

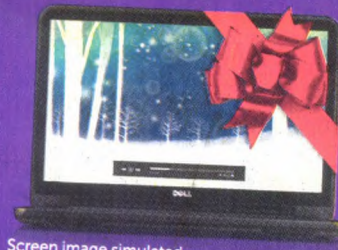
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District's food program healthy

General fund receives \$300,000 surplus

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

While the numbers – revenue, expenses, participation – around Plymouth-Canton's food services program are still solid, district officials point to ancillary points while hailing the program as one of the district's best.

The program turned over nearly \$300,000 to the district's general fund in 2012-13, a little less than officials thought, but still a significant number. A program that dealt with new regulations and a move of the

Starkweather program from its old building to Fiegel Elementary School still managed a number of achievements that mark it as a successful program.

Food service director Kristen Hennessey presented the district's Board of Education with numbers to back up the program's financial success and a list of achievements she believes shows a program successful on a personal level, as well.

"The thing that comes through clearly is that you've created a group of people who

understand the business, but haven't lost sight of the people," Trustee Mark Horvath told Hennessey and many of the staff in a recent board meeting audience. "What your team has done is create a business that hasn't lost sight of its customers."

First come the numbers. The program realized some \$5.3 million in revenue, based on the sale of some 1.655 million meals. The program transferred \$290,299 to the district's general fund and is left with a fund balance of some \$171,000.

"We said we'd start to take a little bit from our fund balance to have a little bigger transfer



Missy Trajlov, assistant manager of the cafeteria at Allen Elementary, hands out meals to students at lunch time.

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Santa Claus climbs down off the fire truck after arriving Friday in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park. TOM BEAUDOIN

WINTRY WELCOME



Dr. Katherine Gothard of Plymouth, with her 21-month-old son Quinntyn, takes a closer look at the manger scene in Kellogg Park. TOM BEAUDOIN

Not only does Santa Claus know who's been naughty and who's been nice, but he knows where he's welcome.

And hundreds of kids of all ages showed him again Friday that welcoming spot is downtown Plymouth.

Santa arrived with Mrs. Claus, as he does every year, escorted by Plymouth firefighters, to help throw the switch on Plymouth's official Christmas trees in Kellogg Park. He was welcomed by a variety of local officials and, more importantly, by hundreds of kids who braved cold temperatures to get a glimpse of their holiday hero.

Salvation Army staffers made the cold more bearable by providing hot chocolate and the Plymouth-Canton High School choir entertained the visitors. The Joel Tracy "Let it Snow Santa Show" also kept the crowd happy.

After the tree lighting, Santa took up residence in his house on the edge of Kellogg Park and visited with youngsters. Santa will also be available in his house noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7; noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14; noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15; noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21; noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22; and 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23.

Library director 'very welcomed' in community

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

With everything thrown at her from community meetings to a power failure that closed the building for three days, Carol Souchock is getting settled into her job at the Plymouth District Library.

Souchock, formerly director of the Adrian Public Library, took over Oct. 7 as director of the larger PDL. She replaced Pat Thomas, who had been the library director in Plymouth for 34 years.

"I feel very comfortable here and very welcomed," Souchock said Wednesday in her office.

Souchock had just finished a phone call regarding equipment that needed servicing because of a power failure the week before. The library's electricity was out for two days following a Nov. 17 storm and the building was closed for a third day as equipment was checked and put back online.

"It gave me a chance to get to know the building well," Souchock said with a chuckle. Souchock was named as



New Plymouth District Library Director Carol Souchock said she feels "very comfortable here and very welcomed."

Thomas' replacement last summer after she and three other finalists were interviewed by the PDL's Board of Trustees. She grew up in Dearborn, has a master's degree in library science and, before coming to Adrian in 2006, had worked at several other libraries, including the Southfield Public Library, the Macomb County Library and the Troy Public Library.

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Plymouth ushers in holiday shopping frenzy

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Lured by Black Friday sales, some Canton and Plymouth shoppers stretched their holiday budget by scrounging for deals, while others quietly sat it out in local coffee shops.

However, many agreed the shopping frenzy had gone too far after numerous retailers rolled out Thanksgiving Day sales and made employees work rather than spend time with their families.

Canton resident Karen Har-

charik started the Black Friday rush at 6 a.m. at Jo-Ann Fabric and worked her way to stores such as Home Goods along Canton's Ford Road shopping corridor.

"This is my first time going out for Black Friday," she said, before going inside Home Goods to look for a dish for a flower decoration for her daughter in Windsor, Ontario.

Harcharik's job in Canada had kept her away from America's Black Friday frenzy until

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Sideways store employee Jean Kozak helps Al Abdou of Plymouth shop for his sister.



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Art sale to offer Daisy Wall bricks

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Original artwork by Plymouth Community Arts Council instructors and featured artists, plus a limited supply of bricks from the newly demolished Daisy Wall, will be available during the PCAC's holiday art sale Saturday.

The sale is 3-6 p.m. Saturday at the PCAC, 774 N. Sheldon, at Junction, in Plymouth. The arts council hasn't sponsored a holiday sale for many years, but it is being revived this year as a way to launch the PCAC's winter fundraising campaign, executive director Lisa Howard said.

"I just wanted to give my artists and my instructors a chance to get some sales in before Christmas time," Howard said. Proceeds will be divided between the artist and the PCAC.

The sale will offer work that includes hand-illustrated ornaments by Nick Bair; wood-block prints by Tony Roko, Brian Rizza and instructor Kirbi Fagan; paintings, prints and cards by instructor Denise Cassidy Wood; felted holiday trees by Jan Waller; vintage-inspired pottery by Howard and more. Proceeds will be split between the artists and the nonprofit PCAC.

Gallery open

Art on display in the PCAC gallery will also be for sale. Howard said that, apart



Bricks from the recently razed Daisy Wall will be part of the Plymouth Community Arts Council's holiday art sale Saturday. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

from the gallery art, most art sale items will be priced at less than \$40 each. "I wanted to keep it in the range so that people could buy gifts," she said.

Also available, for \$25 each, will be a limited number of bricks from the Daisy Wall. The wall was the last remaining portion of the Daisy Air Rifle factory, where BB guns were produced in Plymouth for more than six decades. The factory dated from 1882 and was torn down Nov. 18 to make way for an unfinished condominium project that a devel-

oper is trying to revive.

The developer donated bricks from the wall to the Plymouth Preservation Network, which is selling them to raise money to buy and install plaques at Plymouth's historically significant buildings. The PPN is selling a limited number of the bricks through the PCAC and they will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, Howard said. Proceeds will be divided between the PPN and the PCAC.

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Community support

Souchock was thrilled with her appointment and spoke highly of the Plymouth area when it was announced, but, even so, said Wednesday she'd been surprised by the warm welcome she's received from the community and library employees.

On her way to the library for her first day on the job, she said, she was struck by a sense of confidence that she'd made the right choice. "I think that's just been compounded day by day," she said.

Thomas, she said, has been helpful in introducing her to peers at other libraries and to the PDL's systems and procedures.

High on Souchock's to-do list is continuing to meet with civic groups, community organizations, school groups and the like. That's important, she said, given the many facets of the community the library touches.

"It's important for me to get out and meet members of the community and make that personal contact," she said.

Souchock is looking forward to getting active in some of those groups, too; first, she said, she'll apply to join one of Plymouth's two Rotary clubs. "That will go a long way toward helping me with my early introductions," she said. At some point, she said, she also wants to get involved with the local arts community.

Another top goal, she said, is to market the library's resources, such as special-

ized databases, that can be helpful for small businesses and entrepreneurs. Souchock said smaller businesses are playing an important role in reviving the economy since the Great Recession and she wants owners to know what the library has available and how to access it.

"It's a resource that the businesses will find very valuable," she said.

Different structure

With the PDL, an independent system that levies a property tax just for the library, Souchock is dealing with a different structure than in Adrian, where the library was a city department. She said she's glad to have a more sustainable funding source.

Plymouth's library is bigger, too, at 52,000 square feet to Adrian's 37,200, and with a collection of more than 259,000 (books, movies, recordings, etc.) vs. Adrian's collection of just over 101,000. Annual circulation at the PDL is just over 1 million, while it is about 80,600 in Adrian.

Souchock is currently finishing up *Annie's Ghosts* by Steve Luxenberg, an associate editor at the *Washington Post* who grew up in Detroit. The book is a family history focusing on an aunt and the secrets surrounding her institutionalization and is the current Michigan Humanities Council's "Great Michigan Read."

For her own reading, Souchock typically gravitates toward mysteries and travel books. "You can travel physically or you can travel through the books," she said (she does both).

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to the general fund," said Hennessey, who took over the food services program five years ago.

Some financial highlights:

- » Lunch participation increased 7 percent.
- » Federal reimbursement dollars increased 4 percent, or some \$71,000.
- » Breakfast participation decreased some 2 percent, a

result Hennessey said she attributed to a move to all-day kindergarten.

» Year-end net overall participation was up 1.5 percent.

The consolidation agreement with Livonia Public Schools remained in force, with more than 200 food and nutrition staff professionals. The staff participated in the Gleaners backpack program, building some 49 food bags weekly. They also partnered with local business to give families food baskets and turkeys, plus started the full food

service program at Starkweather at Fiegel.

"We went from that old building to the new building and it was like moving into the Taj Majal," Hennessey said with a smile. "We could do anything there."

The program awarded Fuel Up to Play 60 grants at Discovery and Pioneer middle schools, made carbohydrate information available to parents via the district's website (www.pccs.k12.mi.us) and awarded breakfast grants to Isbister, Tonda and Dodson for

2014.

In addition to its collaboration with Livonia, Plymouth-Canton just finished its second year working with Our Lady of Good Counsel and is now providing 40-50 meals a day to St. Peter's.

"The accomplishments are incredible," school board President John Barrett said. "Not only is Plymouth-Canton the recipient of your talents, but districts around us are waiting in line to get your services."

Hennessey deflected the

board's compliments to her staff, pointing out they did an additional 600 hours of training just to catch up on requirements of new nutrition guidelines.

"Every year, you illustrate the power of having the courage to set aggressive goals," board Trustee Mike Maloney said. "You can create a strong organization and get good buy-in, create excitement with your team and get the results."

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this year. She set her sights on stores such as JC Penney and Kohl's department stores.

Harcharik had gone Thanksgiving night to Walmart to try to cash in on good deals.

"I walked in and walked back out," she said. "It was way too busy."

Plymouth Township resident Robert Benefiel, pausing inside the Starbucks coffeehouse in downtown Plymouth, said he avoided Black Friday and Thanksgiving Day shopping.

"If the stores depended on me, they'd all go broke," he said, decrying Thanksgiving Day shopping in particular. "It's supposed to be for families, not for shopping."

Canton resident Peggy Hayse and her daughter Tawnya Dysarz, also of Canton, left the Bed, Bath & Beyond store on Ford Road with a cast-iron skillet and other items. They started shopping at 8 a.m. Friday and planned to visit Best Buy and Kohl's, among other stores.

"We go to Bed, Bath & Beyond every year to use that 20-percent coupon," Dysarz said.

Hayse nodded in agreement, saying she found gifts for her husband along with food trays and a blanket "for the dogs."

Hayse avoided Thanksgiving Day shopping, saying "it should be a day for families to get together."

Standing in downtown Plymouth, Canton resident Don McLane wasn't shopping Friday but, rather, was waiting to meet with other Vietnam veterans to decorate a tree - as they do every year - in Kellogg Park.

"I shop as needed," McLane said. "I look for something specific. I get it and I leave."

He didn't have an



Pat Goetz of Canton, with his mother-in-law Betty Lockar, also of Canton, waits for his wife, who was doing the shopping Thursday evening. TOM BEAUDOIN

issue with Thanksgiving Day shopping.

"I think it's great," McLane said. "I think the stores should open anytime they want. It's good to see people making money."

Around 10 a.m. Friday, not many shoppers had taken to Plymouth streets, but Sun and Snow Sports employee Reid Walborn said he expected he would get "fairly busy" as the day unfolded and people shopped for gloves, boots, snow skis and other wintry items.

"It's good here (in downtown Plymouth) because you can walk to multiple stores," Walborn said.

Over at the Sideways shop, employee Jean Kozak helped shopper Al Abdou of Plymouth find a dish he needed to buy. He broke his sister's baking dish while doing dishes Thanksgiving.

"I'm trying to replace it," Abdou said.

Kozak said Sideways does a brisk holiday business as shoppers look for Christmas decorations and cards, baking dishes and other kitchen items,

locally roasted coffees and specialty teas, among other merchandise.

Over at Westland Shopping Center, people crowded into the mall Thanksgiving night to look for deals even before Black Friday arrived.

Plymouth teen Nil Akbari was at the mall with his mother Manju as she sought blockbuster deals. Otherwise, he said he likely would be playing video games.

"Last year I went to a different mall, but decided to come here," Manju Akbari said.

Pat Goetz of Canton was surrounded by shopping bags as he sat on the bench with his mother-in-law Betty Lockhart, also of Canton. His wife Tracy was doing the shopping at the mall.

"I got promoted, I got bumped up to bag carrier," Goetz said. "I haven't had to stand in any lines. I'm just holding the bags."

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Tawnya Dysarz of Canton and her mom Peggy Hayse do some early morning Black Friday shopping at Bed, Bath & Beyond in Canton. TOM BEAUDOIN



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Central Middle School teachers Samantha Domingue and Tanya Mackrain accept an Educational Excellence Foundation grant from school board President John Barrett (left), state Rep. Kurt Heise and EEF member Stephanie Goecke.

EEF meets grant promise

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

When the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools kicked off the school year back in August, Carole Kody announced the Educational Excellence Foundation would be handing out some \$25,000 in grants before the end of 2013.

Last week Kody, the EEF's executive director, made good on that promise.

Kody and board members Stephanie Goecke and Kurt Heise and school board President John Barrett, among others, made the rounds of middle school and elementary schools last week, handing out more than \$12,000 worth of grants for classroom projects ranging from a simulated French-Indian War in French to a "Calculator 9-1-1" program that will bring identical calculators to resource room students.

"It's what we do," an excited Kody said. "We want to provide classroom enhancements above and beyond what we can do with our state fund-



Central Middle School teachers Roby Jarczewski and Hawanya Urquhart accept their \$1,680 grant from the Educational Excellence Foundation. Helping present the grant are school board President John Barrett, state Rep. Kurt Heise and EEF board member Stephanie Goecke.

ing."

The largest grant was \$2,379 for the calculator program, handed out at Central Middle School. The grant will provide identical calculators for the resource room kids. As it stands now, teachers have to demonstrate how to perform functions on several different calculators, making standardized instruction all

but impossible.

"We'd have to explain how to find a square root three different times," Central teacher Christine Eagles said. "This (grant) is huge. We can't even put it into words."

Kody said the foundation received 32 grant proposals totaling \$52,000, with 88 percent of them (28) being approved for full or partial funding.

Grant requests are reviewed by the district's curriculum coordinators, as well as the director of technology. Grants are then reviewed by the EEF's grant committee. Judy Morgan has served on the committee for 10 years.

"I wish we could say yes to every one of them," Morgan said. "They're all great."

Kody said estimates are that more than 10,000 students will be affected by the grants. EEF has handed out some \$300,000 in grants over the last 13 years.

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PCAC offers special-needs music classes

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is offering "Time Music & Movement" classes for special-needs students and families beginning in January.

This six-week pilot program is sponsored by Kelly's Kidz, a nonprofit organization that supports children with special needs through grants for health insurance, specialized equipment, education and tuition for Miracle League Plymouth baseball players. Read more about its mission at www.kellyskidz.net.

Terrye Mock, movement instructor at the Friendship Circle in West Bloomfield, will teach the six-week session in the PCAC auditorium/gallery 5:30-6:30 p.m. each Wednesday from Jan. 8 through Feb. 12. Cost will be \$78 (members) and \$84 for non-members. Preregistration is required, with the

class size limited to 10.

The program will employ the Miracle League Plymouth Buddy model, with training available for volunteers before the start of the class. People (16 and older with a bit of experience preferred) interested in being a buddy may call the PCAC for information at 734-416-4278 or email Executive Director Lisa Howard, lisa@plymouth-arts.com.

"I am very excited to be able to add such an important class to our schedule," Howard said. "Terrye is an enthusiastic teacher who is passionate about offering an opportunity for music and dance in a safe social setting for these students."

Phone registration is now open, with online registration/registration available beginning Dec. 6. The link will be on the PCAC website, www.plymouth-arts.com.

District seeks more bus drivers

The pool of bus drivers for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is getting low and district officials are struggling to fill it.

The district put out a call this week for more substitute drivers to help when regular drivers can't drive. While all of the district's routes are currently being covered, officials point to a "critically low" number of subs, creating the potential for leaving bus routes uncovered.

The district has exactly 125 drivers to cover its 125 routes, leaving officials scrambling to find subs.

"We're not there yet, but we're at the point where we can't lose any of our drivers," said Kate Dietrich, the district's director of communications, community engagement and marketing. "We're at a critical shortage. We need to make sure

we have enough drivers. The routes are covered, but we don't have any cushion."

Dietrich said the district is "in the same boat" as other surrounding districts, in that many are hiring substitute drivers.

Substitute bus drivers are currently being hired. No experience is needed and training is provided to qualified candidates. Applicants should drop off a resume at the Transportation Department, 1024 S. Mill in Plymouth, or email METS, the district's bus driver employer, at recruiting@contractbus-drivers.com. Applicants can also get more information by calling 734-582-6780.

