25 vendors and crafters. It will feature purses, jewelry, health, beauty and fitness items, and more. Admission is free.

Sophisticated Ladies

Date/Time: Thursday, Dec. 5, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Location: Emagine Canton, 39535 Ford Road, Canton
Details: Recently restored and remastered tapes of the 1981 Tony winning Duke Ellington's Sophisticated Ladies are now being exhibited on the big screen for the first time. The historic first live-in-performance capture of a currently running Broadway musical will be presented in remastered 5.1 surround sound. The production features the Duke Ellington Orchestra under the direction of Mercer Ellington.

Holiday Evening of Elegance

Date: Friday, Dec. 6
Location: 6739 Fleming Creek, Superior Township (near Ford Road and M-14)

Details: New Hope Center for Grief Support hosts its annual Holiday Evening of Elegance. Attendees will enjoy desserts, hors d'oeuvres from area restaurants as well as wine, beer and soft drinks. Baskets will be raffled off that hold gift certificates for massages, restaurants, golf and other items. There will also be a special raffle for a 50-inch TV, large wine holder with table and chairs and a painting from a gallery. Cost is \$45 per person. Register by Monday, Dec. 2.

Contact: Call 248-348-0115.

Cookie Walk

Date/Time: Saturday, Dec. 7, 8:30 a.m. to noon
Location: Northville 1st United Methodist Church, 777 Eight Mile, Northville

Details: The Northville 1st United Methodist Church is hosting Cookie Walk 2013, a fundraiser for the Appalachian Service Project. ASP is a Christian home repair/home building ministry through which our volunteers and staff repair and build homes for low-income families in rural Appalachia.

Auditions open

Dates/Times: Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 25-26, 6 p.m.
Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill in

Canton

Details: Spotlight Players hosts auditions for their next production. Registration starts at 6 p.m., with auditions beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Contact: More audition information can be found by visiting <http://www.spotlightplayers-mi.org/>. Actors and volunteers for costumes, props, set designer, sound, lights and a running crew are being sought.

Toy show

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1

Location: Livonia Elks on Plymouth Road east of Merriman in Livonia

Details: Admission will be \$4, with children under age 12 free for a toy show, featuring Hot Wheels, comic books, games, Star Trek and Star Wars items, movie, TV and music memorabilia, posters, beer signs, GI Joes, non-sports cards, Pez, lunch boxes, etc., will be sold at the toy show.

Contact: For more information or for tables, call Joe at 586-790-6290.

Grief workshop

Date/Time: Wednesday, Dec. 4, 7-8:30 p.m.
Location: Living Peace Church, 684 Deer, in Plymouth

Details: Facing life after the death of a loved one brings with it many emotions and fears. It's normal to feel overwhelmed, angry, and alone. The holidays are often very difficult as you move through without your loved one. For this reason, Living Peace Church is sponsoring a



Winning team

The Salem Rockettes JV pom team took first place with its hip-hop routine and seventh with its pom routine at the Great Lakes Dance Championship held recently at Clarkston High School. Team members include (front, from left) Kara Rocheleau, Maddie Martinsky, Sarah O'Donnell and coach Jes Wilhoite and (back, from left) Kelcie Rocheleau, Basia Bokuniewicz, Alyssa, Marshall, captain Erica Garczynski, captain Becky DeWater, Morgan Poulos, Hannah Parent, Tiffany Cicotte and Emily Bates.

Hope for the Holidays workshop. This workshop will be presented by New Hope Center for Grief Support, a Christian-based bereavement outreach center located in Northville.

Contact: Call Nancy at 734-895-7408.

Caregiver's Support

Date/Time: Second Thursday of the month, 7 p.m.

Location: Summit on the Park, 26000 Summit Drive, Canton

Details: It is both a special privilege and burden to be a caregiver for an elderly loved one. Friends meet monthly to discuss difficulties, share solutions, and know that they are not alone. There are no experts in caregiving, only those who have learned more, because they lived it. All are welcome.

Contact: For questions contact Tom at 313-618-7212, or thom-

assal@peoplepc.com.

Hospice support

Date/Time: Third Saturday of each 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

Support group

Date/Time: Second Monday of each month,

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland

Details: Do you have a loved one in jail or prison? Is your heart broken because of it? Then contact Bonnie at Hope 4 Healing Hearts, who will provide a safe place to talk and share with others, a place where you can learn how to cope with all of the new and frightening experiences.

Contact: For questions or more information, contact Bonnie at 734-646-2237 or by email at prettymonarch@comcast.net.

Bipolar support

Date/Time: Second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

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

Details: The Depression Bipolar Support Alliance is a self-help group for people with depression or bipolar disorder. Family and friends are also invited. All leaders have been professionally trained.

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'Nutcracker' comes to Salem stage

The Plymouth-Canton Ballet and the Michigan Philharmonic bring the story of the *Nutcracker*, following Clara as she journeys with the Nutcracker Prince from her home through the Land of Snow, to the stage Dec. 7-8 at the Gloria Logan Auditorium in Salem High School.

Performances are 6:30 p.m. Dec. 7 and 2 p.m. Dec. 8. A Sugar Plum parade will be held following each performance, where the audience is invited to come up on stage and meet the dancers. Salem High School Auditorium is located at 46181 Joy Road in Canton.

Ashlee Baracy of WDIV-TV (Channel 4) will open each performance with a reading of the *'Twas The Night Before Christmas*. The shows include special guest dancers from the Grand Rapids Ballet. Dawnell Dryja will perform as the Sugar Plum Fairy and the Snow Queen. Stephen Sanborn



The Plymouth-Canton Ballet and the Michigan Philharmonic bring the "Nutcracker" back Dec. 7-8 to the Gloria Logan Auditorium in Salem High School.

will dance the Snow King and Cavalier.

The P-CEP Madrigal Singers will perform the choral work in the Land of Snow. Dawnell and Ashlee are both past members of the Plymouth-Canton Ballet having danced in the *Nutcracker* and other performances.

Other dancers include Madison Thorp from Canton dancing as Clara.

The Dance of the Reeds will be complemented with dancers Madison Landon from Canton, Allison Mersereau from Livonia, Kaylee Carr-Taylor from Plymouth and Olivia Lovsin from Canton.

The Arabian Princess will be danced by Micah Endicott from Ypsilanti. Miranda Richards from Canton, Allison Reed from Belleville, Kayla Darkowski from Dearborn and Paige Adams from Gibraltar will be performing the high-energy and always popular Russian Variation.

Tickets purchased in advance receive a \$2 discount for each performance ticket. Tickets purchased at the door are \$25 for adults and teens, \$18 for children.

Sugar Plum Parade tickets are \$3 each and can be purchased in advance at the event. Ticket information and ordering is available online at www.plymouth-cantonballet.org or by calling 734-676-7233.

Holiday art exhibit set for Plymouth Community Arts Council

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will host a special art exhibit Dec. 1-29 by the Three Cities Art Club.

Titled "The Gift of Art," it invokes the holiday spirit, which talented artists offer the community in their work.

The public is invited to a reception 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at the center, 774 Sheldon.

Many of the award-winning artists exhibit all over the country, but have reserved December to share their talents with the local community.

In turn, the community is invited to vote for their favorite pieces of art and may view the work from 9 a.m. to 4



"Beyond Our Dimension," mixed media by Liz Gullikson of Canton, will be on display during the Three Cities Art Club exhibition.

p.m. Monday through Thursday, during public events and by appointment.

Call the PCAC for holiday openings and closings at 734-416-4278. Three Cities Art Club president Marilyn Mer-

edith said that visitors will see two-dimensional styles from traditional to impressionistic to abstract, as well as photography, and most of the work will be for sale.

Membership in the club is open to all. Monthly meetings held in Canton include tips and tricks, art news and programs, information and competitions, prizes, exhibitions, demonstrations and marketing, besides the stimulation of fellow artists.

Membership costs \$25 annually. For more information about the club or the event, contact Meredith at 313-231-3939 or visit threecitiesartclub.org.

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Jasmyn Adams sets up the dining room. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

'Great' Thanksgiving buffet provides meals for needy

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

There were few empty seats at tables as an overflow crowd filled the Commons area of the William D. Ford Career Technical Center for the annual Thanksgiving buffet benefit for the Wayne-Westland Family Resource Center.

City and school officials as well as the public enjoyed a turkey dinner with all the trimmings, prepared and served by the center's culinary arts students.

"The food was great, and it was great service," said Rita Harmon of Westland. "I came last year and the fact it helps people is an extra reason to come again. It's a great idea and a good experience for the kids."

Great was a word used often to describe the event, started by Chef Anthony Paquette seven years ago as a way for students to practice their skills while helping oth-

ers. Guests made a donation of \$10 for the meal, with the money raised used to provide Thanksgiving dinners to needy families in the school district.

Help needed

"Thank you for coming and thank you William D. Ford Center for hosting this event year after year and putting on this elaborate meal," said Amanda Faughnan, resource center director. "Chef Tony and the students do a fabulous job with the food."

She added that the need for assistance among residents in the school district continues to rise, and with the help of Paquette and the Career Technical Center, the resource from the community to that need continues to grow.

"Year after year, attendance grows, I hope you will continue to come and make this grow," Faughnan said.

Some guests like 18th

District Court Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli have been attending the event since Paquette sent out invitations seven years ago, while Keith DeMolay of Westland was a first timer.

"I was able to do this because I retired," DeMolay said. "It's a very good cause; there is a need in the community."

"It's a great opportunity to help people who need the help," Cicirelli said. "It's also a great opportunity for the students to be involved in a service program. This is really important even at this time of the year. People need the help."

'Excellent job'

Virginia Reid of Wayne also was new to the event after reading about it in the *Observer*. She was there with Denise Wright of Wayne, Sharon LaPorte of Romulus and 4-year-old Braylen Bowie who favored the turkey and mashed potatoes.

"This is nice, so nice," Wright said. "They've definitely done an excellent job."

"They're doing a wonderful job," LaPorte said. "Someone has been here every few minutes, asking if we needed anything."

"We'll be back next year," Reid said.

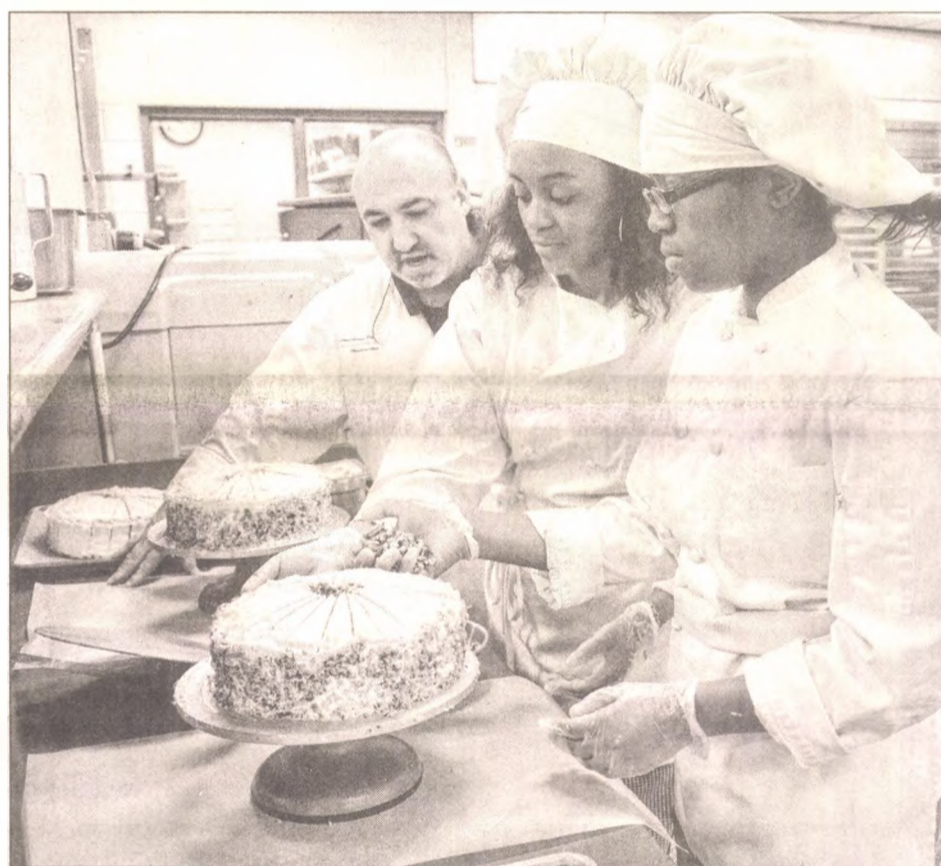
Paul Motz, director of the Westland Youth Assistance, also had compliments for Paquette and his students who "always does a wonderful job."

"It's a great way to help the Family Resource Center," Motz said. "And Amanda does a great job. This is a way to support her and the school district. I look forward to this."

Faughnan sees the event as a plus for Career Technical Center.

"It's a great time for the community to see the programs they have here," she said.

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Chef Tony Paquette offers advice to Alex Wright and Mijai Lewis as they add walnuts to the carrot cake dessert. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Bre'Jon Moore carves turkey for the Thanksgiving buffet. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Adding Section 78-297, Roof Top Seating at Establishments Serving Alcohol and Special Use Regulations

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1. Z 13-09 151 Adams
Non-Use Variance Requested
Front, Side & Rear Yard Setbacks
Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential
Applicant: David & Andrea Hughes
2. Z 13-10 676 W. Ann Arbor Trail
Non-Use Variance Requested
Temporary Parking Lot & Number of Parking Spaces
Zoned: B-2, Central Business
Applicant: Berkshire Limited Partnership

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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Wayne State, University of Toledo to offer programs at Schoolcraft

Schoolcraft College has created a new bachelor's and master's degree partnership program with Wayne State University and the University of Toledo that will begin in the fall of 2014. Degrees in business, nursing, engineering, criminal justice and more will soon be available at Schoolcraft's main campus in Livonia.

