

PLYMOUTH OBSERVER

A GANNETT COMPANY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2014 • hometownlife.com

Snow days push schools to the limit

District officials will have to search for ways to add instruction time if more days missed

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The decision to close school Tuesday, when the wind-chill factor plummeted to minus-20 degrees, was a pretty easy one for Plymouth-

Canton Community Schools administrators to make.

It was Plymouth-Canton's fourth inclement weather day of the year. And it wasn't a tough decision; in fact, administrators made the call early Monday afternoon.

"The predicted wind chills (for Tuesday) were going to be in the danger zone," Plymouth-Canton spokesperson Kate Dietrich said.

The decision to make Wednesday the district's fifth snow day of the year took a little longer; the call was made later Tuesday evening.

Like the choice to close Wednesday, these decisions aren't always easy to make.

Wednesday, for instance, was a tougher call. The National Weather Service was predicting wind-chill factors that hovered right around minus-20 degrees. The biggest factor in the decision was – and always is, according to officials – student safety.

"We err on the side of caution and safety of the kids," said Kurt Tyszkiewicz, the district's executive director

of staffing, student services and policy and the point-man on such decisions. "We have to think about what temperatures are going to be when kids are standing at the bus stop, waiting on a bus that might not be on time.

"Sometimes it's a no-brainer, like (Tuesday)," Tyszkiewicz said. "Other days, like

See LIMIT, Page A2



Firefighters feed hose into a Holbrook home that caught fire Tuesday.

No injuries in Plymouth house fire

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A Tuesday afternoon fire severely damaged a house on Holbrook south of Main Street in Plymouth. No one was home at the time and no serious injuries were reported.

Capt. Jim Davison, of the Northville City Fire Department's Plymouth Station, said the fire was reported at 12:42 p.m. by a passerby who saw smoke coming from the single-story house. The first firefighters were at the scene six minutes later, Davison said.

The fire is believed to have started in the kitchen and a preliminary in-

vestigation pointed to an electrical problem. Firefighters arrived to see heavy smoke coming from the gables at both ends of the house, Davison said.

"It had already burned through the ceiling in the kitchen and was up into the attic," he said. Firefighters entered the house through the front door and went into the kitchen to extinguish the blaze, then up into the attic from inside, he said. They also cut holes in the roof to get to the attic fire, he said.

The homeowner was not there at the time; Davison said the man arrived



The fire spread to the attic of the home. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

See FIRE, Page A2

PARC group looking for new ideas

Committee must explore options after township board snub

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Plymouth Township resident Kimberly Baker understands the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex project is in the very early planning stages.

But after looking at a diagram of the plan at a Monday meeting to promote the project, she had a piece of advice for organizers: make it relevant to everyone.

The PARC plan, at an estimated cost of \$26 million, would preserve and score part of Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth – the old Plymouth High School, dating from the 1920s – and, with remodeling and additions, turn the 18-acre property into a community center with meeting space, an auditorium, a new swimming pool, a fitness center, a gymnasium, art studios, athletic fields and more.

But as Baker looked over the plan, she noticed the fitness center portion was disproportionately small and might not draw a local resident like herself – with no school-age children looking for a place to work out – to the center.

"I love the idea... (but) this supports people with children," said Baker, a 10-year resident of Plymouth Township. "But what does it do for people who don't have school-age children? It's sort of disappointing for the rest of us."

That sort of question isn't the only problem organizers of the PARC project face; in fact, it's not even the biggest one. That distinction belongs to the fight the PARC committee is going to have getting the project financed. The PARC committee went on the offensive Mon-

See PARC, Page A2

Win Valentine's Day dinner for two

Tell us in 50 words or less what makes your valentine so special and you could win dinner for two at Joe & Aldo's Italian Tavern in Novi.

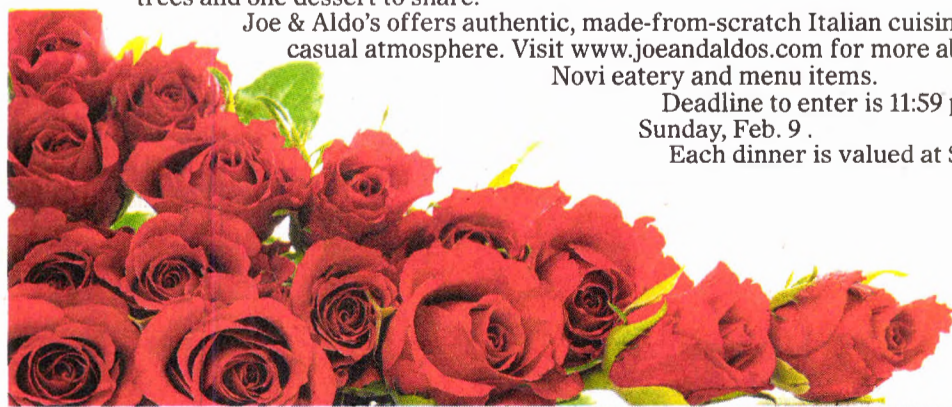
Two winners will be selected in this special Valentine's Day promotion. Enter at facebook.com/oehtown and look for the Valentine's Day contest icon or go to hometownlife.com and select the Valentine's Day contest in the Don't Miss module.

Two lucky winners will be selected by a panel of judges. Dinner includes an appetizer to share, bread basket, soup or salad for two, entrees and one dessert to share.

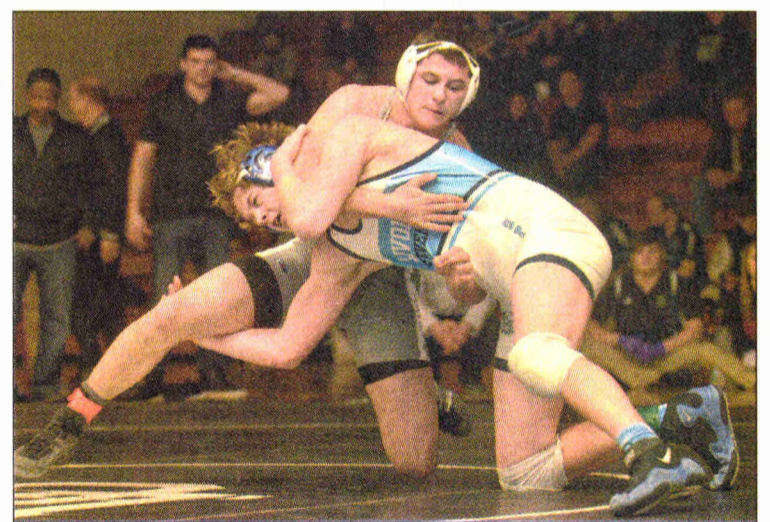
Joe & Aldo's offers authentic, made-from-scratch Italian cuisine in a casual atmosphere. Visit www.joeandaldo.com for more about the Novi eatery and menu items.

Deadline to enter is 11:59 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9.

Each dinner is valued at \$70.



Mat mastery



Plymouth's Hussein Youssef (top) got a take-down with one second left in OT to beat Stevenson's Connor Vaughan, 4-2, for the 171-pound title at the Observerland wrestling tournament. For more on the tournament, please turn to page B1. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC MEDIA
hometownlife.com

© The Observer & Eccentric
Volume 127 • Number 50

INDEX

Business	A8	Homes	B10	Services	B10
Crossword Puzzle	B11	Jobs	B11	Sports	B1
Entertainment	B6	Obituaries	B5	Wheels	B10
Food	B8	Opinion	A10		

PRICE: \$1

Home Delivery: (866) 887-2737 | Return Address: 29725 Hudson Dr., Novi MI 48377



Free Checking
With anytime access
Visit cfcu.org today!

Free ATMs
Mobile Deposit
Bill Pay
Online Banking
Mobile Apps



COMMUNITY FINANCIAL

right here right for you
(877) 937-2328

Plymouth chamber kicks off year with pep talk

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Plymouth-area business people began Wednesday with an "atta-boy" and a pep talk.

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's annual kickoff breakfast, serving as a review of chamber accomplishments in 2013 and a to-do list for the coming year, drew around 140 people to the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township.

Chamber president Wes Graff, after rattling off annual chamber events in what he called a "lightning round" of successes, touted Plymouth Township's and Plymouth's recent respective Nos. 1 and 2 statewide rankings on AreaVibes.com, a website that ranks the livability of communities around the country.

everyone in this room and everyone in this community," Graff said, adding that, along with the status of the Plymouths, the high rankings of Canton Township and Northville by AreaVibes show a regional strength.

"That really speaks well of our quality of life. That really speaks well of the neighbors that we have," he said.

Things to do

Graff listed several chamber initiatives for 2014, including:

» Broadening a partnership with the Plymouth-Canton Community School District that aims to give students the skills area employers need.

Graff said the chamber in November brokered a relationship between the district and Schoolcraft College that puts high schoolers in



State Rep. Phil Cavanagh, D-Redford Township (right), talks with state Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township.

college courses that provide a foundation for studying skilled trades after high school. Two students are already enrolled, he said, and it is hoped the program will expand. Graff said plans are also being made for middle-school students to visit Schoolcraft to see what it offers.

» Launching a campaign to promote Plymouth as a place for people to meet. Plymouth seems to be a convenient location in between many places in the region, he said, and the chamber should harness that. Graff said the campaign has already started in small ways and that social media and television-spot components are planned.

» Rebuilding the Plymouth Ice Festival, which also made the list of 2013 accomplishments. With the festival's future in doubt last year, Graff said, the chamber joined with the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority and event producer James Gietzen to put on the 2014 version — the 32nd annual festival — earlier this month.

Plans are under way, he said, to form a non-profit organization to produce future festivals

and to continue to rebuild the event with a renewed focus on the ice.

Graff urged business support of the festival, calling it Plymouth's signature event.

"There is no bigger promotion for our community than this Ice Festival," Graff said.

A look back

Graff and Mark Evenson, president of the chamber's board of directors, listed chamber accomplishments from 2013, including paying off the mortgage on the chamber office in downtown Plymouth; selling out a July golf outing, the chamber's second-biggest annual fundraiser; selling more than \$79,000 worth of gift certificates to local businesses; and sponsoring networking events and business workshops.

The chamber also sponsors annual restaur-

ant crawls both downtown and in the Old Village neighborhood, stages ribbon-cuttings for new businesses, sponsors the farmers market at The Gathering each Saturday during warmer months, is a sponsor of the annual Fourth of July parade and fireworks and has an annual dinner and auction, its biggest fundraiser.

Kris Mayer, a chamber board member who works at Bank of Ann Arbor as a vice president and manager of the Ann Arbor Road branch, said she sees a good year ahead for the chamber. She likes the campaign to promote Plymouth as a meeting place, saying she's found that convenient herself.

"I think it's going to be a good campaign. We have the venue to be able to do it," Mayer said.

mjachman@hometownlife.com

FIRE

Continued from Page A1

with firefighters still on the scene, answered questions and toured the damaged house. The man is staying with a relative, Davison said.

The NCFD responded with two engines, an ambulance and 15 firefighters from the Ply-

mouth Station, plus with an engine and four firefighters from the Northville Station. The Plymouth Community Fire Department sent mutual aid with one engine, an ambulance and firefighters, Davison said. Firefighters were at the scene for nearly four hours.

The house sustained heat, smoke and water damage, the captain said.

Water poured into the attic to put out the fire there brought down the ceiling, he said. "It's fixable. They can probably rebuild it," Davison said.

One firefighter suffered a minor bump on the head, Davison said, and was checked out at the scene and continued working. No other injuries were reported.

Davison said the ex-

treme cold didn't cause major problems, but that "guys were freezing up, gloves were freezing up, guys were frozen."

Plymouth's Department of Municipal Services did a good job of salting pavement in the area in order to combat ice, he said.

mjachman@hometownlife.com
313-222-2405
Twitter: @mattjachman

LIMIT

Continued from Page A1

Wednesday, are on the bubble because the predictions aren't so sure."

Wednesday's closure left Plymouth-Canton with just one more snow day before it hits the state-mandated maximum of six. Once a district hits six, missed time has to be made up.

The time can be made up in a few ways. Districts can simply add days at the end of the school year (an unpopular option, particularly with students), add minutes to each school day through the end of the year or target scheduled days off (for things like professional development). Districts can also petition the state Department of Education for a waiver of the make-up requirement.

There are many districts well over the six days — Lake Orion, for instance, is at 11 days already, Tyszkiewicz pointed out — but Plymouth-Canton still has a couple of days left. According to Tyszkiewicz, that's because Plymouth-Canton caught a break over the Christmas/New Year holiday break.

While other districts returned to school Jan. 2, Plymouth-Canton waited until the following Monday. Many districts ended up calling off school both Jan. 2-3. Plymouth-Canton was also spared the use of a snow day last Friday, when most districts closed schools, but Plymouth-Canton was already off for a records day.

Plymouth-Canton's snow-day decisions are reached after consultation with a 17-district consortium that participates in a conference call whenever inclement weather threatens school. The call includes district representatives

and a meteorologist, who "provides all the weather information we need," Tyszkiewicz said.

"There is no hard-and-fast rule" about when to close, Tyszkiewicz said. "There are a lot of factors. Most of the people on the call are superintendents and they let the other (consortium) members know what they're doing. After that, a lot of them follow suit."

When actual snow is coming, the decision is a bit harder. Tyszkiewicz, maintenance chief Bruce Haarala and Director of Transportation Kurt Miles are the "designated drivers," administrators who actually hit the road to determine whether they're drivable.

After consultation with Superintendent Dr. Mike Meissen and other administrators, the decision is made whether to risk the district's bus fleet on the roads.

"Every community is a little different," Tyszkiewicz said. "For instance, Wayne-Westland has a larger at-risk population than we do. They have to consider the number of kids who can't afford things like hats and good coats."

The district is often in a no-win situation. Call school off too early and it inches toward the maximum number of days off. Wait too long and frustrated parents flood the district with phone calls and emails. So far, according to Tyszkiewicz, that hasn't been much of a problem.

"The biggest concern for parents is what they're going to do with their children" on a snow day, he said. "We've been fortunate to be able to call (snow days) early enough that we've been able to alert parents early so they can make child care arrangements."

bkadrich@hometownlife.com
Twitter: @bkadrich

PARC

Continued from Page A1

day, drawing nearly 300 people to a meeting less than two weeks after its plan was dealt a blow by the Plymouth Township board.

The Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex committee meeting turned into a "what's next" event after the township board not only voted 5-2 against participating in the project, but also voted 4-3 against establishing any kind of joint authorities with the city of Plymouth for at least three years.

The PARC committee had hoped to establish a regional taxing authority, much like the authority that runs the Plymouth District Library, to pay for and manage a cultural, athletic and community center shared by city



Jill Andra Young reads the PARC brochure. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

and township residents. The center would be built on the site of Central Middle School, being closed by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools following the 2014-15 school year.

The committee has gotten heavy push-back from the township board, though, as board members consider establishing a recreation center in

the township. The township board would have to vote to participate in the authority and its denial puts a big dent in the PARC's plans.

"The position the township has taken has made things difficult for this project," said Don Soenen, a PARC committee member who has been the face of the project thus far. "It really does jeopardize the project. We really have our work cut out for us now."

Soenen told the audience Monday that 26 groups have already signed on to use the center. Among the most prominent are the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers swim program, including more than 240 swimmers, and the Plymouth-Canton Steelers, a youth football and cheerleading organization fueled by some 200 families every year.

The Michigan Philharmonic and the Plymouth Community Arts Council have already said

they'd move their respective headquarters into the complex, according to Soenen.

Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards said at the last township meeting that he objected to having a community center in the city when township taxpayers, because of the township's greater size, would pay a majority of the taxes to support it.

At Monday's meeting, Soenen talked about finding other alternatives to the taxing authority to fund the PARC project, although no real specifics were discussed. He pointed out that a 0.07-mill levy for the authority would raise some \$1.5 million a year, more than enough, he said, to maintain and run the complex.

Among the options being considered without the taxing authority is a direct millage, though no one seemed encouraged such a thing would happen. Instead, Soenen is, for the moment, encouraging supporters to "put some pressure" on township board members who voted against participating. Those five included Edwards, Supervisor Richard Reaume, Clerk Nancy Conzelman and trustees Kay Arnold and Michael Kelly.

"We need to apply pressure to the township board," Soenen said. "We're going to assess our options with and without township support. We're going to keep charging ahead."

GREAT LAKES DERMATOLOGY

MICHAEL R. COHEN, D.O.
Board Certified Dermatologist

*Specializing in Diseases
w/ the Skin, Hair & Nails*

*Invites you to visit and receive
the care you deserve.*

- Skin Cancer
- Eczema
- Moles
- Warts
- Psoriasis
- Hair Loss
- Acne
- Botox
- Much More

Accepting New Patients • All Ages

Call for Appointment 248-324-2222 Evening appts. available

**Lewis Medical Office Centre, 39475 Lewis Drive,
Suite 150, Novi, Michigan 48377**

greatlakesderm@yahoo.com

CRYSTAL CREEK
Assisted Living

We care for and about our residents and their families.

Our staff is professionally trained and able to provide the support and care that your loved one needs, all while providing a secure lifestyle.

- Relaxed, caring atmosphere
- Spacious studio-styled suites
- Accommodations for couples
- Handicap accessible suites
- 24-hour staff physician services
- Daily medication management
- Contained outdoor courtyard
- Housekeeping/laundry
- Beauty/barber shop
- Variety of activities and programs
- State Licensed
- Nurse on site

Call us for an appointment today

734-453-3203

8121 North Lilley Rd. • Canton, MI 48187 • www.crystalcreekassistedliving.com

Canton
Leisure Services

Creating Great Experiences

Seasonal Part-Time Positions Available

Thinking about a summer job? We're hiring seasonal part-time positions that start in April-June 2014. If you enjoy a fast-paced, exciting work environment, don't miss this opportunity to join a great team this summer!

Open Positions May Include:

- Summer Camp Counselors & Supervisors
- Therapeutic Recreation Camp Staff
- Pheasant Run Golf Course Staff
- Preschool Instructors
- Park Laborers
- Canton Sports Center Staff
- Special Events Coordinators
- Lifeguards
- ...And More!

Apply January 27 - February 10, 2014 at
www.canton-mi.org/humanresources/jobs.asp

Equal Opportunity Employer

For more information, call
734/394-5260

SCORE BIG SAVINGS

YOU'RE THE WINNER WITH OUR LINE-UP



MATTRESS FLOOR MODEL CLEARANCE

**50% OFF
SALE PRICING**



INNOVATION IN FOCUS

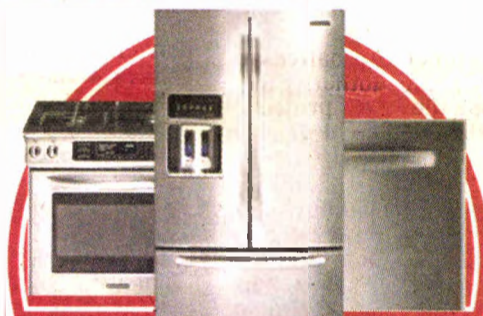
we're taking cooking technology to surprising new places.

Ice Collection

Fridge: WRX988SIBM \$2999	Microwave: WMH53520AS \$299	Canopy Hood GXW6530DXS \$449
	Range WGG75550BS \$1799	
Dishwasher: WDT910SAYM, \$699	Gas Cooktop: G7CG3064XS \$1049	Electric Wall Oven: WOD93EC0AS \$2549

KitchenAid®

Save on appliances that complete your kitchen with this exclusive invitation



INVITATION TO SAVINGS

Receive up to
\$1000

MasterCard Prepaid Card by mail with purchase of select KitchenAid® Brand appliances. Offer valid 1/1/14 through 3/31/14. See store for details.

What's Cooking with Chef Pam

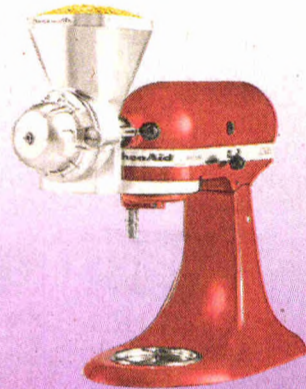
...in the
Bill & Rod's Kitchen

February 8th • 1 pm

Bread Making Class

Chef Pam will use her KitchenAid grain mill to create some simple breads; dinner rolls, pretzels and corn cakes.

Everyone Welcome.



Serta
Majestic Crown
mattresses

part of the
Serta
perfect sleeper
collection

Twin Inner
Spring Mattress starting at \$199

Serta Queen
Memory Foam Mattress starting at \$499



WE MAKE THE WORLD'S BEST MATTRESS.™



POWER. PERFORMANCE. SAVINGS.



Receive a \$150 - \$250 MasterCard® Prepaid Card by mail when you purchase select Maytag® laundry pairs
Offer valid 01/01/2014 thru 04/30/2014



Culinary Combinations



Receive a \$100 - \$600 MasterCard® Prepaid Card by mail when you purchase select Maytag® kitchen appliances.
Offer valid 01/16/2014 thru 02/18/2014



WHAT'S INSIDE MATTERS™



Bill & Rod's
APPLIANCES & MATTRESSES
Honest and Dependable
Since 1963

SALES • SERVICE • PARTS
734-425-5040

Visit us on Facebook
Sign up to receive notification of upcoming events!
Quality Factory Trained Technicians
www.billandrodsappliance.com

15870 Middlebelt Road
North of Five Mile • Livonia



Bank robbery suspect faces competency hearing

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Canton bank robbery suspect is expected to learn in February whether he will be found competent to stand trial following allegations he seized money from a Comerica branch inside the Kroger store near Canton Center and Ford roads.

Nathan Michael Kuhn, 28, faces a competency hearing Feb. 24 in front of Wayne

County Circuit Judge Richard Skutt, whose ruling also is expected to determine whether Kuhn should be held criminally responsible.

Kuhn, described as a drifter who has lived in Livonia and Westland, remained jailed this week as he awaits his next court date. His release would require \$50,000 toward a \$500,000/10-percent bond.

Kuhn was arrested at a



Kuhn

Wayne motel after the Comerica branch was robbed last Oct. 24 by a man who passed a note to a teller, implying he had a gun and demanding money, Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh has said.

No shots were fired and no one was injured as the suspect escaped with an undisclosed amount of money. Kuhn could face penalties ranging up to life in prison if he is convicted

as charged.

Kuhn's arrest in Wayne came after police received a tip that he had been seen there. Baugh has said officers forced their way into the motel room "without incident" after the suspect tried to block police from entering. A not-guilty plea has been placed on Kuhn's record as he awaits the outcome of his case. Kuhn had been scheduled for a competency hearing this month, but it was delayed by the court.

According to court records, Skutt has ordered Kuhn to stay away from the Kroger store and its employees – if he is able to post bond and be released from jail.

Just 11 months prior to his arrest, Kuhn had been paroled for incidents involving uttering and publishing, or forging a check or other financial document.

dclcm@hometownlife.com
313-222-2238
Twitter: @CantonObserver

CANTON CRIME WATCH

Prescription fraud

Canton police arrested a 23-year-old Belleville man suspected of engaging in prescription fraud at the Meijer store at Ford and Canton Center, a police report said.

The report said a suspect had dropped off two prescriptions Friday evening to be filled for hydrocodone and amoxicillin. He was supposedly dropping off the prescriptions written out by a Plymouth doctor.

However, Meijer already had received notification from a Plymouth doctor that someone had been getting prescriptions filled using her name. Police happened to spot the suspect when he returned to get the prescriptions, but he began running from the pharmacy area, a police report said.

Police chased him out of the store and he was captured. Officers confiscated the two prescriptions, along with a small amount of

marijuana.

Police spoke with the suspect's mother, who said she intended to help get him into rehab.

iPod theft

A Canton mother told police that her 17-year-old son, accused of stealing an iPod while he was visiting a female friend, has a drug problem and has been involved in thefts, a police report said.

The teen is facing larceny charges amid allegations he stole the iPod sometime prior to Monday while he was visiting his friend in the 1500 block of Brookdale, northeast of Palmer and Lotz.

The female friend, 16, told police she picked up the suspect and brought him to her residence. She said they had been in the basement when she later discovered the iPod was missing.

Police caught up with the teen at a home in Plymouth and recovered

the iPod. He told police he didn't realize he had put it in his pocket, the police report said.

Hit-and-run driver

A 39-year-old Garden City woman contacted police after she said she was the victim of a hit-and-run driver while she was driving near Cherry Hill and Haggerty about 9:35 a.m. Saturday, a police report said.

The woman told police an SUV struck her Honda Odyssey from behind on westbound Cherry Hill Road. She said the driver stopped his vehicle, got out, looked at the damage to his SUV, got back in his vehicle and drove off.

Home flooding

Canton police went to Stone-wood, near Canton Center and Saltz, to force entry into a home that was flooding after a water pipe had burst, a police report said.

Police went to the scene to assist firefighters who already had arrived to try to address heavy water flow inside the house, which was unoccupied. Police contacted the property manager about the incident.

House egged

A man who lives in the 43700 block of Nowland, northeast of Palmer and Sheldon, has fallen victim to the old-fashioned crime of having his house pelted with eggs, a police report said.

The 54-year-old man returned home Monday from an out-of-town trip and learned his house had been egged for the second time in a month. He notified police, but said he wasn't aware of any suspects.

— By Darrell Clem

Canton cops arrest Westland city council member

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A Westland councilman was arrested early Jan. 19 for drunken driving in Canton.

Adam Hammons, recently elected for a second term as council president pro tem, was pulled over at 12:52 a.m. while driving his 2012 Ford Fusion on Cherry Hill near Highlands.

"I was attending a charity event on Saturday evening, Jan. 18, in Canton Township. I made a poor decision by drinking alcohol that night and driving home. I truly regret my decision," Hammons said. "I will take full responsibility for my actions and apologize for any embarrassment this event may have brought upon my family or the residents of the city of Westland."

A Canton police officer noted the eastbound vehicle was swerving within its lane. After he was pulled over, Hammons apologized, telling the officer his wife was trying to call him, police said.

The officer reported administering a Breathalyzer test, which resulted in a 0.12 blood-alcohol reading. Under Michigan law, a 0.08 blood-alcohol level is considered legally drunk when driving.

Police said Hammons was held until sober and released with an appearance ticket setting for him for a Feb. 4 arraignment in 35th District Court in Plymouth on a charge of operating while under the influence of alcohol.

lrogers@hometownlife.com

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Phone fraud

A Plymouth Township woman who was unable to access her account with a cellular service provider last week learned the account had been hacked by someone who changed the primary phone number and added another line.

The woman told police that after having trouble accessing her account, she contacted her provider and was told she had been "de-enrolled," a Plymouth Township Police Department report said. The primary number had been changed

to what had been a secondary number on the account, the account's address changed to a street in Grosse Pointe and another phone number added, the report said.

The account was canceled. Police advised the woman to monitor her credit reports for further signs of fraud.

ID theft

A township woman Saturday received a cellphone bill for nearly \$406 from a service provider with

which she doesn't have an account, police report. The bill showed that three phones had been purchased on the account, a police report said.

The report was filed for the victim by her mother, who said her daughter has an account with another provider, police said.

Fraud try

A man with a single-family house for rent in the township last week reported an apparent attempt by someone else to collect rent on it.

— By Matt Jachman



**WARREN
SHELDON RD.**

OE8799678

FOUR FRIENDS

BAR/GRILL

**Portions, Prices
and Service With
Neighborhood Comfort**

**Nightly Dinner
Specials starting at
\$7.95, after 4pm**

**44282 Warren • Canton
(E. of Sheldon)
(734) 416-0880**

**Fresh Homemade
Soups EVERYDAY**

JOIN US FOR DINNER.

Saturday Dinner

**Slow roasted herb crusted
Prime Rib
\$14.95**





**Surf and Turf
Top Sirloin
& Lobster Tail
\$19.95**

Friday

**Atlantic Cod
beer battered and deep fried
\$9.95 all you can eat**





Thursday

**Lake Perch
\$9.95**

**Sun - Wed
Dinners for two
\$15.95**

Lunch Mon- Sat 11 to 4

**KARAOKE FRIDAY
LIVE MUSIC SATURDAY**

Senior Living | Independent and Assisted Living



**Independence
Village**



The Secret for

Worry Free Living!

At Independence Village of Plymouth, our residents live life their way, in an affordable but luxurious setting. All-inclusive pricing means that our guests can experience all of our amenities with no surprise costs.

- One and Two bedroom apartment homes
- Home Health Care Services available on-site
- Exquisite Chef prepared meals
- 24 hour professional and caring staff
- Housekeeping and linen services
- Chauffeured transportation
- Exciting daily activities

Call to learn more or stop by for a tour. We're happy to answer your questions and give you a glimpse inside our community. *We just know you'll love it.*

Independence Village of Plymouth

14707 Northville Road, Plymouth, MI
South of 5 Mile Road

www.SeniorVillages.com
734-453-2600

©2014 Independence Villages are managed and lovingly cared for by Senior Village Management.
*Conditions apply expires 2/28/14.

Canton cops schedule coffee session

The Canton Police Department has scheduled another Coffee with a Cop for Feb. 26, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. The coffee session will be held from 10 a.m. to noon and is open to the public. Coffee with a Cop provides a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the

department's work in Canton's neighborhoods and business districts. The majority of contacts law enforcement has with the public happen during emergencies or stressful situations. Police say those situations are "not always the most effective times for relationship building." Coffee with a Cop breaks down barriers and allows for relaxed one-on-one

interaction. "We hope that community members will feel comfortable to ask questions, bring concerns or simply get to know our officers," Deputy Chief Scott Hilden said. "These interactions are the foundation of community partnerships." Requirements to host a two-hour session of Coffee

with a Cop include having a Canton location, being open to the public and coffee is provided for attendees. Coffee with a Cop is a national initiative supported by the United States Department of Justice. Similar events are held across the country. This program aims to advocate the practice of community policing through improving rela-

tionships between police officers and community members one cup of coffee at a time. The Canton Police Department would like to hold multiple sessions throughout the community this year. Any business or organization interested in hosting a two-hour session of Coffee with a Cop can contact the police department at 734-394-5401.