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Man sentenced to 2½ years for gas station armed robbery

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

The man involved with a pair of armed robberies this past summer in Livonia and Plymouth will spend at least 2½ years in prison for his role.

Tyler Robinson, 21, of Canton, was sentenced Thursday to 2½ to 15 years in prison after pleading guilty to armed robbery earlier this fall. He was charged earlier this summer after police determined he and 21-year-old Taylor resident Matthew Ross had gone to a gas station at Schoolcraft and Merriman in Livonia and another station at Five Mile and Beck in Plymouth and attempted to rob them.

Police say Robinson entered the station in Livonia, placed a bag of beef jerky on the counter in front of the clerk and brandished a silver handgun demanding cash. He left the station and got into a vehicle being driven by Ross, authorities have said, and later went to the gas station in Plymouth to attempt another robbery. A deliveryman entered the station there, thwarting

the attempt.

In addition to the prison sentence, Robinson was ordered by Wayne County Circuit Judge Craig Strong to pay nearly \$1,200 in court costs. He received 143 days credit for time served in the Wayne County Jail since his arraignment in July. He had faced up to life in prison.

He was bound over to circuit court in September from Livonia's 16th District Court after a mental competency exam deemed him fit for trial. He took the plea deal Nov. 7.

Ross, who was also originally charged with armed robbery, took a plea deal with prosecutors and pleaded guilty to unarmed robbery in October. He was bound over to circuit court in July after 16th District Judge Sean Kavanagh found enough evidence to go to trial.

He faces sentencing at 9 a.m. Monday before Circuit Judge Linda Parker.

Ross faces up to 15 years in prison.

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FRIENDS JOIN FOR CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

Candles will glow around the world Sunday, Dec. 8, when tens of thousands of bereaved parents, siblings, grandparents, relatives and friends will join together to light remembrance candles to honor the memories of children who have died, but will never be forgotten.

Held annually the second Sunday in December, this will be the 17th Worldwide Candle Lighting sponsored by The Compassionate Friends, the nation's largest self-help bereavement organization for families that have suffered the tragic loss of a child. TCF has more than 650 chapters in the United States, with sister organizations in at least 30 countries around the globe.

The local ceremony, sponsored by the TCF Western Wayne County (Livonia) chapter, takes place at 7 p.m. Sunday at Kellogg Park beginning at 7 p.m. The remembrance will include a



The annual Compassionate Friends candlelight vigil takes place at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

candlelight vigil, reading of the children's names, poetry and

songs. Families will gather near memory trees specially deco-

rated with the names of children who have died too soon.

It's important for western Wayne families and friends to know the Livonia chapter has started a new list of children to be honored at the candle lighting.

For more information or to register a child, call 734-778-0800 or email tcfcandlelight@yahoo.com

The Worldwide Candle Lighting is a way of uniting together to remember all children around the world who have died too soon and to try to bring light out of darkness during this difficult time of the year. Like a ring, this circle of light surrounding the globe represents that there is no beginning and no end for the love we carry for our children.

Friends and family are invited to the remembrance and candles will be provided. Parents do not have to attend to register their child.

Authors to sign books at Plymouth Panera

Brian Webster recently became the published author of his first novel. He is sharing that credit with another writer, Trish Reeb. The book is a murder mystery titled *Death by Default*. It is a story about a homicide detective drawn into a deadly game of chess where loss of game pieces results in loss of lives. The problem is the detective is a dummy at chess, so he seeks out a master chess player who just happens to be a 10-year-old kid.

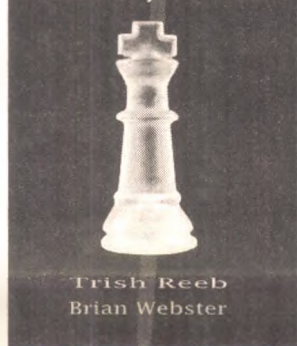
Webster and Reeb worked together at Redford High School. During one of their conversations about writing, he asked if she would be interested in writing a book for a screenplay he had in mind. "When I described the premise of the story, Trish did not hesitate," he said.

The product of their writing will be introduced at a Book Launch at the Panera Bread in Plymouth, where they first met during the book signing of Webster's children's book *Snowville*. The book signing will be from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7-8.

Panera is at Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

Reeb's *Dance of Deception*, her first novel, debuted in 2012. Recently, 50 years after her mother's death, she pub-

Death by Default



lished *No Place to Hide*, the novel Mary Lou Ormond left behind. She's currently working on a sequel and with Webster on their next project, *Black Ice*. Reeb lives in Florida with her husband. Visit her by email at trish_reeb@yahoo.com.

Webster recently retired from Detroit Public Schools. He now devotes his time to writing. He's written and published several children's books (*Snowville*, *Santa's Elf*, *Trapped in Toyland*), as well as numerous holiday and family-based screenplays. Two of his screenplays won awards at the Moonance International Film Festival. *Santa's Elf* was a finalist in the Holiday Screenplay Contest. In 2001, he was featured in *People Magazine* "Idea Man" involving a controversial case against 20th Century Fox's *Jingle All The Way*. Contact him by email at ideawork247@hotmail.com/.

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POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER

When the public hears the term "post traumatic stress disorder," what comes to mind is a veteran from the Middle East wars who experienced a vicious battle encounter, saw comrades die, and who suffered a war wound that though serious allowed survival.

The same term gains another usage in Fibromyalgia. In such instances, the physician is reflecting on the event that set the Fibromyalgia in motion. Often the patient will relate how the aching associated with the condition came and went over the years, but after the accident or traumatic event, the aching became intense and continuous.

In civilian life the trauma takes forms like a sudden rear end collision, a fall from a theater stage or scaffold or even a physical scuffle. What happened was the traumatic stress event, while not the underlying cause, acts as the immediate event that brings the Fibromyalgia to the forefront.

At present, physicians do not know the underlying cause of Fibromyalgia, though current connections place the problem in a pain center in the midbrain. The connection between the immediate traumatic event and the midbrain pain center remains elusive but it is likely that research within the next five years will uncover the relationship.

The patient gains when the physician is able to point out that the Fibromyalgia has a definite starting point, and the mystery evaporates as to why and how it occurred. Often, the best medicine that a physician can offer in treatment is to give the patient a rational explanation of Fibromyalgia. Then the individual can focus on caring for the body rather than worrying why the pain is ongoing.

Hills fifth-grader in 'Annie' lead role opening Dec. 13

Annie, the feel-good, rags-to-riches musical that took Broadway by storm, opens Dec. 13 at the Farmington Players Barn, and the holiday classic is almost sold out.

Maryanna Lauter of Farmington Hills stars as the rambunctious little redhead who steals Daddy Warbucks' heart. She's almost 10½ years old, a fifth-grader at Warner Upper Elementary School and she's playing her dream role.

"From a parent's point of view, I couldn't be more proud of Maryanna's work so far in developing this role," said her mother Amy Lauter, who is co-directing the show. "She pretty much eats, sleeps and breathes *Annie*."

Family hit

Annie, music by Charles Strouse, lyrics by Martin Charnin, book by Thomas Meehan, is currently enjoying a revival on Broadway.

The family-friendly hit tells the tale of the young orphan girl searching for her birth parents. It's based on the "Little Orphan Annie" comic strip.

When the show first hit Broadway in 1977 it was an instant hit, winning seven Tony Awards, including the "triple crown" for best musical, book and score loaded with musical hits — *Tomorrow, It's The Hard Knock Life, Maybe, NYC, Easy Street*.

In the Farmington Players production, Dorne Lefere of Metamora plays the billionaire Warbucks, who hopes to adopt Annie and helps her look for her parents.

"From a director's point of view it has been so rewarding to watch the chemistry. You can really see the genuine warm feelings they bring out in one another, which I think the audiences will really enjoy," Lauter said.

Co-director Terie Spencer said audiences will be dazzled by a unique twist to the pro-

duction. The Barn designed this version of *Annie* to reflect the comic strip origins of the story which Spencer said "creates some unique and striking visuals."

Adding to the magic at The Barn are exceptional performances by Shannon Groves of South Lyon who plays Grace Farrell, Warbucks' loyal secretary.

Rachel Biber of Huntington Woods shines as Miss Hannigan, the character everyone loves to hate.

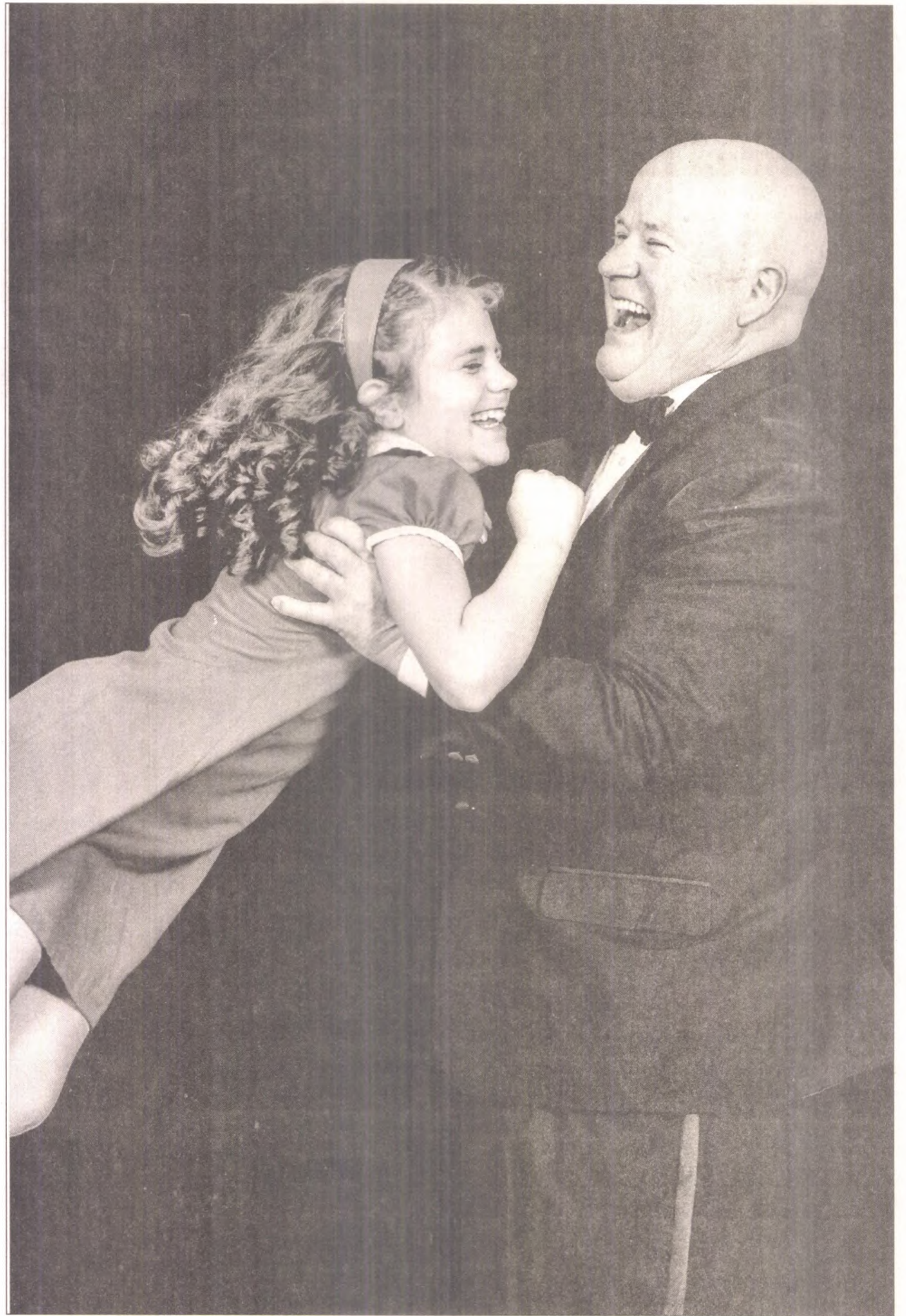
Brandon Mace of Novi serves up excitement with his portrayal of Rooster, while Tony Targan of West Bloomfield plays a charming President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Throw in 16 talented children and Murphy who plays Sandy the dog and you have a show sure to delight crowds with every performance.

Cast and crew

Annie's cast and crew and their hometowns include: Elizabeth Bartz, Lily St Regis (Ferndale); Rachel Biber, Miss Hannigan (Huntington Woods); Taelor Burrell, Orphan Chorus Ginger (Pontiac); Maddi Carpenter, Crawford Pepper (Farmington Hills); Jillian Clark, Orphan Chorus (Beatrice) (South Lyon); Anne Craft, Cecille / Perkins / Hoovervillian/NYC Chorus (Wixom); Mary Ebrat, Assistant Dog Catcher (Farmington Hills); Murphy Ebrat, Sandy the dog (Farmington Hills); Chris Falkowski, Police Officer/Justice Brandeis (Novi); Sydney Harker, Kate (Farmington Hills); Charlie Gass, Hull/ Hoovervillians/NYC Chorus; Charlie Gass, Jimmy Johnson (Farmington Hills); Jerry Gass Drake/ Hoovervillian (Novi); Shannon Groves, Grace Farrell (South Lyon); Audrey Groves, Hoovervillian / NYC Chorus (South Lyon).

Carter Krumins, Apple seller/ Hoovervillian / NYC Chorus (Waterford); Madison Krumins, July



Alidor P. LeFere III (Daddy Warbucks) of Metamora and Farmington Hills resident Maryanna Lauter in the lead role of *Annie*. WILLIAM SOULE

(Waterford); Mark Krumins, Morgenthau/Hoovervillian/NYC Chorus; Sound Effects Man (Waterford); Jordyn Lash, Alice (Orphan Chorus) (Huntington Woods); Maryanna Lauter, Annie (Farmington Hills); Alidor P. Lefere III, Daddy Warbucks (Auburn Hills); Lily Mace, Tessie (Novi); Brandon Mace, Rooster (Novi); Reagan Marinucci, Julia (Orphan Chorus) (Farmington Hills); Daniel Murray, Bert Healy (Birmingham); Brennan Regan, Duffy (Farmington Hills); Meredith Shapiro, Hoovervillian/NYC Chorus (Farmington Hills); Sheri Shapiro, Mrs. Greer (Farmington Hills).

Jim Snideman, Lt. Ward/Fred McCracken/Wacky /Harold Ickes (Commerce Twp.); Karen Southworth Howe, NYC Chorus (Plymouth); Tony

Targan, Mr. Bundles/FDR/Hoovervillian/NYC Chorus (West Bloomfield); Stephaney Viotor, Usherette/Servant / Hoovervillian (Farmington Hills); Brittany Ward, Star To Be / Hoovervillian/NYC Chorus Boylan-Sister (Ferndale); Katie Walker, Boylan Sister/ Mrs. Pugh/Hoovervillian (Brooklyn); Sara Ward, Annette/Boylan Sister (West Bloomfield); Hazel Ward, Molly (West Bloomfield); Daijelle Williams Servant/NYC Chorus/Hoovervillian (Southfield); Marilyn Zerlak, NYC Chorus/ Servant/Hoovervillian (Farmington Hills).

The production team includes Dianne Cragg, musical director (Berkley); Ellen Doman, assistant director (Farmington Hills); Jill Jones, producer (Southfield); Nicole Jones, stage manager (Warren); Kandi

TICKET AND SHOW INFORMATION

Because *Annie* is a show families can enjoy together, The Farmington Players added three Saturday matinees at 2 p.m. Dec. 14, 21 and 28.

Annie opens Dec. 13 on the Barn's brand new stage floor and runs through Dec. 29. The show is sponsored by Mall Malisov & Cooney, P.C. Holistic Estate & ElderCare Planning Attorneys. The Barn is at 32332 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

Show dates and times

Opening night is 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13; 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14; 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15 (senior Sunday \$2 off)
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20; 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27; 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28; 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29

Tickets

Tickets (reserved seats) are almost sold out. Check www.farmingtonplayers.org and the box office at 248-553-2955. Tickets are \$18 for adults; \$2 for students any performance; senior Sunday, only Sunday, Dec. 15, for \$2 off for seniors; group discounts are \$2 off any show for groups of 10 or more.

Krumins, choreographer (Waterford); Amy Lauter, director (Farmington Hills); David Reinke, producer (Novi); Terie

Spencer, director (Commerce Township); Tim Timmer, technical director and set construction (Wayne).

Funeral home holds annual Service of Remembrance

The R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Homes and Cremation Services of Livonia and Garden City will be holding its 23rd Annual Service of Remembrance on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7-8, for families who have lost a loved one during this last year and in the years past.

At the service, family members will be invited to place an angel with their loved one's name on a tree where it will remain until after Jan. 1, 2014.

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Refreshments and fellowship can be enjoyed indoors following the service.

The service at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home-Livonia Chapel, 15451 Farmington

Road, just north of Five Mile, will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7. Call 734-422-6720 for more information.

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Canton hosts annual tree lighting

Holiday revelers can celebrate the holiday season by attending Canton's 35th annual tree lighting event 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

Festivities will kick off at 6 p.m. inside the Summit on the Park, where visitors can enjoy holiday carols performed by the P-CEP Octavians A Cappella Choir, watch Santa's arrival - courtesy of the Canton Fire Department - and count down to the official tree lighting with Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy. Ward off the night chill with some warm soup or other hot and delicious options, available for purchase from The Rolling Stove food truck.

Special festive activities will also be held indoors, including additional refreshments and seasonal entertainment. The cost is \$5 per family, which includes cookie decorating, face painting by D & M Art Studio, two



Santa comes to visit with children and throw the switch on Canton's Christmas tree during the annual ceremony Wednesday.

holiday crafts and a visit with Santa.