While many community colleges offer university completion programs, the new "Schoolcraft to U" partnership is more than what others have offered, officials said. Both universities will offer classes on Schoolcraft's main campus in Livonia and online.

The University of Toledo also will waive out-of-state tuition fees for students interested in its program offerings. The agreement also provides for seamless transitions from Schoolcraft College to one of the partner universities and collaborative student support programs.

"Schoolcraft College is much more focused on helping its students earn a bachelor's degree and beyond," Schoolcraft President Dr. Conway A. Jeffress said. "We selected Wayne State and the University of Toledo because we believe they have the programs that give our students their best chance of earning a

degree and bettering their lives."

"For several years, The University of Toledo has been committed to blurring the line between Michigan and Ohio to provide access to high-quality UT degree programs to Michigan students," said Dr. Lloyd A. Jacobs, president of the University of Toledo. "Coupled with our marketing efforts and creative scholarship models, this partnership with Schoolcraft College is symbolic of that commitment by seamlessly allowing Schoolcraft students to continue their academic careers and achieve the dream of a four-year degree."



The 110,000-square-foot American Community Mutual Insurance, located on the corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads in Livonia, was recently purchased by Schoolcraft for \$3.4 million. Most of UT's and WSU's classes will be held there.

Wayne State President M. Roy Wilson said, "At Wayne State, we want to offer classes when and where it's convenient for students. The new facility in Livonia will give us a presence in another part of metro Detroit and create an opportunity for

more people to earn degrees in the high demand fields of business and engineering."

While UT and WSU will offer classes throughout Schoolcraft College's main campus in Livonia, the majority of their class offerings and

business offices will be located in a new building that Schoolcraft College purchased about a year ago at the corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads.

Democrats applaud Schauer at local meet-and-greet

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The lights were out at John and Mary Bartek's Plymouth Township home, courtesy of last Sunday's high winds and rains that hit southeast

Michigan.

But the power outage that turned off the lights did nothing to dim the enthusiasm of the 50 or so members and supporters of the Plymouth Democratic Club gathered for a meet-and-greet

with Mark Schauer.

The Democrat gubernatorial candidate, who plans to challenge Gov. Rick Snyder in the 2014 election, stopped by to talk to club members eager for a change in Lansing.

He gave them what they wanted to hear.

"I didn't vote for Rick Snyder, but I gave him the benefit of the doubt ... I thought he'd be this 'business' guy," Schauer told the gathered crowd. I thought we were getting sort of a Milliken, and we got more of a DeVos instead. I've talked with a lot of people around the state who are dissatisfied."

It was the kind of small-venue meeting Schauer has been doing since announcing his candidacy. It was the third of five similar events he did Sunday alone.

It's part of the strategy he's adopting in order to beat the perception that no one knows who he is. A poll done last year by Public Policy Polling, a Democratic polling group, showed some 72 percent of Michiganians had no idea who Schauer is. Ironically, the same poll showed him with a 44-36 lead in a hypothetical race against the incumbent governor.

Schauer said Sunday that polls show the race is a dead heat, with Snyder holding a within-the-margin-of-error 36-33 lead. He said groups like

the Plymouth Democratic Club are going to make the difference if he is to unseat Snyder.

"This campaign will be won by people in this room, the doors they knock on and the contacts they make," Schauer said. "If people vote to the level of 2006 rather than 2008, I'll be elected governor."

Schauer mingled with club members and supporters for about a half-hour, then talked for some 20 minutes about the ways he'll challenge Snyder's record. He was critical of the governor's handling of the right-to-work situation last year. He also criticized Snyder for "cutting \$1 billion from public education" and "a half-billion dollars from higher education."

He said Snyder has "raised taxes on retirees," "raised taxes on people with children (with the elimination of the child-care credit)" and "he's raised taxes on the working poor." According to Schauer, Michigan has the fourth-highest unemployment rate in the country and the "highest percentage of children living in poverty in the Great Lakes region."

"You raise taxes on the poor and give a \$2 billion tax break to corporations and it doesn't even create jobs," Schauer said. "Cutting education is mortgaging our future and it isn't working."

Mary Maguire, president of the Plymouth Democratic Club, said the event is an effort by the club to connect people in the local community with the folks who want to represent them.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for people to connect with (Schauer)," Maguire said. "His message is absolutely right on. He has the same core values as people around here and people in the state of Michigan."

The Barteks, who hadn't met Schauer before Sunday, were happy to open their home to him.

"A lot of people don't know a lot about him," John Bartek said.

"A lot of people are disappointed with (Snyder). It's not turning out the way they thought it would. This is about helping people get to know (Schauer)."

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ERB, BARBARA (MORLEY)

November 8, 2013. Age 89 of Birmingham, MI and Naples, Florida. Devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. Co-founder, along with her husband Fred, of the Fred A. & Barbara M. Erb Family Foundation. Beloved wife of the late Frederick A. for 66 years. Loving mother of Rick Erb, Wendy Elaine Erb, Leslie Erb Liedtke, and John Erb (Debbie). Affectionate grandmother of Mimi, Lark, and J. Hugh Liedtke, and Elizabeth Erb. Dear sister of Patricia Cantrick (the late George). Memorial services were held at Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304 or the charity of donor's choice. A.J. Desmond & Sons, 248-549-0500.

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FONDA, MARY JANE

Longtime Birmingham/ Bloomfield resident Mary Jane Quinby Fonda died September 29, 2013 after a long full life. She died in Cupertino, California, where she and her late husband, James R. Fonda, relocated in 2003. Mary Jane was born in Oklahoma City on November 15, 1917. She grew up primarily in Tulsa, before moving to Houston, where she graduated from San Jacinto High School and then Rice Institute. She worked for Burroughs Corporation in Houston, where she met her future husband who had recently moved from his native Troy, New York. Both families had moved to relatively prosperous Houston to escape the economic woes of the Depression in Oklahoma and upstate New York. Like so many members of the Greatest Generation they next proceeded to World War II. They were married January 10, 1943, and spent their first year of marriage migrating from one Army training base to the next. Mary Jane spent their second anniversary not knowing if her husband was alive, as he was MIA following the Battle of the Bulge. In Spring of 1945 she welcomed him home after his stint as a POW, and soon thereafter they moved to Detroit, the headquarters of Burroughs. Her husband worked for Burroughs his entire career until he retired in 1985. From the time their first son was born in 1948, they lived in the Birmingham/Bloomfield area the entire time, except for a 10 year residence in Akron while he served as Branch Manager. Even during those years she spent much of her time in this area, since both her sons attended Cranbrook. She was particularly devoted to Art, serving as a docent for the Akron Art Institute and then the Detroit Institute of Arts, where she was also long active in the Art to the Schools Program. She is survived by her two sons, James R. Fonda, Jr. of Cupertino, California and Rodney Q. Fonda of Issaquah, Washington, her daughter-in-law Laura Haddad, her beloved grandson Kyle Q. Haddad-Fonda, and eight nieces and nephews. As the last living family member of her generation, Mary Jane was predeceased by her husband (in 2003), her brother J. Rodney Quinby of Houston, and her sister Lucy Quinby Bricker of Bellaire, Texas. She was also predeceased by her daughter-in-law Mary-Ann Fonda. She would have welcomed any memorials in her name to the Detroit Institute of Art.

MARILLEY, REBECCA

Age 24. November 18, 2013. Rebecca was the beloved daughter of David Marilley and Dr. Cynthia Piko. Dear sister of Alexander, Sarah, Peter, Matthew, and Hannah. Beloved granddaughter of Renate Randall, Imre and Margit Piko and friend to many, Rebecca loved her dog Kasey. Visitation Friday, November 22 from 1-9 p.m. and Saturday, November 23 at 9 a.m. with Funeral Service to follow at 11 a.m. at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd., Livonia 48152. Share a memory at www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com Harry J Will Funeral Homes



MATTINGLY, ALBERT "AL"

87, November 15, 2013. Beloved husband of the late Jean; devoted father of William "Bill" (Linda), Mary Ann (Art) Phillips, Susan (Steve) Collins and Beth (Christopher) Smith; cherished grandfather of Joe (Jessica), Katie, Sarah, Jessica, Matt, Christopher, Amanda and Jon; great-grandfather of William and Anna. Sadly, in addition to his wife, Al was preceded in death by his beloved granddaughter, Chelsea; and siblings, Joe, Carl Edward, Jack, Nola and Juanita. Visitation Tuesday, November 26, 2-9 p.m., with a 7 p.m. Rosary, at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Funeral Mass Wednesday, November 27, 10 a.m. (in state 9:30 a.m.) at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 23815 Power Road, Farmington. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Memorial tributes suggested to Salvation Army, salvationarmy.org or Society of St. Vincent de Paul at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish. heeney-sundquist.com

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MORT (GAGNON), FLORINE AGNES

Age 91, formerly of Garden City, passed away on Sunday November 17, 2013. Florine resided in Traverse City, MI. Please visit: www.reynolds-jonkoff.com to share your memories of Florine.



ROCHETTE, ALICE MARIE

Age 87, passed away November 15, 2013. Beloved wife of the late Raymond. Loving mother of Nancy (Peter) Cucinella, Janis (Geoffrey) Stevens, and Lori. Cherished GG to Melissa (Stephen) Lang, Craig Cucinella, Tracey (Edward) Fleck, Brooke Cucinella and Marc Stevens. GG to Jay and Anna Lang and Alison Fleck. Survived by sister June Johnson and brother Earl Wiseman. Preceded in death by brother Richard Wiseman and sister Delores Wichowski. A Memorial Service will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in South Lyon, Michigan, on Saturday, Dec. 14th at 10 a.m. Memorials may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Association or the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministry (DRMM).



Canton resident Aaron Shepherd (left) talks with Mark Schauer (center) and Michigan Democratic Party political director Stephanie White at Sunday's meet-and-greet.

Safety first: Gov. Snyder lauds Cyber Civilian Corps

Gov. Rick Snyder announced the Cyber Civilian Corps, a rapid response team that would assist the state and industries across Michigan during a major cyber incident, at the 2013 Michigan Cyber Summit recently at Novi's Suburban Collection Show-place.

Hosted by the Department of Technology, Management and Budget, the summit brought officials from the public and private sectors together to focus on the issue of cyber security.

"Michigan's leadership in the area of cyber security continues through this summit and our innovative action plan," Snyder said. "Cyber threats are real and we must stay vigilant and proactive to help protect Michigan families and businesses from those who would use technol-

ogy to do harm. By joining forces, public and private entities can address these threats and ensure a safer, stronger cyber environment."

According to state of Michigan Chief Information Officer David Behen, the Cyber Civilian Corps would include volunteers from government, education and business. Information technology professionals interested in participating would be able to improve their skills by taking advantage of training through the Michigan Cyber Range.

Michigan places a high emphasis on protecting the state's computer systems, networks and data. The state's centralized technology model places Michigan in a strong position to implement security efforts.

"Michigan's cyber initiative is aimed at

defending the state against cyber attacks," Behen said. "Focusing on cyber security will help position Michigan to take advantage of opportunities in this growing and fast-paced and ever-changing industry."

Data theft and breaches from cyber crime can cost businesses as much as \$1 trillion globally. Government is no stranger to cyber attacks either. In fact, the state of Michigan blocked 568,724 cyber attacks daily from January to August this year.

The 2013 Summit was a followup to the sold-out 2011 event, which also served as the national launch for Cyber Awareness Month. The event also served as the second meeting of the National Governors Association Resource Center for State Cyber Security Advisory Council.

Invest the max in 401(k) plan

Q: Dear Rick: I have worked for a publicly listed company for about 20 years. The bulk of my retirement savings is in my 401(k) plan. Typically, I keep about 50 percent of my money invested in company stock. The other 50 percent is spread out in other funds. I have been putting the max into the 401(k) plan. However, I wonder if I should continue to do so. The company has just stopped its matching program. Does it make sense to invest in the 401(k) plan even though the company is not matching? I am thinking about lowering the percentage of my company stock from 50 percent to 25 percent - what do you think?

A: If you have the opportunity to use a salary deferral program such as 401(k) or a 403(b) plan, it makes sense to invest the maximum, whether the company is matching or not.

When a company matches, it is a no-brainer - you have to take advantage of it. After all, it's sort of like getting free money. Even though you're not getting a match, it still makes sense to invest the maximum possible. Not only are there tax breaks associated with salary



Rick Bloom

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deferral programs, it is an easy and somewhat painless way to invest for your retirement.

You cannot have too much money invested for retirement and that is why I encourage people to put the maximum in their 401(k) plan. As I've mentioned many times in the past, retirement is a brand new concept in the history of mankind and, in order to have a comfortable retirement, you need resources. The only way most people are going to be able to obtain those resources is to invest on a regular basis and there's no easier way of doing it than with a salary deferral program.

If your company offers a Roth option, you may wish to use it. The downside of the Roth 401(k) is that you're putting after tax money into the plan vs. a traditional 401(k) plan where you invest pretax money. However, the benefits are that when you withdraw the money from the Roth 401(k) it is tax-free. When you withdraw money from a traditional 401(k) plan, you're taxed at that point in time. In

addition, money in a Roth 401(k) is not subject to the rules regarding required minimum distributions.

As to your allocation in company stock - I think 50 percent is too high and I also think 25 percent is too high. I prefer most employees not have any allocation to their company stock. It has nothing to do with the company or being a loyal employee.

My view is purely based on what's good for you as an investor. It's important to keep in mind that when you invest in company stock you are taking a greater risk. After all, if something went wrong with the company, not only would your investments be at risk, it is possible that your job could be impacted.

Remember, as an investor we wear different hats than when we're employees. As an employee, you should be loyal to your employer; however, as an investor you shouldn't have loyalty to the investment.