Local authors remember Detroit's country beat

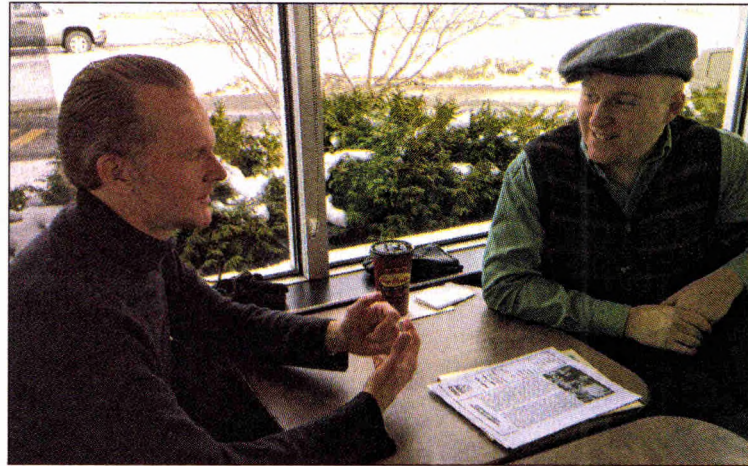
By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Musically, Detroit may be synonymous with Motown, the MCS, Iggy and the Stooges and Aretha Franklin. But thanks to the migration of people from the rural south during the 1930s and '40s, the Detroit area was also a hub for country music for decades.

"There was a big migration from the South all over America in the '30s — people went to California and the Midwest. That led to a popularization of country music," said Craig Maki, author of *Detroit Country Music* with Keith Cady.

Subtitled *Mountaineers, Cowboys and Rockabillys*, the book focuses on Detroit-based country music performers from 1940-60. Both Maki and Cady are musicians — Maki plays rhythm guitar and sings, while Cady plays upright bass — and also have experience as classic country music disc jockeys.

"I was going to college and got into doing radio. I was interested in a rockabilly show — the guy (who did the show) was leaving and I took the slot," Maki said. "People said they made music here. I used to collect records. Growing up, I had no idea about the music in Detroit." Maki started tracking down



"Detroit Country Music" authors Craig Maki (left) and Keith Cady spent 13 years working on their book.

some of those local country musicians for interviews, collecting newspaper articles and photos. He joined forces with Cady 13 years ago to produce the book.

"I got into it through rockabilly. I like the style. When I examined the roots, the musicians were really friendly people and had so many stories," Maki said.

Self-taught musicians

The musicians were all self-taught, Cady said, but had to be flexible in what they could play to meet popular demand.

"They could play anything — some played seven nights a week in Detroit," Cady said. "They were able to hone their craft. A lot switched between jazz and country. When you play live every night, you have to be flexible. These were the best musicians, but they had been forgotten."

"There were country (music) clubs, but they had to play what was popular — that

meant rock 'n' roll, even some polkas," Maki added.

With country music in clubs, recording work and also country music programs on mainstream radio stations like WWJ-AM (950), Detroit became an attractive location for many country musicians.

Maki, a Southfield resident who works in communications for Blue Cross, and Cady, who lives in Romulus and works in operations for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, both said working together helped keep them working on *Detroit Country Music* as the years passed.

Detroit Country Music, published by the University of Michigan Press, is in its fourth printing. It's available on Amazon and also as an eBook.

For a local presentation, Maki and Cady will speak at the Livonia Library Civic Center branch at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 4.

lrogers@hometownlife.com
313-222-5428

NorthRidge Church volunteers work to feed the hungry

NorthRidge Church has a big idea to help the hungry. The Rev. Brad Powell, senior pastor, and others hope to make a difference with the 2 Million Meals Campaign.

One billion people are experiencing hunger, 66 million children go to school hungry and 6,200 children die a day from poor nutrition, Powell said in announcing the campaign.

"It's tragic, but it would be even more tragic if we did nothing. We can make a difference," he said. "In 2011, NorthRidge packed 1,000,000 meals in three days with the help of 5,000 volunteers. When I first cast the vision, I wasn't sure what would happen. It was big, bold and unlike anything we had done before."

"Not only did we reach our goal — we blew it away. Through our 2014 initiative, we want to show God's love to twice as many people, by packaging 2,000,000 meals in three days with 10,000 volunteers!"

NorthRidge is partnering with Feed My Starving Children, a nonprofit Christian organization based in Minnesota.

The organization produces a scientifically engineered food formula aimed at saving the lives of malnourished children.

The formula consists of a mixture of rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables and 21 vitamins and minerals.

Volunteers from NorthRidge Church's three campuses, which include locations in Plymouth Township, Brighton and Saline, will be working almost non-stop Feb. 14-16 starting at noon Friday until 4 p.m. Sunday to reach its 2,000,000-meal goal. The packing will take place in 11 two-hour shifts, with 900 people packing during each shift, at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

The Showplace is donating 65,000 square feet of space for the event.

"Within days of our announcement, we had over 4,000 volunteers sign up. People get excited to be a part of something big that changes them and their world and we encourage participants to invite their family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. We look for opportunities to make a difference," said Michael Miller, director of stewardship and outreach.

Miller said that in addition to packing the meals, organizers are raising the funds to pay for the meals. "At 22 cents a meal, even our young kids can get involved and make a real difference. A \$50 donation buys 227 meals," he said.

According to John Cherico, development adviser for FMSC, this is one of its largest events and will help FMSC finish its fiscal year with more than 50 million Mobile Pack meals.

SNOW Sale

The snow is falling and so are our PRICES!!

From February 1st through 28th
it's YOUR CHOICE!

10% OFF any merchandise purchase at the time of purchase...

OR

5% Per inch of snow (up to 6") rebate in the month of March.*



SHOWROOM OF
Elegance
FINE JEWELRY
www.showroomofelegance.com

6018 N. Canton Center Rd. — Canton, Michigan 48187

PH: (734) 207-1906

Tuesday-Friday: 9:30AM — 6PM Saturday: 9:30AM — 4PM

*5% per inch up to 6" of total snowfall as reported at Detroit Metro Airport for the month of February, 2014. Must register to be eligible.

Offer cannot be combined with any other discounts or offers.

Excludes Pandora, silent auction items, special orders, loose diamonds, repairs and custom design.

Bundle up, the snow is falling!



Students from Marshall Upper Elementary School of Westland discuss their entry in the Future City Competition, held Jan. 27 at Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace. From left are Natalie Reed, Andrew Biber, Jack Mortson and Brendan Schema. This year's engineering challenge was to design a way to move people about a city in the future. Schools from all over Wayne and Oakland counties participated in the program. JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Middle schoolers explore engineering, work to solve problems of the future

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Some students showed their smarts Monday and had a great time at the same time.

The Engineering Society of Detroit, based in Southfield, coordinates Michigan's Future City competition, in which students use software, research skills and math/science knowledge to build a model city. A number of schools presented their models and findings to judges Monday, Jan. 27, at Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi during regional competition.

"What happens to wastewater?" asked judge Peggy Matta of the U.S. Green Building Council. She and two other judges were examining the presentation of Southfield's MacArthur K-8 University Academy.

"We're looking at how they protect the environment," said Matta, one of a number of adult volunteers at Suburban Collection Showplace that day.

This year's competition, the 19th annual, had a transportation theme. From MacArthur were students Erin Andrews, 14, an eighth-grader from Southfield, Ariel Slappy, 13, an eighth-grader from Southfield, and London Jones, 12, a seventh-grader from Southfield.

Their team had about 15, the girls said, and worked on their model for some three months. Their city is "Pavati: The Floating City." Islanders there live in Grand Original Green Igloos and wind and solar power are used.

The surface is of grass or permeable cement.

"I like the ability to create things and to solve problems," said Jones, who like her classmates is considering an engineering career. Their school model included a tube for travel with pods that could go as fast as 760 mph. Andrews noted there are bicycles that come from a backpack design, as well as wheelchairs for the disabled that can go in the tube.

Math's a focus

"I have learned so much about math and science," said Slappy, who used numbers to design to scale. "It was a lot of work."

She liked presenting for the judges in this, her second year of competition: "I actually have fun presenting to the judges. It was better than I thought it would be."

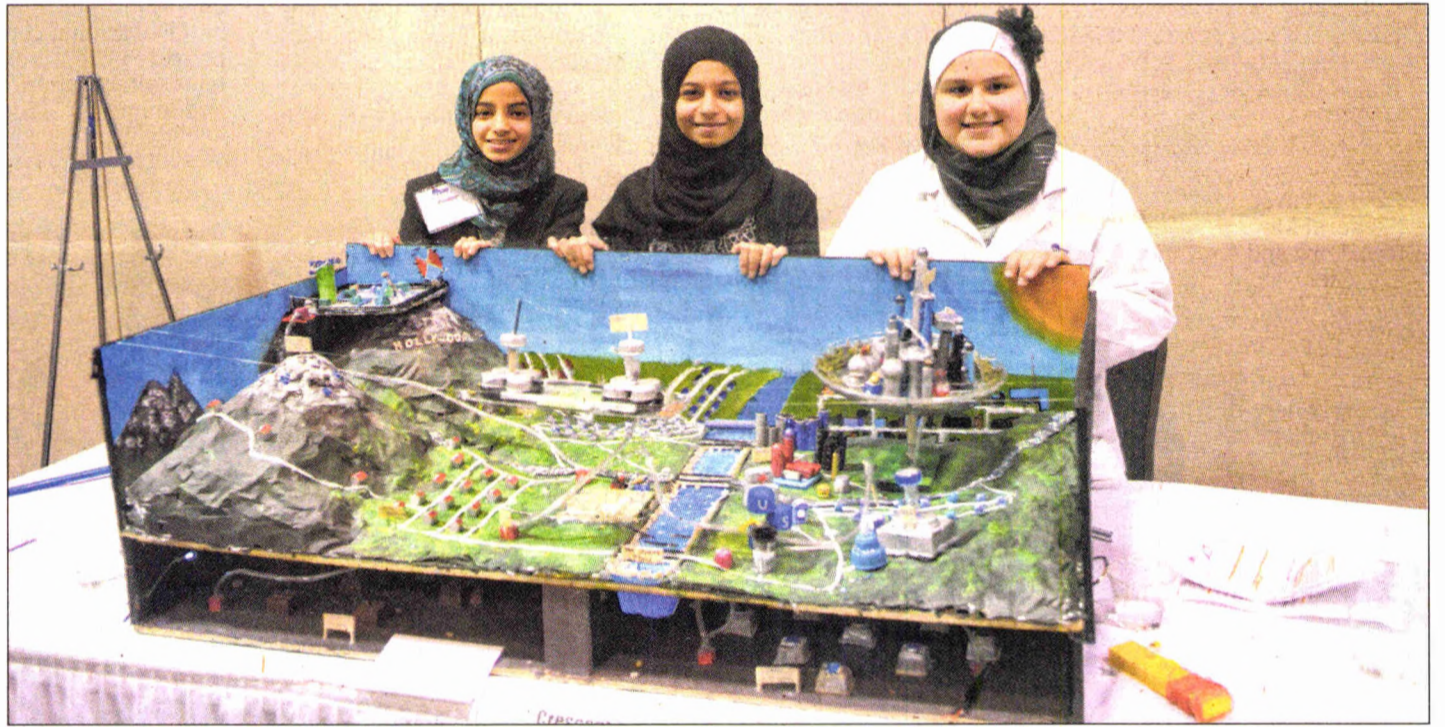
MacArthur K-8 took third place Monday.

Also participating was Crescent Academy International of Canton, which had two teams. Areesha Hasan, 12, a seventh-grader, Amina Hafeez, 13, a seventh-grader, and Amirah Aabed, 12, also a seventh-grader, all live in Canton. The girls were happy to explain their city of the future.

"This is Utopia, the city of the future," Aabed said. She explained the pollution of Los Angeles led to its end and its replacement.

"Utopia's very environmentally friendly," Aabed said, noting the downtown spins slowly to avoid disorienting people: "It's one big windmill."

Hafeez noted the iconic Hollywood design incorporated into the city of the



Crescent Academy International team No. 2 students Amina Hafeez, Areesha Hasan and Amirah Aabed stand with their Future City model. PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN



WDIV-TV (Channel 4) meteorologist Andrew Humphrey speaks about the many opportunities that are available to the kids in the engineering field.



Jain Temple of Greater Detroit School team members (from left) David Brooks, Kevin Zhang, Pritish Patil, Yug Chauhan and Rishabh Parekh stand with their Future City Model. They finished in the top five.

Mover or Metro.

"I think it fits better because you know the area," Schema said of their Michigan location. Some other teams chose to put their cities overseas.

"This was a class project," said Marshall teacher Diane Krzyaniak, a Livonia resident. Students began their work in October.

'So proud of them'

"I am so proud of them," Krzyaniak said. "It boggles my mind how much teamwork, how much enthusiasm they have had." Her team of 31 worked with engineering mentor Stephanie Fowler, who does consulting with GZA GeoEnvironmental of Livonia. Fowler would visit the Westland school each Monday to work with the team.

"Engineers are leaders and mentors," Fowler said. "It's a great opportunity to work with the community, especially kids."

Mortson spoke for his classmates about possibly pursuing engineering later as a career as their mentor did: "She's very helpful."

The Westland city planner also visited the class, Krzyaniak added. "The kids get so much out of it," the teacher said. "This is our future and we've got to expose

them to as much as possible."

St. Valentine Catholic School of Redford had presenters Fiona Baughman, 13, of Redford, Paul Schulte, 13, of Livonia, and Alexa Terry, 13, of Redford, all eighth-graders. Their city of Illu Suun was off the coast of Australia.

Illu Suun has two main modes of transportation, plus emergency pods. "They can get to a hospital or emergency center quickly," said Terry, whose father is an engineer.

The public transportation for Illu Suun is underground, with tunnels allowing travel up to 600 mph. "So that cuts down your commute times drastically," Terry said.

"I was always looking forward to being able to do Future City" when younger, Schulte said.

'Learned a lot'

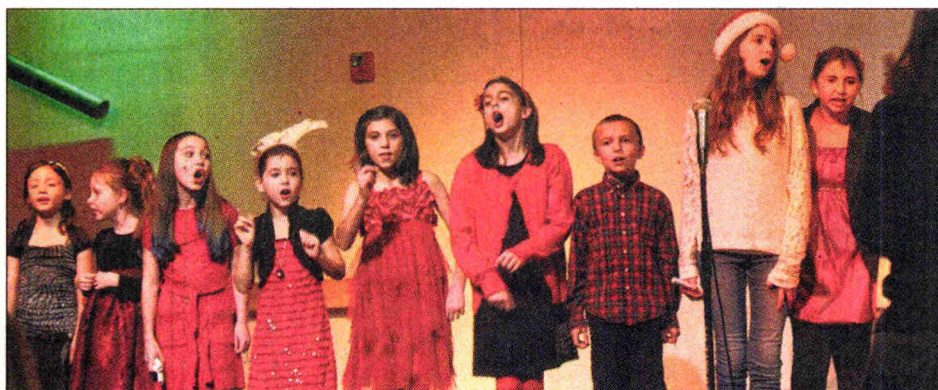
"St. Valentine is really proud of their city," Baughman added, noting classmates are excited about the annual competition. "We learned a lot of new stuff about the city," she said of regional finals day Monday. They learned from the judges and also educated them, Baughman said.

St. Valentine took second-place honors Monday. First place went to St. John Lutheran School of Rochester. Athanasius Kircher Academy of Belleville took fifth.

Like many participants, the three from St. Val's are considering engineering careers, a goal of the competition. Students in sixth, seventh and eighth grade work on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities, applying them to real-world problems.

This year's theme was "Tomorrow's Transit: Design a Way To Move People In and Around Your City." Students used SimCity software, wrote an essay and made a presentation to the judges. Students are challenged to build a city 150 years into the future using engineering principles.

jcbrown@hometownlife.com



The BeckRidge Youth Choir debuted with a Dec. 5 concert.

Youth choir readies for spring season

The BeckRidge Youth Choir, fresh off its Christmas concert, is getting ready for its spring season.

Director Keri Mueller, vocal music teacher at Workman Elementary School in Canton, leads the choir.