Free seasonal entertainment will also be available indoors, including performances by Dancin' Feet and Spotlight on Youth, along with a family sing-a-long with Kevin Devine and a Lionel Train display. Coffee and sweet holiday drinks and treats will also be available for purchase from Katherine's Catering in the Summit Lobby.

Kids are encouraged to bring their favorite toy

or stuffed animal to the event for a check-up at the Radio Disney Junior Doc McStuffins Toy Clinic, powered by Children's Hospital of Michigan.

Be sure to take advantage of the special photo opportunity with a special Doc McStuffins backdrop. Parents are also encouraged to get a free Child Safety Kit, provided by New York Life.

During these festivities, the Tree Lighting Marketplace, located in



P-CEP's Octavians A Cappella Choir will provide entertainment at Canton's Christmas tree lighting ceremony Wednesday.

the Summit Banquet Lobby, will feature vendors including Farmington Soap Works, hand crafted soaps; Geiser-Weaver Associates, American inspired clothing and accessories; Cakes by Penny, cinnamon, sour cream coffee cakes and muffins; Woolsey Wonders, hair bows, tutus and accessories; Don't Worry Bead Happy, holiday and everyday jewelry designs; Art by Audet, hand painted holiday ornaments and door hangers that can be per-

sonalized; Simple Threads, Plymouth and Canton cities, Michigan and school apparel; and Kristie's Creations, wool mittens and brooches, scarves and snowman crafts.

This year's tree light-

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What are Common Core Standards and how will they impact local school systems?

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County invites the public to come 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, to the Livonia Civic Center Library to learn about this issue that is a hot topic among parents, teachers, administrators and students.

Speakers will include a curriculum administrator from the Plymouth-Canton school system. The library is at 32777 Five Mile Road, just east of Farmington Road. For more information, contact Paula Bowman at 734-277-2243.

Needy families get boost at children's show

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

SteveSongs is a big-name children's entertainer on PBS and local Rotarians are making sure needy children get to see him perform for free this holiday season.

Canton Rotary, working with Livonia A.M. and Livonia Rotary clubs, is bringing a SteveSongs "Kiddie Rock and Candy Canes" program from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, to the Cherry Hill Village Theater in Canton.

"It's a Rotary event, Canton Rotary and the Livonia clubs," said Abe Vinitiski, a Canton Rotarian and Canton Township park and sport supervisor. Other families do fun things like visit Greenfield Village, he explained, and this extends that kind of merriment to the needy.

The event grew out of the Canton Rotary's earli-



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er "Pizza With Santa" for needy children and their families.

"It's really a fabulous facility," Vinitiski said of the theater. "This may be some place they may not normally find them-

selves."

Last year, the Rotary event had 100 kids with hopes for 200 this year. Vinitiski, a Livonia resident, came Nov. 27 to Livonia A.M. Rotary seeking additional volunteers.

The "Kiddie Rock and Candy Canes" event will feature Santa Claus visits, arts and crafts, face painting and the SteveSongs show. It's geared to ages 3-11.

"Everyone leaves with

an age-appropriate book," Vinitiski said, noting Rotary's literacy emphasis. "The people that attended last year had a wonderful time."

To support the "Kiddie Rock and Candy Canes" event, an event with admission featuring SteveSongs will be held Saturday, Dec. 14, at the CHV Theater.

Santa Claus and others will welcome guests at 6:30 p.m. for that, with the show at 7 p.m. Admission is \$15 for adults/seniors, \$10 for youth, with reservations needed. Call the box office at 734-394-5460 for details.

Vinitiski noted a lot of families for "Kiddie Rock and Candy Canes" come through Starfish Family Services and include Livonia, Canton, Wayne and Westland. Counting the earlier "Pizza With Santa," this will be the event's 16th year.

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Q: Dear Rick: I've decided that this year, as opposed to buying my grandchildren gifts, I'm going to establish a college fund for them. I have nine grandchildren and I'd like to put \$1,000 for each into a 529 plan. My grandchildren are of different ages and they live in different states; therefore, I want to make sure that the plan I select can be used by any of the grandchildren. Are the 529 plans the best way to go or is there another way to save for college? I've done some research on 529 plans and I've narrowed my search to two plans, the Michigan plan or Vanguard. I'm leaning toward the Vanguard plan because currently I have all my money in Vanguard. Which one would you recommend?

A: I think it is great what you are doing for



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

your grandchildren. I wish more grandparents were like you in that when it comes to gift giving, as opposed to giving what your grandchild may want, you're giving them what they need. A gift of an education, particularly in today's world, is a wonderful gift. In fact, I can't think of a better gift for a grandparent to give a grandchild.

When it comes to saving for a grandchild's college education, a 529 plan is the best way to go. These plans offer flexibility, a variety of investment alternatives, tax breaks and are an easy way to save for college.

In reviewing the Michigan and the Van-

guard plans, there are a number of similarities. Both have very low costs and are very flexible - basically, you can use the proceeds for any public or private institution in the country. Therefore, it doesn't matter where your grandchildren go to college. In addition, both plans are easy to administer and make receiving distributions relatively easy.

From an investment standpoint, the Vanguard 529 has more options than the Michigan plan. In addition, through the Vanguard plan you can also invest in some Vanguard funds.

Not all 529 plans are the same. Some, particularly those sold by financial salespeople, have high costs, such as commissions, and limited investment options. In addition, some plans are more difficult from an administration standpoint than others and

some have limitations in regard to the institution where they can be used.

One item that favors the Michigan plan is its low minimum. Vanguard has a \$3,000 minimum, while the Michigan Education Savings Plan has a \$25 minimum. It's available for everyone. Considering you want to invest \$1,000 per grandchild, I recommend the Michigan plan, which also allows you to deduct your contribution on your Michigan income tax return.

As you begin to look for holiday gifts for grandchildren, don't forget about a gift of an education and a 529 plan. Good luck.

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

Friends group decorates Nankin Mills for holidays

Wayne County Parks and the Friends of Nankin Mills are inviting families to the annual Family Holiday Fest and Mill Lighting 3:30-5:15 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland.

There will be several holiday crafts, games and prizes for children in the center, followed by a short outdoor ceremony with the mill lighting and sing-a-long, ending at 6 p.m. Children will have the opportunity to visit Santa and enjoy refreshments after the mill lighting.

There is no charge for the mill lighting and Santa visit, however, the cost is \$6 per child and \$2 per adult for Wayne County residents and \$7 per child and \$3 per adult for non-residents to participate in crafts and

games. Limited space available is available, so preregistration is required.

Families also can celebrate the magic of the season during the 20th anniversary of Lightfest 7-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 6-10 p.m. Friday through Sunday through Dec. 31. Lightfest is closed Christmas Day. Visitors enter Lightfest at Hines Drive and Merriman Road in Westland and exit onto Warren Avenue near Telegraph Road in Dearborn Heights. There is a \$5 fee per vehicle.

Friends are also looking for help in decorating the mill. People are invited to join them in stringing cedar roping, red ribbons and other decorations on the mill and Miller House. For more information, call Don Nicholson at 734-658-5296.



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New-look Mt. Brighton has people 'psyched'

Customers like what they see after \$10M in improvements

By Jim Totten
Gannett Michigan

Sherri Heffernan had an instant reaction when she strolled into the completely renovated Mt. Brighton Ski Area last week.

"I walked in — holy cow," Heffernan said. "It's unbelievable."

The Lyon Township woman began texting her friends and putting photos on Facebook about the new look at the facility. Vail Resorts, which recently purchased Mt. Brighton, has sunk \$10 million in improvements into the slopes at 4141 Bauer Road in Genoa Township.

With frigid temperatures, Mt. Brighton fired up its snow-making machines and opened Nov. 26, a month earlier than normal.

The slopes had a base of 22 inches of snow.

"The weather was on our side," said Taylor Ogilvie, Mt. Brighton

general manager.

He said he's been most impressed with the enthusiasm of people coming to ski. After months of construction, he said that it's great to see people enjoying the facility.

"It's been fabulous," Ogilvie said about the opening days. "Everyone is psyched."

People lined up to get their passes Nov. 27, which was an ideal day for skiing. It was sunny with blue skies and parents sat inside the lodge overlooking the slopes as their children went skiing.

Ogilvie said construction crews are completing the final improvements to the new Ore Creek Mountain Grill, which used to be the Bowery Grill, and the retail area.

Heffernan visited the skiing facility so her sons, Jake, 13, and Brandon, 10,

could go snowboarding. Everything is new inside the lodge, including chairs, tables and counters; the restaurant and other areas have all been renovated.

"It's really, really impressive," Heffernan said.

Heffernan, who used to live in Colorado, said Mt. Brighton now has the real look and feel of a lodge in Colorado, a top skiing destination.

Jake Heffernan said the chairlifts are more comfortable and there's more powdery snow on the hills. He is excited to try the new terrain park, which hasn't opened yet.

Mt. Brighton has been open since 1960. It will hold a grand re-opening celebration at noon Dec. 14.

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Skiers line up for night sessions at the newly re-opened and remodeled Mt. Brighton.

Gary Martin of Northville puts the first tracks down a slope fed by chairlift No. 3 at Mt. Brighton. GILLIS BENEDICT | DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

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Group: Trouble remains in Toyland

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

ROYAL OAK — The holiday shopping season kicked off Thanksgiving Day with consumers trying to score the best deal.

But the Public Interest Research Group in Michigan is cautioning those shopping for children to take a closer look at what they are buying to ensure that that best deal is in the best interest of kids.

The consumer group released its 28th annual Trouble in Toyland report Tuesday that details the dangerous or toxic toys that can still be found on store shelves everywhere from dollar stores to major retailers.

The report, which was unveiled in partnership with Beaumont Hospitals at Safety City U.S.A. in Royal Oak, touches on four hazards — toxic, choking, magnetic and noise — and urges lawmakers to continue to be vigilant in enacting safeguards to protect children.

"The message is clear, we need to protect our littlest consumers from unsafe toys," said Eric Mosher, PIRGIM program associate. "Parents and caregivers should be aware of these common hazards while shopping this holiday season and throughout the year."

Mosher said a lot of progress has been made since 2008 when the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act was enacted in response to a "unprecedented wave of recalls," but it didn't solve everything.

"Unfortunately there are still products out there that fail to meet these important safeguards," Mosher said. "And some standards need to be even stronger."

The leading cause of toy recalls is choking hazards because, as Mosher notes, "toddlers like to put things in their mouths."

He said between 2001-12, more than 90 children choked to death on balloons, balls, toys and small parts of toys. And in the past year alone the Consumer Product Safety Commission recalled more than 172,000 toys for being choking hazards.

Mosher said a reason why many products hit store shelves is because they pass through the small parts choke test cylinder that PIRGIM feels is too

big. The group urges parents to complete their own at-home test with a toilet paper roll.

"If it can pass through the toilet paper roll, it is a choking hazard for children under 3," Mosher said.

One of the most dangerous hazards mentioned in the report pertains to toxic toys, because they can not be seen. According to the report, the following problems were found with toys.

A Ninja Turtles pencil case sold at Toys 'R' Us was found to have 150,000 ppm of one of six phthalates banned from toys, as well as excessive levels of cadmium. It is not recalled because it is not a toy subject to the CPSIA's phthalates or toxic metal limits.

The Lamaze activity mat also tested high with antimony, but is allowed to remain on store shelves because it doesn't violate the CPSIA's soluble antimony limit.

Magnets pose a major threat to children because, if swallowed, they can cause severe internal damage, according to the report.

Toys that emit loud noises, like the Chat & Count smart phone that tests above 85 decibels and is intended to be held close to the ear, can lead to hearing loss down the road, the report said.

State Sen. Roger Kahn, who serves Saginaw and Gratiot counties, said he is working on two pieces of legislation for Michigan.

The first deals with mercury and cadmium content on toys, while the second is the creation of a safe toy for children council.

Kahn said lawmakers cannot predict what is going to happen five to 10 years from now, but they need to be looking forward to provide information to parents.

"Our children are curious and defenseless and it is up to us to protect them," he said. "That protection is empowered if you have the power to know about the safety or lack of safety of the things you buy."

The full PIRGIM report can be found online at www.pirgimedfund.org and parents are encouraged to take a short quiz to test their knowledge at www.toysafetytips.org.

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State Sen. Roger Kahn addresses a group of students on hand at the release of PIRGIM's 28th annual Trouble in Toyland report. NATHAN MUELLER

"Unfortunately there are still products out there that fail to meet these important safeguards. And some standards need to be even stronger."

ERIC MOSHER
PIRGIM program associate



Matthew Derkowski (left) plays with a toy as Luka Inadeski and Lexi Berezowski look on. The toy would pass the CPSC small parts test, but is one PIRGIM still believes is a hazard. NATHAN MUELLER

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YAM celebrates bomber's 70th birthday

The Yankee Air Museum is sending out an invitation for the public to join in a 70th birthday party of its storied North American B-25D Mitchell bomber, "Yankee Warrior."

The beautifully restored, pristine twin-engine bomber — which turns 70 on Sunday, Dec. 8 — remains in top-flight condition.

The celebration begins at 1 p.m. and runs until 4 p.m. and will surround the aircraft, which is Hangar 1, Bay 8 on the west side of Willow Run Airport. There is no cost to participate. Birthday cake and soft drinks will be served.

"This is a great opportunity for the public to get up close and learn more about an historic World War II aircraft," said Ray Hunter, chairman of the YAM Board of Directors. "It's important and it's a tangible application of our mission to preserve and honor aviation history and its partic-

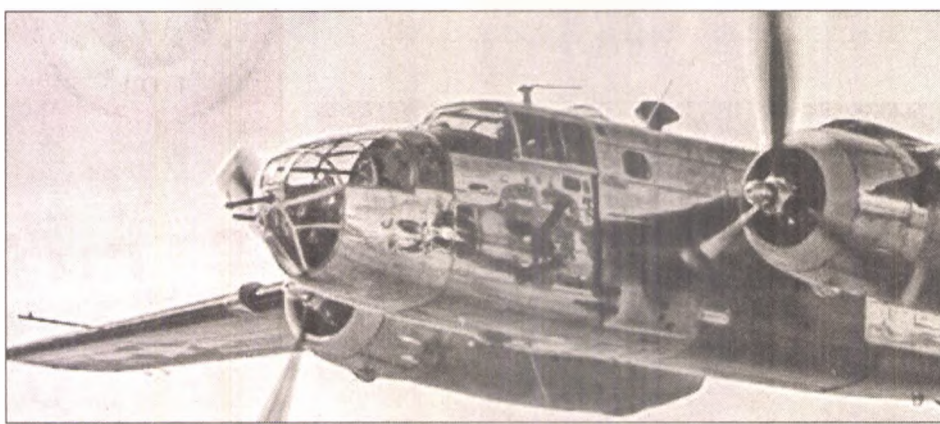
ipants through a living, flying museum."

Hunter said that this B-25 rolled off the assembly line Dec. 8, 1943, and was delivered Dec. 17, 1943, to the U.S. Army Air Forces. This medium bomber flew with the 12th Air Force, 57th Bomb Wing, 340th Bombardment Group, 489th Bombardment Squadron based in Corsica, Italy. It flew eight successful combat missions.

One of two D's

YAM's B-25 Mitchell is one of two remaining D models and one of two B-25s with a documented combat history. The B-25D Mitchell bomber was acquired by the Yankee Air Museum in 1987 and flies regularly through the spring and summer. This plane is never on display at the Museum's Collections and Exhibits Building on the east side of Willow Run Airport.

"Having an event like this, especially the day



The "Yankee Warrior," manufactured Dec. 8, 1943, by North American Aviation in Kansas City, Kan. After the war, it was used primarily as a trainer by the Royal Canadian Air Force. The Yankee Air Museum purchased the plane in 1988. YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

after Pearl Harbor Day, is important to the community," said Kevin Walsh, YAM executive director. "Aircraft of this type, and their gallant crews, provided the first strike back at the enemy in April 1942. Now, we remember and respect our veterans while providing teachable moments for our young people."

Walsh looks forward to having the public visit the flyable aircraft in the

hangar but added that the Yankee Air Museum is consistently adding new exhibits, displays and programs. He said people should also visit the Museum's Collections and Exhibits Building during the normal operating hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

In planning the event, Gerald Lester, the Yankee Warrior's public relations officer said honoring the

aircraft and the people who care for it, both then and now, is very important.

"Yankee Warrior is a tribute to our veterans. The current crew works scores of hours preparing for every flight and there is real affinity, indeed a personal bond between all of us and this machine," Lester said. "When the crew suggested a party, it seemed the natural thing to do and inviting the

public is icing on the cake."

'Pleasure of company'

According to Lester, there will be a very short program and a fact sheet on the aircraft will be given to attendees. Some of the current pilots and crew will be available for photo opportunities and to answer questions.

"The honoree requests only the pleasure of your company," Lester said. "No gifts please."

Hangar 1 is on the northwest side of the airfield. Follow the road signs for west and south access to Willow Run Airport to get to Hangar 1. Entry will be through the door under the awning of M2 Aircraft Management, Willow Run Airport, Kirk Profit Drive, Building 2601, Hangar 1.

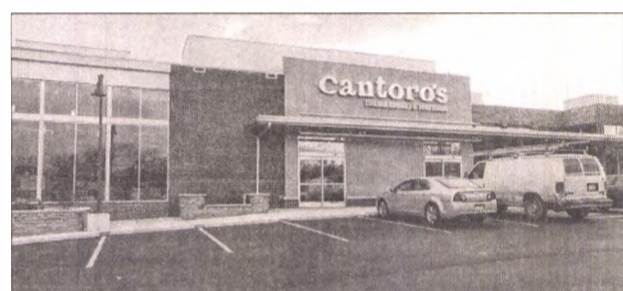
Yankee Air Museum security volunteers will be on hand to help direct free parking and access to the birthday party.