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

Masked man robs Radio Shack

A masked man with a gun robbed the Radio Shack in the 26300 block of Plymouth Road in Redford Monday afternoon, according to police reports.

The store manager told police that he and another employee were working in the store at around 2:45 p.m. Monday and both employees had gone to the back of the store for a time.

When they returned to the sales area at the front

of the store, a man with a black hood over his head and a mask was standing directly in front of the cash register holding a gun, reports said.

The man then pointed the gun at them and told them to give him the money from the register, according to reports.

The man left the store with an undisclosed amount of money and ran along the sidewalk in front of the store and out of sight around the cor-

ner of the building, reports said.

The manager told police he thinks the same man robbed the store in late September.

A short time later, a robbery attempt occurred at the Game Stop at 9173 Telegraph in Redford.

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U.S. district attorney shares stories regarding high-profile cases at Town Hall



U.S. Attorney Barbara McQuade talks about the attempted Christmas Day 2009 bombing of a Detroit-bound airliner.

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By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

As Anne Bater listened to U.S. District Attorney Barbara McQuade speak Wednesday about the Christmas Day underwear bomber, she realized how an incident like that can take place at anytime.

A Livonia resident who moved to the United States from England two years ago, Bater said she has flown the same route Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab took from Amsterdam to Detroit many times.

"He could have been on my flight," she said. "I (now) know more than I did."

Bater was one of several hundred people who attended the year's second installment of the Livonia Town Hall series at St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church. McQuade, the current attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan and first woman to hold the position, has been responsible for prosecuting

several high-profile federal crimes, including the case against Abdulmutallab and former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.

She said she had been confirmed for the position, which prosecutes federal crimes in the eastern half of Michigan's Lower Peninsula, the day before the Christmas bombing had taken place in a plane over metro Detroit. Her term began in January 2010.

"Christmas Eve, I get a call. 'Great news, you have been confirmed as district attorney.' Hey, that's great timing, I'm going to kick back and enjoy my Christmas," she said she recalls thinking. "Then the next day, I'm minding my own business, preparing the family meal and opening gifts and I get this email."

The incident, had it been successful, would have resulted in the plane crashing somewhere in Woodhaven, which would have most likely killed everyone on board and possibly some people on

the ground.

Terrorism any time, any place

"A terrorist attack can occur at any time, like Christmas Day, and at any place," McQuade said.

Abdulmutallab was sentenced to life in prison in 2012 for the attempted attack.

She went over some of the duties her office handles, which are sometimes unknown by many residents. The U.S. Attorney's office focuses on federal crimes, which include issues related to terrorism, exports and imports, child pornography and some violent crimes.

Livonia resident Rose Kachnowski said she did not realize the wide array of responsibilities McQuade's office had and said she learned more details she did not know in cases she had heard about for several years, including the underwear bomber case.

"It did show that people

take a deeper interest in this right now," she said. "All the details about it were quite interesting."

Kilpatrick prosecution

McQuade shared her stories of the prosecution of Kilpatrick, who was sentenced to 28 years in prison after being found guilty of several racketeering and extortion charges earlier this year.

McQuade said one interesting fact with the case involving Kilpatrick was that more than 30 other individuals had been charged in connection with how he was running the mayor's office.

"It shows it wasn't just him," she said. "This culture of corruption pervaded his entire administration."

The next Livonia Town Hall event, which will take place at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 14 at St. Mary's, will feature Detroit Institute of Arts director Graham W.J. Beal.



Residents listening to Barbara McQuade. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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BOYS TRACK & FIELD

Shough to lead Chiefs

He'll take over for Richardson in 2014

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

For more than a quarter century, Jess Shough and Bob Richardson were friendly coaching rivals — at the helm of Westland John Glenn and Canton, respectively.

Then they were together last season on Canton's varsity boys track and field team, with Shough serving as an assistant coach. But Richardson subsequently stepped down from the top job and Shough wasted no time jumping in to take over.

"I'm looking forward to the challenge," Shough said. "We want to continue with the tradition that has been established here, and I hope that we can do that."



Shough

Canton co-athletic director Sue Heinzman confirmed last week that Shough, 68, will succeed Richardson beginning with the 2014 season.

"I was an assistant here last year, and later on (in the season) he kind of hinted toward it (retirement)," Shough said. "I kind of thought, the fact we had such a good season, a fun season that 'He'll at least probably stick around for a little while yet.'"

Then came word that Richardson wanted to spend more time with his family, creating a vacancy that wasn't open for long.

"It's a great place to work," Shough said. "Sue

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BOYS HOCKEY PREVIEW - PART 2



Digging for the puck during a recent practice are Salem's Jake Sealy (left) and Noah Willer. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Opening shift

Rocks start season on mission to eclipse past successes

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Could 2013-14 finally be the year where the Salem Rocks get over the playoff hump?

Veteran Salem varsity boys hockey coach Ryan Ossenmacher is optimistic his team features enough talent to go along with intangibles such as work ethic and desire to make a serious run.

"The expectations are high," said Ossenmacher following a recent practice at Plymouth Cultural Center. "We finished ranked in top 10 of the last three years."

"I think that we reached a point that that's an expectation. We have guys who come in here and they want to win. It's not just a place to come play hockey."

That was evident at practice, where players such as senior forward Jake Sealy battled along the half-wall with junior forward Noah Willer during a drill.

Or where senior net-



Salem senior forward Jake Sealy (No. 9) is fired up to start another varsity boys hockey season. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

minder Godfrey flicked his pad at a low shot, showing the kind of dexterity that helped him finish 2012-13 with a 12-2 record after taking over the top job at mid-season.

Next step

Ossenmacher stressed that now is the time for the defending KLA South Division co-champs (18-6-2 last year) to serve notice that they are team to be

reckoned with when the stakes are raised. The first test is 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at PCC against Novi.

"We've had success within our league, we won three division titles in the last six years," Ossenmacher continued. "... That's the expectation. But the last three years we beat the eventual state champs. Last year, we beat Brighton and a couple years ago we beat Novi. And so, we

"We have guys who come in here and they want to win. It's not just a place to come play hockey."

RYAN OSSENMACHER,
Salem hockey coach

just now have to push through in the playoffs. "That's something we haven't been able to do the last couple years, and that's just the next step for our program to really move up."

Salem should be bolstered by the fact there "something like seven of our top nine scorers from last year" are back in the fold, Ossenmacher estimated.

"I think we have a good blend this year of veteran guys and some young guys coming in," the coach noted. "This is probably the oldest team I've had in (seven) years

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Fundraiser for CC's Matt Sorisho

The Canton and Plymouth varsity boys hockey teams are set to square off at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Arctic Edge Arena, but it will be much more than a game.

It also will be a benefit for Novi-Detroit Catholic Central's Matt Sorisho, the Shamrocks hockey player who was seriously injured earlier this year.

Proceeds from admission fees and concessions will go to Matt, while direct donations to him also are welcome at the event, according to a spokesman for the Canton hockey team.

Sorisho, a senior at CC, broke his back during an on-ice accident Jan. 4; he reportedly lost his balance and fell hard into the boards.

Money collected Wednesday, the latest in a series of fundraising events (one took place Nov. 20 at Computware Arena, the Shamrocks' home arena), will be used to help the Sorisho family pay for medical costs, home modifications and mobility equipment for Matt.

Arctic Edge is south of Michigan Avenue between Canton Center/Belleville and Beck roads.

Waza wins

Not even a broken-down bus could keep the Detroit Waza Flo from turning it up last Saturday night in Harrisburg, Pa.

The team was forced to rent cars just to make it on time, but managed to rally for a 8-5 Professional Arena Soccer League Eastern Division win over the host Heat.

Waza Flo is now 1-1 in the division, while Harrisburg is 1-2.

After a slow start, Waza Flo went down 2-0 on a pair of goals by Kenneth Fultz.

This fueled the team to get back in the game and Miki Djerisilo scored two unassisted goals in the first quarter, while Nik Djokic (Livonia Stevenson) and Costea Decu each added second quarter goals for a 4-2 halftime advantage.

The second half started with each team getting a goal.

The Heat's Tyler Witmer scored short-handed, but Waza Flo had a quick answer by Djokic. Fultz made it 4-4.

Zachary Sell gave the Heat the lead at the start of the fourth. Waza Flo scored three times in the final six minutes with goals by Mirsad Halep, Zane Pollack and Victor Otieno.

SATURDAY IN THE 'PARK'

Persistent Saints sign Plymouth's Senkbeil

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The day Brooke Senkbeil looked forward to for so long had finally come.

To a lesser extent, the same could be said about Aquinas College's women's softball program — which began recruiting the hard-hitting catcher her freshman season.

Senkbeil, a senior catcher for the Plymouth Wildcats, signed her national letter of intent to play for the Saints during a ceremony in the Plymouth High School gymnasium on Saturday, Nov. 16.

It was part of a joint ceremony, with Lindsay Lutton also signing to play softball at Oakland University (see related story).

"It's a treat for me, this is the first year to actually have been at a signing, even having been involved in the program for 11 years," said Plymouth head

softball coach Bev McManus, about the Senkbeil-Lutton festivities. "Personally, it was a true joy to watch them sign their national letter of intent."

According to Brooke Senkbeil, there were other college softball options for her to consider, but ultimately Aquinas called longest and loudest.

"The coaches (Crystal Laska, Brad Koch) had stayed with me for all four years of high school, which was great," said the 17-year-old Senkbeil, who owns a 3.8 GPA off the field and .440 batting average on it. "They kept in contact, it's a lot smaller than the Park (Plymouth-Canton Educational Park) which I actually really liked, the campus is gorgeous."

Parents Cindy and Dave Senkbeil of Canton and a number of other family members were on hand for the ceremony, as was Koch, who first spotted

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Plymouth senior Brooke Senkbeil signs to play softball at Aquinas College. Flanking her are Dave and Cindy Senkbeil. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



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Heinzman offered me the position and I said that'd be great, exciting." Shough, whose 26-year coaching career at John Glenn featured the 1995 Western Lakes Activities Association championship, plans on bringing the same approach that Richardson did — only with a slight wrinkle.

In his blood

"I just had an organizational meeting and they were talking about philosophy," the Westland resident said. "I said the philosophy I have and what coach Richardson has are very similar.

"Number one, if you're going to be participating in track I want you to have fun with what you're doing."

The wrinkle revolves around how involved Shough intends to be with all aspects of the team.

"Probably the big difference is I'll probably be doing more coaching," Shough explained, "because at Glenn I only had one assistant my entire career there. It was a matter of I had to do more coaching of all the events.

"So, the likelihood is I'm going to be doing a little more coaching than Bob did because that's just in my blood."

Both veteran coaches also are proponents of helping kids to become well-rounded student-athletes ready to take on anything in the classroom or track.

He said they have always been "strong believers in being prepared, having good academics" throughout high school.

"Beyond that, if it's a case where your track career takes you further, we hopefully prepared you for whatever lies ahead," Shough explained. "Either in a track career or life. So we're hopefully giving you a foundation, a value system that helped you."

Shough also said he doesn't have any qualms about being the head coach for another KLAA team after being with the Rockets for so long.

"I had to actually deal with that (facing John Glenn) last year to some extent," he noted. "Many of the kids I had coached the previous season were still there. It was mutual respect, I guess. They (Rockets) accepted it, they were pretty good about it.

"In terms of a head position now, I'm looking to help the Canton team become the best team they can be. It'll be fun."

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Cranbrook ices Plymouth, 5-1, in season opener

By Marty Budner
Staff Writer

Plymouth's boys hockey team had a tough opening-night assignment Tuesday evening in Bloomfield Hills against host Cranbrook Kingswood. Although the Wildcats gave a strong effort, they fell four goals short of the defending Division 3 state champion Cranes.

Cranbrook Kingswood came out flying and sailed to a 5-0 lead before Plymouth netted its first goal of the season two minutes into the third period. The teams played scoreless hockey the rest of the way and Cranbrook finished with the 5-1 victory.

"We knew we were going to have our hands full," said Plymouth's third-year head coach Gerry Vento, whose team lost in the quarterfinal round of last year's Division 1 state tournament to Catholic Central by the same 5-1 score. "When you play Cranbrook you know you are going to get tested right away.

"I have a team with 12 new players and didn't know what to expect. I know the score shows 5-1, but, we tied them 1-1 in the third period and I thought we actually carried the play in that period."

Cranbrook Kingswood scored two goals in each of the first two periods as four different players found the back of the net.

Junior forward Austin Alger opened the scoring on a power play tally assisted by senior captain Christopher Brown. Junior Shawn O'Malley scored later in the period on another assist by Brown.

Cranbrook's second period goal scorers were freshman Alex Lycett and junior Blake Rogow. Jack Blumberg and Sean O'Leary were credited with assists.

One minute into the third, Rogow knocked in his second goal of the game.

Plymouth's lone goal came courtesy of senior Charlie



Wildcats, including goalie Jared Maddock, Corey Smith (26), Charlie Supernois (12), Jake Zaborowski (4) and Kyle Bauer (24), clamp down on Cranbrook's Alex Lycett. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Plymouth junior defender Jared Merandi (15) upends Cranbrook junior forward Jake Nestell (7) Tuesday night at Wallace Arena in Bloomfield Hills. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Supernois, assisted by senior John VanDenBeurgeury and junior Ben Chafin.

"This was our first official game of the year and I thought we had a lot of ener-

gy and played with a lot of jump," said Cranbrook Kingswood's veteran head coach Andy Weidenbach.

Junior goalie Jared Maddock made 22 saves for Ply-

mouth. Cranbrook's junior goalie, Austin Movinski, made 12 saves.

CANTON 11, CHELSEA 4: Sparked by Christian Flack's hat trick, the Canton varsity boys hockey team got off to a winning start with this road victory Wednesday night.

In addition to the three goals by Flack, several Chiefs made the scoresheet at least twice.