"Getting kids fired up about singing is something I am very passionate about," Mueller said. "There's nothing more rewarding than helping kids fulfill their own passion for music."

The BeckRidge Youth Choir gave its premiere performance Dec. 5.

"I was so very proud of them," Mueller said. "They worked really hard to make some great music and they certainly didn't disappoint. We are going to do something equally as fun for spring.

We are singing music from different decades — from the '50s to today."

In addition to helping children explore their artistic interests, Mueller believes building relationships within the choir and with the director is vitally important.

"I believe we sing better when we really get to know each other," she said. "It takes the work out of rehearsal and makes it more meaningful and fun for me and the kids."

Members of the BeckRidge Youth Choir come from as far away as Northville and a number of the children are home-schooled.

"When we created the youth choir, we not only wanted to bring kids together from Plymouth and Canton, but from

outside our local area," Mueller said. "Music breaks down lots of barriers, it creates social opportunities for kids and the more we get to know and work with each other, the better we function as a society."

The BeckRidge Youth Choir meets 6:30-8 p.m. each Thursday at the BeckRidge Chorale Rehearsal Studio and Performance Center in Canton.

The group welcomes second- through sixth-grade students and sessions include training in reading music, vocal technique, rhythm and movement.

For more information, visit its website at www.beckridgechorale.org/youth_choir or call the office at 734-667-3127.

FACT FOR FACT,
XFINITY® IS SUPERIOR.
DON'T BE FOOLED BY U-VERSE.

XFINITY® delivers the fastest Internet and the best in entertainment.

FEATURE	XFINITY	U-VERSE
Fastest available Internet speeds	105 Mbps	24 Mbps
The fastest in-home WiFi speed	308 Mbps	25 Mbps
Delivers reliably fast speeds even during peak hours	YES	NO
WiFi hotspots included with your service	500,000+	40,000+
On Demand TV shows and movies, available on TV and streaming online	83,000+	66,000+
Record up to 4 shows while watching another	YES	YES
The most live sports	YES	NO
Smart Search: the ability to see what's on live TV, XFINITY On Demand and your DVR — all in one place	YES	NO
Fastest Internet speeds stay fast even when watching two or more HD shows	YES	NO
Guaranteed two-hour appointment windows	YES	NO

Avoid making investments in your company's stock

Another successful auto show has come and gone. It's certainly nice to see that the Detroit Three (General Motors, Ford and Chrysler), as they are known, are back on their feet.



Rick Bloom

MONEY MATTERS

ing your money. As investors, we have to recognize that companies are not loyal to their shareholders and, thus, shareholders should not be loyal to the companies.

Strategy is key

Investors should make investment decisions based upon overall strategy, what's currently in one's portfolio, individual goals and objectives and risk tolerance level.

As an employee, one should be loyal to an employer and do whatever he/she can to benefit it. However, as investors, we have to look at things differently. The goal is to protect and grow our money.

Loyalty is a great attribute to have as an employee or a family member, but it is not a good one to have as an investor. Investors must act dispassionately and make decisions based upon goals and objectives.

Allowing loyalty to enter into the equation only complicates the decision-making process. Therefore, when it comes to making an investment, put loyalty to the side

and focus on the more important things.

Diversification is another reason I do not recommend an employee of Ford and General Motors invests in company stock. After all, you don't want too many eggs in one basket and that's what happens when you have your job and investments in the same company.

When General Motors went into bankruptcy, many people not only lost their job, but also lost a substantial portion of their portfolio.

The advice of not keeping all your eggs in one spot doesn't only apply to employees in the auto industry; it also applies to any employee who invests in their employer's company.

If the company begins to have financial difficulty, your job and investments can be at risk. Protect yourself and either avoid or limit holdings in company stock. 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, email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

I think everyone, particularly here in southeast Michigan, is rooting for the continued success of the U.S. auto industry. That being said, one of the questions that I am frequently asked, particularly by General Motors and Ford employees, is how much of their 401(k) plan should be invested in company stock.

If I was an employee at Ford or General Motors, at the present time I would not own company stock in my 401(k) plan. Not because I'm disloyal to the company nor because the stock is not a good investment. It has to do with being a good investor.

The first issue is whether loyalty should enter into the equation when you're talking about an investment. As far as I'm concerned, loyalty means nothing when it comes to invest-

GET STARTED WITH THE STARTER XF TRIPLE PLAY

\$99
a month for 12 months

NO TERM CONTRACT REQUIRED

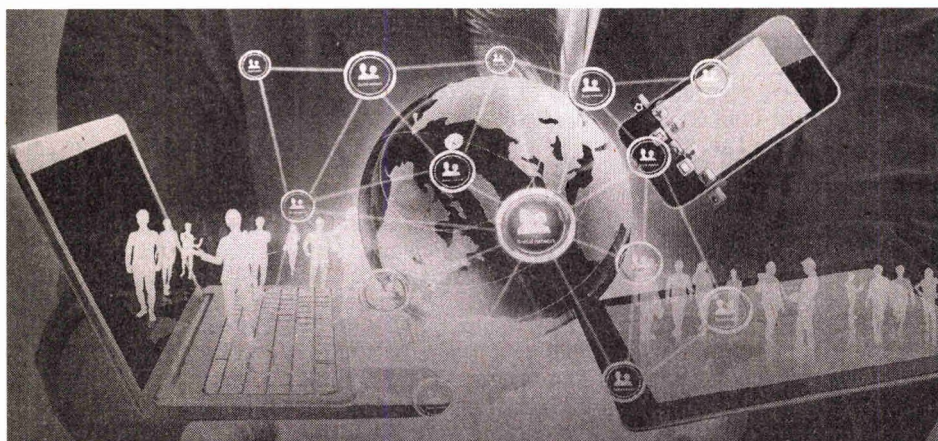
X1 DVR™ SERVICE
for \$5 more per month for 12 months



All backed by the 30-Day Money-Back Comcast Customer Guarantee™

Switch today. Call **1-877-826-9986**.

comcast.com/xfinity



THE FUTURE IS INFORMATION

There are more than 1,000 IT-related job postings in Metro Detroit on any given day. Wayne State University's **NEW** Post-Bachelor Certificate in Information Systems Management program can help you enhance your job skills or "re-tool" for a new career in this fast-growing, high-tech field.

- No technology background necessary
- Complete the 8-course program online — on your time
- The only program of its kind in Michigan

Visit business.wayne.edu/pbcism for more information or to apply today.



School of Business Administration

AIM HIGHER



xfinity
the future of awesome™

Offer ends 03/31/2014, and is limited to new residential customers. Not available in all areas. Offer requires enrollment in EcoBill paperless billing through Comcast's self-service online tool via www.comcast.com/ecobill within 30 days of service installation. Without EcoBill enrollment, or if EcoBill is cancelled during the promotional period, the monthly service charges automatically increase by \$5. Limited to Starter XF Triple Play with Digital Starter TV, Performance Internet and XFINITY® Voice Unlimited service. After 12 months, monthly service charge for Starter XF Triple Play goes to \$119.99 (or \$124.99 without EcoBill) for months 13-24. Additional outlet fee applies to multi-room viewing. After promotional periods, or if any service is cancelled or downgraded, regular charges apply. Comcast's current monthly charge for the Starter XF Triple Play ranges from \$144.95-\$149.95, depending on area, for HD Technology is \$9.95 and for X1 DVR Service is \$10. TV and Internet service limited to a single outlet. Equipment, installation, taxes and fees, including Broadcast TV Fee (currently up to \$1.50/mo.) and the Regulatory Recovery Fee and other applicable charges (e.g., per call or international) extra, such charges and fees subject to change during and after the promotion. May not be combined with other offers. **TV:** Basic service subscription required to receive other levels of service. XFINITY On Demand™ selections subject to charge indicated at time of purchase. **Internet:** Actual speeds vary and are not guaranteed. WiFi claim based on August 2012 study of comparable in-home wireless routers by Allion Test Labs, Inc. **Voice:** \$29.95 activation fee applies. Service (including 911/emergency services) may not function after an extended power outage. Text messaging requires XFINITY Internet subscription. Call for restrictions and complete details, or visit comcast.com. Most Live Sports available with Digital Preferred TV and WatchESPN. ©2014 Comcast. All rights reserved. 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee applies to one month's recurring service charge and standard installation charges up to \$500. WiFi hotspots included with Performance Internet or above. NPA134359-0026

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Hub fills real estate niche

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you offer.

Hub LLC: We are a full-service, personalized, independent real estate company that specializes in buying and selling, lease facilitation, property management, relocation, investments, remodeling and renovations.

Observer: How did you first decide to open your business?

Hub LLC: I decided to begin Hub because I felt there was an unfilled niche market where residential real estate was missing the business perspective and commercial was lacking a personal touch.

Observer: Why did you choose Plymouth?

Hub LLC: We chose Plymouth because it is a small town where Hub can make a

HUB, LLC

Business name and address: Hub, LLC, 829 Penniman Ave., Plymouth
Name and title: Shelby Fulkerson, broker/owner
Hometown: Plymouth
Business opened: 2011
Number of employees: Four and growing
Hours of operation: 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. or by appointment
Business speciality: Real estate, residential and commercial
Contact: 734-667-1481; www.hubrealtysolutions.com

difference as the local expert for residential and business customers.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Hub LLC: Our process is unique due to how we partner with our customers to help them fully understand their goals and implement a plan that

best fits their needs.

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Hub LLC: We have continued to grow through referrals from our satisfied customers, along with foot traffic into our downtown office.

Observer: Do you have a funny tidbit to share about your experience as a small-business owner?

Hub LLC: We have a window display showcasing Plymouth listings; however, more people tend to stare at the great Dane on the couch. His name is Linus.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Hub LLC: The real estate market is constantly changing and often reflects the economy, but there are always opportunities out there for those with business knowledge and pas-



Hub, LLC is a full-service, personalized, independent real estate company that specializes in buying and selling, lease facilitation, property management, relocation, investments, remodeling and renovations.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Hub LLC: Make sure you're taking advantage of all the tools at your disposal, from local resources to business relationships to the Internet. Don't shy away from technology.

Observer: What's in store for the future of your business?

Hub LLC: We've had a wonderful first two years and are looking to expand our reach in the area. We are currently seeking motivated individuals to join our team.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CHAMBER CHAT



Blast Pain recently held a ribbon-cutting at its new Plymouth location. Blast Pain is a laser therapy center that treats many types of joint, muscle, circulatory and inflammatory conditions. Cutting the ribbon is owner Kathy Groman, who is joined by Blast Pain's employees and ambassadors from the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce. Blast Pain is located at 975 S. Main and can be contacted at 734-454-1000.

X-Treme Networking

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is teaming up with the Detroit Red Wings for a new X-Treme Networking Event for the team's Feb. 3 game against the Vancouver Canucks.

Transportation to and from the game, refreshments on the bus and one ticket to the game cost \$65. Tickets are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The bus leaves the Canton chamber office, 45525 Hanford, at 6 p.m.

The event is sponsored by Bovitz CPA, P.C., and Twisted Rooster. For more information, call the chamber at 734-453-4040.

Speed networking

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts a speed networking event 7:45-9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, at the Red Olive banquet room, 1051 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

Cost is \$10. The event is designed as a fast-paced hour of networking with 40 to 50 other

chamber members.

For more information or to register, email teri@plymouthmich.org or call 734-453-1540.

State of the Schools

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and the Canton Chamber of Commerce partner with officials of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools to host the State of the Schools luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, at Plymouth High School.

Cost is \$15, with all proceeds being used for Student Citizen Scholarships. Dr. Michael Meissen, Plymouth-Canton's superintendent, will address the latest developments in the school district.

For more information, call 734-453-1540.

Membership to the Max

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts "Membership to the Max" at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, at the chamber office,

45525 Hanford, Canton.

"Membership to the Max" is designed to show chamber members how to use the Canton chamber to its full capacity. Chamber officials said it's their goal to "help our members redeem all of the advantages that accompanies their membership."

The event is sponsored by Showroom of Elegance. There's no cost to attend, but reservations are required. Call the chamber office at 734-453-4040 to RSVP.

Joint after-hours

The Canton Chamber of Commerce partners with the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce for a joint-chamber event 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26, at Stella's Black Dog Tavern (formerly Doyle's), 860 Fralick, Plymouth.

The event will provide members the opportunity to expand their network of professionals from businesses in neighboring communities.

There is no charge for the event.

MOVIES at the MARQUIS

Saturdays • 7:30pm • February 1, 8, 15 & 22, 2014

Love Actually
February 1, 7:30pm
Sponsored by Starring "The Gallery"

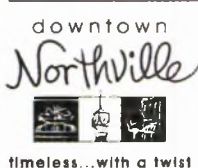
Crazy Stupid Love
February 8, 7:30pm
Sponsored by Orin Jewelers

Valentine's Day
February 15, 7:30pm
Sponsored by KB Jewelers

When Harry Met Sally
February 22, 7:30pm
Sponsored by Northville Physical Rehabilitation

Tickets (\$5 each) for the Movies at the Marquis are limited and may be purchased at the Marquis Theatre the night of each individual movie. The historic Marquis Theatre is located in downtown Northville at 135 E. Main Street. For more information and updates on Movies at the Marquis, visit www.downtownnorthville.com or call 248-349-0345.

Sponsored by



A visit from the high-tech future

January means two things: Pawning off excess cookies and cakes on your co-workers and hearing about the unfathomable new technology from the annual Consumer Electronics Show.

The 2014 Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas earlier this month showcased some wild technology. By comparison, this year's top gadgets make the smart fridges and three-dimensional printers from 2013 seem like typewriters.

One of the coolest pieces unveiled at this year's conference was a bendable TV produced by Samsung.

This ultra flat-screen device can be curved to enhance viewing and comes as large as 85 inches. Of course, a TV that impressive will set you back.

In an unrelated story, does anyone have \$10,000 I can borrow?

Three-dimensional printers were also heavily talked about during the show. None were more impressive than the Makerbot Replicator Mini Compact 3D Printer, which is Wi-Fi compatible. This device isn't your average printer that puts ink on paper. Think of it as a giant box that actually creates miniature 3D replicas of any-



Jon Gunnells

TECH SAVVY

thing you need.

In the past few years, owners of these expensive devices have used them to make household objects like phone stands and pen holders, but 3D printers have even been used to print heart valves. Yes, you just read that

correctly - there is a magical electronic box called a 3D printer that has saved lives by printing heart valves. Of course, no tech companies unveiled flying cars this year, so I suppose 3D printers will have to suffice.

Ultra high-def TVs

For the second straight year, ultra high-definition TVs were among the most talked about items. If you are like me, you didn't think TVs could get any better. These new ultra HD TVs are proof that televisions have a long way to go and all of our current TVs will once again be obsolete.

An ultra high-def TV is estimated to have four times better resolution than the regular HD models. Vizio sells a 50-inch ultra HD TV for approximately \$1,000. Prices should continue to fall.

Some of the other wacky technologies unveiled at the 2014 show were recreational drones

of all sizes, racing robots that can be controlled by smart phones and more wearable sensors that track a user's activity similar to a FitBit or Nike Fuel Band.

The show featured advanced intuitive keyboards to help users type without looking and clip on mini-keyboards that pair with touch-screen iPhones.

There was a \$199 hydrogen-powered fuel cell which can be used to give power to developing countries, as well as solar-powered phone chargers.

One of the biggest themes of 2014 was tracking.