No opening date yet for Cantoro's on Haggerty

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Those eager for the second location of Livonia-based Cantoro Italian Market to open will need to wait.

Mike Larranaga, the shop's sommelier, or wine expert, said no official opening date has been set for the new location on Haggerty north of Five Mile in Northville Township. The restaurant/market is awaiting approvals from the state Department of Agriculture and Rural Development to open the kitchen, as well as the



The parking lot at the new market is complete and landscaping work is wrapping up. TOM BEAUOIN

liquor control commission.

He said they hope to be open by the second week of December, but nothing is official.

"As we get closer and closer to Christmas, we'd

rather do it right rather than rush it open," Larranaga said. "Right now, we're putting things on the shelves."

If delays continue, Larranaga said the shop may not open until some-

time early next year. He said a large grand opening event spanning several days is slated to take place in the spring.

The market will be the company's second, with the first at 19710 Middlebelt in Livonia between Seven Mile and Eight Mile. Larranaga said the new shop will be larger, but will feature goods many customers are able to find in Livonia, such as cheeses, meats and wines. Larranaga said the new store will also most likely expand its cheese and wine selection to other types around the world, but

would still feature mostly Italian products.

And that local feeling won't go away either.

"As big as this building is, it's still family-owned," he said. "You're still going to see the owners walking the floors."

The parking lot at the new market is complete and landscaping work is wrapping up, Larranaga said, bringing many customer vehicles to the parking lot only to turn around when they realize the market isn't open yet.

"We have people walking in and out constantly," he said. "They're chomping at the bit."

The shop is expected to hire about 175 employees.

Larranaga said many customers who drive over to the Livonia shop from the Plymouth and Northville area have said they will continue to come there since they are more familiar with it.

"There's still the people from the other store that have been going there for years and years," he said. "They will not leave. This one will be another meeting place for them."

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Safe passage

Signalized pedestrian crossing coming to metropark entrance

By Laura Colvin
Staff Writer

It's been a long time coming, but hikers, bikers and equestrians will be safer crossing to and from Kensington Metropark when a signalized pedestrian crosswalk is installed at Milford Road and Huron River Parkway next spring.



Jeanie Kelleher and Bill Terian cross on horseback at the traffic light on the east side of Milford Road across from the Dairy Queen. HAL GOULD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bill Terian was president of the Kensington Trail Riders Association seven years ago when he first took the issue to the Milford Township Board of Trustees, hoping for a solution after a fellow Trail Riders member was nearly struck by a car as she crossed the street on horseback.

"It's very dangerous," Terian said, noting the trail in that area is frequented by recreationists going to and from Kensington Metropark and Proud Lake. "There's really not enough time for a person on horseback or a hiker or a biker to sufficiently cross that road. But it's more dangerous for horses, because horses don't always move on cue."

Traffic light

The timing of light at the intersection makes crossing difficult. As it's set, the light at the park entrance at times allows for northbound traffic to proceed while southbound traffic is stopped, so vehicles leaving the park can turn right and continue south down Milford Road.

It also gives the right-of-way for northbound vehicles to turn left into the metropark.

All in all, the situation creates a dangerous scenario for those on foot, bike or horseback trying to negotiate the busy roadway and go into the park or leave it.

Over the years, KTRA

members went to township officials several times to ask that something be done to improve safety at the crossing, Terian said.

They were told, however, that it was up to the Road Commission for Oakland County to handle the crossing, because the township has no jurisdiction over that stretch of Milford Road.

"The problem started years ago, when the trail was built," RCOC spokesman Craig Bryson said. "At the time, no one had funds to create a crosswalk, so the trail ended at the road right-of-way on either side. Since that time, many people have suggested there should be a crosswalk there, which (RCOC) agreed with from the beginning. The question has always been the funding."

Cost

Finally, after much ado, several groups have come together to make it happen.

Construction costs are estimated at about \$50,000. According to Bryson, Milford Township will contribute \$5,000 to the project, Huron-Clinton Metroparks will step up with about \$17,000 and Sunoco Oil is set to donate \$25,000 to the project.

The \$50,000, Bryson added, does not include design, but the RCOC plans to make an in-kind

donation of about \$10,000 for those services.

"All the numbers are still preliminary," Bryson said. "But the goal is to go out for bid in the winter, start the project in early spring and be finished before summer."

The project

The road commission will manage the project, which includes completion of the section of trail — currently, it comes up to the road and stops at the edge of the right-of-way on both sides — and creation of a signalized, ADA-compliant crossing with a button to activate the pedestrian cross walk and a second button at a higher level for equestrians.

Milford Township Supervisor Don Green said he's glad to see the project finally coming to fruition.

"It's been there for 54 years," Green said. "But 54 years ago, we weren't getting 33,000 cars a day on Milford Road and I think it's great that all the different entities have come together to finally make this happen."

The Sunoco Oil Co. is scheduled to make a formal check presentation for the project Dec. 3 at the Huron-Clinton Metroparks office in Brighton.

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Start holidays the Olde-Fashioned way

What has a tree lighting, pictures with Santa and Dan Dan the Choo Choo Man?

Redford Township's Olde-Fashioned Holidays event, of course. Held at the Redford Township Marquee, the hours are 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, with the tree lighting and caroling at 6 p.m.

"Everyone loves getting pictures with Santa, even adults. It kind of takes you back to your childhood," Mike Dennis, township Community Development director, said.

The event includes food and live entertainment, horse-drawn carriage rides, a wreath auction with proceeds to benefit the Redford Goodfellows, kids' activities, model train display and holiday market.

The carriage rides are very popular. "Everyone loves to get on the carriage rides and take their family and their spouse," Dennis said.

Carriage rides are \$3 per person with kids 2 and under free, according to Doreen Arwood, chair



Kelly Miller sings Christmas songs at a past Redford Township Olde-Fashioned Holidays celebration.

of the festival committee. Even with four carriages, the tickets sell out quickly, she said. "People should get there as soon as possible to buy tickets," she said.

What's new

New this year will be face painting, with a percentage of the proceeds being donated back to the Goodfellows, Arwood said.

Music will include the Redford Union High School band and carolers.

Kids' activities will include ornament decorating and other crafts, free rides on the Dan Dan

the Choo Choo Man train and an obstacle course, Arwood said.

An area Montessori school will perform a skit on different ways to celebrate the holidays and Christmas traditions around the world, she said.

A game of dreidels is also planned, Arwood said.

There will be 10-15 vendors this year, selling items such as mini doughnuts, cupcakes, herbs, soaps, coffee and pies.

Those who bring a non-perishable food item will be entered in a candy prize raffle.

The weather has been hit and miss over the years, but there are heaters and plenty of hot chocolate, Dennis said.

"It's a great time at the Marquee and it's all decorated," he said.

Holiday events

Other upcoming Redford Township holiday fun includes:

» North Pole Holiday calls for Redford residents in kindergarten through second grade.

Moms and dads can register to have special elves call their child from toy headquarters in Santa's workshop. Deadline for registering is Dec. 13. Phone calls will be made Monday, Dec. 16.

» Blizzard Brunch with Santa at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14. "Snowy" games and "cool" crafts are included with this brunch that includes pictures with Santa. An adult must accompany each child and all attendees must have a ticket. Register at 12121 Hemingway in Redford. Phone 313-387-2650. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$7 for children. Children under 2 are free.

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Dan Dan the Choo Choo Man will be visiting the Olde-Fashioned Holidays event Thursday, Dec. 5.

Turning 90 with a song from the heart

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Turning 90 years old is a milestone, so Westland resident J. Bernard Taylor decided to have a public celebration — a vocal music recital.

"I've been singing all my life," said Taylor, a Plymouth Oratorio Society member who decided to give the concert after auditioning for a role. "I was a bass. I didn't get the part, but the idea came to me. I could still sing."

So Taylor organized the recital of mostly secular music for 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at St.

Andrew Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy, Dearborn Heights. The concert is free, although a free-will offering will be accepted. Everyone is welcome and a reception with refreshments will follow. Taylor won't actually turn 90 until Dec. 27.

"I'm 90 years old, but I sing as good as ever. I think my technique is better than 20 years ago," said Taylor, a retired Presbyterian minister. "It's been over 30 years since I gave a concert. I had done joint recitals



Taylor

and two by myself. When I joined the Presbytery, it sort of fell away."

Second career

A Philadelphia native, Taylor was ordained in 1981 after retiring from a 25-year career as a business teacher.

"I had thought about the ministry for a few years. It just hit me one night that I should do it," Taylor said. "I was a department head at a vocational school. I took a sabbatical leave and went to the seminary. I liked it and I was able to retire

(from teaching)."

Taylor received a bachelor of science degree in 1950 from Temple University, where he majored in accounting.

"It was difficult for a black person to be hired as an accountant, so I became certified as a teacher," he said.

Prior to college, Taylor served in an all-African American Army Port Battalion that was part of the D-Day invasion.

"We unloaded ships. It was particularly important to unload at the (Normandy) beach," Taylor said. "We were there three or four months. We

stayed on the beach, then we went to LeHavre."

Later, Taylor served as a clerk in Paris, working for the regiment establishing cemeteries for American military killed in action.

"I sang with the American church in Paris choir. It's the oldest American church on foreign soil," said Taylor, who returned from Europe in 1946. "I've done a lot of things in my life."

Crazy about Internet

A widower, Taylor moved to Westland in 2009 after marrying his current wife Beulah. The

couple met over the Internet. "I'm crazy about the Internet and YouTube. My wife is learning to knit online," Taylor said. "I spend a lot of time online. I look stuff up and do trivia."

As far as his longevity, Taylor attributes it in part of exercise — he started jogging at 50 and still walks for exercise.

"My mother died at 92; we have strong hearts. A lot of it is luck," Taylor said. "Most people my age wouldn't think of doing a recital. It's really to honor God to do it at this age."

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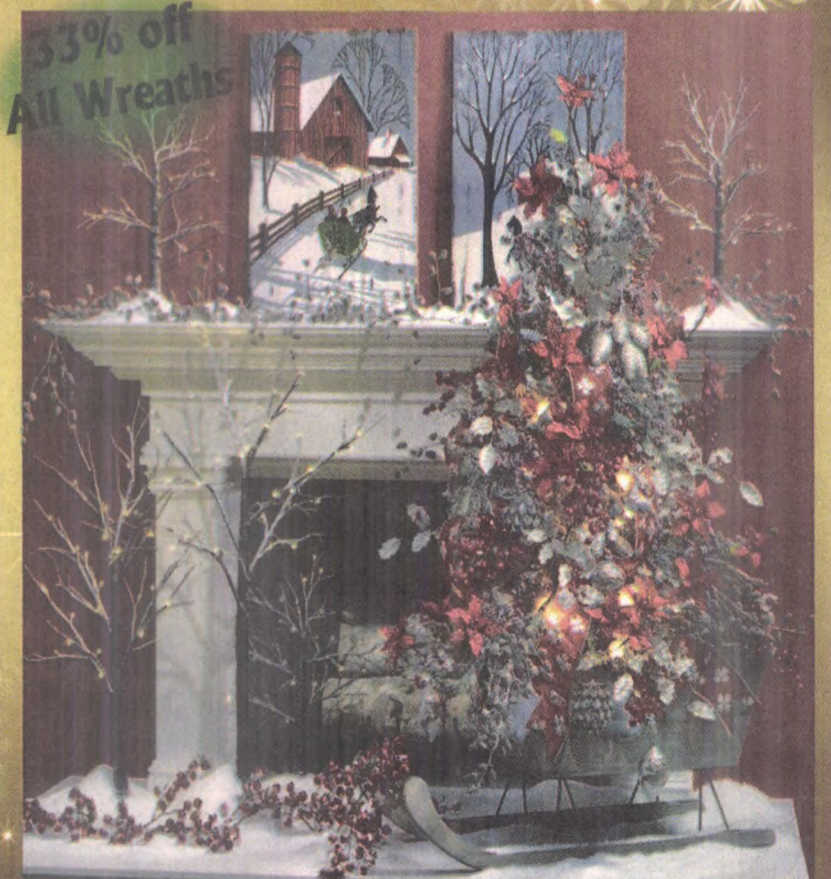
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PREP BOYS HOCKEY



Stevenson's Drew Hunter (14) controls the puck in front of Churchill's Drew Puishes (2). DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

PREP HOCKEY

Falcons ice 4-0 victory over Flyers

Farmington senior goalie John Lethemon pitches shutout over crosstown rival North-Harrison

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Farmington took an early and let senior goalie John Lethemon do the rest in its annual Thanksgiving Eve hockey game with North Farmington-Harrison.

Lethemon stopped all 32 shots he faced and secured a 4-0 victory for the undefeated Falcons over their crosstown rivals Wednesday night at Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

"We have a really good goalie, so we play to his strength," Farmington coach Bill Newton said, adding it was the same in a 2-1 win over Novi, which enjoyed a 41-23 advantage in shots on goal.

"We'll let in shots from the outside. What we try to do is make sure there are no second or third opportunities, which we did pretty well tonight."

Newton is not the least bit concerned about the Falcons being outshot with Lethemon as the last line of defense.

"We're going to get outshot," he said. "We're designed to play that way. He's going to stop 99.9 percent



Lethemon

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Senior defenseman Roman Firestone winds up for a shot on a Farmington power play in the 4-0 win. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Lutz sparks Spartans

Senior nets five goals in 8-0 win against crosstown rival Chargers

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson's Production Line was hitting on all cylinders in Wednesday's annual Thanksgiving Eve boys hockey clash with Livonia Churchill at Edgar Arena.

The Spartans, in fact, got to feast at the table a day early as they improved to 3-0 overall by carving up the Chargers en route to an 8-0 victory.

Senior Dominic Lutz continued his early season scoring binge with five

goals to run his season total of 11.

Lutz had plenty of help from as line-mate as Tyler Irvine had a goal and four assists, while Devin Kelly also chipped in with four assists.

Stevenson, ironically, was outshot 10-8 in the first period but led 1-0 thanks to a short-handed goal by Lutz just 1:53 into the game off an assist from Irvine.

Stevenson, however, took control with three goals in the second period and added four more in the final period capped by Alec Allen's goal from Jon McDonald to end the game with 7:03 left.

"Churchill came out prepared and give them credit," Stevenson coach

David Mitchell said. "They worked really hard and outshot us in the first. Give them all the credit in the world, but it's good having that line and the chemistry with that line. Those three guys can play at the high level and high speed. When they get rolling and finish that's what can happen."

Lutz got his second 7:56 into the second period on a quick wrist shot following a face-off with Kelly assisting.

Ray Chartier then glanced a shot from just inside the left point that caromed off a Churchill defenseman and behind goaltender David Turel at 13:25

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BOYS HOCKEY

Plymouth finally solves Canton goalie in 3-1 win

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Gerry Vento didn't have to say a word to his Plymouth varsity boys hockey team after Canton tied Wednesday night's game in the third period.

And just 57 seconds later, Vento's Wildcats went up 2-1 on a goal by junior forward Andrew Jossey (his second of the KLAAs South contest).

The Wildcats tacked on another goal for good measure and skated off the Arctic Edge Arena ice with a 3-1 victory, the team's first win of the young season after two losses.

"You just got to go out there and give it your all," Jossey said when asked about his mind-set immediately following Canton's earlier equalizer by sophomore Hunter Oatman. "I mean, I didn't know I was going to score, but I got a chance and I capitalized."

Jossey didn't have much to say about his game-winner, where he eluded a Canton defenseman below the circles and waited out junior goalie Nick Borg



Plymouth's Michael Scarpello is checked by Canton defenseman Hunter Schlamp while trying to jam the puck past Chiefs goalie Nick Borg. In the background is Canton's Michael Gaffka. ANN ESPINOZA

before flipping the puck into the net with 5:15 left in the third.

His coach, however, did. "He (Jossey) had a great game,"

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ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Oshawa nips Whalers in shootout

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

If every there was a moral victory, the Plymouth Whalers secured one Friday night at Compuware Arena.

That's because it was the Eastern Conference-leading Oshawa Generals that needed a shootout to squeak past the Whalers, 4-3, before 2,759 fans.

Oshawa (20-6-0-1) evened the Ontario Hockey League contest at 3-3 midway through the third on a goal by Mitchell Vande Sompel, who took a pass from Michael Dal Colle and ripped a shot that sneaked through Whalers goalie Alex Nedeljkovic (47 saves).

Following a scoreless overtime, Scott Laughton and Plymouth's Zach Lorentz traded goals in the shootout before the winner was netted by Josh Sterk.

"They're first in their conference, so they're a good team," Plymouth head coach and general manager Mike Vellucci said. "They have that one line that's really good. We tried to hold them at bay as much as we could."

That line included Dal Colle and Philadelphia Flyers property Laugh-



Plymouth Whalers defenseman Gianluca Curcuruto (No. 32) shown during a recent game, continued his physical brand of play Friday night against Oshawa. RENA LAVERTY

ton, who scored his 20th of the season on the power play during the second period to knot the game at 1-1.

Plymouth, looking to bounce back from Wednesday's home loss against Owen Sound, had taken a 1-0 lead with 4:02 to play in the first when forward Carter Sandlak roofed a cross-crease dish from linemate Connor Chatham for his team-leading 16th of the season.