Netting two goals were Tommy Kiddle, Cooper Rice and Brendan O'Hare while Kurt Snow registered one goal and three assists.

Forwards Connor Wherrett and Matt Eastman also had solid outings with two assists each.

Sharing netminding duties for rookie head coach Brad Barath were Nick Borg and Justin Kolbicz. Playing well in front of them were defencemen Collin Smith, Hunter Schlampp and Bryan Eastman.

Next up for the Chiefs is a "rivalry" game against Plymouth, slated for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Arctic Edge Arena.

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OHL HOCKEY

Whalers win in overtime

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Plymouth Whalers backup goaltender Zack Bowman was outstanding Friday night in helping his team hang close to — and ultimately defeat — host Saginaw.

Bowman's 43-save night enabled the Whalers to wriggle off the hook of a defeat, scoring two goals in the third and one in overtime (by Victor Crus Rydberg) for a 4-3 Ontario Hockey League victory.

Plymouth (10-13-0-1) trailed their West Division rival 3-1 with less than seven minutes to play.

Defenseman and Rochester Hills product Mitch Jones then closed the gap to 3-2 with 6:44 remaining and Zach Lorentz knotted things up at 14:33, scoring his 10th of the year.

Setting up Jones were Brook Hiddink and Crus Rydberg; drawing helpers on the Lorentz goal were Josh Wesley and Danny Vanderwiel.

Bowman and his Saginaw counterpart (Detroit Red Wings prospect Jake Paterson, 25 saves) then closed the door for the rest of regulation.

The Whalers then netted the winner at 1:14 of extra time, with Crus Rydberg finding the net behind Paterson. Earning assists on the marker were Wesley and Matt Mistele.

It was Mistele who opened the night's scoring with a power play goal in the final minute of the first period. Assisting were Lorentz and Francesco Vilardi.

Bowman was sensational in the period, stopping all 17 Saginaw shots. The Spirit, however, broke through with goals in the middle stanza by Sean Callaghan (at 3:44) and Jimmy Lodge (at 9:28, on the power play).

Saginaw padded that lead to 3-1 at 7:53 of the third on a goal by Terry Trafford.

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in terms of the number of seniors and juniors.

"And so a lot of these guys came together as sophomores a couple years ago, and now are seniors. They've seen what this is all about and hopefully they'll put that to use this year."

Dynamic trio

Although all-state forward Alek Zultowski graduated, the Rocks still have elite-level players such as Sealy (co-captain) to pester opposing netminders.

"Jake was an all-state player last year," Ossenmacher said. "The hope is that he would improve upon that and he's more than capable."

"He's a dynamic player, he has great vision, moves the puck really well and I'd be hard-pressed to find another kid around in high school hockey that's as good along the walls as he is. He comes up with more pucks, more 50/50 pucks than probably anyone around does."

Sealy will center senior forwards Jack Driscoll (also a co-captain) and Jason Newell on the formidable top line.

"From a talent standpoint and what they each bring to the table, it's a pretty dynamic line," Ossenmacher said. "I expect them all to have very good seasons this year. They had very good seasons last year, I think all three were in the top five in scoring last year."

Junior Rich Corso will center the second line, also comprised of junior winger Noah Willer and senior winger Nick Danis.

"It's a good combination," he went on. "Nick Danis is probably one of our faster players. Noah is arguably one of our smartest players and Rich is a new player this year. He plays a lot like Jake, he's heavy on the



Snagging a shot during practice is Salem senior goalie Parker Godfrey. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

puck, he's a big body, I think he's really good defensively."

For the first month or two, the Rocks will only have 11 eligible forwards (transfer student Liam Walker, moving over from Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, will join the squad in January).

Seniors Steven Homrich, Cam Nixon and Taylor Burris are penciled in for the third line while promising sophomore Evan Newell and senior Trevor Mac will look to force Ossenmacher into giving them plenty of ice time.

Move the puck

The Rocks return physicality, mobility and experience on the blue-line, with three key returnees — seniors Colin Pietron, Cam Clark and junior Noah Saad. All are assistant captains to augment the leadership of Sealy and Driscoll.

"Every one of them brings something a little different to the table," Ossenmacher said.

"Saad's arguably one of our better skaters as a defenseman, all three of them are extremely strong. They're going to see their chance on the power play and on the penalty kill."

They will be called upon to move the puck quickly out of Salem's zone and onto the sticks of forwards as they motor toward the opposite end of the rink.

"We ask our D to get up into the play, to create," he said. "And every once in a while they're going to be caught. But



Salem coach Ryan Ossenmacher talks to players about an upcoming drill during practice.

the benefit of that outweighs the risk."

Expected to follow the script will be the other defensemen, juniors Nick Smith, Nate West and sophomore Bailey Thompson. "They bring the same thing to the table. The other three are also good skaters."

Another plus for the Rocks, Ossenmacher explained, is having a proven netminder in Godfrey back between the pipes.

"When he's confident, which is what he was last year, he's a very good goalie," Ossenmacher said. "I don't see why anything would change this year. He knows what he can do and we know what he can do."

Backing up Godfrey will be junior newcomer Dillon Phillips, who has "a chance to be a pretty good goalie. He's got some pretty good size on him."

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BOYS HOCKEY WRAP

Livonia Stevenson broke loose during the final period and skated away with a season-opening 5-3 boys hockey victory Wednesday over host Birmingham Brother Rice at Oak Park's Honeybaked Arena.

Ray Chartier's goal to the short side from Cole Christie and Andrew Rozenbaum proved to be the game-winner with only 1:01 left for the de-

fending Division 2 state champions.

Senior Dominic Lutz then completed his hat trick with an empty netter with only 26 seconds remaining from linemates Tyler Irvine and Devin Kelly to complete the Spartans' five-goal third-period flurry.

Rozenbaum, a junior, made 31 saves in his Stevenson debut.

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Golden Grizzlies nab Plymouth's Lutton

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

When Lindsay Lutton plays softball, she plays with a fierce competitiveness.

"I'm pretty much all or nothing," said the 17-year-old Lutton, a senior shortstop at Plymouth. "I put everything out there on the field."

So, it makes perfect sense that she signed to play with the Golden Grizzlies of Oakland University. Lutton signed her national letter of intent during a ceremony at Plymouth High School on Saturday, Nov. 16.

Familiarity also played a role in her decision to sign with OU; assistant coach Val Canfield formerly coached her with the Wildcats.

"I think I'm ready for that step," said Lutton, who batted .450 last season for the Wildcats. "I've done a lot of conditioning and weight training and I've been playing since I was 9. ... I played on very competitive travel teams so I'm ready to make that next step."

She added that Canfield being part of the OU coaching staff was a definite plus when she considered her college options.

"I'm really excited," Lutton said. "It's a great team, great coaching staff. I knew Canfield, of course, because she was head coach at Plymouth."

"And I knew (assistant coach) Carrie Wilks from previous years and when I met (head coach) Connie Miner I loved her. I'm

really excited to play." Earlier this year, Lutton visited the Rochester Hills campus and knew that was where she wanted to sign.

"I just fell in love with everything when I went on my unofficial visit," Lutton said. "The campus, the coaches, the staff, all the girls on the team."

The student-athlete (3.6 GPA) intends to pursue physical therapy as a career.

Current Plymouth head coach Bev McManus praised Lutton for how she quickly stepped in to fill the void caused in 2011 following the 2010 graduation of standout shortstop Stacey Klonowski.

"We didn't know what we had until she hit the

field," said McManus, who at that time was an assistant coach. "We just lost Stacey Klonowski and she just took over that spot."

"She's just amazing at shortstop. I think Oakland's going to be a great fit for her."

Lutton's family also feels the same way. Her mom and stepdad (Holly and Robert Toy of Plymouth) and father (Todd Lutton of Taylor) were all thrilled about Lindsay choosing OU.

"It's really exciting to have it done for her because she's worked really hard and now she gets an opportunity to go to a great university," Holly Toy said.

"I couldn't be prouder of her. ... It's like a big family over there."

"She'll do really well over there and I'd say coach Miner is a good mentor for any young lady."



Lindsay Lutton signs to play college softball at Oakland University. Standing (from left) are stepdad Robert Toy, mother Holly Toy and father Todd Lutton. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Todd Lutton noted that he "couldn't be happier. I knew she could do it if she put her mind to it." smith@hometownlife.com

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COLLEGE BASEBALL

PCA's Jipping ready to power up for the Chips

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Daniel Jipping has a penchant for hitting the baseball a long way.

Soon, the Plymouth Christian Academy senior will have the chance to take his power and other baseball skills to Central Michigan University.

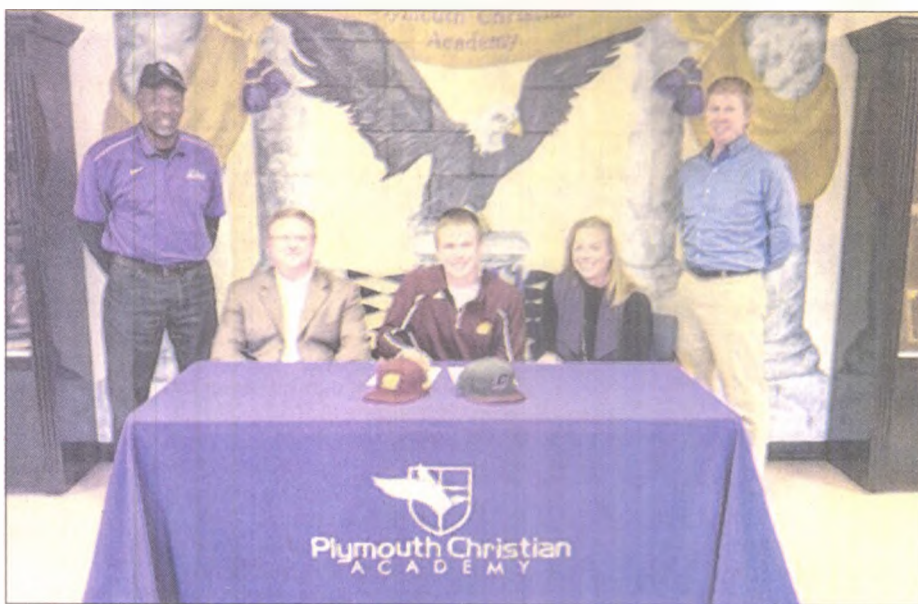
Jipping recently signed his national letter of intent to go to CMU and join the Chippewas, coached by Steve Jaska.

"Even though I had several other opportunities," wrote Jipping in an email to the *Observer*, "I really felt like CMU was a good fit for me."

ple times, I felt very comfortable with the coaches and the program as a whole. They do an excellent job of player development and I know they will be able to make me a better player."

Although Jipping has primarily played catcher for the Eagles, where he to date has totaled a .594 batting average along with 34 doubles, 12 triples, 18 homers and 84 stolen bases, he is being considered for a corner outfield position with the Chips.

"What a physical kid," noted Jaska in a scouting report about Jipping. "The ball really carries for him and he has a ton



Daniel Jipping signed to play at CMU. Pictured (from left) are PCA athletic director Rick Swilley, Jon Jipping (father), Daniel, Lisa Jipping (mother) and PCA coach Joe Bottorff.

of pop in his bat. He plays for a smaller school, but we were able to see him play for the Michigan Bulls and came away very impressed.

"We think he projects as a corner outfielder as his arm strength con-

tinues to improve." Among his many accolades at PCA were being named a first-team all-conference player by the MIAC as well as being chosen to the all-Observer team in 2013.

Last spring, Jipping really came into his own with a .673 average, plus nine triples and 46 stolen bases as he was selected as the league's MVP. Central Michigan, a

NCAA Division I school, plays in the Mid-American Conference, another plus as far as Jipping is concerned.

"My goal has always been to play D1 baseball and I feel very honored to be offered a position to play at CMU," Jipping noted.

Jipping, who has a 3.99 GPA and is a National Honor Society member, intends on majoring in criminal justice.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Sewell sparks Ocelot victory

Schoolcraft's Andrew Mapley tallied 24 points and 15 rebounds Wednesday night to lead the host Ocelots to a 78-69 win over Mid-Michigan Community College.

The Ocelots outscored Mid-Michigan 39-27 in the second half to overcome a 42-39 halftime deficit.

Coles added 14 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists.

Canton Chiefs' alum Terrell Sewell and Nathan Kamal chipped in with 12 and 11 points, respectively.

Schoolcraft (2-3) shot 28-of-56 from the floor, including 7-of-16 from beyond the arc.

Mid-Michigan got 23 points from Erick Layton, while Johnson (14), Gernaat (12) and Tanner Vida (10) also scored in double figures.

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Marian returns to state title game

By Marty Budner
Staff Writer

It didn't take long for Angela Kalczynski to get Birmingham Marian's volleyball program back to the ultimate stage.

In just her first season as head coach, Kalczynski's Mustangs advanced to the Class A state championship game. It marks the first time in three seasons that Marian, a state championship game participant for four years from 2007-10, has made it to the season's final game.

Marian assured itself a spot in the title game Thursday evening with a hard-fought five-set victory over Temperance-Bedford in a highly-entertaining state semifinal battle. The Mustangs won after dropping two of the first three sets by scores of 26-28, 25-14, 19-25, 25-23, 15-11.

Marian, which defeated Bedford one time this year in an early-season tournament, was scheduled to play East Grand Rapids in Saturday's state championship game (held after this paper went to press). The Mustangs took a 50-15 record into that match. EGR, which defeated Northville in three sets in its semifinal match, entered with a 49-5-3 record.