We already discussed fitness trackers that monitor your movements, caloric intake and sleep patterns, but CES 2014 showcased more trackers to help you find belongings.

Arguably the best such tracker is called the Mother, which is a central hub with 24 removable tracking pieces that can be stuck to everyday objects you often misplace, such as your wallet, keys, phone or child. Just don't lose the hub, otherwise your money would have been better spent helping me buy a bendable TV.

Jon Gunnells is a freelance writer and social media planner. Email jonathan.gunnells@gmail.com. Twitter: @GunnShOw.

WHEEL GOOD TIME

Preschoolers get creative for their own auto show

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

There were no flashy exhibits, perfectly dressed models or an international press corps. Just a princess in a tiara and rows of vehicles in all shapes, colors, sizes and designs.

It was auto show time at the Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool in Westland and while the designs may not have got them a *Motor Trend* Car of the Year Award, they did earn medals for their 3- and 4-year-old "owners."

"This is the fifth year we've done this and it just seems to get bigger and better each year," teacher Darlene Taig said.

The first-year students brought in cardboard boxes and worked on the cars in the classroom. They used paper plates for headlights and wheels. But Taig decided to make it a parent-child project.

"They just have so much fun," she said. "They're so proud of themselves. I've been hearing about the cars for two weeks. And the parents, too. I've been seeing stuff on Facebook about the cars."

Parents worked with the youngsters and some designs were simple, like a flaming red fire truck with hoses or a pink car with color-coordinated feather boa trim. Others were more elaborate designs, like the Batmobile, modeled after the one in Tim Burton's movie of the same name, a *Pete the Cat* car with mismatched high-top sneakers for tires or a bright yellow *SpongeBob SquarePants* car.

'Work in progress'

Most were made from cardboard boxes, but Raina Mosie was sporting a pink Jeep made of wood with "a real seat and carpet" and rubber tires.

"It's a work in progress," said her father, Jay Jn. Mosie of Canton. "She wanted a Jeep because I had a Wrangler and she loved it. She keeps asking



Kids climb into their rides at the the Willow Creek Cooperative Preschool's 3-year-olds auto show. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Ezra Bousley-Crane's car is personalized with his name.



Spencer Kenyon gives a big grin from inside his little Superman car.

me when I'm going to get a real one."

An engineer for Chrysler, Mosie decided to do more than a cardboard box car. He had heard about the auto show last year when Raina was in the 2-year-old program. He couldn't

wait for his daughter to be 3.

Her car runs — it's powered by a drill battery — and has brakes and even a spare tire on the back.

"It's going to be a fully functional vehicle when we get done," Mosie said. "What it's

the show, Aubrey wanted it in the garage with the other family vehicles.

"She said it had to stay out with the car and truck," the Westland resident said. "She and her daddy worked hard on it. They were up until midnight working on it. It had to be perfect."

The 'Pete' car

Paige LeBourdais was the proud owner of the *Pete the Cat* car. A storybook character, Pete happens to be the mascot for the Westland preschool.

"I asked if she wanted Pete. She said yes and we did it," her mom Tina said. "All the kids love *Pete the Cat*."

LeBourdais said building the car wasn't too bad. The hardest part was the tail. She used a Styrofoam wreath and removed a section to give the look of a curled tail. Paige helped cover it in blue tape. The vehicle has mirrors, heart-shaped taillights and cupboard door handles. The shoes/tires have shoelaces.

Paige plans to park it in the garage and said the best part about it is "driving it."

Lucas McEachin was the proud owner of the Batmobile. While the distinctive fins and pointed nose were cardboard, the undercharge was a wagon because the youngster "wanted it to move," his father Neil said.

"He wanted to put a jet engine in it, but I told him that was out of our price range," the Westland resident said. "He helped do the work, he did all the taping. I used spray paint, but in retrospect, I could have used regular paint and he could have helped do that, too."

Lucas is a fan of *Batman* and made sure he had his *Batman* costume in it. Right now he watches the *Lego Batman* movie, but his dad looks forward to the day when he can watch the adult *Batman* movies with his son.

For Taig, last Thursday's auto show was one of two for the preschool. The 4-year-olds had their own show Friday. She couldn't wait to see the designs.

"It's amazing what they come up with," she said.

smason@hometownlife.com

PROVIDENCE HOSPITAL • SOUTHFIELD • PROVIDENCE PARK HOSPITAL - NOVI

Facing surgery can be scary. And overwhelming.

But having a surgeon who's a recognized pioneer in their field, and consistently delivers exceptional outcomes, does wonders to boost your courage.

And it's amazing what can be accomplished when you have courage.

ST JOHN PROVIDENCE HEALTH SYSTEM
Believe in better

WHATMAKESAGREATSURGEON.COM 866-501-DOCS (3627)
5-TIME TRUVEN 100 TOP HOSPITALS • 12-TIME TRUVEN 50 TOP CARDIOVASCULAR HOSPITALS
RANKED TOP 3 IN MICHIGAN FOR SURGICAL OUTCOMES BY CONSUMER REPORTS

OUR VIEWS

'Jeffress Center' a fitting tribute

College's president gets deserved honor

Congratulations to Dr. Conway A. Jeffress, president of Schoolcraft College, for having a building named after him!

It is an honor that is certainly well-deserved. Jeffress has been tireless supporter of Schoolcraft College for the past 32 years, the last 14 as president. His accomplishments are many and we're glad the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees acknowledged them in such a public way.

Under Jeffress' leadership, the college has added buildings and programs while remaining financially sound and keeping tuition affordable.

For example, last May the Board of Trustees approved issuing \$18 million in bonds for improvements that it will pay back over the next 15 years without having to go to voters for a tax increase.

Those improvements include renovating the former American Community Mutual Insurance building at the corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty, now called The Jeffress Center, which will be used to house classes for Schoolcraft's new bachelor's and master's degree partnership program with Wayne State University and the University of Toledo that begins this fall. Degrees in business, nursing, engineering, criminal justice and more will soon be available at Schoolcraft's main campus in Livonia.

Other improvements covered by the bond include overhauling the college's mainframe computer, adding a parking lot and building a road around the back of campus so motorists can get from Six Mile to Seven Mile without going onto Haggerty.

Moody's Investment Services, the nation's leading bond credit rating agency, issued Schoolcraft College one of its highest ratings because of "solid financial management that has controlled expenditure growth and utilized tuition raising flexibility to maintain strong financial revenues."

Also under Jeffress' leadership, the college built and opened the VisTaTech Center in September 2003, remodeled the Bradner Library in 2005, built the Biomedical Technology Center in 2008 and created the Public Safety Training Complex in 2013.

While Jeffress has served as president, the college and its labor unions have worked cooperatively together, negotiating fair contracts that contribute to a peaceful relationship and allow everyone to concentrate on their respective jobs.

At the same time, the college has kept costs to students affordable, giving them a way to gain knowledge and work skills without having to take on a huge amount of debt.

The college and community have benefited greatly from Jeffress' vision and we are pleased the new building will remind everyone of his contributions for many years to come.



Jeffress

What do you think?



Do you think the state budget surplus should be used to help fix Michigan's roads? Tell us why or why not in 400 words or fewer. Email your response to bkadrich@hometownlife.com by noon Monday and it may appear as a letter to the editor in next Thursday's paper. Include your name, address and phone number. (Address and phone number are for verification purposes only.) BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Camera is my voice

As a journalist and freelance photographer over the years, my work has morphed into book form and working on projects that inspire me. Most of that nowadays is historic research and the learning I garner from it.

On Saturday, Jan. 25, around 6 p.m., my Kodak Easy Share slipped out of my pocketbook either at the McDonald's in Plymouth or at Macy's in Westland. I am at a loss for words right now as there are 3,000 or so pictures in the camera and on a chip that was in the mahogany case that I carried with it. The white cord was hanging on the camera as I upload pictures often.

The value of the camera is nothing, it is the contents that I have produced for my work and research. As a disabled veteran, my work is important to me, as I find that there is a love of history in the way I present items to others. To whomever picked up the camera, I am asking that you please return it either to McDonald's in Plymouth or Macy's in Westland. Even if you don't want to go there, you can drop it off at a police station anonymously and I will gladly pick it up.

Perhaps the person who found it is also earnestly looking for me to return it to and I certainly appreciate that. All I know is my work is valuable to me and my camera is my voice.

Cheryl Martin
Canton

Board priorities

What are the priorities of the Plymouth Township board? Are the majority of the board members listening to the residents? Not long ago, the board voted to close a fire station, citing lack of funds. Recently, without any "public" involvement or knowledge, a bond issue for \$2.2 million (of which \$1.9 million has been sold to date) was passed by the

majority of the board for an unnecessary pavilion and amphitheater.

This is not "free" money. We the property owners will have to pay that money back with interest (that is a tax increase on us all). However, these facilities will be used by a very small fraction of township residents. Incidentally, the General Fund Budget is growing a deficit for the third year.

In addition, Treasurer Edwards and Clerk Conzelman were interviewed by this paper in December, "promoting" a \$26 million recreation complex that would be built and maintained with Plymouth Township tax dollars alone. Out of the seven members of the board, right now, we hear only two members, Trustees Doroshewitz and Curmi, who are asking questions and speaking up for fiscal responsibility in representing the voters of Plymouth Township.

We want to publicly thank them. They do not have the majority voice on the board. If you want "your voice" to be heard, attend board meetings, contact board members and write letters to this paper. For specific dates of board meetings (which are held at 7 p.m. each Tuesday in township hall), board members' phone numbers and email addresses, see the front of your new township calendar.

Larry and Diane Cooper
Plymouth Township

Concerned by choices

I am a senior citizen resident of Plymouth Township and I am very concerned about the choices our township board members have made without any public knowledge or vote of the citizens.

Bonds were sold to construct a pavilion and an amphitheater in the Township Park. This is money that will have to be paid back by taxpayers. Treasurer Ron Edwards was quoted as proposing a recreation center for the town-

ship at a cost of somewhere in the \$26-million range. It is estimated the cost for the pavilion is \$625,000, and what will be the cost for the amphitheater?

All of these structures will need constant maintenance and upkeep and employees and entertainment costs will have to be paid, as well. Ron Edwards is also proposing to spend our money on conducting a survey on taxpayers' views on having a recreation center. This should not even be subject to a survey.

Plymouth Township is comprised of many senior citizen and elderly residents. Many senior citizens are now paying a state pension tax, along with high health insurance and prescription drug costs. The majority of our working residents have families to support and many have lost their jobs. If they have been lucky enough to find new employment, they are still suffering from their economic downfalls.

A tax increase of this size to support all or any of these unnecessary additions is totally absurd and will force many of our citizens to move out of our already beautiful and safe community. During his campaigns, Ron Edwards has always preached low taxes in the township and that is why home buyers decide to settle here. Higher taxes will not bring people in - it will keep them out. Since the township has no responsibility at all in maintaining our subdivisions, it all falls upon the homeowners who also have high association fees in addition to taxes.

Since the board decided to close a fire station that is crucial to the whole township because they did not have the funds to keep it open after Plymouth broke away from us, it clearly shows that they are considering recreation far more important than the safety of our citizens.

Bonnie Mettie
Plymouth Township

GUEST COLUMN

Mental health goes mobile with fresh ideas

Gov. Rick Snyder called for greater civility at the top of his recent State of the State address. The Mental Health Commission clearly took note with a thoughtful, bipartisan report and unanimous support for all recommendations.

Lt. Gov. Brian Calley and state Community Mental Health Director James Haveman — along with legislators from both sides of the aisle — are to be commended. Together, they produced an actionable set of recommendations that would significantly enhance both the lives and outcomes for individuals and families in our state living with mental illness, developmental or intellectual disabilities and substance

abuse.

The Mental Health Commission charge is simple: "To address any gaps in the delivery of mental health services and propose new service models to strengthen the entire delivery spectrum of mental health services throughout the state of Michigan."

The authors understand that this will require more than statistics and budget numbers; the victims are real individuals with real families. They live throughout our state. No ZIP code is excluded.

After taking time to listen to mental health



Vicki Bucciere

GUEST COLUMNIST

professionals, patients and the family and friends that love them, the commission exceeded its charge in less than a year. Among the many highlights of the report are the following recommendations:

» Review technology guidelines and reimbursement policies to identify the barriers to promoting innovative initiatives such as tele-medicine services, improved access to appropriate treatments and early interventions regardless of location.

» Incorporate programs to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness that can be a primary deterrent to seeking care.

» Develop collaboration between the Department of Education and the Department of Community Health to develop early-intervention and best practices models to address mental health needs of students.

Additionally, the commission recommended revising Executive Order 2013-6 to extend the life

of the Mental Health and Wellness Commission through 2015. This would effectively highlight the need to overcome transportation challenges for those with developmental and intellectual disabilities, mental illnesses and disorders stemming from substance abuse.

It is suggested that all these recommendations are to be viewed within the context of investment value and long-term impacts, as well as more efficient integration and coordination of services.

When Snyder entered office more than three years ago, he called for the "reinvention" of our state. The Mental Health Commission's report echoes that call by examining the need for better coordination of mental health care across the state.

I would encourage the commission to explore ways that technologies can best be utilized to bring treatment options out of the Dark Ages and into the 21st century. In far too many cases, mental health treatment options remain stuck in the past while the world con-

tinues to change.

As the demand for mental health and substance abuse treatment services increase, we need to be prepared to meet it with high-quality, cost-efficient, alternative-service delivery models and that has been an impetus for the development of BLUESPACE-counseling, LLC services.

Research shows that virtual, Internet-based counseling is confidential, tailored to individuals and highly effective. It provides better access, reduces stigma and provides the opportunity for early intervention. Because of its "here and now" orientation, clients feel less anxious and are more comfortable remaining in their own environment. As a result, they are more likely to participate in follow-up appointments. Such "on-site" treatment is prevention-oriented and less costly because the necessity of the traditional brick and mortar facility is eliminated.

Virtual counseling allows the client to choose electronic or digital counseling options for

mobile phone or video chat sessions (using mobile apps). For those not connected to the Internet, users can still opt for the more traditional telephone counseling session.

The fact is, seniors, the disabled, younger consumers and everyone else all have at least one thing in common: They don't find it convenient to go looking for mental health services. They want the support to come to them.

Michigan can leap ahead by melding "high tech" with "high touch" in ways that reduce costs, while enhancing the quality of services. As a mental health entrepreneur, I am pleased with the leadership we are witnessing in Lansing.

Vicki Bucciere, LMSW, ACSW, SAP is founder and president of BLUESPACEcounseling, LLC (www.bluespacecounseling.com) and has more than 25 years experience in the areas of inpatient and outpatient mental health and substance use disorders and crisis intervention services. You can reach her at info@bluespacecounseling.com.

PLYMOUTH OBSERVER

A GANNETT COMPANY

Brad Kadrich,
Community Editor
Susan Rosiek,
Executive Editor

Grace Perry,
Director of
Advertising

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Love Thy Neighbor

Dates/Times: Feb. 3-21, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday

Details: The Salvation Army's Food Pantry is asking its neighbors to "Love Thy Neighbor" by donating specific items to the food pantry. Among items they're looking for are deodorant and shaving items, toilet paper, body soap, dish soap, detergent, shampoo and conditioner, Hamburger Helper, canned chicken and tuna.

Contact: Email Laurie Aren at laurie_aren@usc.salvationarmy.org or call 734-453-5464.

Night for the Museum

Date/Time: Saturday, Feb. 15, 6 p.m.

Location: Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center, 8768 N. Territorial, Plymouth.