Vellucci noted his team played hard and persistent, but had trouble

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Talent abounds on All-Observer boys soccer team

FIRST TEAM

Collin Hewett, GK, Salem: Salem's varsity boys soccer team piled up big victories all season and the stellar play of senior goalkeeper Hewett had plenty to do with all of them. The fourth-year varsity player tallied nine shutouts, pacing the Rocks to the Kensington Conference championship followed by triumphs in the Division 1 districts and regionals.

"Collin was at his best in our biggest games," coach Scott Duhl said. "His performances against Canton in the conference championship and district final (both shutouts) will go down as two of the top goalkeeping moments against a cross campus rival at Salem."

"Then to follow it up with the game of his career against Saline (a 1-0 win) in regionals was quite remarkable. He was fantastic this year and ... he will be impossible to replace."

Hewett — named as a first team all-stater as well as to the all-region, all-district and all-conference teams — also stonewalled Novi-Detroit Catholic Central in a penalty kick shootout to win the regional final to advance the Rocks to the D-1 semifinal.

Colton Robison, GK, Churchill: The senior goalkeeper made 120 saves in 14 games with a 1.25 goals-against average for the Chargers.

Robison, who will play at Schoolcraft College next fall, is a two-time all-KLAA and all-district selection.

"Colton was a three-year starter and one of the most talented keepers to come through Churchill in the last 20 years," Churchill coach Matt Grodzicki said. "He has the ability to make the most difficult saves look routine and can steal a game for you. He will be missed."

Billy Werthman, Def., Stevenson: The senior defender had two goals and four assists while being voted team MVP by his teammates.

Schifano, headed to play next fall at Schoolcraft College, was also an all-KLAA and all-district selection.

"Billy was a huge key to our success this year," Stevenson coach Ken Shingledecker said. "He is extremely dangerous on dead-ball situations and provided stability to our back line. He is an intense competitor and would give top effort every time out."

Hayden Steinman, Def., Franklin: The senior defender and captain, a three-year varsity player, earned all-KLAA, all-district, all-region and honorable mention all-state honors this season.

As a junior, Steinman also made all-conference and all-district.

"Hayden has great field vision, aggressive and (is) a tactical player," Franklin coach Vic Rodopoulos said.

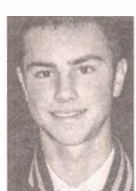
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Nate Bur, Sr. Def., N. Farmington
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Ryan Schifano, Sr. MF, Liv. Stevenson
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Andriy Pelekh, Jr. MF, Salem
Brady Cole, Sr. F, Salem
Griffin Parks, Sr. F, Canton
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Calvin McCracken, Jr. Def., Plymouth
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Garden City: KC Brezovsky, Austin Akers, Matt Castaneda; Redford Union: Adam Chernavage; Churchill: Tyler Piotrowski, Erin Guri, Daniel Jones, Krishna Midathada; Franklin: Stephen Barczuk, Greg Bo, Robert Jiga; Stevenson: Austin Rynicki, Gino D'Orazio, Hunter Mullett; Clarencville: Cameron Fyffe, Alan Baumgardner; Lutheran Westland: Walter Gembarski, Nick Flanery; John Glenn: Akshay Komanna, Adam Valentine, Erick Cheek, Carlos Santiago; Wayne: James Herdon, Martin Ballah, Devon Westfall; Canton: Hunter Olson, Brandon Pickert, Zach Homco, Aidan Shennan; Plymouth: Alex Decker, Danny Butes, James Gibbs, Nathan Harris, Nick Freda; Salem: Alex Price, Joe Kunnath, Jordan Salhani, Nick Massey; Ply. Christian: Jacob Bailey, Adam Powless; Farmington: Jake Zervos, Billy Williams, Tyler McCullough; N. Farmington: Christian Beckwith, Luke Karana, Alex George; Harrison: Moussa Zaatari, Josh Brunett, Derek Haefner, Isaac Kawesa.

Canton: A key reason why Canton's defense shut down opponents all season — 0.59 goals per game allowed — was the cool and calm junior defender.

Zemanski, in his third varsity season, shut down some of the best forwards in the state and he was rewarded by being named as an honorable mention all-state pick, not to mention to the all-region, all-district and all-KLAA teams.

"His ability to win the ball, keep possession and distribute it made him one of the top defenders in the conference," coach Mark Zemanski said. "He controlled the middle of the field and helped anchor our defense."

Nate Bur, Def., N. Farmington: The Raiders take great pride in playing good defense and it's players such as Bur who have built that reputation and tradition. The senior center back organized and led another strong defensive effort this year. Bur, an all-state academic selection and OAA scholar-athlete, was voted team MVP by the Raiders.

"Nate ran our defense superbly all season," Horner said. "Although not overly tall, he has a great vertical leap and routinely won headers from taller players. He came up on free kicks and scored an important goal for us against Dearborn. He helped engineer regular-time shutouts against Berkley and Northville and he was instrumental in holding CC to a single goal. Nate is an all-division and all-district player, too."

Connor Cole, MF, Salem: Whatever the Salem Rocks needed in a contest this season, Connor Cole was there to deliver the goods. The senior scored 14 goals along with five assists to share team MVP honors as the Rocks enjoyed their first regional title since 2009. For his efforts, Cole also was selected as a first team all-stater, along with all-region, all-district and all-KLAA honors.

Clutch and competitive, he scored the only goal in Salem's victory over Canton in the D-1 district final, as well as the winning goal in the conference championship win (also against the Chiefs).

"Connor is tremendous off the dribble, he has good vision and is

one of the best competitors I have ever been around," Duhl said. "When we were down, we put Connor up front and when we were winning, we played Connor in the back."

"He can really get it done on both sides of the ball. His willingness to dig deep in difficult situations is one of the main reasons we were able to be a state semifinalist."

Ryan Schifano, MF, Stevenson: The senior had two timely goals in the district and led the Spartans in assists with nine.

Schifano also earned all-district, all-region and all-state honorable mention.

"Ryan's work rate is top-notch," Shingledecker said. "He would work just as hard defending as he would trying to create goals. He did a great job impacting game if he was playing up top or in the midfield."

Carter Schenk, MF, Canton: One of the players who spearheaded Canton's outstanding season (17-2-3, KLAA South Division title) was Schenk, who tallied seven goals and seven assists in his junior season.

The attacking midfielder parlayed great speed, strength and determination to consistently break down opponents.

"Carter was not only a force to be reckoned with offensively," Zemanski said. "He also used his size, strength and great work ethic to dominate the middle of the field and help the team defensively."

Schenk was an all-state honorable mention selection, along with being named to the all-region, all-district and

more effective for us." Cole earned selection as a second team all-stater. Other kudos for the senior included being named to the all-region, all-district and all-conference teams.

Griffin Parks, F, Canton: Whenever the Canton Chiefs needed a big play, inevitably it was senior forward Parks who delivered it — scoring 25 goals and 12 assists for the state-ranked team.

Parks capped a stellar four-year varsity career with a bevy of awards and accolades, most notably first-team all-state and member of the Dream Team. He also was named to the all-region, all-district and all-conference squads.

"Griffin was the focal point of our offense and used his great speed and 1-v-1 skills to lead the team in both goals and assists," Zemanski said. "His great finishing and play-making ability helped him to be involved in over half our team's goals."

"Griffin was a great team leader who led the team both on the field with his tremendous playing ability and off the field by always motivating his teammates to play their best and believe in themselves. We will really miss him next year."

Sam Zapata, F, N. Farmington: The junior forward scored 11 goals and had four assists, earning a Division 1 all-state honorable mention. He scored two goals in a win over Catholic Central and he had other big goals against Troy and Berkley. Zapata, an ODP Trials team member who plays club soccer for the Michigan Impact, also assisted with an overtime goal against Northville in the district.

"Sam was our go-to striker all season," coach Mike Horner said. "Sam is great with both feet, but has an absolute cannon with his left. He needs very little space to manufacture a shot and was double teamed often during the season. Sam is an OAA scholar-athlete and an OAA all-division player, too."

Troy Gotchev, F, Luth. Westland: The senior forward proved to be a prolific scorer for the

Warriors as he finished with a team-best 28 goals and six assists en route to all-MIAC Red honors.

"He works hard and he has speed and good foot skills," Lutheran Westland coach Sam Makki said. "And he can out-run defenders. He's not tall, but he's a tough boy. He works really, really hard."

"He's looking forward to playing soccer in college and I hope he gets there some time."

COACH OF YEAR
Scott Duhl, Salem: To say Salem head coach Scott Duhl enjoyed a truly memorable rookie season at the helm is an understatement. But Duhl, himself a stalwart prep player for the Rocks during the 1990s, had all of that and more as he took over the top job from longtime head coach Ed McCarthy.

The Rocks went 16-3-6, but displayed an uncanny knack to come up biggest when it counted most. Salem started the year as a finalist at the Balcony Invitational and then captured the KLAA Central Division title before besting Canton for the Kensington Conference crown.

Led by a senior cast featuring four All-Observer first teamers (goalkeeper Collin Hewett, forward/midfielders Brady Cole, Connor Cole, Andriy Pelekh) and second teamer and defender Josh Dillon, Salem went on to win championships in the Division 1 districts and regionals before bowing 2-1 to Ann Arbor Skyline in the semifinal at Holt.

"I was very fortunate to study the game under Ed McCarthy for the last nine years (as a Salem assistant)," Duhl said. "I learned a lot about game management and handling players, amongst many other things. To come into a top program and make a run to the state semifinals in my first year was very exciting and a season I will always remember."

"It will also be very difficult to repeat the type of success we had this past year. We had 11 seniors that were major players in our back to back conference championships. The senior group was very motivated by being upset by Plymouth a year ago in the district final and they played like it all year long."

Other seniors chipping in as Salem stockpiled victories and trophies included defenders William Benintende, Joe Kunnath, Alex Price and Walid Kandah; forward/midfielders Matt DeMoss and David Schroeder.

Duhl added that the senior class "is a group that comes around once every other decade. Each one of them played a significant role in our success this year. They will all be missed."

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MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CITY OF PLYMOUTH. Payments can be mailed, or paid at City Hall during regular working hours, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Treasurer's office. Information on credit card payments is on our web page - www.ci.plymouth.mi.us. After hours, payments can be placed in the drop box located in the City Hall lobby (Church Street entrance) or in the payment drop box next to the book returns behind the Library.
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This will serve as a reminder of your responsibility to keep all sidewalks and driveways clear of snow and ice throughout the coming season. Snow covered walkways are not just a nuisance; even a minimal snowfall is hazardous and creates serious public safety issues. As a property owner and/or tenant your neglect exposes you to potentially dangerous and costly liability concerns.

Property Maintenance Code Section 62-89 requires every property owner and/or occupant to remove or have removed any snow and ice which may have fallen or accumulated within 24 hours of the occurrence. In the case of neglect or refusal, the city may order the removal of same at the expense of the property owner, for not less than \$125.00.

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BOYS HOCKEY WRAP

Bears trap Franklin icers; Spartans triumph in overtime

Berkley got two goals and one assist from Max Dooley in an 8-0 mercy rule boys hockey win Wednesday night over host Livonia Franklin at Eddie Edgar Arena.

The Bears led 1-0 after one period and 4-0 after two before scoring four times in the final period. Berkley ended the game on a mercy with 2:13 left

on a power play goal by Riley Lenhard.

Also getting into the scoring act for Berkley was Alex Rawlik, Kevin Jurvis and Ian Melrose with one goal and one assist each.

Robby Flannery and Curtis Carne each added two assists, while Zack Segall and Ryan Austin also scored goals.

Stephen Wroe got the shutout in goal for the Bears (2-0-1).

Franklin's Matt Monendo stopped 28-of-34 shots before being lifted with 13:35 left in the third for Brian Hubbard, who stopped 4-of-6.

"This was our first real test against a skilled, senior laden team and it didn't go very well," said

Franklin coach Dennis Gagnon, whose team dropped to 2-1 overall. "If we are going to be competitive against the stronger programs, we need to play smarter and tougher. And it's our job as a coaching staff to make sure we do."

STEVENSON 4, ROCHESTER UNITED 3 (OT): Cole Christie's goal from Tyler Irvine 2:56 into overtime gave Livonia Stevenson (4-0) a victory over Rochester

United (2-1) in Friday's first round of the Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Tournament at Wallace Arena.

Stevenson jumped out to a 3-0 lead as Irvine scored from Dominic Lutz and Devin Kelly in the first period followed by goals by Alex DeFlorio (from Alex Hunt) and Lutz's 12th of the year (from Irvine) in the second period.

But Rochester roared back on second-period goals by Nick Drinkard and Graham Day followed by Jimmy Pittel's game-tying goal 2:29 into the third.

Stevenson netminder Andrew Rozenbaum made 23 saves, while Riley Morgan had 28 for Rochester.

"It was a good win against one of the up-and-coming teams in high school

hockey," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "Rochester has a solid program and it was a good win."

Host Cranbrook, which faced Stevenson in the final, beat Grosse Pointe North in the first game, 5-3.

NOVI 3, SALEM 2: Novi scored on the power play with seven minutes to play in the third period Wednesday night to spoil Salem's season opener at Plymouth Cultural Center.

Scoring both goals for the Rocks (0-1-0) was Jason Newell, set up each time by Jack Driscoll. Stopping 14 shots for Salem was goalkeeper Parker Godfrey.

The Wildcats led 1-0 after one period and 2-1 after two before Newell tallied the equalizer in the third.

FALCONS

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of every first shot. He had to make some big second and third saves, but not a ton."

The Falcons jumped to a 3-0 lead in the first period, matching their record, with goals by sophomore Joe Majoris, senior Nick Kozoro and junior Drake Cole.

Senior Nick Heffron assisted on all three and scored the fourth goal with Farmington short-handed at 8:59 in the third period.

On the first goal, Majoris took a centering pass in front of the net, made a half turn and lifted a backhand shot into the net at 12:44.

Six minutes later, Majoris fired the puck across the goal crease to Kozoro at the far post. Flyers senior goalie AJ Miller made an outstanding save on a quick wrist shot by Kozoro, who scored on the rebound.

The Falcons got a third goal a minute later on a power play when Heffron, from back of

the net, centered the puck to Cole, who quickly knocked it home.

"We started out slow," North-Harrison coach Ken Anderson said. "Every mistake we made, they capitalized on. Give them credit. They were right there, ready to go."

"We buried some shots; we banged a couple off the post, too," Newton said. "You've got to give the opponent credit. They came out in the second period and really put it to us the first 12 minutes. Ken had his team ready to go in the second period."

The Flyers put consistent pressure on the Falcons, outshooting them 13-6 in that period and testing Lethemon, who stopped a wraparound attempt and made a big save on a shot by junior Austin Bottrell.

"We did a terrible job of getting the puck out of our zone and that's something we have to work on," Newton said.

North-Harrison took a couple of late penalties and gave Farmington consecutive power plays for much of the final 4:12. It had a deflating effect

on the Flyers, who had to focus on playing defense and lost their momentum.

"There was no strategy change," Anderson said of his team's improved play in the second period. "It was just a good, stern talking-to. A little emotion raged in (the locker room) between the periods and it probably fired them up a little more."

"We played with a lot more energy, a lot more purpose and it showed on the ice. We didn't score any goals, but we put a lot of pressure on. That's the way the whole game should have been."

The Flyers (1-2) had a number of one- and two-one breakaways in the second and third periods, but they misfired a few times from distance and could never get the puck past Lethemon.

"The same thing happened in the Novi game with the other team," Newton said. "They just can't believe the puck isn't going in with Johnny."

"They'll start pressing a little bit and maybe taking a penalty they



Flyers defenseman Sean Devlin (left) and Falcons forward Joe Majoris go after the puck. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

shouldn't. He frustrates the other team big time.

"John has been unbelievable in the first three games. He's always square to the shooter and he plays big. We said earlier we'll go as far as he's willing to take us."

Newton added he considers shots on goal to be

the most overrated statistic in hockey, especially when Lethemon is between the pipes.

"Quality scoring opportunities is the No. 1 stat," he said. "If you look at a lot of college and pro teams, that's the stat they really look at. How many quality shots

are you giving up? Shots on goal doesn't mean a whole lot."

Anderson said the Flyers have to learn from the late second period and not take the bad, momentum-killing penalties they did.

North-Harrison managed to rebound and outshot Farmington in the third period, too.

"Give their goalie credit; he's a big kid and a real good goalie," Anderson said. "Hopefully, we'll give him more of a workout in the next game (Saturday, Dec. 21)."

"We made three critical errors in the first period and they capitalized on all three. They were just mental errors; that's what they were, just bad plays. But we played well after that."

Newton likes what his team has done thus far. Kozoro, Grant Newton and Lethemon also had assists for the Falcons, who had 27 shots on goal.

"We're getting nice play from our seniors," he said.

"We have a nice, balanced team right now. We're very excited about where we are."

WHALERS

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against the potent Oshawa power play — ranked third in the OHL.

"We had to stay out of the box and we didn't do that for the most part," Vellucci said.

Plymouth took a 2-1 lead with 8:42 left in the second, when forward Danny Vanderwiel refused to give up on the puck in the crease and finally pushed it past Oshawa netminder Daniel Altshuller (27 saves)

for his fourth of the season.

But Oshawa went on successive power plays right after that goal. Plymouth (11-15-0-2) did kill off the first penalty, but could not contain the Gens in their subsequent manpower advantage.

Oshawa pretty much had control in the Whalers' zone the entire power play, directing nine shots at Nedeljkovic — who nearly managed to keep the Gens off the scoreboard.