Marian, which lost to East Grand Rapids earlier this sea-

MISS VOLLEYBALL VOTING

The annual Miss Volleyball award winner was announced earlier this week. Birmingham Marian's Jessie Kopmeyer, one of 10 nominees, finished third. Following is the voting breakdown:

Player	School (Points)
Carli Snyder	Macomb Dakota (326)
Sierra Hubbard-Neil	Battle Creek St. Phillip (126)
Jessie Kopmeyer	Birmingham Marian (87)
Holly Toliver	Berrien Springs (75)
Alyssa Garvelink	Holland Christian (60)
Christina Porada	Dearborn Divine Child (45)
Maeve McDonald	East Grand Rapids (41)
Paige O'Connor	GR Forest Hills Northern (39)
Krysteena Davis	Grand Haven (26)
Jami Hogeboom	Grand Haven (22)

son, was seeking its third state title in program history.

Bedford, which lost in last year's state championship game to Macomb Dakota, took an early 5-1 lead in the opening set. Marian fought back and eventually went ahead 20-18. From that point on, the teams merely traded points and were tied at 24-24, 25-25 and 26-26. The Kicking Mules then scored two straight points for the win.

Junior Morgan Garmo served six straight points to turn a close second set into a seven-point Marian lead. Garmo eventually served the winning point, which came on a kill by senior Paige Carey.

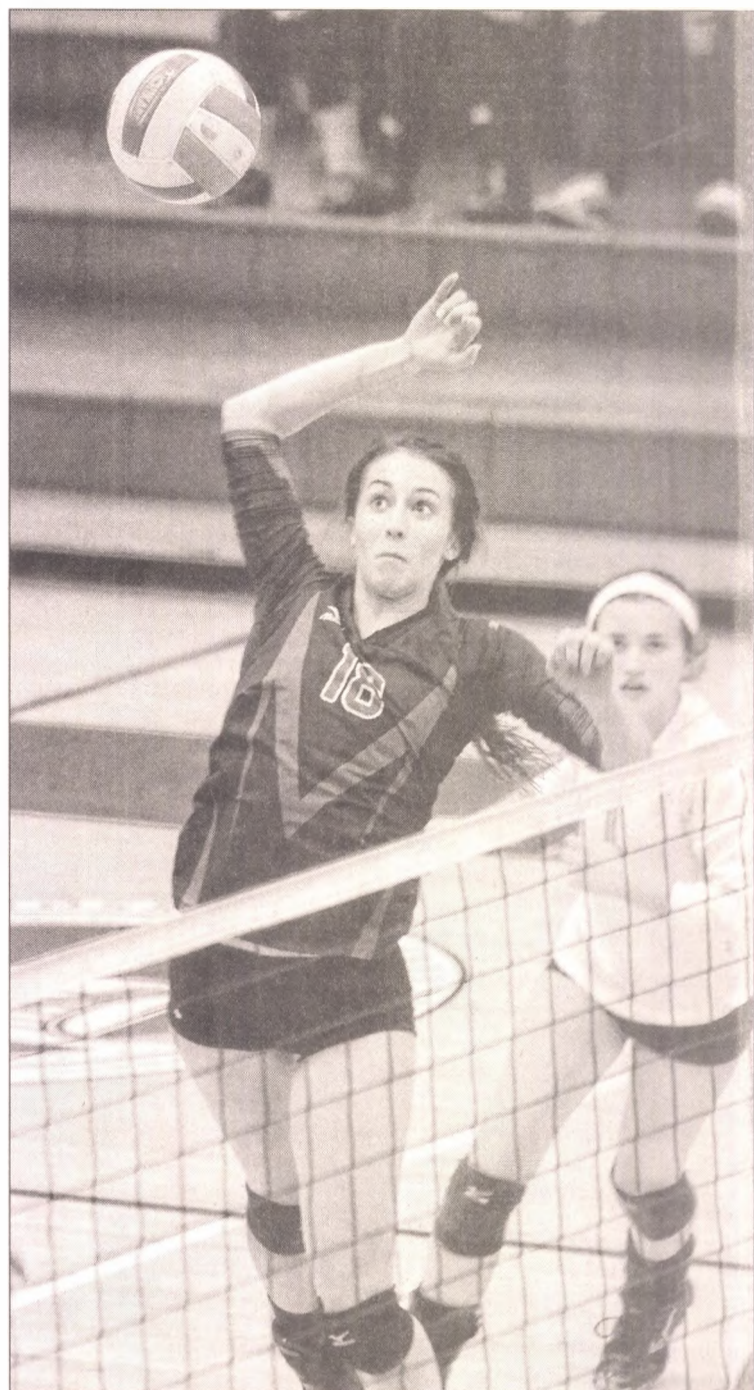
Bedford took control about midway through the third set to eventually score the six-point triumph.

Marian then won the next two sets to earn its state final trip.

In the fourth set, the teams were tied 19-19 before Marian went on to register six of the next 10 points for the win. Senior Jessie Kopmeyer finished it off with a kill set up by Meghan Cotant.

The Mustangs took an early 3-0 lead in the fifth and deciding set and never trailed. The winning point came on a Carey kill set up by Cotant.

Kopmeyer finished with a team-high 25 kills and 18 digs. Carey had 16 kills and junior Alannah Barash added 13 kills. Cotant finished with 57 assists and 15 digs. Delaney Backonen contributed 13 digs. Garmo posted four of Marian's 10 aces in the match.



Marian senior Paige Carey (No. 18) had 16 kills against Bedford to help lift Marian into the Class A state championship game for the first time in three years. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

SPORTS ROUNDUP

C'ville's Hogan All-GLIAC

Grand Valley State University sophomore defensive end De'Ondre Hogan (Livonia Clarenceville) recently earned second-team All-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honors in football.

The 6-foot-2, 245-pound Hogan became a fixture in the lineup midway through the year and earned GLIAC Defensive Player of the Week honors in consecutive weeks.

He is second among defensive linemen in tackles with 41, while leading the squad in quarterback sacks with 5.5 (minus 27 yards) and second in tackles for loss with 8.5 (minus 34 yards). Hogan recorded six tackles (one solo) in Grand Valley's 49-34 victory last week over GLIAC North Division champ Saginaw Valley State.

The Lakers (9-2, 7-2) and Saginaw Valley (9-2, 9-1) met in a rematch Saturday in the first round of the NCAA Division II playoffs.

Hole-in-one club

Roger Pattee, 65, of Livonia used an 8-iron to ace the 116-yard, No. 7 hole Wednesday at Livonia's Whispering Willows Golf Course. Pattee, who carded an 87 for 18 holes, recorded his first ace in 50 plus years of golf.

MU volleyball tryouts

An open tryout for the Madonna University women's volleyball team will be 10 a.m. to noon Nov. 24 at the MU Activities Center. It's open to any high school senior or college transfer interested in Madonna University and competing for a spot on the volleyball team for the 2014 season. For more information,

contact assistant volleyball coach Brian McClain at 248-495-5307 or bgmclain1@aol.com.

WYAA volleyball

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association girls volleyball (ages 9-17) is underway.

Games and practices will occur mainly at Marshall Upper Elementary School. League age-groups include 9-11, 12-14 and 15-17.

To register, visit wyaa.org. For more information, email wyaa-volleyball2013@comcast.net.

Churchill softball camp

The Livonia Churchill Chargers holiday hitting camp for girls in grades 3-8 will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Saturday, Dec. 21 at the high school fieldhouse.

Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$25. For more information, email Churchill varsity girls softball coach Steve Gentilia at Churchillsoftball@gmail.com or call 734-776-1716.

Baseball skills camp

Eastern Michigan University coach Jay Alexander will put on a Thanksgiving baseball skills camp focusing on hitting and defense from 9 a.m. until noon (ages 8-14) and 1-4 p.m. (all high school ages) Friday-Saturday, Nov. 29-30 at Precision Baseball, 7835 Market Street, Canton. The pre-registration cost is \$75 or \$85 at the door (includes camp T-shirt).

For more information, email info@precisionbaseball.com or coach-tomd@comcast.net. You can also call 734-459-5921.

Pompon workshop

The annual Livonia Churchill varsity pompon workshop (ages 6-14) will

be from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 at the high school gym, located at 8900 Newburgh Road (between Joy

Road and Ann Arbor Trail). Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$30 per person (includes T-shirt, music C.D. and

snack).

Workshop participants will be invited to perform at halftime of a Churchill varsity boys basketball

game, which will begin at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9. For more information, email aada525@aol.com or call 734-788-9861.

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Tuesday, Nov. 26
G. Pte. South vs. PCS Penguins at Arctic Edge, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 27
Plymouth vs. Canton at Arctic Edge, 6:30 p.m.
Novi vs. Salem at Ply. Cultural Center, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 29
(Cranbrook Tourney)
Stevenson vs. Rochester, 5 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 30
Canton vs. Salem at Ply. Cultural Center, 7:30 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Tuesday, Nov. 26
Lourdes at Madonna, 8 p.m.
S'craft at St. Clair (Ont.), 8 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 29
(Muskegon CC Classic)
Schoolcraft vs. Alma JV, 3 p.m.
(St. Xavier, III. Classic)
Madonna vs. St. Xavier, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 30
(St. Xavier, III. Classic)
Madonna vs. Trinity (Ill.), 2 p.m.
(Muskegon CC Classic)
Schoolcraft vs. Muskegon, 7 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Tuesday, Nov. 26
Lourdes at Madonna, 6 p.m.
St. Clair (Ont.) at S'craft, 6 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 29
(Muskegon CC Classic)
Schoolcraft vs. Alma JV, 1 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 30
(Muskegon CC Classic)
Schoolcraft vs. Muskegon, 5 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Sunday, Nov. 24
Ply. Whalers at Windsor, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 27
Owen Sound vs. Ply. Whalers at Compuware, 7 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 29
Oshawa vs. Ply. Whalers at Compuware, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 30
Ply. Whalers at Owen Sound, 7:30 p.m.
TBA - time to be announced.

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NEW FACES

Stephen M. Tait, M.D., Ph.D., has joined the medical staff at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.

Tait is a board-certified ophthalmologist who practices at Bergman



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Poretta Eye Center, 29990 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills. He specializes in surgical correction and medical treatment of eye diseases, including cataracts, refractive surgeries — LASIK, LASEK, epi-LASIK, iLASIK — wet macular degeneration, glaucoma, and diabetic retinopathy.

He earned a Ph.D. in physiology from Michigan State University and a medical degree from Michigan State University's College of Human Medicine. His Ph.D. research focused on the precursors of drugs currently used to treat wet macular degeneration. The research earned Tait the Young Investigator's Award from a leading research society and publication in the American Journal of Physiology. During medical school, he was awarded the Paul C. Linnell, M.D. Scholarship for his capacity to achieve educational and professional goals. Tait completed his post-graduate clinical training at William Beaumont Hospital-Royal Oak.

He is a fellow in the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery

For more information about his practice, go to <http://www.bergman-poretta.com/>.

Report: Women at high risk for COPD

Women are 37 percent more likely to have chronic obstructive pulmonary disease than men and now account for more than half of all deaths attributed to COPD in the nation. November is COPD Awareness Month, a perfect time to take a look at some of the findings in the American Lung Association's latest report, "Taking Her Breath Away: The Rise of COPD in Women."

It explores how COPD, once thought of as a disease of older white men, has become a major and increasing health threat for women. More than seven million women in the United States currently have COPD, and millions more have symptoms but have yet to be diagnosed. The number of deaths among women from COPD has more than quadrupled since 1980, and the disease has claimed the lives of more women than men in this

country each year since 2000.

"It's time for the millions of women like me who are living with COPD to break their silence and speak out about the toll that COPD is taking on our lives," said Grace Anne Dorney Koppel, patient and national spokeswoman for COPD awareness. "We need to lead the charge for access to adequate disease management services and social support that will empower us to treat the disease as early as possible and improve the quality of our lives."

Breathing difficulty

COPD is a progressive lung disease with no known cure that slowly robs its sufferers of the ability to breathe. Only heart disease and cancer kill more Americans than COPD does. Smoking is the primary cause of COPD, but there are other important causes such as

air pollution.

The report identifies an interplay of risk-factor exposures, biological susceptibility and sociocultural factors contributing to COPD's disproportionate burden on women.

The rise of COPD in women is closely tied to the success of tobacco industry marketing. Cigarette smoking was rare among women in the early 20th century, but started increasing in the late 1960s after the tobacco industry began aggressively targeting women. While nationwide anti-tobacco campaigns and policy changes have successfully decreased smoking rates for both women and men in the recent past, the tobacco industry's success in addicting women smokers long ago is still resulting in new cases of COPD and other tobacco-related illness in those women as they have aged.

More findings

» Since COPD has historically been thought of as a "man's disease," women are underdiagnosed and undertreated for COPD.

» Women are more vulnerable than men to lung damage from cigarette smoke and other pollutants.

» Women with COPD have more frequent disease flare-ups, a sudden worsening of COPD symptoms that is often caused by a cold or other lung infection.

» Effective treatment of COPD is complicated, and women don't always get the kind of care that meets their needs.

The report, part of the Lung Association's Disparities in Lung Health Series, is available for download at www.lung.org/copinwomen.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

NOVEMBER

ADDICTION & RECOVERY

Herbert Malinoff, M.D., president and founder of Pain Recovery Solutions, will present "The Doctor's Opinion on Alcoholism" 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26. This free program will describe a physician's view of alcoholism, as presented in the literature of Alcoholics Anonymous and updated with the modern neurobiology of addictive illness.

The program is, sponsored by Dawn Farm, and will be held at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center Auditorium, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. For more information, call Dawn Farm at 734-485-8725 or visit dawnfarm.org.

DECEMBER

HOSPICE SEMINAR

Hospice and palliative care expert Dominic F. Glorioso Jr., D.O., will present a free community lecture, 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2, at Botsford Hospital's Education and Administration Center, Classroom C, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Glorioso, director of palliative care at Gettysburg Hospital in Gettysburg, Pa., and a hospice physician at York Hospital, York, Pa., will discuss death and dying and the importance of family support. For more

information, call 248-442-7986.