Details: This is the Plymouth Historical Museum's annual auction fundraiser. Merchants in Plymouth and surrounding areas have stepped up and donated numerous items for the live auction and raffle. In addition, diners will be entertained with a performance by 12-year-old Makenzie Ryder as well as the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps. The ticket price of \$75 per person includes appetizers, a plated gourmet dinner and dessert; a cash bar will also be available. Tickets can be purchased at the museum during open hours or online at http://www.plymouthhistory.org/events/A-Night-FOR-the-Museum_ET118.html?Sort-Box=201402 using PayPal. Tickets should be purchased by Feb. 7.

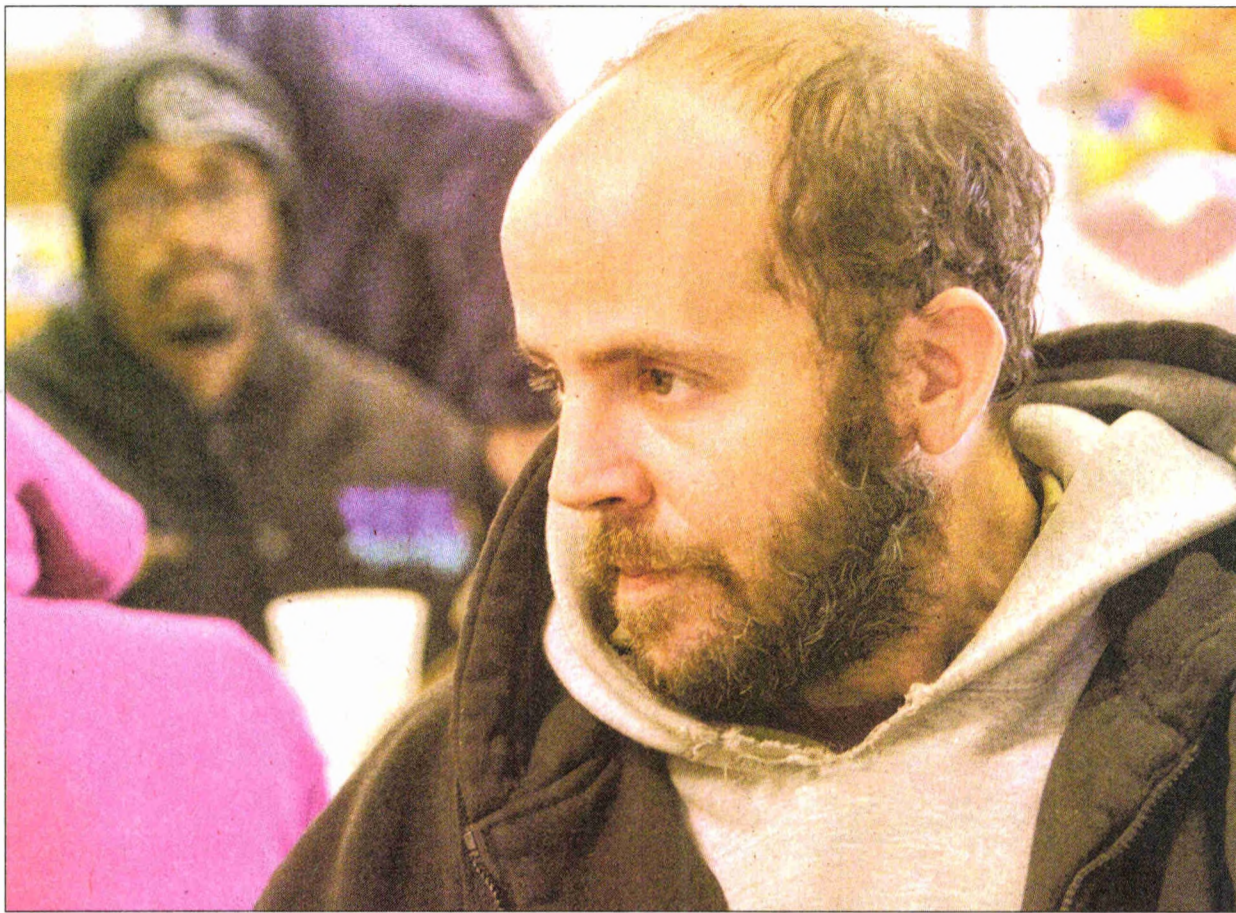
Canton newcomers

Date/Time: Wednesday, Feb. 5, 7:15 p.m.

Location: Sunflower Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford

Details: In celebration of Women's Heart Health Month, the Canton Newcomers and Neighbors club will be hosting a themed "Things We Love" adult general meeting. In addition to getting Canton's "scoop" from the club's number-one requested speaker, Canton Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin, the evening will include a recipe exchange, a heart-healthy salad bar, a raffle to benefit Canton's own Partnership of the Arts and more.

Helping the homeless



Lighthouse Home Mission's Warming Center and Soup Kitchen in Westland has been a refuge from the cold for the homeless like Douglas Knight. The Warming center is open from 7 p.m. to 8 a.m. seven days a week through March 31. The soup kitchen is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Lighthouse also has a food pantry and clothing pantry and helps people with referrals for services. Appointments for food and clothing are required by phone only and are available from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday. People interested in making donations can contact Lighthouse Home Mission at 34033 Palmer, Westland, or by calling 734-326-3885. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The club meets the first Wednesday of each month, September through May and hosts a June family picnic.

Contact: To learn more about the club, order a complimentary February newsletter and/or RSVP for the free Feb. 5 meeting, contact Noreen at 734-981-0486, email nrybar@yahoo.com or visit www.cantonnewcomersandneighbors.org.

Toastmasters move

Date/Time: Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Location: Rose's Restaurant, 201 N. Cherry Hill, Canton

Details: Canton Communicators Toastmasters Club is changing its meeting place to Rose's Restaurant. Guests are welcome and appreciated. Toastmasters officials say the club is "an inexpensive way to gain communication skills, confidence and leadership training." More information is available at www.cantoncommunicators.com

Contact: Robert Birch, email rbirch12002@yahoo.com

Vendor fair

Date/Time: Saturday, March 8, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: Canton High School cafeteria, 8415 N. Canton Center Road, Canton

Details: The Project Graduation vendor fair will feature a variety of vendors to address all graduation party needs, including tents, inflatables, photo booths, caterers, bakeries and more. There will also be a variety of vendors available for visitors to shop, including Tastefully Simple, Tupperware, Cookie Lee Jewelry, Scentsy Fragrance Warmers, Mary Kay, Velata Chocolate Warmers and more. Proceeds will benefit the Senior All-Night Party. Admission is free.

Crafters needed

Date/Time: Aug. 30-31

Location: Old St. Patrick Catholic Church, 5671 Whitmore Lake Road, Ann Arbor

Details: Crafters are needed for Old St. Patrick's 38th annual Labor Day Weekend Festival, which will now include an Arts & Crafts Show. Artisans interested in participating as a vendor can visit the church's website (www.stpatricka2.org) and send in the application.

Contact: Carla or Jeanine at ospfestival@gmail.com for more information.

Medicare/Medicaid counseling

Date/Time: Wednesday, Feb. 5, 1-3 p.m.

Location: United Home Health Services, 2200 N. Canton Center, Ste 250, Canton

Details: United Home Health Services offers free individual counseling with a certified MMAP (Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program) counselor. The counselor can help you understand your Medicare/Medicaid eligibility and the various plans, apply for Medicaid, research and enroll in Medicare Part D Drug Insurance, understand Medicare supplemental plans, find pharmaceutical assistance programs, identify and report Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse. No appointment necessary.

Contact: United Home Health Services at 734-981-8820 or visit the MMAP website at: www.mmapinc.org/pages/about.html

Oz in ice

Date/Time: Sunday, Feb. 9, 4-7 p.m.

Location: The Manor at Glacier Hills, 1200 Earhart Road, Ann Arbor.

Details: Glacier Hills celebrates 40 years with Oz in Ice. Ice Dreams of Plymouth will showcase 10 ice sculptures based on themes and characters found in *The Wizard of Oz*. Beverages

appropriate for the season will be served. This event is free and open to the public, and no tickets are required.

Contact: Call 734-913-0730.

PHYSICAL MEDICINE and REHABILITATION in Your Neighborhood

General | Spinal Cord Injury | Traumatic Brain Injury

University Physician Group is proud to announce the latest addition to the physical medicine and rehabilitation team.



Cassandra Johnson, ANP-BC

Adult nurse practitioner specializing in spinal cord injury.

Appointments: 313-745-4600
NEW PATIENTS WELCOME

Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan
Novi Center
42005 W. 12 Mile Road
Novi, MI 48377

University Physician Group

pmr-rim.med.wayne.edu | upgdocs.org

You love that *he loves you.*
Now love what he gives you.



Experience at the Pandora Shop inside:

Golden Gifts Jewelers

Complimentary Bracelet Cleaning
33300 W. 6 Mile Road • Livonia, MI 48152
734.525.4555

PANDORA®
UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS

Available starting January 15.
PANDORA Valentine's Day gift sets starting at \$125.*
*While supplies last. See store for details.



Joe's Touchdown SPECIALS

Keep the heat in the game, NOT in the kitchen! We have all your Bowl needs from a variety of Wings, Pizza, Submarine Sandwiches and Awesome Party Trays! 24 Hour Notice...Order Today

33152 W. SEVEN MILE ROAD • LIVONIA, MI
248.477.4333 (Joe's Produce) • **248.477.4323** (Joe's Meat & Seafood)
 Hours: Monday-Saturday 9 am-8 pm and Sunday 9 am-6 pm • Prices valid January 23 - January 29



PRODUCE

Driscoll's Sweet & Juicy Strawberries	Fresh All Green Asparagus	Driscoll's Sweet & Juicy Blackberries	Jumbo California Broccoli	California Romaine Hearts	Fresh Delicious Avocado's
2/\$6	\$1.99 lb.	2/\$4	2/\$3	2/\$5	5/\$5

10# Bag Boneless Chicken Breast \$19.99 bag		Joe's Meat & Seafood		All Joe's Party Dips \$6.99 lb Save \$1.00 lb	
USDA Premium Choice Angus Top Sirloin Steak \$5.99 lb Save \$1.00 lb	Joe's Homemade Sausage Sheboygan Bratwurst, Hungarian or Jalapeno Cheddar \$2.99 lb Save \$1.00 lb	Fresh All Natural Pork Boneless Chops \$2.99 lb Save \$1.00 lb Sirloin Chops \$2.49 lb Save \$1.00 lb Baby Back Ribs \$3.49 lb Save \$1.50 lb Spare Ribs \$2.49 lb Save \$1.00 lb	Fresh Tilapia \$7.99 lb Save \$1.00 lb	Housemade Salmon Burgers \$9.99 lb Save \$3.00 lb	USDA Premium Choice Angus NY Strip Steak (Pre-Pak Only) \$6.99 lb Save \$1.00 lb Porter House or T-Bone Steak (Pre-Pak Only) \$7.99 lb Save \$1.00 lb
Fresh All Natural Boneless Skinless Chicken Breast \$2.49 lb Save \$1.50 lb Chicken Wings \$1.99 lb Save \$1.00 lb	Fresh All Natural • Pre-Pak Only Chicken Leg Quarters 10# Bag \$6.99 bag	Snow Crab Clusters \$7.99 lb Save \$2.00 lb	Cooked Shrimp 26/30 CT \$13.99 lb Save \$3.00 lb		

DELI

Boar's Head Tavern Ham \$7.99 lb Boar's Head Save \$1.50 lb	Dietz & Watson Black Forest Ham \$7.99 lb Save \$2.00 lb	Hoffman's Hard Salami \$5.99 lb Save \$2.00 lb	Joe's Signature Beer Cheese Dip \$5.99 lb Save \$2.00 lb	Glacier Ridge Aged Cheddar \$2.99 lb Save \$1.00 lb
Boar's Head Ovengold Turkey \$7.99 lb Boar's Head Save \$2.00 lb	Dietz & Watson Maple Glazed Turkey \$8.99 lb Save \$2.00 lb	Winters Football Loaf \$4.99 lb Save \$2.00 lb	Joe's Signature Cookies & Cream or Peanut Butter Cup Mousse \$4.99 lb Save \$1.00 lb	Cucina Andolina Asiago Cheese \$5.99 lb Save \$1.00 lb
Boar's Head Blazing Buffalo Chicken \$7.49 lb Boar's Head Save \$2.00 lb	Dietz & Watson Garlic Cheddar Cheese \$6.99 lb Save \$2.00 lb	Boar's Head Colby Jack or Colby Cheese \$6.49 lb Boar's Head Save \$3.00 lb	Tillamook Cheddar Cheese Med. or Sharp \$6.99 lb Save \$2.00 lb	Cucina Andolina Parmesan Cheese \$5.99 lb Save \$1.00 lb

GROCERY	BAKERY	CAFE
----------------	---------------	-------------

Lay's Potato Chips & Doritos Excludes Baked	BUY 1 GET 1 FREE	Original Caramel or Sweet-N-Spicy Pops \$8.99 lb Save \$1.00 lb	
Bareman's Sour Cream or French Onion Dip 16 Oz. Reg. \$2.29		Jumbo Chocolate Chip Cookies \$9.99 Great Desert for Game Day	
Barlow's Gourmet BBQ Sauce Save \$1.00	2/\$7	Chocolate Chunk or Oatmeal Raisin \$4.99 12pk Save \$2.00	
Sparkling Ice Water Mix or Match	10/\$10	Jumbo Brownies \$1.99 ea. Save 50¢	
Mrs. Renfros Salsa All Varieties	\$2.99 ea	JOE'S GOURMET CATERING & EVENTS Corporate Express, Weddings, Graduations, Picnics and so much more. We can customize any event to fit your needs and budget. Call our event planner today! Visit us at www.joesgourmetcatering.com or call Laura at 248-477-4333 x226	

Joe's Fresh Roasted Coffee	Flavor of the Week: Quarterback Crunch \$8.99 lb Save \$1.00 lb
Caramel Nut Latte \$1.99 Small	Power Trail Mix \$3.49 lb Save 50¢
Fresh Cut Roses \$9.99 dozen	Joe's Everyday Bouquet \$6.99 each

Eppa Sangria Red & White Perfect for the BIG GAME!	\$8.99
CA'momi Rosso Di Napa Red Save \$2 Reg. \$10.99	\$8.99
Sterling Wines Select Varietals	\$7.99
Corona Extra & Light Six Packs	\$7.99
Short's Brewing Local's Light & Chatterbrox	\$8.99
Sam Adams Six Packs Save \$1 Reg. \$8.99	\$7.99
Atwater Six Packs	\$8.99
Dogfish Head 60 Min IPA Save \$2 Reg. \$11.99	\$9.99

Everyday GOURMET	
Chef Lee's Feature of the Week	
Chicken White Bean Chili	
Perfect for Tailgate or Cold Winter Days!	
Meatballs Swedish or BBQ	\$7.99 lb Save \$1.00 lb
BBQ Pulled Pork BBQ Pulled Chicken	\$7.99 lb Save \$1.00 lb
BBQ Baby Back Ribs	\$9.99 lb Save \$3.00 lb
Joe's Party Dips Buffalo Chicken, Krab or Spinach Bacon Ranch	\$7.99 lb Save \$1.00 lb

Part of bread

248-477-4311 Hours: Tue-Sun 8-6 Closed Mon.

PRETZEL BUNS 79¢ ea. \$2.99 4pk	FRENCH VIENNA \$2.99 Save 50¢
BEER BREAD 2/\$7	HOAGIE BUNS 99¢ ea.