Unfortunately for the home team, Sterk's sharp-angle shot from

the right side of the net found its way past Nedeljkovic with 14 seconds to go in the power play.

"We were tired," Vellucci said. "Obviously the same guys (are) killing, so can't take two penalties in a row like that."

Still, Nedeljkovic was brilliant, stopping 24 of 26 shots in the middle period alone.

Grit pays off

At 3:22 of the third, the Whalers showed they also could get it done on the power play when Lorentz stuffed a wrap-around between Alt-

shuller's left pad and the post to make it 3-2. It was his 11th goal of the year.

Assisting were defenseman Gianluca Curcuruto and Sandlak (one goal, two assists).

"We got to score those nasty goals in those tough areas because we're not as skilled as everybody else," Vellucci said about the goals by Vanderwiel and Lorentz. "And we're young, we're not as strong. So we got to compete and battle for those tough goals."

That held up for about eight minutes, until Vande Sompel's goal

forced OT and the decisive shootout.

One of the standouts of the night for Plymouth was Lorentz, who continues to shine in just about all situations.

Lorentz credited his linemates (Sandlak and Chatham) for his personal success, but said getting a point against Oshawa couldn't hurt the team's confidence going forward.

"It was a tough one out there, getting the loss in the shootout, but we all battled hard tonight," said Lorentz, traded to Plymouth from Windsor

for Alex Aleardi (Farmington Hills) last season. "All four lines were going and especially Ned (Nedeljkovic), he was definitely kicking tonight."

OWEN SOUND 3, PLYMOUTH 1: On Wednesday at Compuware Arena, the Whalers fell behind 3-0 in the first period to the Attack and could not recover.

Scoring for the Whalers (11-15-0-1) was Carter Sandlak, with his team-leading 15th goal of the season.

Plymouth starting goalie Alex Nedeljkovic was pulled after Owen Sound's third goal, by Zach Nastasiuk at 13:15 of the first. Backup Zack Bowman came in and stopped all 26 shots he faced.

Earning the victory for Owen Sound (12-10-1-3) was goaltender Brandon Hope, a Canton native. Hope made 43 saves.

PLYMOUTH 2, WINDSOR 1: The visiting Whalers squeaked out a one-goal win Sunday in Windsor, thanks to a 44-save performance by Nedeljkovic and two goals in the third by forward Matt Mistele.

SPARTANS

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to make it 3-0.

Irvine then scored with just 15 seconds left in the second off assists from Chartier and Allen to make it 4-0.

"After one (period) we just reminded them it's a hockey game," Mitchell said. "Churchill is a good team over there. They're a solid hockey club, have some good players and well coached, so ... it was no surprise to us. We were good being up 1-0. It was a good, hard-fought game. Churchill-Stevenson games usually are. We just talked about staying the course and

maybe limit some of their chances.

"We gave up some chances that first period and our goalie Andrew Rozenbaum came up big for us and made sure we had the zero on the board after one. He held us in it until our offense got us going."

It was all Spartans in the final period as Lutz scored three straight — from Kelly and Irvine at 0:34; from Kelly at 3:23; and a power play goal from Irvine and Cole Christie at 7:28.

Stevenson outshot the Chargers 29-11 over the final two periods.

"We had a lot of great energy coming into this game," said Churchill coach Jason Reynolds,

whose team slipped to 0-3-1 overall. "I was really proud of my boys and the way they played in the first half of the game. If we can bottle that for the rest of our games this year I think we'll win a lot of them."

"That being said, the score sheet doesn't tell the lie. They have one incredibly productive line over there on the other side. And it's showing in every game they play. It's going to take another team to match up a competitive line against them to slow them down, but so far nobody has been able to do it yet."

Reynolds was searching for answers on how to stop Stevenson's Produc-

tion Line.

"The biggest key is just trying to find opportunities to take passing lanes away between Lutz, Kelly and Irvine," the Churchill coach said. "That's a tough thing to do consistently for three periods. And I know Dave (Mitchell) has said it in the past, once those guys get going tend to produce in multiples."

"It's a tough lesson for us, but at the same time there are a lot of good things that come away from this game for us and hopefully after a nice break we'll get back to work and get back on the winning track."

If there was any shining light for the Chargers it was the play of senior

goaltender David Turel, who made 31 saves.

"I really can't blame David for any of our shortcomings," Reynolds said. "He really played fantastic. He certainly deserved a lot better today. I think it was just a couple of unlucky bounces, some deflections and some unlucky plays that just got the better of him tonight. He's a good goaltender and showed a lot of heart tonight. We're really proud of him."

Meanwhile, a demanding non-conference schedule will keep the Spartans, the defending MHSAA Division 2 champions, on their toes throughout the season.

"We preach that our

success is due to our approach and the process we go through every single day," Mitchell said. "We know every game is going to be a difficult hockey game and we have to stay true to what we do to prepare. It's really in our preparation. And the amount of preparation and the work that these kids put in ... we guard against that overconfidence that on any given night any team can hang with us, and we have to be concerned about what we're doing."

"We stay focused on doing the little things shift by shift, period by period, game by game."

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WILDCATS

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Vento said. "He's a big boy, he's got soft hands and a great shot. That second goal, there was a lot of patience there and he delivered a big one for us."

"He hung on to the puck long enough, he was patient and ended up with wide-open net."

Getting it back

Plymouth's insurance goal with 3:50 remaining by sophomore Alex Bump (from Charlie Supernois and Kyle Melnick), followed a Canton giveaway behind Borg — a diminutive goalie who was the biggest reason the Chiefs were mere minutes away from gaining a point in the standings.

Borg stopped 37 of 40 shots, many from point-blank range.

"Give Canton credit,"

Vento said. "They hung around and their goalie I thought played a fantastic game and kept them in."

"They got their goal. But we we responded and came back with a couple big shifts, got the momentum back."

That Borg played so well did not surprise Canton first-year head coach Brad Barath, whose team fell to 1-1.

"He was absolutely unbelievable," Barath said. "If not, the game's over in the second period. He absolutely stood on his head."

Not quite as tested was Plymouth junior goalie Jared Maddock, who still had to make several clutch stops among his 16 on the night.

The scoreless opening period was relatively even, with Plymouth holding a 9-6 shot advantage.

One of Plymouth's most dangerous bids was



Plymouth senior Kyle Melnick (No. 6) tries to slip past Canton defender Matt Eastman (No. 16). ANN ESPINOZA

a play by junior forward Josh Smith with about 11 minutes left. He walked out of the left corner, veered toward the goal and snapped a 10-foot shot that Borg stopped.

Later in the period, with Canton on the power play, senior forward Christian Flack centered the puck to senior forward Brendan O'Hare, whose bid was turned aside by Maddock.

With the game still 0-0 in the second, Borg kept

it that way with two monster stops in the same sequence.

First, Borg flashed his right pad to kick out a shot by Melnick. The play continued and a subsequent slapper from between the circles by junior defenseman Ben Chafin was kept out.

No chance

Plymouth, struggling on offense with just two goals in the first two games, got on the board

with 5:48 left in the second at the tail end of a five-on-three power play.

Jossey blasted a screen shot from above the left circle that sailed into the top right corner in the blink of an eye. Setting up the goal was senior forward John VanDenBeurgerey.

That the game remained just 1-0 after two periods was largely thanks to Borg, who stopped 14 of 15 shots during the middle period.

The Chiefs were outshot 16-5 in the third, but briefly gave their fans something to scream about, tying the contest 1-1 with 6:12 remaining in the third.

Flack threaded a cross-crease pass to Oatman, stationed near the right post. Oatman one-timed the puck past Maddock. Senior defenseman Collin Smith drew the second assist.

Yet it didn't take long at all for the Wildcats to respond with the tie-

breaker by Jossey (assisted by senior forward Corey Smith).

Canton's collective energy level dipped following that goal, understandable with only 14 skaters.

"We're short guys, so our top guys are running a lot," Barath said. "Like I said before, we can't get into penalty trouble and we did a little bit there in the second period and so that hurt us."

"And that was the first rivalry experience for a lot of those guys, so we were on our heels a little bit, a little nervous. But overall I think we played pretty good, especially for the second game of the year."

Plymouth will host Dearborn Divines Child at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday (at Arctic Edge). The next contest for the Chiefs is 8 p.m. Wednesday at Eddie Edgar Arena against Livonia Churchill.

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Livonia resident recreates White House Christmas tree for holiday walk

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Tina Lindsay occasionally tears up when she talks about the blaze that destroyed her Livonia home five years ago. But she'll be all smiles when visitors next weekend tour the 7,500-square-foot house that replaced it. Lindsay, whose home is on the Livonia Christmas Walk, is eager to show the rebuilt abode, as well as her decorating efforts.

"There are 19 areas we decorated in the house. We did every single room," she said.

The Lindsay home is among five residences, along with the Simmons/Hill House at Greenmead, that will be decorated for the holidays and open to ticket-holders on the walk, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7. Tickets are \$9 in advance, \$10 the day of the walk. Advance tickets are available at Livonia's public libraries and at Greenmead, located at Newburgh and Eight Mile. Proceeds benefit the restoration and maintenance of the historic site.

Members of Friends for the Development of Greenmead, the organization that sponsors the walk, approached Lindsay last year about participating, but she and her husband, Chris, and their two daughters, Caitlyn, 8, and Mariah, 4, planned to be out of town.

"I thought to myself that the next year, for sure I would do it. I told them I would," she said.

Pitching in

She started decorating about a month ago, enlisting the help of friends, her daughters and her mother for some of the larger projects. Lindsay's mother and father, Nick-

ey and William Necker, co-own the house and live with their daughter and her family. Lindsay, an only child, grew up in Livonia and graduated from Stevenson High School. Her husband, whom she met through a family member, graduated from Franklin High School.

"Every room is so big. We needed to do more in each room to make it feel full. Adding a few things wasn't enough. We added more and then switched things around and switched colors and we were climbing out of boxes and were entangled in glitter."

She and a friend placed table top Christmas trees, sparkly figurines, roping and wreaths, bows and ornaments throughout the house, letting their imaginations and advice from others guide them.

White House tree

The most time-consuming project stands in the spacious family room. Lindsay and her helpers painted 487 clear, round ornaments for what has become Lindsay's favorite Christmas tree. She plans to add another 13 bulbs to round out the number at 500.

The tree, with its candy cane-style swirl of colored ornaments, replicates a White House Christmas tree from 2012. Lindsay recorded a television program last year about decorations at the White House. She used the recording as a reference when she decorated her own tree.

"We got clear ornaments, dumped paint inside with a tiny bit of water, shook them up, tipped them over Dixie cups, let them drain over night and let them dry five to six



Tina Lindsay, and daughters Mariah, 4, and Caitlyn, 8, painted the 500 glass ornaments on the tree in the background. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Nineteen areas, including rooms and hallways, are decorated for the walk at the Lindsay home.



The dining room table is set for the holidays.



The mirror on the wall by this chest reflects decorations on the other side of the room.

days. The color is inside, so the bulb is shiny, not dull," Lindsay said. "It took three of us to place the ornaments. We wired them ourselves."

Finishing touches

She planned to decorate her final tree for the walk on Sunday, Dec. 1, and will hold a "baking day" later in the week. The live evergreen will wear gold and crystal ornaments

and plates full of baked goodies will greet visitors as they walk through the kitchen.

Guests also will get a chance to leaf through a photo album that documents changes in the house, from its early days in the 1940s, to its charred remains after the fire in February 2008, and finally to its reconstruction. Lindsay said a steel liner in a fireplace broke loose just six months after the family moved into the house,

causing flames to spread.

"It was very bad. They gutted everything. It was a three-year ordeal."

In addition to the album, several photos of the house are displayed in a hallway which visitors will use to exit the residence. The sentiment printed above the photos advises "Remember to cherish each moment, for this is what memories are made of."

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Should reader replace old appliances before selling?

This column is a follow-up to my last column about hidden problems that we hear so little about.

As an example, I am quoting an email sent to me from Tony in Westland who wrote: "I had to laugh while reading your column in the *Observer* newspaper, Nov. 10, 2013. You mentioned the light staying on when the door was closed. I had this same problem several months ago with my Sears Kenmore. At first, I thought it was simply a switch, but when I bypassed the two switches with a jumper wire, it didn't fix it. I then searched the Internet and found that there was a recall but it affected refrigerators that were manufactured before mine. The thought occurred to me, 'If this existed before mine, why didn't they fix the problem?'"

"Anyway, I did find that there was a class action lawsuit for this problem. I had my wife call Sears and they told us that even though our refrigerator was not recalled, they extended the warranty for this problem. They replaced the circuit board and the light fixtures, which had turned a nice brown color as well as melting a lot of the plastic. Incidentally, the bulbs that were in there were 60 watts. He told us not to put anything higher than 40 watts. Even though it takes two bulbs, it's fine with one."

"I have to admit that I was shocked when I did the research. I discovered that my unit is made by LG. I would have never bought this if I knew it was made by LG. This company used to be Goldstar and their electronic equipment was unreliable. Thanks for the excellent column and the advocacy that you do for consumers."

My thanks to Tony for the educational email he sent me and also to the other readers who make me aware of many other things going on with their appliances. A special thanks to service technicians who also feel the pain of consumers and want to see issues resolved in a better fashion.



Joe Gagnon
APPLIANCE DOCTOR

Old or new?

An email from Donna just exemplifies what is going across America at an alarming rate. Donna writes: "I have a question for you which is of the utmost importance to my cousin, who lives in southeast Florida. My husband and I just returned from staying with her and her husband. They have a beautiful home, immaculate, really, which is about a half mile walk from Juno Pier. Unfortunately, they will be ready to retire next year, and will not be able to keep their home due to taxes and insurance. The home has all of the original appliances, which are now 34 years old. My cousin fears the age of the appliances gives the home an "uncared" for appearance, which could not be further from the truth. The thing is, my aunt, her mother, who lives not too far away on Singer Island, recently bought all new appliances, including stove, refrigerator, dishwasher and microwave. The blue lights and the stainless steel are absolutely beautiful, but she has had nothing but trouble with all but the microwave."

"My cousin is very concerned about buying new appliances and having nothing but trouble. She also doesn't want to pay an arm and a leg for them. Are there any good looking, good working appliances out there at affordable prices?"

Well, Donna, I will give you a suggestion to pass on to your cousin. Keep all the old appliances in place. Someone may walk into that house and purchase it based on the fact that he or she may prefer the old appliances and the quality they still hold today. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can email your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twmi.rr.com.



Randy Mauck, (left) Lisa Brancato and Dawson Mauck of Detroit and Cole Wilson of Westland, enjoy Hob Nobble Gobble. PHOTOS BY JULIE YOLLES

Parade supporters eat, mingle, dance at Hob Nobble Gobble

We give thanks for 87 years of America's Thanksgiving Parade. And even more thanks to the Michigan Thanksgiving Parade Foundation for 24 years of hosting Detroit's premier family fun-raiser, The Hob Nobble Gobble. The 24th annual Hob Nobble Gobble brought nearly 2,000 supporters to Ford Field last Friday, less than a week before showtime: America's Thanksgiving Parade.

The black-tie gala had nonstop live entertainment, including *America's Got Talent* Kenichi Ebina; a buffet of every cuisine imaginable,



Katie and Clayton Welch of Livonia, along with their daughters, Kendra, 2 and Megan, 4, look picture perfect for their photo opp with Santa.



Redford resident Sherrie Chrysler (left) wears her Smiggins the clown costume at Hob Nobble Gobble. With her is Detroit resident Cheryl Woodward.

including Thanksgiving in a cup (turkey, cranberry sauce and stuffing); sugar, sugar and more sugar — cotton candy, candy apples and even Girl Scouts cook-

ies; corn dogs, fries, Shirley Temples; tattoo and face painting, Disney radio contests and since it was held in Ford Field, dancing with Detroit Lions' Roary.



Julie Yolles

SOCIAL SCENE

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- **Bike Through the Lights on Nov. 13**
- **Reindeer Nights**
Back by popular demand! There will be live reindeer at Santa's Workshop on Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9 and 16.
- **Toy Night Tuesdays**
Nov. 19, 26 and Dec. 3, 10 and 17.
Bring a new, unwrapped toy in lieu of the \$5 vehicle fee. Toys will be donated to the Wayne County Family Center.
- **Live Entertainment**
Santa's workshop on Dec. 4 and 11!
- **Photos with Santa**
at his workshop nightly starting Nov. 22 until Dec. 23 at the end of the Lightfest.