KIDNEY BALL

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan will hold its ninth annual Kidney Ball beginning with cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner served at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at the MGM Grand in Detroit. The event, which features the theme "A Midwinter Night's Dream," will include a night of live music, dancing, a live auction, silent auction, food, cocktails, and even a candy "bar" to top off the evening. Tickets are \$250 per person, available at www.nkfm.org/events or by calling 800-482-1455.

ONGOING

AQUATIC CLASSES

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch and 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch. To join or for more information, visit www.ym-cadetroit.org.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT

Meets from 6:30-8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south

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BLOOD PRESSURE

Garden City Hospital offers free blood pressure testing, cholesterol (\$5), and lipid panel (\$10) testing, 10 a.m. to noon the first Tuesday of each month in the main lobby of the hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. No registration is required. Senior citizens can have their blood pressure tested monthly, free of charge, at 8:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesday and second and fourth Thursdays of each month at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, at Wayne Road in Westland; 10:15 a.m. every other Wednesday at Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City; and every second Tuesday at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford Township. For more information, call 734-458-4330.

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Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



Dr. Christina Blevins
Internal Medicine

Your New Year's resolutions don't have to be drastic, if you end your year on a healthy note. GCH Health Expert and Internal Medicine physician, Dr. Christina Blevins, offers up this perfect portion of holiday wellness advice.

Q: What foods should I avoid this Thanksgiving?

A: I say stay away from the ones you don't like. Other than that, eat what you love and what makes you feel as though you're really celebrating. Just keep your portions small and enjoy every single bite.

Q: How many calories are in the traditional Thanksgiving dinner?

A: If you believe the American Council on Exercise, and I do, it's 3,000 calories, and 229 grams of fat. Ouch. But so much of that comes down to preparation and portion size. Certainly you can still eat turkey, mashed potatoes, LOADS of veggies and a slice of pie and come in way below that.

Q: Are the sleepy effects of tryptophan something to really worry about after eating turkey?

A: Tryptophan may contribute to making you sleepy, but it's not the same as taking a sleeping pill. You can overcome the lethargy by getting up and moving after your meal. Even a walk around the block will help perk you back up.

Q: Do you have any advice on the best way to stay healthy over the entire holiday season?

A: Here are a few important tips I share with my patients, which is good advice all year round:

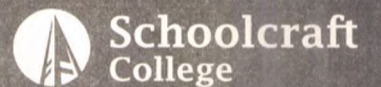
- **Wash hands often** to keep yourself from spreading germs and getting sick. Wash your hands with soap and warm running water for at least 20 seconds.
- **Manage your stress.** Don't over commit yourself and prevent holiday anxiety and pressure. Get enough sleep.
- **Bundle up** to stay warm and dry. Wear appropriate outdoor clothing like mittens, hats, scarves, and insulated waterproof boots.
- **Get your family vaccinated.** If you haven't gotten a flu vaccine, it's not too late.
- **Fasten seat belts while driving.** Always buckle your child in the car using a child safety seat, booster seat, or seat belt according to his/her height, weight, and age. Use a seat belt every time, no matter how short the trip.
- **Don't drink and drive or let others drink and drive.** It's a simple rule that keeps everyone safe.
- **Be smoke-free.** Avoid smoking and secondhand smoke. There is NO safe amount of tobacco or secondhand smoke. Breathing even a little secondhand smoke can be dangerous.
- **Prepare food safely.** Remember these simple steps: wash hands and surfaces often, avoid cross-contamination, cook foods to proper temperatures, and refrigerate promptly.

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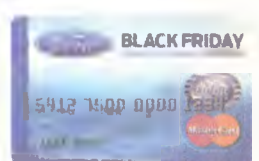


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Important keys to researching your next employer



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"I know when a candidate doesn't know the current news about our company," says Chris Brabec, director of leadership talent acquisition for Western Union. "If you don't know the CEO is retiring, or if a company made a big acquisition recently, that's not a good sign. If a candidate can't tell me what the company does (or thinks Western Union still does telegrams), that's another sign she hasn't done her homework."

In a job market where applicants frequently cast a wide net with the hope that anybody will respond, job seekers sometimes cut corners by not thoroughly checking out potential employers. But failure to know about the place you claim you want

to work at can make you seem unprepared and disinterested and cost you a job offer.

Here, experts weigh in on things you should learn before seeking employment and how to find that information.

What to know

"Companies have told us that one of the things they use to weed out candidates is that the student didn't know anything about the company," says John M. Thompson, executive director of career services at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas.

Among the things Thompson encourages his students to find out are:

- What does the company do?
- What are its products?
- What is the company's mission?

- Where are its offices?
- How big is the company in terms of employees/revenue?
- How is it positioned in its industry?

"Everyone, but particularly for more senior-level roles, should know our stock price," says Yolanda Bush, director of human resources for Western Union. "Research the company's leadership team and the company's efforts around corporate social responsibility. This will help candidates position themselves to discuss how their skills and experience will help us succeed in the marketplace."

Julie Rulis, a senior recruiter for Western Union's talent acquisition team, agrees with her colleague's advice and adds, "If you are doing an interview

at a company, find out if it's in the Fortune 500 and where it is on that list. Even better: Find out where it was a year ago, and if it's different, maybe ask why. It shows you've done your homework. A job candidate should know our products and services beyond just the basics. With all the tools available nowadays, there's no excuse not to know."

How to play detective

The "tools" Rulis is referring to are all the different ways a job seeker can find information. Abby M. Locke, master resume writer and personal brand strategist for Premier Writing Solutions in Seattle, offers these suggestions:

- Review the company's website.
- Read press releases.
- Pay attention to industry publications.
- Use Google alerts to stay on top of current company news.
- Do an informational interview with past or current employees.
- Talk to a representative at a career fair or trade show.
- Follow key decision-makers on Twitter.
- Use LinkedIn groups and other online social media tools.

Online directories such as Bloomberg and Standard & Poor's also give information on many businesses. For additional help in finding appropriate databases, job seekers may want to consult their local library or the college career center of their alma mater.

Show what you know

Finally, while you don't need to be a walking fact book, be ready to incorporate your knowledge of the company into correspondence and conversation when opportunities arise.

"I ask job candidates questions like what they know about the company beyond what's on the website, how they feel they fit in with our overall values and corporate culture, or what they found out about the company in their research that they didn't know before," Rulis says. "This is a great opportunity to show off your preparation -- talk about our competitors or the fact that you read that we're entering an entirely new business segment."

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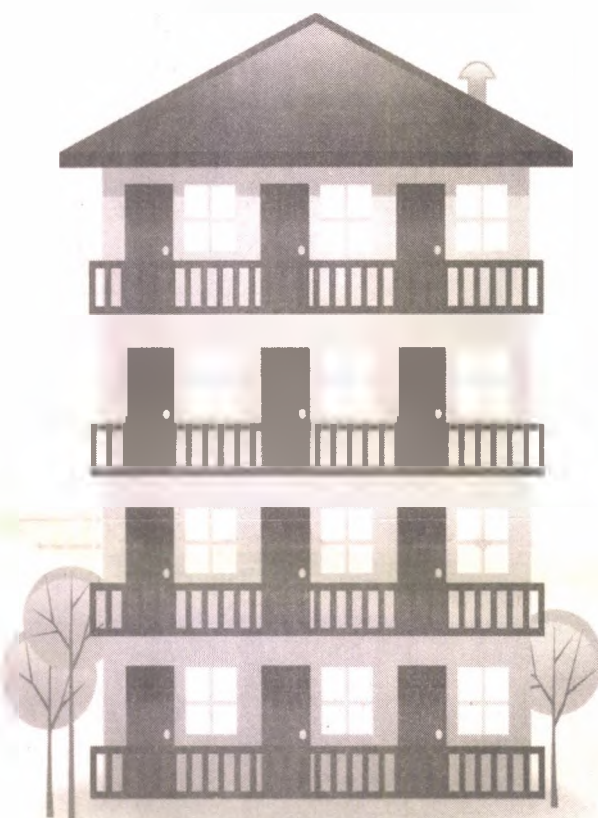


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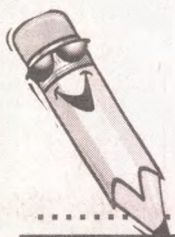
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- 15 Cap feature
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- 19 Circus crowd noise
- 20 French cleric
- 21 Thomas Gray opus
- 24 Platitudes
- 27 Broom companions
- 28 Actress — Powers
- 29 Livy's eggs
- 30 "Exodus" hero
- 31 He jilted Medea
- 32 Relay-race part

- 33 Not Dem. or Rep.
- 34 Hunky-dory
- 35 Nothing but
- 36 Spongers
- 38 Mosquitoes, to us
- 39 "— Lisa"
- 40 Mr. Buchwald
- 41 Parts of faces
- 43 Braced oneself
- 47 Koppel's network
- 48 Where Columbus is
- 50 Fairy-tale hea.ry
- 51 Oaxaca article
- 52 Yardstick
- 53 Colonial dance

DOWN

- 1 Laugh syllable
- 2 Geologic time period
- 3 Oxygen source
- 4 Clears the windshield

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Level: Intermediate

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'The Pie Lady's' skills benefit Thanksgiving Day church dinner

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Rose Gibbs has earned her nickname over decades of rolling, crimping, slicing and filling.

She is known as "The Pie Lady" to her neighbors in Plymouth and her fellow congregants at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia.

Gibbs, 90, has baked countless pies for church bake sales and events, including Newburg's annual community Thanksgiving Day Dinner. Last week, she supervised production of 50 crusts for pre-ordered pumpkin pies that will be baked Tuesday, Nov. 26 and sold the next day to help fund Thursday's church dinner.

The dinner is free and open to the public. Seating times are 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Reserve a spot by calling the church at 734-422-0149. The church is located at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail.

Gibbs attended the church's Thanksgiving Day dinner two years ago. She also made pies for the gathering.

"It is a delicious dinner. They have everything," Gibbs said. "I made all of the shells last year. Then all the other ladies, we met at the church and put them together, we made pies together. We served them at Thanksgiving."

"Now what we're going to do this year is sell the pies to pay for the food for the dinner."

Young cook

The fourth oldest of 12 children, Gibbs got to know her way around the kitchen as a youngster. The family lived on a farm in Missouri and produced its own vegetables and butchered its own hogs. Gibbs recalled that as a teen, she and an older sister canned more than 1,000 quarts of produce one summer.

"On our birthdays, we'd have cake. But we had more pies, because pies seemed to go farther with that many children," she said. "We didn't have bread. She (her mother) made biscuits all the time."

Her father smoked hams and once sent one through the mail to her after she had married and moved to Washington, D.C.

"The mailman had a fit over it because it smelled so good," she said. "The hams were my father's pride and joy ... they were so good."

Gibbs and her first husband raised three children in Livonia. After he died, she married her second husband, who also had three children. They combined their families, initially living in Highland and, later, Plymouth. She remained in Plymouth after his death and continued to attend Newburg United Methodist in



Rose Gibbs, "The Pie Lady," presents her latest masterpiece, an apple pie. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



A light egg wash tops off a mince pie before it goes into the freezer, for baking at a later date. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Livonia, where her pies are in demand.

"They always seek out my pies when we have something at church. They always ask me to bring dessert, because I usually make pies. I enjoy making them," she said.

Recipe book

Gibbs said her pie crust evolved and improved after

she started adding egg and vinegar to the mix, but most of her recipes have remained unchanged over the years.

Her daughter, Julie Baumkel, of Bloomfield Hills, compiled many of her recipes into a 77-page binder-style book, *The Pie Lady's Favorite Desserts Cookbook*, which has been sold at church events throughout the year.



Dion Burke (left) and Mike Fillion carve turkeys at Newburg United Methodist Church's annual Thanksgiving Dinner. A pie sale this year will help fund the food. NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"It's not all my recipes," Gibbs said. "I have many more pie recipes. (Baumkel) said, well, we can always make another book."

Volunteers make Redford dinner a Thanksgiving tradition

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

The participation guidelines for Our Lady of Loretto's 13th annual Thanksgiving dinner are simple.

"It's open to anyone who needs to be with community, with family," said Sister Margretta Wojcik, pastoral associate at the Redford church. "They know who they are. There are some folks whose families may not live in this state anymore. Or it may be someone who has lost their spouse. Also, there are those who are needy."

Last year, the church served approximately 250 Thanksgiving meals. Karen and Don McCuen, the parishioners who coordinate the annual gathering, are well into planning for this year's event. The turkeys have arrived and will be prepped and ready for the oven early Thursday, Nov. 28, Thanksgiving Day morning. Volunteers will begin peeling potatoes and making side dishes and relish trays by 9 a.m. When the doors open at 2 p.m., the greeters, servers and cleaning crew will be on the job.

"It's always good. Everyone loves it. It's really enjoyable and the people who volunteer come from all over," Karen McCuen said. "People really appreciate it. They tell you how good the food is and some of them have tears in their eyes. They say, 'I'd never be able to have anything like this if it wasn't for Our Lady of Loretto.' Nothing is processed or canned. They get a good meal."

The dinner is free, although donations are accepted. It will run 2-5 p.m. Thursday in the family center at the church, 17116 Olympia. Diners may drop in any time during those hours. Some carry-outs are available, but require an RSVP at 313-534-9000.

McCuen and her husband started the dinner in 2001 and have watched it grow each year.

"We get a lot of different people," she said. "Some are alone. Some are handicapped or walking with walkers and canes. Some can't cook for themselves. Some were supposed to be out of town and (their trip) was canceled. I had a family that had a death in their family. They dropped in and had Thanksgiving dinner and then went about their business."

"It's different for everyone," she added. "Everyone has their own reason."

Rare confluence of holidays sparks inspiration in the kitchen

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Latkes or mashed potatoes?

Brisket or turkey? Kugel or pumpkin pie?