OHL HOCKEY

Whalers looking to end slump

Plymouth drops three games in three days

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Much like anybody traveling Up North last weekend, the Plymouth Whalers hit a rough patch with three losses in three days.

After a 5-1 loss Friday at Kitchener and a 6-2 defeat the next night against Sarnia at Compuware Arena, the Whalers fell 4-2 on Sunday to host Sault Ste. Marie.

Despite the weekend skid, Plymouth (17-26-0-5, 39 points) remains in the eighth and final playoff spot in the Ontario Hockey League's Western Conference.

The Whalers will look to get back on track with back-to-back home games Friday and Saturday, against Kingston and Belleville, respectively. Both games will start at 7 p.m.

In Sunday's contest at the Essar Centre, Plymouth took a 1-0 lead at 16:11 of the first period when Connor Chatham registered his eighth goal of the season.

Assisting was Vincent Scognamiglio.

That lead held up until Patrick Watling evened things up at 3:50 of the second. He sent a shot past Whalers' goalie Zack Bowman (35 saves).

Plymouth went back up by a 2-1 count, when Matt Misteles scored his 11th goal of the year from winger Bryce Yetman and defenseman Gianluca Curcuruto.

Things went south from that point on, however.

The Greyhounds beat Bowman twice within 52 seconds midway through the middle stanza to take a 3-2 lead. Tyler Gaudet and David Miller tallied those goals.

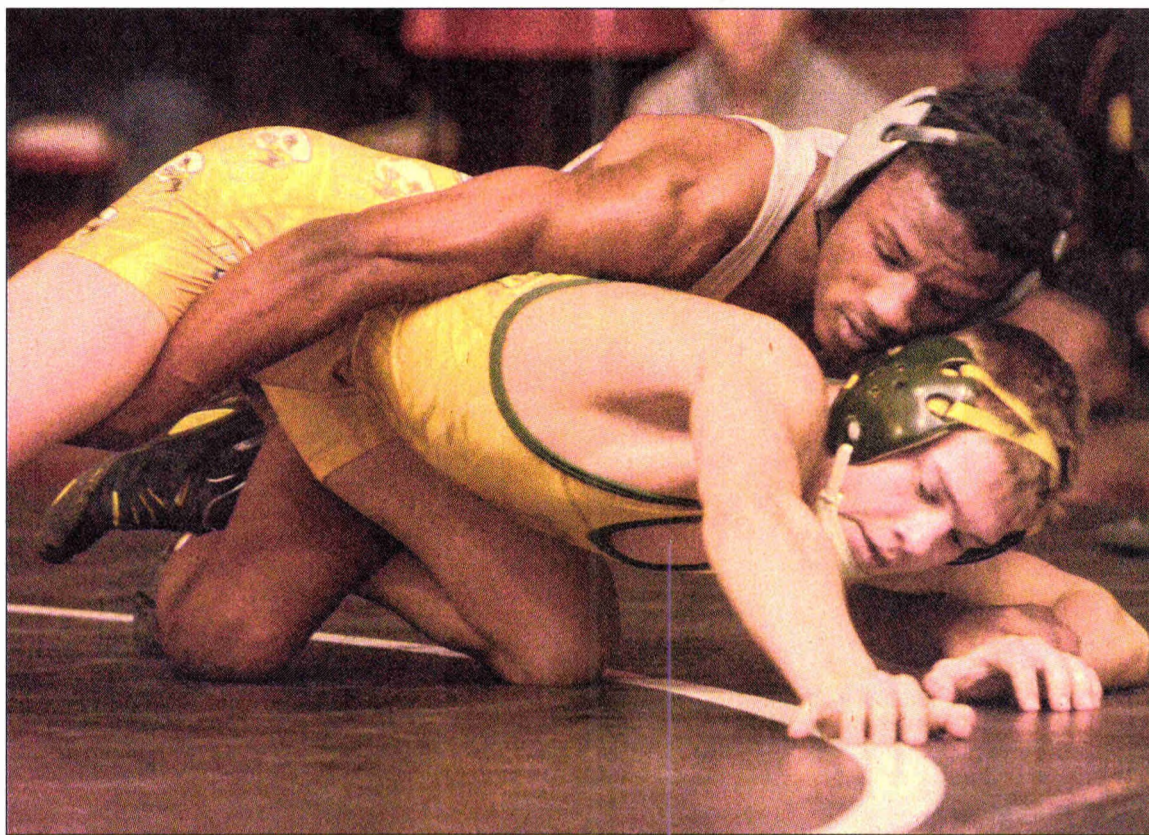
Andrew Fritsch then padded the lead with an empty netter at 19:43 of the third.

Saturday night, before 2,210 at Compuware, six different skaters scored for Sarnia as the Sting cruised to a victory.

Plymouth's bright spots were Curcuruto and Carter Sandlak, each tallying a

See WHALERS, Page B4

PREP WRESTLING



Plymouth's Brandon Harris (top) tangles in the 112-pounder final with lower weights MVP Michael Volyanyuk of Harrison. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

'Cats rule Observerland

Plymouth wins tournament for first time; CC places second

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Solid from top to bottom, Plymouth added another trophy to its already crowded 2013-14 wrestling case when it captured its first-ever Observerland Invitational title Saturday at Livonia Churchhill.

The Wildcats, who have already garnered the Wayne County and KLAA South Division dual meet crowns, scored a team-high 212.5 points in the 23rd annual event.

The Novi Detroit Catholic Central Blue-White team (193) finished a strong second, while defending champion Westland John Glenn (177.5), Livonia Franklin (131) and Wayne Memorial (120) rounded out the top five.

Plymouth earned places in all 13 weight classes, with senior Mohamad Youssef and junior Hussein Youssef earning individual titles at 119 and 171, respectively.

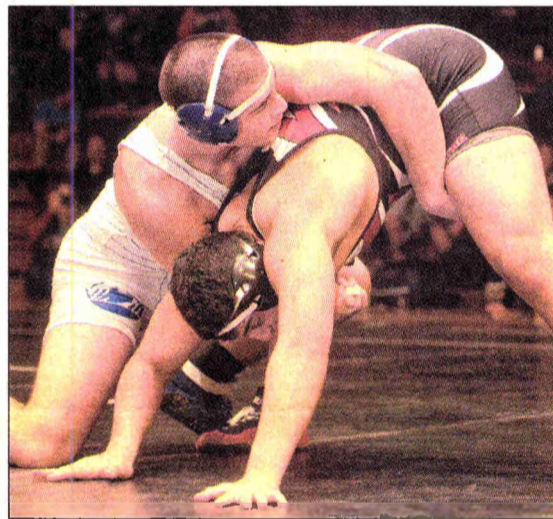
Adding seconds for the Wildcats were Collin Reed (103), Brandon Harris (112) and Jon Conn (145) and Joey Shaver (160).

"I was pretty happy with the way our guys wrestled today," Plymouth coach Quinn Guernsey said. "We came with a goal to try and get a lot of our guys to place and get a lot of guys on the podium. We brought 13 guys and all 13 made the podium, so mission accomplished as far as that goes."

The Wildcats also got a third from Michael Jordan (285), while Spencer Schiftar (125), Dylan Dwyer (135) and Sterling Schiftar (140) added fourths.

"We had a great round in the semifinals," Guernsey said. "Spencer Schiftar had a good win over a regional qualifier. Sterling Schiftar upset the No. 1 seed at 140. The whole quarterfinal round was good. I think we had 10 guys in the semifinals, which is a solid day."

CC, meanwhile, fielded a split squad after the No. 2-ranked Shamrocks (Division 1) had a double-dual home meet scratched Saturday against



Salem's Mitchell Gross (left) edged Churchill's Baker Hadwan for the 189-pound title, 5-4.

Complete Observerland Invitational results, B3.

Midwest prep powers Cincinnati (Ohio) Moeller and Marmon (Ill.) Academy.

Catholic Central earned four individual titles, led by 145-pounder Malik Amine, who was the Division 1 state champion last year at 140.

The Shamrocks also got firsts from Trevor Zdebski (125), Greg Johnson (135) and Eli Joseph (140).

"The real exciting thing was the younger guys – the freshmen and sophomores – that came in today unseeded and placed in the top five," CC assistant coach Kevin Griffin said. "That's the most exciting to me. Then we had a few senior wrestlers – Eli Joseph and Greg Johnson – who are beginning to show what they're made of and ready to make individual

See TOURNEY, Page B3

Malcolm up for MHSAA honors

Plymouth Christian Academy senior forward Jen Malcolm is one of 120 finalists for the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Scholar-Athlete Awards for 2013-14.

Malcolm is one of the finalists eligible for one of two scholarships for Class D female student-athletes.



Malcolm

Farm Bureau Insurance underwrites the Scholar-Athlete Awards and will present a \$1,000 scholarship to each recipient.

Students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 (on a 4.0 scale), and previously have won a varsity letter in at least one sport in which the MHSAA sponsors a postseason tournament. Students also were asked to respond to a series of short essay questions, submit two letters of recommendation and a 500-word essay on the importance of sportsmanship.

Plymouth ickers to host food drive

The Plymouth varsity boys hockey team and Plymouth United Way are teaming up to host a canned food drive before Saturday's game against Salem at Arctic Edge Arena in Canton.

Plymouth and Salem are scheduled to start their game at 7:30 p.m. but fans are encouraged to bring nonperishable food items to the arena. Any fan that brings an item will receive \$1 off admission. Arctic Edge is located at 46615 Michigan Ave. near Canton Center Road. Call the arena at 734-487-7830 for general information.

Canton girls lacrosse

The Canton High School girls lacrosse team is having an informational meeting for students and parents.

The meeting will be 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, in the Canton High School Career Center, Room 127. No experience is necessary.

For more information, contact head coach Dave Bower at 734-634-8797 or via email, cantongirls-lacrosse@gmail.com.

SLOWPITCH SOFTBALL

SWINGING SENIORS

Canton senior softball team in the works, but new squad needs players

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Bob Mosher looked up from his cup of coffee at Grand Traverse Pie Company in Plymouth and smiled.

"We're not looking for su-

perstars," said the 74-year-old Mosher, a Canton resident. "This is a recreational league. This is about getting older gentlemen, senior guys ... off their sofa to join us."

Mosher is a player and co-manager for a Canton-based team in the Suburban Senior Softball League of Western Wayne County — a league governed by Amateur Softball Asso-

See SOFTBALL, Page B4



In this 2013 photo, Canton and Livonia senior softball teams get after it at the Canton Sports Center.

We appreciate
YOU
as a subscriber
and we want
you to know it!



Win concert tickets, Emagine Theatre passes, Buddy's Pizza coupons, or giftcards from Meijer, Speedway or Joe's Produce!

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC MEDIA
hometownlife.com

WANT YOUR CHANCE TO WIN?
Simply enter the Reader Rewards drawing when you receive your monthly e-mail.

If you're not a subscriber yet, call or click today and save 25% off the regular rate plus receive a \$10 giftcard!*



CALL 866-887-2737

or CLICK
hometownlife.com/bestoffer

Offer is valid to new subscribers only. Must not have had a subscription within the past 30 days.

BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING

Plymouth tankers riding the wave

Wildcats best Churchill, gaining steam with every meet

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Plymouth's varsity boys swimming and diving team continues to make a splash this season.

The Wildcats — featuring a number of freshmen contributors — earned an impressive 122-64 win over Livonia Churchill last Thursday to improve to 3-0 in the KLAAs.

Tuesday's much-anticipated campus matchup against Salem was postponed due to school closings.

But Wildcats head coach Kenn Forbes is enthusiastic about how his team is gearing up for showcase events such as this weekend's Wayne County Invitational at Grosse Pointe South and the MISCA meet on Feb. 8.

"We had a lot of nice time drops (against the Chargers) and made a few more cuts we were looking for," Forbes noted. "We earned three more automatic cuts for the Wayne County Invite."

"... One of them was Ben Yang in the 50 free, then Garrett Beauprez got (MISCA cuts in the) 200 IM and the 500

free."

No worries

Forbes cited the performance turned in by freshman Brian Cowell despite some qualms about going back-to-back in the 500 freestyle and 100 backstroke events.

"He (Cowell) came up to me and said he was nervous about having to do both the 500 free and then the 100 back just after that," Forbes said. "I told him not to worry, that he is more than prepared and to just relax and have fun."

"Next thing we saw, he had a 19.8 second time drop in his 500 free and then went on to PR his 100 back, too. It's awesome."

Forbes added that the team's success also is bolstered by camaraderie and how well assistant coaches Ronson Webster and Vikki Jouney (diving) bring to the mix.

"My assistant coach Ronson Webster really brings a lot every day," Forbes said. "Our styles complement each other, and he brings a great energy to the team."

"It's only his second year as a coach after I brought him in last year. I had coached him and his two younger brothers at Redford Union and so he



Plymouth's Aniketh Visai (pictured from earlier this season) won one individual event and was part of a victorious relay team last Thursday against Livonia Churchill. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

already knew what I expected and ran with it."

Jouney, who also is the diving coach for the Plymouth girls team, "is still doing wonders with our five divers. Every day they improve and you can tell they have fun doing it."

PLYMOUTH 122 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 64 Jan. 23 at Churchill

200-yard medley relay: 1. Plymouth (Keegan Kendall, Garrett Beauprez, Michael Wischer, Matt Weiner), 1:54.24; 2. Churchill (Daniel Saltzmann, Kevin Taylor, Jose Melendez,

Jackson Norwood), 1:54.34; 3. Plymouth (Bronson Knowles, Ben Yang, Aniketh Visai, Brandon Burger), 1:57.17.

200 freestyle: 1. Ben Yang (P), 1:58.56; 2. Jake Jarvis (LC), 2:13.99; 3. Ryan Soules (LC), 2:13.99.

200 individual medley: 1. Beauprez (P), 2:10.85; 2. Knowles (P), 2:19.29; 3. Melendez (LC), 2:25.34.

50 freestyle: 1. Burger (P), 24.52; 2. Weiner (P), 24.91; 3. Kyle Reppenhagen (LC), 26.13.

1-meter diving: 1. Ethan Burke (LC), 220.85 points; 2.

Justin Baker (LC), 181.80; 3. Steve Haywood (LC), 122.70.

100 butterfly: 1. Alex Johnson (P), 1:01.34; 2. Wischer (P), 1:05.1; 3. Tyler Opdycke (LC), 1:07.9.

100 freestyle: 1. Ryan Heinze (P), 53.85; 2. Kevin Taylor (LC), 54.33; 3. Burger (P), 54.99.

500 freestyle: 1. Beauprez (P), 5:18.96; 2. Jack Boczar (P), 6:02.13; 3. Jarvis (LC), 6:04.61.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Heinze, Weiner, Burger, Johnson), 1:39.32; 2. Plymouth (Yang, Nathan Chimka, Cameron Zinn, Visai), 1:41.7; 3. Churchill (Saltzmann, Taylor, Melendez, Norwood), 1:41.81.

100 backstroke: 1. Visai (P), 1:03.13; 2. Kendall (P), 1:05.0; 3. Tyler Gala (P), 1:14.07.

100 breaststroke: 1. Yang (P), 1:13.71; 2. Opdycke (LC), 1:14.13; 3. Reppenhagen (LC), 1:14.86.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Johnson, Weiner, Chimka, Visai), 3:41.86; 2. Churchill (Taylor, Melendez, Norwood, Saltzmann), 3:42.57; 3. Plymouth (Wischer, Kendall, Heinze, Beauprez), 3:46.32.