For fees and registration information, visit www.waynecounty.com






RELIGION CALENDAR

DECEMBER ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5
Location: St. Michael School cafeteria, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: St. Michael the Archangel's Guild invites women to an evening of fellowship, music, and reflection on the Advent season. Tickets are \$5 each and tables of 10 are \$30. The guild asks each guest to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Reservations are required.
Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 207; swilliams@livoniastmichael.org

ADVENT SERVICES
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Dec. 4, 11 and 18
Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford
Details: The theme for meditations is "Waiting for the Savior."
Contact: 313-532-8655 or 734-968-3523

CANDLELIGHT NIGHT
Time/Date: 5-9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14
Location: Zhong Shu Temple, 23845 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills
Details: Reception starts at 5 p.m., followed by evening ceremony at 6 p.m. Potluck dinner after the ceremony. Bring a vegetarian dish with no garlic and no onions to share.
Contact: yshoo@zhongshu-temple@yahoo.com

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS
Time/Date: 12:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7
Location: St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 1309 Penniman, Plymouth
Details: Children, 3-10, can celebrate Christmas, make projects, prepare and eat snacks, play games and sing songs
Contact: 734-453-0460

CONCERT
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: "Ringing Carols Through the Night" will feature the church's choirs, including bells. The concert concludes with a sing-along
Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200; www.livoniastmichael.org

CONCERT
Time/Date: During 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship services, Sunday, Dec. 8
Location: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96, Livonia
Details: The Advent/Christmas Cantata will include music by the adult and children's choirs, handbells, brass and string instruments, as well as Scripture appropriate for the season
Contact: 734-522-6830; christoursavior.org

CONCERT
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8
Location: Praise Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth
Details: "The Glorious Impossible" a free choir concert, will feature contemporary and classical sacred music
Contact: 734-455-2300; www.pbcplymouth.org

CONCERT
Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8
Location: St. Aidan, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: The 32nd annual Christmas concert will feature St. Aidan's Adult Choir, Children's Choir, and Contemporary Ensemble. Minimum donation is \$5 along with two nonperishable food items.
Contact: 734-425-5950

CONCERT
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3
Location: St. Aidan, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: The 32nd annual Christmas concert will feature St. Aidan's Adult Choir, Children's Choir, and Contemporary Ensemble. Minimum donation is \$5 along with two nonperishable food items.
Contact: 734-425-5950

Location: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 35300 W. Eight Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Finnish American Singers of Michigan performs a free, faith-based Christmas concert called "Pikkujoulu," which means "Little Christmas" in Finnish. The church is barrier free.
Contact: 248-478-6520

CONCERT
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14
Location: St. Timothy Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Christmas Cantata will include secular and religious music and will include handbells. Free will offering
Contact: 734-464-8844; sttimothyppcusa.org

CRAFT SHOW
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7
Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia
Details: Buyers will find various crafters and product vendors, a bake sale and raffle. Admission is \$1 or the donation of one nonperishable food item for the Good Hope Food Pantry. Spaces are still available for sellers. Contact Bobbe Dauer at 313-570-5970 (evenings) or jbkj11@aol.com. Emmanuel Lutheran Church is a "nut-free zone." No nuts or nut products are allowed in the church, including at the craft sale
Contact: 249-442-8822

GIRL'S NIGHT OUT FOR ADVENT
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5
Location: St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton
Details: Advent speaker Mary McKeon, a graduate of Marquette University, has been an inner city school teacher, worked for the United States Senate in Washington, D.C., worked in adult and religious education, youth ministry, and currently is a commissioned intern of Manresa's Ignatian Spirituality Program and trained spiritual director. She will guide the group in pondering "Journeying with Mary." Includes a chili dinner. RSVP attendance and child care needs. Last-minute walk-ins permitted.
Contact: 734-455-5910

GUY'S NIGHT OUT FOR ADVENT
Time/Date: 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4
Location: St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton
Details: Guest speaker, the Rev. Joe Krupp, is a University of Michigan graduate and a former comedy writer who was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Lansing, in 1998. Embracing his inner "Spartan" he is the director of campus ministry at Michigan State University, a regular on Catholic television and monthly writer for *Faith Magazine*. The event is free. RSVP attendance and child care needed. Last minute walk-ins are welcome.
Contact: 734-455-5910

JEWISH NEW TESTAMENT
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10
Location: The Berman Center for the Performing Arts, at the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Amy Jill Levine will present "The Jewish Annotated New Testament: Why Jews (and Christians) Should Read this Book." Levine is a professor of New Testament and Jewish studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School and College of Arts and Sciences. Book signing and dessert reception follows the presentation. \$10 for JCC members, \$12 for nonmembers. Registration deadline is Dec. 6
Contact: 248-441-1900; theberman.org

WIDOWED FRIENDS
Time/Date: 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11
Location: Corsi's Italian Restaurant, 27910 W. Seven Mile, Livonia
Details: Cost is \$15 and includes buffet, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay at the door (cash only) with the exact amount. Stay for cards games and conversation until 9 p.m. RSVP by Dec. 8. Widowed Friends is a peer group of the Archdiocese of Detroit.
Coming up: Christmas dinner, 5:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, at Red Olive Banquet Center, 1059 W. Ann Arbor Road, east of Sheldon, Plymouth. Dinner served at 6 p.m. followed by special entertainment, and Christmas carols. Cost is \$30 and includes choice of menu items, tax and tip. RSVP by Dec. 10 to Carol at 734-464-7836 or Gerry at 734-259-5024.
Contact: Cookie at 248-357-2183, Pat at 248-545-8348 or Carol at 248-924-3677

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JANUARY 2014 YOUNG FIVES PROGRAM
Time/Date: Jan. 6, 2014
Location: St. Paul's Preschool and Daycare, 20805 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills
Details: New Young Fives program begins. Preschool/daycare runs 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday for ages 2 1/2-5.
Contact: Karen or Robin at 248-474-2488

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY
Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.
Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberg at 734-464-9491

New Life Community Church
Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 am. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays.
Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville
Contact: 734-846-4615

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

St. Michael the Archangel
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday.
Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Catholic author and Bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads the study of Acts of the Apostles.
Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniastmichael.org

Ward Presbyterian
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays
Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville
Details: Learner's Bible study is held

Family Community Meal
Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills
Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

FOOD BANK
New Hope Church
Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only
Location: 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton
Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at 734-270-2528.

MOMS
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE
Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday
Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.
Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER
Nardin Park United Methodist Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday
Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests.
Contact: 248-476-8860

St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back
Details: Music, singing, prayer
Contact: Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday
Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.
Contact: 734-459-3333

SINGLES
Time/Date: 248-374-5920
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 304
Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated. Occasionally includes guest speakers; open to the public and visitors are welcome.
Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.
Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville
Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5
Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant
Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 14 Mile North of Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.
Contact: 313-534-0399

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Sunday
Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville
Details: Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship, coffee, doughnuts, conversation.
Contact: 248-374-5920

Song Circle
Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.
Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily
Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia
Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.
Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Detroit World Outreach Church
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 202
Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling.
Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; Room 304
Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated. Occasionally includes guest speakers; open to the public and visitors are welcome.
Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.
Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville
Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5
Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant
Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 14 Mile North of Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.
Contact: 313-534-0399

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Sunday
Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville
Details: Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship, coffee, doughnuts, conversation.
Contact: 248-374-5920

Song Circle
Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat
Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Sing zemirot (Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.
Contact: 248-737-1931 or email nancyellen879@att.net.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Time/Date: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily
Location: 29667 Wentworth, Livonia
Details: Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA 1-C Older Americans Act.
Contact: 734-261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

Detroit World Outreach Church
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 202
Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling.
Contact: 313-255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills
Details: Western Oakland Parkinon Support Group
Contact: 248-433-1011
Merriman Road Baptist Church
Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 2055 Merriman, Garden City
Details: Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations accepted; www.metrofibrogroup.com; or call Ruthann with questions at 734-981-2519
Riverside Park Church of God
Time/Date: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Adult Day Ministry offers an adult daytime care program with a specialty in dementia care. Includes a planned program that includes a variety of health, social and support services in a protective setting. Not a drop-in center
Contact: 734-367-4220 or 734-464-0990; www.riversideparkchurch.org; or email to rpadm@riversideparkchurch.org
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday morning
Location: 16360 Hubbard, Livonia
Details: A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available. There are no requirements, this a service the church wants the community to be aware of and use if needed. Donations of nonperishable items also accepted for the cupboard.
Contact: 734-421-8451.

St. John's Episcopal Church
Time/Date: 10 a.m. the first and third Friday
Location: 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets. Respite care is provided. The group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.
Contact: Connie McNutt at 734-895-1426

St. John Neumann
Time/Date: 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays
Location: 44800 Warren Road, Canton
Details: Overeaters Anonymous meets
Contact: Mary at 734-634-7154 or Traci at 734-718-5575

St. Thomas a' Becket Church
Time/Date: Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group meeting starts at 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 555 S. Lilley, Canton
Details: Take Off Pounds Sensibly encourages members of the organization to lose weight and keep it off for good.
Contact: Margaret at 734-838-0322

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Obituaries, Memories & Remembrances

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BLACK, JORDAN J.
 Age 30, November 28, 2013 of Canton. Cherished son of Gregory and Sharon. Loving brother to Stephanie. Dearest grandson of Anna and the late John Sorovetz and Mary Louise and the late James Black. Jordan is also survived by his many aunts, uncles, cousins, other loving family and friends. His passion was hockey. For service information call The Trenton Chapel-Martenson Family of Funeral Homes, 734-671-5400. Interment Our Lady of Hope Cemetery. To share a memory, please visit www.martenson.com



BURTON, LOUISE A.
 Resident of Porter Hills Village of Grand Rapids, Michigan formerly of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan died on October 21, 2013 at the age of 95. She was the widow of the late David Rittenhouse Burton of Cleveland, Ohio. She is survived by her son Jonathan Burton of Bloomfield Hills and her daughter Catherine Adams Burton of Honolulu, Hawaii. Mrs. Burton was a member of Grace Church Cranbrook and Christ Episcopal Church in Grand Rapids. She was a volunteer of the American National Red Cross during World War II. She was an original member of the Village Club of Bloomfield Hills, a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, and a member of the Bloomfield Hills branch of the Women's Farm and Garden Association. Services will be held at Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills on Monday, December 9, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. with a Memorial Reception and Luncheon following. A second Memorial Service will be held Monday, December 16, 2013 at the Cook Valley Estates, 1049 East Paris Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546 at 3:00 P.M. with a reception following. Memorial Contributions may be directed to In the Image, 1823 Division Avenue, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507 - 2458 or Michigan Animal Rescue League, 790 Featherstone, Pontiac, Michigan 48342. The family is being served by: Metcalf & Jonkhoff Funeral Service 4291 Cascade Rd SE Grand Rapids, MI 49546 616-940-7333 www.metcalfandjonkhoff.com



KNIGHT, RICHARD ALAN
 Also known as "Chip", passed away at the age of 58 on November 27, 2013 at Providence Park Hospital in Novi after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. He was a Livonia native and Franklin High School graduate. He worked as an electrician for Shaw Electric in Livonia and retired after 25 years of service. He loved golfing, country music and Friday night concerts in Downtown Plymouth. Chip was also an active member of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia. He was a devoted father and an extremely caring individual who loved helping others. He is survived by his daughter, Danielle McAfee (Ryan), son Tim Knight (Julie), two grandchildren, Tori and Miles with another grandchild on the way and his brother, Phil Knight. A memorial service will be held at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on 5 Mile Rd. between Middlebelt and Inskter roads in Livonia. The service will be on Thursday, December 5th at 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: Michael J. Fox Parkinson's Foundation, 1(800)708-7644, www.michaeljfox.org.



LABRENZ, THOMAS HENRY
 Age 70, of Canton, formerly of Belleville passed November 25th at home surrounded by family. Born November 10, 1928 in Wichita, Kansas, daughter of Cecil and Velma Irene (Jordan) Stiles. Jean worked in the Banking Industry for many years and retired from PNC Bank. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Belleville. She enjoyed sewing, baking, gardening, also canning and freezing vegetables. She was an avid bowler and loved traveling with her husband. Survived by her husband of 54 years, Ralph E. Tressler, daughter Cindy Hudge, of Canton, two granddaughters Linda Hudge of Belleville and Erica Hudge of Canton, a sister Betty (Phil) Patterson of Salem, Oregon, also numerous nieces, nephews and friends. Preceded in death by her parents and one sister Louise Sutton. Funeral services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Chapel, Belleville, on Saturday. Memorials to the Alzheimer's Association appreciated.

MILESTONES

ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

Robert "Bob" and Judith Primeau Oleksiak of Canton marked their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, Nov. 29. The couple married in 1963 in Detroit.

Robert is retired from General Motors and Judith is retired from United Van Lines. They enjoy traveling, spending time with family, bird watching, boating, hiking, and spending time in northern Michigan.

Their children are Jennifer and Brian in Canton.

They have one grandchild.

The couple planned to celebrate their anniversary with a road trip and a visit to a lake house with family.



Judith and Robert Oleksiak of Canton



Robert and Judith Oleksiak on their wedding day

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Nurses, pharmacist weigh in on ACA impact

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

The Affordable Care Act and its implications for health care have dominated recent headlines, nationally and locally.

"Most folks can pay for the new premiums as long as they don't get sick," said pharmacist Dale Knab, owner with his wife of Wiltse's Community Pharmacy on Main Street in Plymouth. "Certainly the co-pay amounts are going up. I'm not sure anyone really knows at this point what will happen."

Doctors have spoken on the ACA and health care, but nurses and pharmacists also have views. Marilyn Gardner of Canton is a registered nurse with 42 years experience, and works at the VA Medical Center in Ann Arbor, where she's been five years. She studied for nursing on the west side of Michigan, before the B.S.N. or associate's degree programs became commonplace.

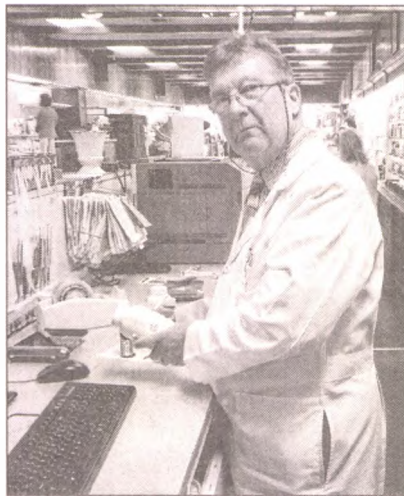
"I do hear some from the employees," Gardner said. "I do think there's a lot of uncertainty about the Affordable Care Act."

Charlene Jones of Canton is a registered nurse at Primary Pediatrics of Integrated Healthcare Associates in Ann Arbor. Much of her job is determining where patients should go.

"That's a lot of what my job is, doing the triage," said Jones, who earned her B.S.N. from Bowling Green State University in Ohio and has practiced since 1977. "Cost is an issue. They try to hold back from coming in if they don't have to. Sometimes they come in the office first. They might need to go somewhere else."

That could be an urgent care or even the emergency room, a call nurse can help make. Both nurses have handled minor health issues for people when asked.

Gardner's patients will be less impacted by the ACA, as they have veterans' benefits, but do pay some for treatment, based on their service record, illnesses and other factors.



Dale Knab of Wiltse's Community Pharmacy said pharmacists have long been front-line health care providers. TONY BRUSCATO

Nursing today

Gardner worked at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital by Ann Arbor for 32 years, and has views on nurses' role in health care. She agreed the computer and documentation increased in nursing.

"But the care still has to be given," she said. "I worked in critical care. You still had a lot of hands-on nursing." She's now in pre-op and post-op care at the VA, preparing patients for surgery and doing some recovery.

"I think there is a lot more opportunity for teaching and follow-up" for nurses today, Gardner said, including working with families. Doctors have limited time with patients: "I think the nurse does play a bigger role in education and follow-up. You play a key role in their recovery and education."

Gardner has been with the VA long enough to get retiree health care for herself. "I think there's still a lot of uncertainty," she said of the ACA. "Somebody's got to pay. There's going to be a lot more people who can get medical treatment."

Premiums and costs will remain an issue, Gardner added. "It's hard to say if it's going to prove a good

thing or not."

Jones said some older nurses are concerned about less hands-on care. "It's still things you need a nurse for," Jones said. "There have been changes. It's still a good field."

Pharmacist's view

Knab, who earned his doctor of pharmacy degree from the University of Michigan, bought Wiltse's in Plymouth with wife Andrea, also a pharmacist, in 1980. He noted some older patients, including those on Medicare, are confused about coverage changes coming Jan. 1.

"I think it's too soon to tell," Dale Knab said, noting difficulties with the government's health care website. "I think in general it will work. It's going to take some time."

Knab, an Ann Arbor resident, has been pleased to see Blue Cross Blue Shield suggest alternatives to customers whose policies are ending. "I don't think it's as bad as it could be," he said. "I think they're doing a pretty good job."

All pharmacies experience some confusion each Jan. 1, he said, with changes in prescription coverage each year going back to when it started. "A number of these plans are going to have some changes in them," Knab said.

Older people are generally less computer-literate, he said, and some don't have a younger family member to help with online research and issues.

He and other pharmacists recommend that a patient's prescriptions all be filled at one pharmacy, to allow monitoring of side effects and interactions. Knab sees pharmacists continuing as visible health care providers.

"I don't know that's going to increase," he said. "It's certainly already there." When he's working at his store, he's visible and available for health care questions, some of which get answered by phone.

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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.ymcadetroit.org.

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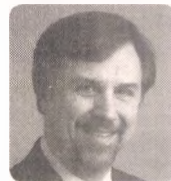
Meets from 6:30-8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan), Livonia. Call 734-655-1100 or visit www.stmarymercy.org. **BLOOD PRESSURE**

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. For more information, call 734-458-4330. **CHOIR THERAPY**

The Therapy Choirs of Michigan extend an invitation to individuals with any kind of special needs or disabilities and their able-bodied family and friends, to participate in singing. Call Len McCulloch at 248-474-2763, Ext. 22.

Baby, It's Cold Outside!

...Stay Warm and Practice Proper Winter Safety!
From A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



Dr. Szczeciński
Sports Medicine

A snowy day can add a nice touch to the holidays, but with temperatures below freezing, it's important to exercise caution when going outside. GCH Family Practice and Sports Medicine Expert, Dr. Stanley Szczeciński, provides essential information for staying healthy when the weather outside gets frightful.

Q: What exactly is hypothermia?

A: Hypothermia is when the body's core temperature drops from its usual 98.6 degrees, and becomes a medical emergency when dipping below 95 degrees or less. Anyone who spends extended periods of time outside in cold winter temperatures is at risk for hypothermia. In addition to the lowered temperature, someone experiencing hypothermia may suffer from extreme shivers, confusion, slurred speech, clumsiness, disorientation, dizziness and drowsiness.