The overlap of two holidays this year — the second night of Hanukkah coincides Thursday, Nov. 28, with Thanksgiving — may have some Jewish cooks pondering which cuisine they'll serve.

Melissa Ser, director of congregational learning for Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills, sees some similarity, at least in the spirit of the two celebrations.

"The meaning of Hanukkah is more connected to Thanksgiving than when it occurs at the same time as Christmas," Ser said. "Hanukkah has more of a connection to the idea of Thanksgiving than Christmas."

The foods? Not so much.

But the challenge inspired Lorraine Plat-

man to combine Thanksgiving flavors with a Hanukkah favorite. The result: Sweet Lorraine's Fabulous Macaroni & Cheese Pumpkin Kugel.

"I just developed it," said Platman, chef and owner of Sweet Lorraine's Cafe & Bar in Livonia and Southfield and Sweet Lorraine's Fabulous Mac 'n' Cheese in Troy and Auburn Hills. "I made a big batch and said (to her mother) this is based on your wonderful noodle kugel."

"She phoned me up at 10 at night and said, 'Lorraine, this has to become a tradition.' She loved it."

Platman experimented with the recipe, baking it in both a lasagna dish and in individual muffin tins.

"Every year I nearly always experiment with types of latkes," she added. "My mother does one in a blender. Last year I did it as a waffle."

The waffle idea stuck and this year she'll bring a rustic garlic-mashed



Sweet Lorraine's Fabulous Macaroni & Cheese Pumpkin Kugel

potato waffle, topped with smoked salmon, diced onion and capers, to Thanksgiving dinner.

"We have two wonderful holidays with food ... and I am a compete foodie," she said. "I dream food. And I'm waffle crazy. This is fun because you can mix the different holidays. Hanukkah is eight days, so you can add on leftovers from Thanksgiving and turn them into a Hanukkah meal. You could

make the stuffing into waffles.

"I love to experiment and, when you can mix Thanksgiving and Hanukkah, that experimenting can be rewarding."

Home cooks who feel uneasy about experimenting in the kitchen at the holidays, might be better off following their favorite recipes.

"Why add more stress to yourself?" Platman said.

SWEET LORRAINE'S FABULOUS MACARONI & CHEESE PUMPKIN KUGEL

Baked fresh pumpkin, ricotta cheese, eggs, milk, noodles, vanilla & fruit zest all baked and either served in individual muffin tins or lasagna pan...topped with fresh Michigan apples and cinnamon

8 ounces Cavatelli pasta cooked as per instructions and cooled and set aside

Custard:

4 egg
2 cups roasted pumpkin puree
8 ounces cream cheese, room temperature
1 cup ricotta cheese, room temperature
1 cup half-and-half cream
1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract
1 cup cane sugar
½ orange zest (approximately 2 teaspoons)

Preheat oven 325

Spray either one cup individual muffin pans (approximately 12) or lasagna dish with vegetable spray. Combine all of the above in a mixing bowl and beat until combined mix in pasta. Pour into prepared pan(s) making sure to divide pasta and custard evenly into pan.

Topping:

3-4 Michigan apples, cored and sliced
2 tablespoons melted unsalted butter
1-2 teaspoons ground cinnamon mixed with 1 cup cane sugar

Fan apples over pasta custard and drizzle butter over apples. Finish with sprinkling cinnamon sugar and blend over entire dish. Bake until set approximately 1 hour for lasagna pan or 30 minutes for smaller muffin size. Cool. You can serve either warm or chilled.



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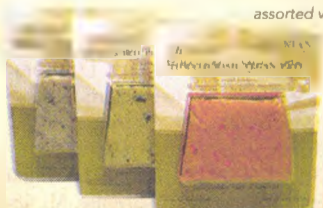


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Take a holiday decorating cue from local museums, curators

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Kim Marquette will decorate twice this holiday season.

Marquette, a volunteer at the Garden City Historical Museum, has been busy the past few weeks unboxing, unwrapping and carefully placing a private collection of Santa Claus figurines throughout the Straight Farmhouse.

"We have a beautiful collection," she said. "They are gorgeous Santas. They'll be in the main level of the home. There are well over 200 Santa Clauses. They run in different sizes, from a few small Santas to five-foot Santas."

Marquette, who curates many of the exhibits at the museum, plans to have the exhibit ready by Friday, Dec. 6, when Dan Dare, the former Garden City resident who loaned his collection to the museum, will speak to museum members at a wine and cheese reception. The exhibit will be open to the public from noon to 3 p.m. the following day and each Wednesday and Saturday through Dec. 28.

As soon as Marquette puts finishing touches on the museum exhibit, she'll start her own decorating at home.

"I take after my mother," she said. "Every nook and cranny has something. My neighbor came over once and said, 'It looks like Christmas threw up in your house.' It's gorgeous, but everywhere you turn there is Christmas stuff."

Marquette will unpack some 56 boxes of decorations at home: "It's a whole variety. I collect nativity sets and I have over 200. I collect tree toppers. I have 22 tree toppers that go across the mantle."

Holiday decorating

Marquette is among museum curators and volunteers who are busy decking the halls at local historical buildings, as well as at their own homes.

Need some decorating inspiration? Take a walk through the Simmons/Hill House at Greenmead in Livonia. Linda Wiacek, Greenmead director, invited Quester groups to interpret this year's theme, "Christmas Dreams" throughout the first floor of the house.

"This house, because it's so big and was lived in by the Hill family up until the mid-1970s, went through a long period of private residency," Wiacek said. "This is a house museum that shows the evolution of the home dating back to 1841 to when it was sold to the city of Livonia in 1976. We have the flexibility to show a variety of peri-



One of several Christmas trees at Greenmead, this one is off the dining room in Simmons/Hill House. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ods. You have a lot of leeway in decorating."

Book collection

Sheer white fabrics, lots of sparkles, angels and snowflakes create a setting for Christmas dreaming throughout the house. Homemade ornaments made from copies of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas book covers drape a tree in the house library. Gloria Hull, a Quester member, created the ornaments based on her 'Twas the Night Before Christmas book collection.

"I have around 70 books. I put them in the trees and some of them under the trees at home," Hull said. "I put up several Christmas trees."

While Hull exhibits her book collection only at the holidays, Elizabeth Kerstens, Plymouth Historical Museum director, leaves her Santa figurines out year-round in her kitchen at home.

"I have pencil Santas, the tall ones. I have about 40 or 50," Kerstens said.

At the museum, she brought back a favorite exhibit, "A Red Ryder Christmas Story," with a few updates this year, for the holiday season. The exhibit is based on the

popular film *A Christmas Story*.

"We have a new mannequin with Ralphie's clothing on when he was doing a dream sequence and was duded up in a cowboy outfit," Kerstens said. "We've been able to recreate that. Another thing we've added is motion-activated sound."

The Garden City Museum at the Straight Farmhouse is located at 6221 Merriman. View the Santa collection from noon to 3 p.m. each Wednesday and Saturday through December. Groups may make arrangements by calling 734-838-0650.

The Plymouth Museum is at 155 S. Main. It's open 1-4 p.m. Wednesday and Friday through Sunday. The "A Red Ryder Christmas Story" exhibit runs through Jan. 19, 2014. Admission is \$5. 734-455-8940.

Greenmead's historic buildings, including the Simmons/Hill House, will be open for tours 1-4 p.m. Dec. 1, 8 and 15 at 20501 Newburgh. A visit with Santa is planned for 1-4 p.m. Dec. 8. Admission for the visit is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. Free Christmas concerts will be held Dec. 1, 8 and 15 at the church in the village. 248-477-7375.



Sue Poster (from left), Gloria Hull and Betty Evenden decorate the windows of the Simmons/Hill House at Greenmead in Livonia. They belong to the Sauk Trail Questers. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



The decorating theme at Simmons/Hill House this year is Christmas Dreams. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Pair white or red wines with turkey

The turkey is roasted to perfection and the mashed potatoes are a fluffy white dream. Now it is time to turn your attention to the libations and nothing sets your holiday meal off right like a good glass of wine.

The Thanksgiving meal can be one of the most difficult meals to pair due to the wide range of taste sensations, said Eric Novak, wine buyer for Hiller's Markets.

"You've got the tart and sweet of the cran-

berries, the savories and salty stuffings, along with the sweet and the fat," Novak said.

However, choosing the perfect pairing for your meal does not have to be daunting. Turkey is pretty bland, so look for wines versatile enough to complement the myriad side dishes certain to accompany your meal, Novak advised.

Below, Novak offers some tips and guidelines for choosing the right wine to complement your feast.

RED

PINOT NOIR

Pinot Noirs go terrific with dark meat of your bird. The high acid of the red grape work really well with game birds, cutting the fat for a refreshing taste, Novak said. Look for wines from California's Napa Valley, Oregon and New Zealand, a newcomer to the Pinot Noir table. Northern Michigan's own Verterra winery in Leland also offers a spectacular Rose of Pinot Noir. Recommendations:

- » Rose of Pinot Noir Verterra Winery Leland, Mich. \$18
- » 2009 Wild Rock Pinot Noir Wild Rock Wine Martinborough, New Zealand \$13
- » Carneros Pinot Noir Clos du Val Napa Valley \$18

WHITE

GEWÜRZTRAMINER, RIESLING

Novak has two definite recommendations in the white category: Gewurztraminer and "a good, dry" Riesling. "Good Rieslings have terrific stone fruit notes — apricots, peach — and are typically high in acidity, which works well for the meal," Novak said. Gewurztraminers work so well, he said, because of their typical "jumping out of the glass" floral notes that complement the Thanksgiving meal. "People who like white meat will like Gewurztraminer," Novak promises. Recommendations:

- » Kung Fu Girl Riesling Charles Smith Wines Columbia Valley, Wash. \$12.99
- » Fetzer Gewurztraminer Fetzer Winery Mendocino County, Calif. \$8
- » Dry Riesling Chateau Grand Traverse Traverse City \$14

Simple swaps help make holiday meals more healthful

The only thing harder than passing up a delicious dish at a party is trying to talk yourself out of eating holiday leftovers the next day. While everyone is entitled to a little indulgence now and then, it's possible to have your traditional turkey and cranberry sandwich and eat better, too.

The trick is to cut calories whenever you can and that means making simple swaps. Here are a few ideas to get you started:

» The day after a festive meal, stack your sandwich high with leftover turkey, lettuce and cranberry sauce. But don't blow it by adding a big smear of mayonnaise. Instead, top this traditional sandwich with delicious, smooth hummus to save fat and calories.

» If you want to cut a lot of extra carbs out of your holiday diet, skip the stuffing. Instead, try wild or brown rice with your turkey.

» Once you've filled your plate with crudite instead of a high-calorie appetizer, don't dip carrots and celery sticks in a vat of ranch dressing. Try a dip made from Greek yogurt, like Sabra Cucumber & Dill Greek Yogurt Vegetable Dip.

» Cut the fat and calories in mashed potatoes by making a dairy-free option with creamy hummus instead of butter or milk.

» It's easy to drink a lot of extra calories during the holidays. Fancy coffee drinks, egg nogs and sugary cocktails can really pack on the pounds. Stick with seltzer-based drinks, sugar-free hot chocolate or herbal teas.

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Holiday Turkey Sandwich with Hummus and Cranberry



Hummus Mashed Potatoes

HUMMUS MASHED POTATOES

Prep time: 15 minutes
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- 6 yellow potatoes, or about 5 cups peeled and cubed
- 1/4 cup Sabra hummus
- 2 tablespoon olive oil
- Salt and fresh pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoon fresh parsley, finely chopped
- 1 lemon, cut into 6 wedges

Peel potatoes and place in bowl of water to cover to prevent discoloration. Cut potatoes into 1/2-inch cubes and place in medium sized pot with enough water to cover and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Bring to boil and simmer over medium heat for about 30 minutes, or until fork goes gently through potatoes. Once cooked, drain potatoes and place back into pot over medium heat for about 3 minutes, until moisture comes out of potatoes and they appear dry. Remove from heat. In same pot, start mashing potatoes with masher. Add 1/4 cup hummus, oil, salt and pepper to taste. Top with sprinkling of fresh parsley and serve with lemon wedge to squeeze over top.

HOLIDAY TURKEY SANDWICH WITH HUMMUS AND CRANBERRY

Recipe provided by www.smithbites.com

Prep time: 10 minutes
Total time: 10 minutes

- 2 slices sourdough or hearty country bread
- 1/4 cup Sabra hummus
- 2 leaves bibb or Boston lettuce
- 2 thin slices purple onion
- 2-3 slices leftover turkey, sliced about 1/4-inch thick

- 1/4 cup cranberry sauce
- Salt and pepper to taste

Spread both pieces of bread with hummus, then layer lettuce, purple onion, turkey, cranberry sauce and another layer of lettuce, salt and pepper; add top piece of bread, hummus side down.

occasions, enjoy a bite or two of a truly decadent dessert. Then, switch to fruit-based sweets or treat yourself to a sugar-

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Make Thanksgiving happy, healthy

By Jill Halpin
Correspondent

Registered dietitian Mayssoun Hamade has noticed a positive trend this year. Thanksgiving, it seems, is starting to go healthy.

"People are starting to pay attention to the ingredients they are using when they are cooking," said Hamade, who works for the St. John Providence Health System in Novi.

Slowly disappearing are the extra pats of butter added to great-grandma's casserole. Salads and other more complex vegetable combinations are replacing corn and green beans casserole at the table.

"We are moving away from the bland and buttery and trying to incorporate different salad greens as well as other vegetables from different part of the world,"

she said.

Hamade said she hopes the trend will continue: "This is a good step; we need to go back to the basics, back to more natural offerings."

Hamade warned against the inclination to use prepackaged, canned or boxed items that made be loaded with extra sodium and other preservatives.

"Look at the ingredients on the side of the package," she said. "Try to with fresh whenever you can."

Hamade also advised limiting portions. You can try a bit of everything in small amounts.