When heading outdoors, make sure you dress warmly. It's wise to dress in layers when you'll be exerting yourself in frigid temperatures so that you can start out properly insulated, and then shed layers as your body temperature starts to rise as a result of your level of activity.

Make a point of wearing clothing made from synthetic materials to help conserve body heat. Avoid wearing clothing made from cotton fibers. If cotton gets wet, it takes some time to dry and during that time, you run the risk of becoming severely chilled and losing much needed body heat.

Q: How do you know if you have frostbite?

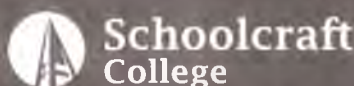
A: When it's cold enough, skin can freeze, resulting in frostbite. Frostbite not only is painful, it can result in loss of fingers and toes. Early warning signs of frostbite may include but are not limited to tingling, numbness or coldness in an affected area. While we all experience cold fingers, toes, hands, feet and faces in cold weather, the feeling goes beyond mere cold. Skin in the affected area may begin to appear white or 'frosted', and skin may feel tight and resistant when pressed. Frostbite may also be indicated when a person experiences lack of sensations to the affected area. Normal sensations like pain disappear and hands or feet may feel 'heavy'. Be prepared and dress properly when going outside in cold weather. This is especially important when letting children play outside. If you feel you or a loved one is experiencing frostbite or hypothermia, get them to a warm place and remove any wet clothing. GENTLY BEGIN WARMING THEM, AND SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY. IF A PERSON HAS FROSTBITTEN TOES OR FEET, AVOID LETTING THEM WALK, UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. DO NOT USE HEAT FROM HEATING PADS, A RADIATOR, FIRE OR HOT WATER.

From chilling temperatures to slippery sidewalks, winter brings many unique safety concerns. Keep your family cozy and safe this winter. Remember to dress appropriately, use extreme caution on frozen lakes and rivers, go outside in groups or at least let someone else know where you are, prepare your car for winter travel, don't "over do it" when shoveling and stay hydrated. If you get wet or cold, go inside right away. If you're concerned, play it safe and see a physician.

Happy holidays from Garden City Hospital!

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Veterans Services Coordinator Pam Paxton-Keehner,
Schoolcraft College
Ms. Paxton-Keehner will answer questions about how veterans can use their educational benefits to pursue a college education. Learn more at www.schoolcraft.edu/veterans or 734-462-4400, x5346.

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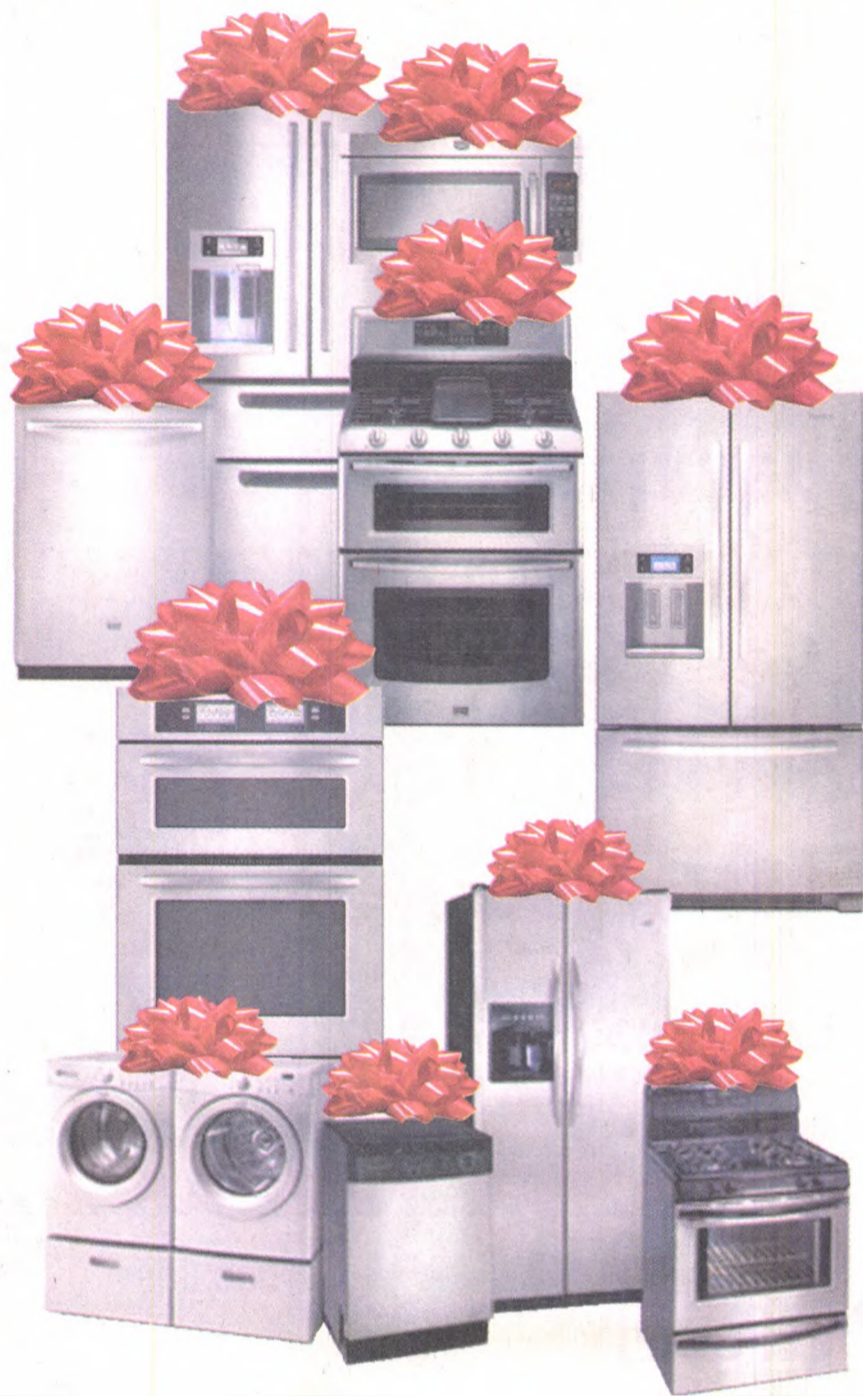
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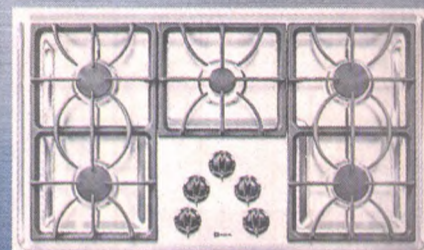


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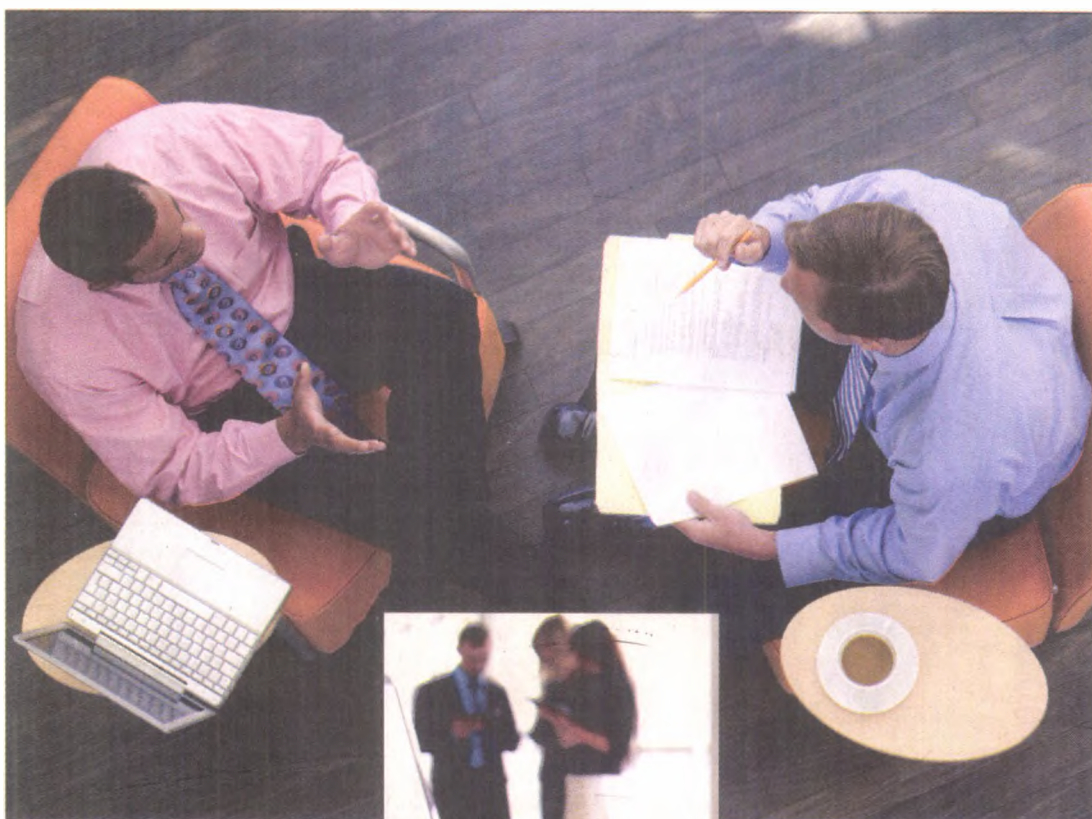
Job interviews used to be about showing up, answering questions and being polite and professional. Now, with how competitive it is to get a job, successful candidates need to also focus on proving their usefulness to the company and their uniqueness as professionals.

How?

Portfolios -- visual representation of previous work -- have been go-to job search tools for copywriters, graphic designers and artists for years. But the benefits of a portfolio can be reaped by any serious job applicant, regardless of the industry. While they shouldn't replace resumes, portfolios can help bring your experience to life.

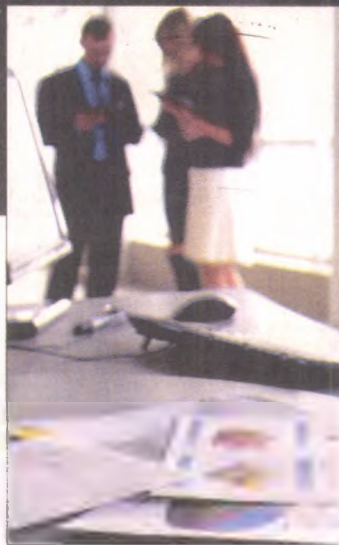
Here are some benefits:

1 People like pictures. It's simple but true: Instagram and Pinterest wouldn't be successful if it weren't. You can draw people in by showing an interesting visual representation of your previous work experience and volunteer activities. Did you volunteer for Habitat for Humanity? Use a picture of you helping to build a house. Did you do work on a social media campaign? Use a picture of some of your tweets and posts. Did you work the front desk for a pharmaceutical firm? Use some of the firm's pictures of people its drugs have helped (Always give photo credit and be sure that the photo is available for public use.) The purpose of the photo is to catch someone's eye and draw him in to learn more. The more interesting the picture, the better: just be sure it's relevant.



2 People like stories. Once you've drawn someone in with a picture, use a paragraph to tell a story about what you did at a company or in a volunteer position. Make sure you focus on how you benefited the company and made a difference. Use this story to answer the questions, "How did I help this company/organization meet its mission?" and "What did I do differently or better than others have done?" Keep it to just a few sentences, but keep it interesting. Remember, you've always got your résumé to fall back on for bullet-point details.

3 Portfolios let you feature your strengths. When you put together a portfolio, you're guiding a hiring manager through the story you



want to tell. Instead of having to give all of your job duties equal weight (like on a résumé), you can feature the elements of your background that make you most interesting and most useful to the company with which you're interviewing. The interviewer is in the position to decide whether you get the job, but it's up to you to guide the discussion toward the things about you that make you the best candidate. So, how do you build a

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Nicki Krawczyk is a copywriter, copy coach and founder of FilthyRichWriter.com, an online resource for new and aspiring copywriters.

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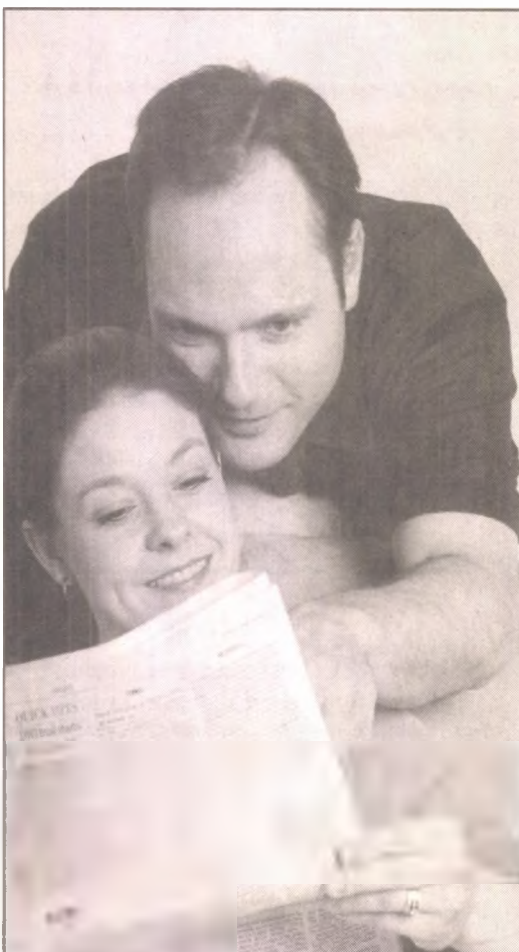
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Car Report

Advertising Feature

Hyundai may be capacity-constrained and so not chomping up market share in the United States like it was a couple of years ago, but the company continues to be practically unsurpassed at doing interesting things.

By Dale Buss

Witness American CEO John Krafcik's declaration at the Los Angeles Auto Show that Hyundai will leapfrog the plans of both Toyota and Honda and introduce a retail fuel-cell vehicle next year.

And while Hyundai has had more than its share of doubters all along about its strategy to stretch its single brand across a lineup of vehicles that ranges from just \$15,000 to as high as \$69,000, there's no doubting the credentials that the brand already has established at the high end with Genesis and Equus. Hyundai largely has managed to come through on its promise to field U.S. luxury cars that could stand up to high-end competition but do so on a more-affordable basis.

In fact, Equus just achieved the highest overall score and the best in the luxury segment in the annual Total Value Index compiled by Strategic Vision for the 18th year. The study looked at nearly 46,000 new-car buyers for 2013 models between September 2012 and March 2013, and their ownership experiences, as well as customers' views on their purchases.

Hyundai overall scored well, too, ranked as the leading brand for Total Value and getting special notice for Sonata, Genesis and Elantra in addition to Equus.

The 2014 Equus represents the ultimate truth-telling in what Krafcik has been saying for years, as he



The 2014 Hyundai Equus cuts a fine figure in the luxury segment.

and his Korean bosses have pushed Hyundai into ever-pricier segments of the U.S. market: The brand will create new benchmarks in vehicles that provide competitive quality and appeal but at more-than-competitive prices.

Many reviewers have argued that Equus, with starting prices at around \$61,000, comes very close to providing an equal match to competitors such as the Lexus LS460 that are priced at least \$10,000 higher.

Spending a week in an Equus lends plenty of reasons to come to that conclusion. It's not very distinctive in design, though it's clearly a luxury sedan. But there are indications even before you're in the car that Equus is something special. For example, its 16.7 cubic feet of trunk space is more than respectable, and when the trunk cavity is empty, it looks like it'll take a lot to fill it up.

And once a driver is in the seat, Hyundai's argument for this car unfolds convincingly. The power provided by

its 5.0-liter, 429-horsepower V8 is superbly available and propels Equus forward with exquisite smoothness as it builds. Handling, too, is comparable to that provided by Lexus and other Japanese competitors.

And Hyundai has done a good job of appropriating touches that have worked for some of the luxury rivals it wants to emulate. Its seat-position controls high on the side doors of Equus for both front passengers are configured in a seat shape in which each individual button corresponds to the appropriate part of the seat, an innovation that has been led by Mercedes-Benz.

Equus is no Volkswagen Phaeton when it comes to creature comforts. But some of what it provides is close to what VW briefly brought to American drivers several years ago in a car that could easily push a \$100,000 price tag. Take the rear seats of Equus, for instance.

In Korean business culture, the back seat is especially important because executive are often chauffeured. So Hyundai has loaded up the back seat of the Equus Ultimate version with a dual-screen entertainment system and very comfortable heated, cooled and reclining outboard seats. By pressing a button in the rear, a passenger can collapse the front passenger seat, opening up huge legroom. There are powered sunshades. And infotainment controls in the rear armrest are equally capable with those up front.

Equus buyers no longer receive a free iPad as they did a couple of years ago when Hyundai was introducing the nameplate. But since its long-ago, pioneering promise of a 100,000-mile powertrain warranty on its



The rear seat of Equus is a study in creature comforts.

cars, the brand has emphasized the importance of customer service, and that's certainly the case with Equus. Buyers get three year or 36,000 miles of free maintenance, and owners don't even have to go to the dealership: Hyundai will dispatch valets with a complimentary loaner to pick up and drop off the car.

Krafcik said a few years ago that the quality of the customer experience would be key for Hyundai to make its brand and cars credible to upwardly mobile luxury buyers with Genesis and Equus. And at least so far, Hyundai has counted that as a strength.

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