Using smaller plates will help limit portion size, she said: "If you are going to splurge and stick with the traditional menu, using a plate that is eight inches or smaller is a great way to keep your food intake under control."

VEGAN SWEET POTATO BISCUITS

Makes about 8-10

- 1 cup mashed cooked sweet potato (1 large)
- 1 1/2 cups spelt flour (or whole wheat)
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon sea salt
- 4 tablespoons cold nonhydrogenated margarine or coconut oil
- 1/4 cup vanilla Almond Breeze

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Combine ingredients, bake in muffin pan or free-form on cookie sheet. Bake 25 to 20 minutes, or until bottoms are golden.

Hamade said that tofu, which picks up the flavors of other foods, is an excellent source of protein that can be used in many different recipes for vegetarians, vegans and others.

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Holidays are a time filled with family, friends and — perhaps, most importantly — feasts. Traditional holiday menu items have the power to evoke warm memories of holidays past while continuing to bring people together year after year. For many, the center of that coveted holiday table would not be complete without a sweet and savory spiral-sliced ham.

But what kind of holiday spread would it be without a plethora of delicious side dishes to accompany and complement the meal? Whether you prefer ham with notes of honey, nuts or fruit, make sure your dinner table boasts a variety of options that enhance its delectable flavor. Look for recipes that incorporate both traditional and unexpected ingredients for a holiday menu makeover. Doing so will keep guests pleased with familiar favorites, yet pleasantly surprised with the new variations.

Savory side selections

If you're looking for a savory side that spotlights the distinct flavors of the season, butternut squash is an excellent choice. White Beans with Bacon and Butternut Squash is a perfect blend of savory, sweet and salty. Serve it alongside ham for a true taste of tradition. For more great recipes, visit www.smithfield.com.

A potato dish is also a must for many holiday spreads. Break away from mundane mashed potatoes and gravy with this recipe for Smashed Bacon Ranch Potatoes. Family and friends will line up for seconds when they get a taste of the ranch dressing and smoky bacon combination. Or try Green Bean Corn Casserole for another new twist on a classic



Holiday Spiral Sliced Ham with Honey Glaze



Smashed Bacon Ranch Potatoes

holiday favorite.

Ham leftovers

For many, the best part of the holiday meal awaits them in the fridge the next day. If you find yourself with a kitchen still stocked for a holiday feast, here are some easy ways to turn delicious ham into a flavorful meal with just a few extra ingredients:

» Pizza: Nothing pleases a child — or a parent for that matter — more than pizza. Simply place marinara sauce, cheese and cubed ham atop broiled French bread or English muffins for a crunchy post-holiday lunch.

» Pasta salad: Whip up a cool classic you can

nibble on all week long. Prepare your favorite whole-wheat noodles, then mix in cubed ham, your favorite cheeses, diced tomatoes, spinach and a generous pour of creamy Italian dressing. It's an easy meal in just minutes.

» Sandwiches: Take standard ham and cheese sandwiches to new levels with uneaten goodies from your cheese platter. Fill leftover artisan rolls from your holiday fare with sliced ham. Experiment with your favorite cheeses — Gouda, Gruyere or Roquefort — and place on the grill for a gooey, crunchy bite.

— Courtesy of Family Features

HOLIDAY SPIRAL SLICED HAM WITH HONEY GLAZE

Cook time: 10 to 12 minutes per pound
Yield: 14 servings

1 Smithfield Spiral Sliced Ham with Honey Glaze

Preheat oven to 325°F. Remove packaging; reserve liquid. Place ham cut-side down on large sheet of foil in roasting pan, pour reserved liquid over ham and wrap completely with foil. Warm ham in oven for 10 to 12 minutes per pound. Do not overheat. After removing from oven, let sit for 5 minutes before glazing. Heat glaze packet for 15 seconds in microwave. Glaze is hot, so be careful when opening packet. Holding packet with towel or oven mitt, cut corner off packet and pour glaze into bowl. Stir well and spoon over ham. Let glazed ham sit for 5 minutes before serving to allow glaze to melt over ham.

WHITE BEANS WITH BACON AND BUTTERNUT SQUASH

Cook time: 30 minutes
Yield: 4 servings

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 slices bacon, chopped
- 1 pound diced butternut squash
- ½ cup onion, chopped
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- ¼ teaspoon nutmeg
- ¼ teaspoon curry powder
- ½ cup chicken stock
- 2 cans cannellini beans, drained and rinsed
- 2 cups fresh spinach, stems removed and chopped

Heat olive oil in large skillet over medium heat. Add bacon to skillet and cook for 5 to 7 minutes or until crumbly; remove from skillet, drain on paper towels and reserve 2 tablespoons of drippings in skillet. Add butternut squash, onion, salt, pepper, nutmeg and curry powder to the skillet; saute for 5 minutes; add chicken broth to the skillet, reduce heat to medium low, cover and cook for 5 additional minutes or until butternut squash is tender. Add beans and spinach to the skillet and cook for 3 minutes or until all vegetables are heated through. Sprinkle with reserved bacon.

GREEN BEAN CORN CASSEROLE

Cook time: 50 minutes
Yield: 8 servings

- 1 bag frozen French-style green beans
- 1 cup celery, chopped
- ½ cup sour cream
- 1 can cream of celery soup
- 1 can corn, drained
- 1 green pepper, chopped
- ½ cup cheddar cheese, grated (or more)
- 1 sleeve butter crackers, finely crushed
- 3 tablespoons melted butter

Preheat oven to 350°F. In large mixing bowl, combine first 7 ingredients and place in prepared 13-inch by 9-inch casserole dish. Combine crushed butter crackers and melted butter and spread over top of casserole. Bake for 45 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Note: Add 1 cup diced ham and 1 cup shredded cooked chicken to this recipe to make it a main dish.

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Avoid holiday stress by getting organized

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

What's the best gift you can give yourself this holiday season?

Less stress through better organizational skills.

"I think it's a series of everything (at the holidays) that stresses people out. You've got family stress and financial stress, balancing time constraints with commitments and food stress," said Debi Weinstein, founder of I've Gotta Get Organized in Farmington Hills. "It adds up."

Making even a few changes — keeping track of year-to-year gift-giving, purging old decorations and learning to say no — can help keep your blood pressure down.

"I find that women, we are so good at doing so much, but sometimes being so good at doing so much is a detriment, it's taking on too much," she

said. "You have to say no graciously."

Weinstein started her business 16 years ago, but has had a flair for organization since childhood. As a youngster, she labeled the feet of her dolls



Weinstein

with pertinent information about the who, when and why she received them. As an adult, she has kept a spreadsheet for all of her gift-giving and receiving. When her niece began collecting American Girl dolls, an annual updated list ensured no repeat dolls would be given as gifts.

"I'm not an accumulator or a saver," Weinstein said. "I keep what I need to keep. I have sentimental items I keep in an organized way. I'm not a shopper and I don't buy things I don't need."

Her company does everything from paying clients' bills and organizing paperwork to packing and unpacking boxes during a move. "If anything needs to be done, we do it," she said.

Here are a few of her tips to get you headed toward stress-free holidays:

Lists

Put items in an order that follows the layout of the grocery store you frequent. Shopping at a grocery store you know well saves time since you know where to locate everything.

"For the holidays, I gather all of my recipes and put the ingredients needed on a spreadsheet organized by the headings: produce, pasta/rice, condiments, baking, cereals/snacking, beverages, frozen, deli, dairy. Under these headings I type in each item I need to purchase, print out the list

and take it with me to the store."

Decorating

Don't try to be the perfect decorator — the holidays are about spending time with family and friends. Purge while sorting through holiday decorations. Toss or donate any item you haven't used in a few years. If a piece has sentimental value, consider passing it along to your children.

Gifts

Don't hang onto something because it was a gift. If you have no use for it, sell it, re-gift it or donate it. "Keep spreadsheets listing names of family and friends and the gifts you have given and received. It will be beneficial to save this from year to year on your computer so you can refer back to it when the next holiday season rolls around."

Budget your time

Start gift and grocery shopping early so you can enjoy your time with friends and family. If you are entertaining, create a calendar leading up to the event and work your way backwards budgeting your time and tasks.

Be pleasant

Don't let your good sense go out the window during the holidays. Stick to your good habits and eliminate bad ones. Don't overeat and don't sweat the small stuff. Smile and be a good guest and host. Be prepared for travel delays. If you organize ahead of time, you can plan some down time for relaxing, putting your feet up and enjoying the holidays with a smile.

For more tips on how to get organized for the new year, visit www.ivegottagetorganized.com.

Frugal holiday gift-wrapping alternatives

Holiday shoppers spend billions of dollars each year on gifts for friends, family and co-workers. But holiday shoppers also spend substantial amounts of money dressing up those gifts with bows and wrapping paper. Shoppers may not want to spend much more on wrapping paper, bags and other ways to dress up their gifts and by employing a few tricks of the gift-wrapping trade, they may not have to. The following are some frugal, yet flashy, ways to wrap presents this holiday season.

» **Children's artwork:** Over the course of a school year, parents can accumulate dozens of original pieces of art

from their children's time in the classroom. Instead of relegating those pictures to a memory box or temporary glory on the refrigerator, turn them into unique gift wrap. Pair these pieces of art with colored ribbon and everyone who gets a unique masterpiece will feel special.

» **Newspaper:** Recycle newsprint and comics into wrapping paper. Encourage everyone to wrap in newspaper for a cohesive look come Christmas morning.

» **Cloth:** Leftover cloth from Halloween or cloth purchased to create homemade curtains can be turned into gift wrap for awkward-shaped gifts. Use decorative



Baskets can be an inexpensive alternative to wrapping paper.

ribbon to seal the bundle shut.

» **Brown paper:** Brown paper tied with twine or ribbon is inexpensive and can easily be recycled after use. Use a marker to put the names of gift recipients on each package to save on gift tags as well.

» **Glass jars:** Use mason jars when wrapping smaller gifts, including gift cards, to give them an arts-and-crafts feel.

» **Fabric gift bags:** If you're handy with a needle and thread, sew sacks out of leftover fabric to make gift bags of various sizes.

» **Cookie tins:** Find unique cookie tins from yard sales or leftover tins from holidays past and use them as gift boxes.

» **Recipes:** If you plan to give a cookbook or food-themed gifts, print recipes that can be used as gift wrap.

» **Baby linens:** From

blankets to wash cloths, use baby linens to wrap infant-themed gifts for new parents.

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Family gatherings spark talk about elder care

Holidays are a time for families to gather together for celebrating, reminiscing and sharing the joys of the season. It's also a time when out-of-town family members may suddenly be confronted with the declining health of a loved one.

Those taking care of aging family members are often unable to fully convey to those living far away the true needs of an elderly parent. So family gatherings are a good time to start the conversation about handling long-term health care needs.

The first step should be gathering together all involved family members, including the person needing care. It's important to take the time, while you have it, to develop a strategy for how things should be handled when a loved one eventually needs care.

Create a checklist of topics to discuss by visiting www.longtermcare.gov. Click on the "LTC Pathfinder" link, answer simple questions and this valuable tool will generate a list of topics to consider when planning for care. It is also a great resource for finding national and local resources.

Where can you receive care?

Most people prefer to stay in their home or apartment for as long as possible. If this is your plan, it is important to step back and consider if modifications would allow you to remain at home longer. The goal of home modifications is to maximize your ability to safely care for yourself. Examples of home modifications include roll-in showers, stair lifts and grab bars. These kinds of modifications can be done well before they are needed and may help to avoid or delay the need for long-term care by



Family gatherings are a perfect time to talk about housing and health care options for aging loved ones. GETTY IMAGES

helping to avoid a fall. For things you can no longer do for yourself, there are a number of other needed services available in most communities.

Should care outside the home become necessary, several types of housing come with support services for people who cannot fully take care of themselves because of aging and/or disability. Public housing is available for low- to moderate-income elderly and persons with disabilities. Assisted living or "board and care" homes are group living settings that offer housing in addition to assistance with daily living activities and other services, such as meals. Generally, they do not provide medical care. Continuing care retire-

ment communities provide a range of housing options, including independent living units, assisted living and nursing homes, all on the same campus. Nursing facilities, or nursing homes, are the most service-intensive housing option, providing skilled nursing services and therapies as needed.

Who pays for care?

Long-term care is more expensive than most people realize. Many people believe wrongly the Medicare, Medicaid, medical insurance or disability insurance they currently have will pay for all or much of their long-term care. In general, health insurance covers only very limited and specific types of long-term care. Disability policies don't cover

any at all. In fact, the cost of care is usually paid for out of personal savings and income.

For those who qualify, long-term care insurance is available to cover long-term services and supports. Medicare only covers medically necessary care and focuses on medical acute care, such as doctor visits, drugs and hospital stays. If very specific conditions are met, Medicare will help pay for all or a portion of a short stay in a skilled nursing facility, hospice care or home health care. Medicaid helps people with low income and assets pay for some or all of their health care bills. It covers medical care, long-term care services in nursing homes, and long-term care services provided at home.

For more information about additional Medicare, Medicaid and paying privately for long-term care, visit www.longtermcare.gov.

What resources are available?

The most common source of long-term care help is often unpaid family members. However, they may not always be available to provide the care a declining elderly loved one needs. Look for care-giving services in your area, including in-home care providers and elder day care centers. Find out about home-delivered meals and other services offered in your community.

It's also important to consult an attorney to make sure your loved one has appointed one or more individuals to make

health care and financial decisions for them. An attorney can also prepare an advance care directive, which is a set of written instructions detailing what medical care your loved one wishes to receive.

About 70 percent of people turning 65 can expect to need some kind of medical or personal care services for months or years as they age. Planning for the care that a loved one may need one day is an important gift family members can give each other during the holiday season. The conversations can be difficult but are an important step to gaining valuable time to research options, prepare for the future and make the best decisions possible.

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