Dual meet records: Plymouth, 3-0 KLAAs South Division; Churchill, 0-3 KLAAs South.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Canton girls lax

The Canton High School girls lacrosse team is having an informational meeting for students and parents interested in playing lacrosse this season.

The meeting will be 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5 in the Canton High School Career Center, Room 127. No experience is necessary and everyone is welcome.

For more information, contact head coach Dave Bower at 734-634-8797 or via email at cantongirls-lacrosse@gmail.com.

Rocks seek assistant coach

Salem Girls Track & Field is looking for an assistant coach for the 2014 spring season that specializes in the throwing events of shot put and discus. If interested, contact the Salem athletic department at 734-416-7774, head coach Dave Gerlach at 734-416-7708 or refer to the employment/coaching positions on the district www.pccs.k12.mi.us.

BANTAM AA HOCKEY

'99 Stingrays seize Silver Stick title

The '99 Plymouth Stingrays had quite a run during the International Silver Stick tournament held recently in Port Huron.

The Stingrays emerged the champions, going 6-0 against some of the top Bantam AA teams from the U.S. and Canada. It was capped by a 2-1 victory over the Miami (Fla.) Toros, who came into the tournament with a 51-0-1 overall record.

First-period goals by John Kalijan (Northville) and Brendan West (Plymouth) proved to be the difference with assists going to Jared Lee (Plymouth) and Kalijan, respectively.

Defenseman Jack Sargent (Northville) and Kalijan were named to the all-tournament team, while Drew Broyles (Livonia) won the Bill Lally Award as the Silver Stick's most outstanding goalie.

The Stingrays, overcoming a 2-0 first period deficit, reached the final with a 5-2 semifinal victory over the



Celebrating after winning the Silver Stick tournament played in Port Huron is the '99 Plymouth Stingrays Bantam AA team.

London (Ontario) Junior Knights as Jagger Joshua (Dearborn) scored what proved to be the game-winning goal in the final period.

In the opening round, the Stingrays downed the Nassau County (N.Y.) Lions, 8-0, as Carson Lulich (Macomb) scored twice out, while West, Lee, Daniel McKee (Northville), Kalijan, Scott Granzotto (Northville) and Ryan Fonda (Novi) also added goals.

Captain Marty Mills (Canton) and Sargent both collected two assists, while Broyles earned the shutout.

In the second round, the Stingrays defeated the Littleton (Col.) Hawks, 5-2, on goals by Granzotto, West, Lee, Fonda and Kalijan.

Shane Bryans (Northville) and Emerson Taylor (Plymouth) chipped in with key assists in the balanced offensive attack, while Marcus Morton (Westland) was the winning goaltender.

The Stingrays followed with a 6-3 third-round victory over the Toronto (Ontario) Penguins thanks to two goals by McKee and one each by Kalijan, Sargent, West and Lulich (short-handed).

Morton was the winning goaltender again sending the Stingrays to the quarterfinals where they earned a 5-2 triumph over fellow Michigan Amateur Hockey Association District 4 foe USA Eagles, the Dayton Region champion.

McKee notched a hat trick in the win, while West added two goals. Broyles, meanwhile, won the goaltending battle against USA's Kate Froling.

Rounding out the Stingrays, now 39-8-3 overall, are Eric Budd and Joe Fontana, both of Plymouth.

The head coach is Tom Bryan, who is assisted by Jim Bryans and Lynwood Taylor. Bob Mills is the team manager.

ACT/SAT/PSAT PREP

HIGHER SCORES MEAN MORE COLLEGE CHOICES

Huntington's one-to-one test prep programs can help.

- Maximum Teaching Efficiency from One-to-one tutoring gives better results
- Program options that fit your needs and schedule

SAVE \$100 Limited time offer; Please call for details.

Huntington.
Your Tutoring Solution

1 800 CAN LEARN® • www.canton.huntingtonhelps.com

44630 Ford Road • Canton, MI 48187
(734) 207-7930

Huntington Learning Center Canton is independently owned and operated. SAT/PSAT are registered trademarks of College Board; ACT is a registered trademark of ACT, Inc. and both organizations were neither involved in the production of nor endorse this program.

PLYMOUTH CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
PLYMOUTH, MI 48170
SECTION 00 11 13
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools', consisting of the following:

Roofing Replacement Work at:

Allen Elementary School	Eriksson Elementary School
Field Elementary School	Gallimore Elementary School (Alternate Bid)
Canton High School	Maintenance Building

Exterior Building Lighting Replacements at:

Allen Elementary School	Bentley Elementary School
Bird Elementary School	Eriksson Elementary School
Farrand Elementary School	Field Elementary School
Gallimore Elementary School	Hulsing Elementary School
Isbister Elementary School	Smith Elementary School
Tonda Elementary School	Canton High School
Salem High School	Tanger Center
Starkweather Academy at Fiegel	

P-CEP Athletics and Site Improvements

will be received at the office of Mr. Brodie Killian, Deputy Superintendent of Business & Operations, Plymouth Canton Community Schools, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 until 1:30 P.M., local time on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at which time they will be opened and read publicly at Plymouth Canton Community School, E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170. Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened.

Faxed or e-mailed proposals will not be accepted.

This Project will consist of separate sealed bids for the following Bid Divisions of work:

102: Asphalt Paving / Site Concrete	109: Roofing / Sheetmetal
143: Electrical	156: Exterior Bleachers

Bidding documents prepared by TMP Architecture, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the Dodge Plan Room, Construction Association of Michigan (CAM), Reed Construction Data, and Builders Exchange, Lansing.

Bid Documents will be available beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 via the following:

- Bidders may obtain one (1) set of 1/2 size bidding documents for a refundable \$50.00 deposit, beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 22, 2014, by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., at (248) 427-8400. Deposit checks should be payable to Plymouth Canton Community Schools. Deposit will be refunded upon return of complete documents in good condition to McCarthy & Smith, Inc. no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the bid opening.
- Bidders may download bid documents from Gradebeam.com free of charge by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., at (248) 427-8400.

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc. The bid division(s) being bid is/are to be identified on the outside of the envelope.

There will be a pre-bid meeting held on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 10:00 A.M. at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., located at 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the project, schedule and to answer any questions that bidders may have. All Bidders are encouraged to attend.

All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00 41 26), Proposal Execution Form (Section 00 42 00), and the Iran Economics Sanctions Act Affidavit. The Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by Section 1267 of the Revised School Code, as amended, MCL 380.1267, and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted. The Iran Economic Sanctions Act Affidavit form may be found in section 00 42 10 of the Bidding Requirements & General Conditions Manual.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security, in either the form of a bid bond or certified bank check, in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Plymouth Canton Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the school district is secured from loss or damage by reason of the withdrawal of the bid or failure of the bidder to enter a contract for performance. Further, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract. If awarded a contract, the successful bidder may be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond. Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding.

This project is authorized by Plymouth Canton Community School's Board of Education Secretary **Kimberley Crouch**. END OF SECTION

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY FIRE DEPARTMENT
Firefighter/Paramedic

The Charter Township of Plymouth is currently accepting applications to establish an eligibility list for the position of Firefighter/Paramedic pursuant to the Township's receipt of a 2-year SAFER grant. Work to be performed includes saving lives & reducing property loss through rescue techniques & fire suppression operations. Applicants must be a certified Michigan Firefighter Level I & II, Hazmat Operations Level Certified and must be licensed as a Paramedic by the State of Michigan. Evidence of licenses & certifications must be presented at the time application is submitted.

Additional Requirements: Must be 18 years of age or older, U.S. Citizen, possess a high school diploma or equivalent, have and maintain a valid State of Michigan driver's license and must have and maintain a good driving record. Valid Certification from a Fire Training Academy recognized by the Civil Service Commission and current and valid completion of the IAFC Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) within the preceding 365 days is required. Additional requirements are listed in the position specifications. Applicants must successfully pass an oral Board interview.

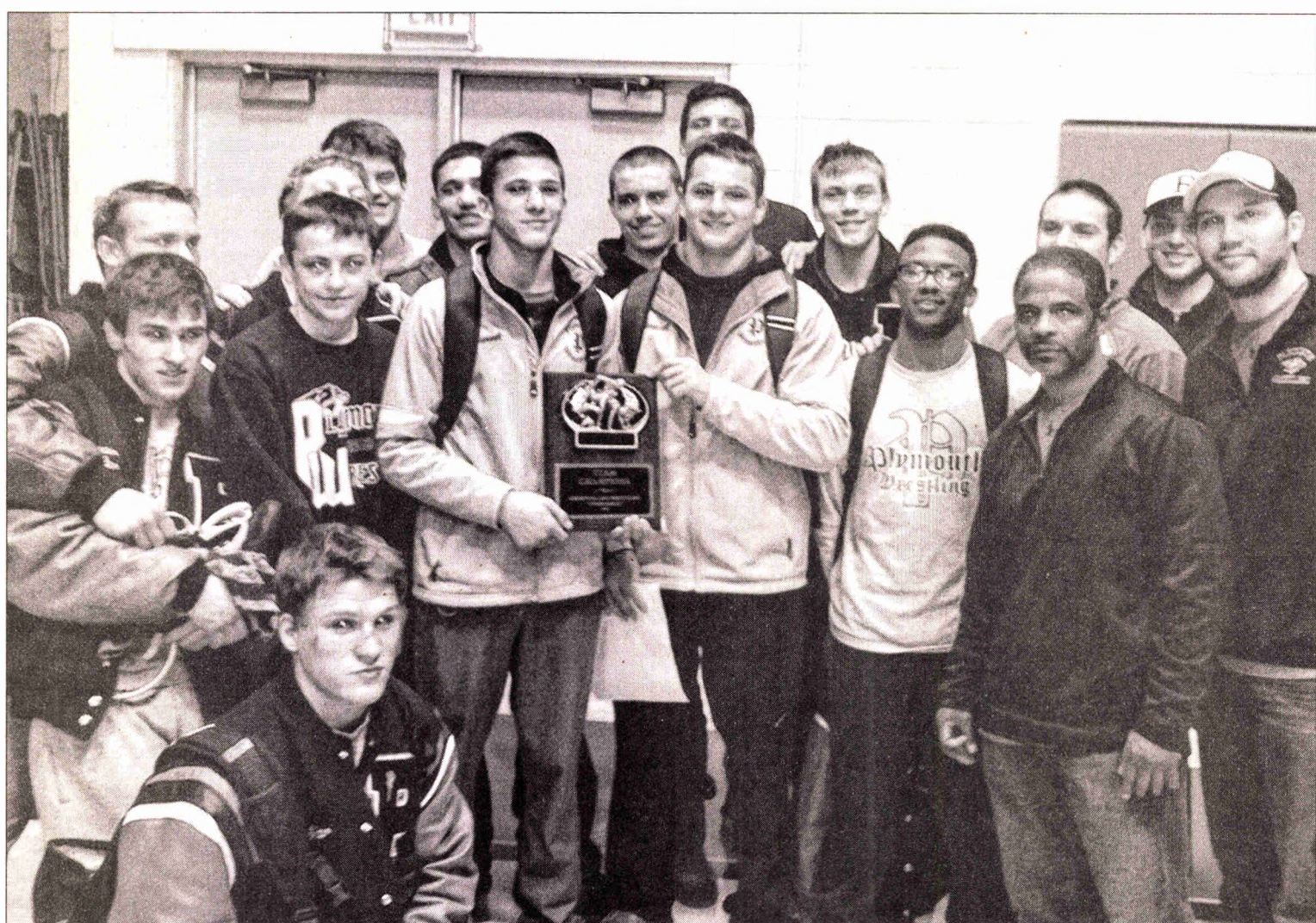
A post job offer requires that an applicant must also pass a drug screening, background investigation, psychological exam and a pre-hire physical examination.

Starting annual base wage is \$38,230.29.

Applications are available in the Plymouth Township Clerk's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI, during regular business hours, 8:00am to 4:30 pm, Monday-Friday, or online at www.plymouthtwp.org. Applications will not be mailed. All applications must be turned in to the Clerk's Office no later than 4:30 p.m. February 6, 2014.

The Charter Township of Plymouth does not discriminate against any individual or group because of race, religion, age, national origin, color, marital status, handicap, height or weight, in the employment or provision of services.

Nancy C. Conzelman, Clerk
Publish: January 30, 2014



Plymouth, coached by Quinn Guernsey (far right), earned its first-ever Observerland Invitational wrestling team title Saturday at Churchill.

OBSERVERLAND RESULTS

23rd annual OBSERVERLAND WRESTLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS Jan. 25 at Churchill

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Plymouth, 212.5 points; 2. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 193; 3. Westland John Glenn, 177.5; 4. Livonia Franklin, 131; 5. Wayne Memorial, 120; 6. Belleville, 107.5; 7. Farmington, 89.5; 8. Livonia Churchill, 86; 9. Livonia Stevenson, 81; 10. Salem, 77; 11. Lutheran High Westland, 61; 12. Farmington Harrison, 54; 13. Northville, 34; 14. Garden City, 11.

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

103 pounds: John Siemasz (WJG) d. Collin Reed (Ply.), 9-2. **3rd place:** Josh Mussin (LC) d. Chase Walkowiak (Farmington), 10-7. **5th place:** Aaron Rehfeldt (CC) pinned Brandon Eeles (WM), 3:56.

112: Michael Volynyuk (FH) p. Brandon Harris (Ply.), 5:51. **3rd:** Cyle Snead (WJG) p. Joe McGrath (CC), 4:27. **5th:** Ethan Englehart (LC) d. Jack Delack (WM), 8-6.

119: Mohamed Youssef (Ply.) won by major dec. over Chris Brown (Bell.), 12-4. **3rd:** Josh Perez (LC) d. Tim Way (WM), 6-3. **5th:** Chase Spanos (WJG) p. Jeremy Nelson (LF), 2:10.

125: Trevor Zdebski (CC) won by technical fall over Kevin Hunyh (WJG), 18-3. **3rd:** Austin Koehler (Bell.) won by major dec. over Spencer Schiffr (Bell.), 10-2. **5th:** Nick Robertson (LF) p. Shunhe Wang (N'ville), 4:56.

130: Nathan Atienza (LF) won by tech. fall over Jesse Jones (Farm.), 15-6. **3rd:** Dan Allor (FH) d. Dylan Dwyer (Ply.), 10-5. **5th:** Spencer Compo (N'ville) d. Payton Beneteau (WJG), 11-5.

135: Greg Johnson (CC) won by major dec. over Caleb Richter (LW), 15-3. **3rd:** Jamonty Houze (Bell.) p. Gabe Colston (FH), 3:25. **5th:** Daniel Ahearn (Ply.) d. Steve Spencer (WJG), 10-7.

140: Eli Joseph (CC) p. Sandro Lytwyn (LS), 1:59. **3rd:** Tunde Alawode (WJG) won by injury default over Sterling Schiffr (Ply.). **5th:** Brandon Bellant (Bell.) d. Zack Leck (LC), 3:17.

145: Malik Amine (CC) d. Jon Conn (Ply.), 7-1. **3rd:** Caleb McCabe (Salem) d. Jake Tennis (LS), 7-3. **5th:** Zachary Francis (LW) d. Caleb Brown (Bell.), 10-8.

152: Nick Frazier (LF) p. Aaron Heinonen (WM), 2:08. **3rd:** Majdi Hatem (LS) won by injury default over Rick Laurence (WJG). **5th:** Ryan O'Connor (CC) d. Sam Campbell (Ply.), 7-1.

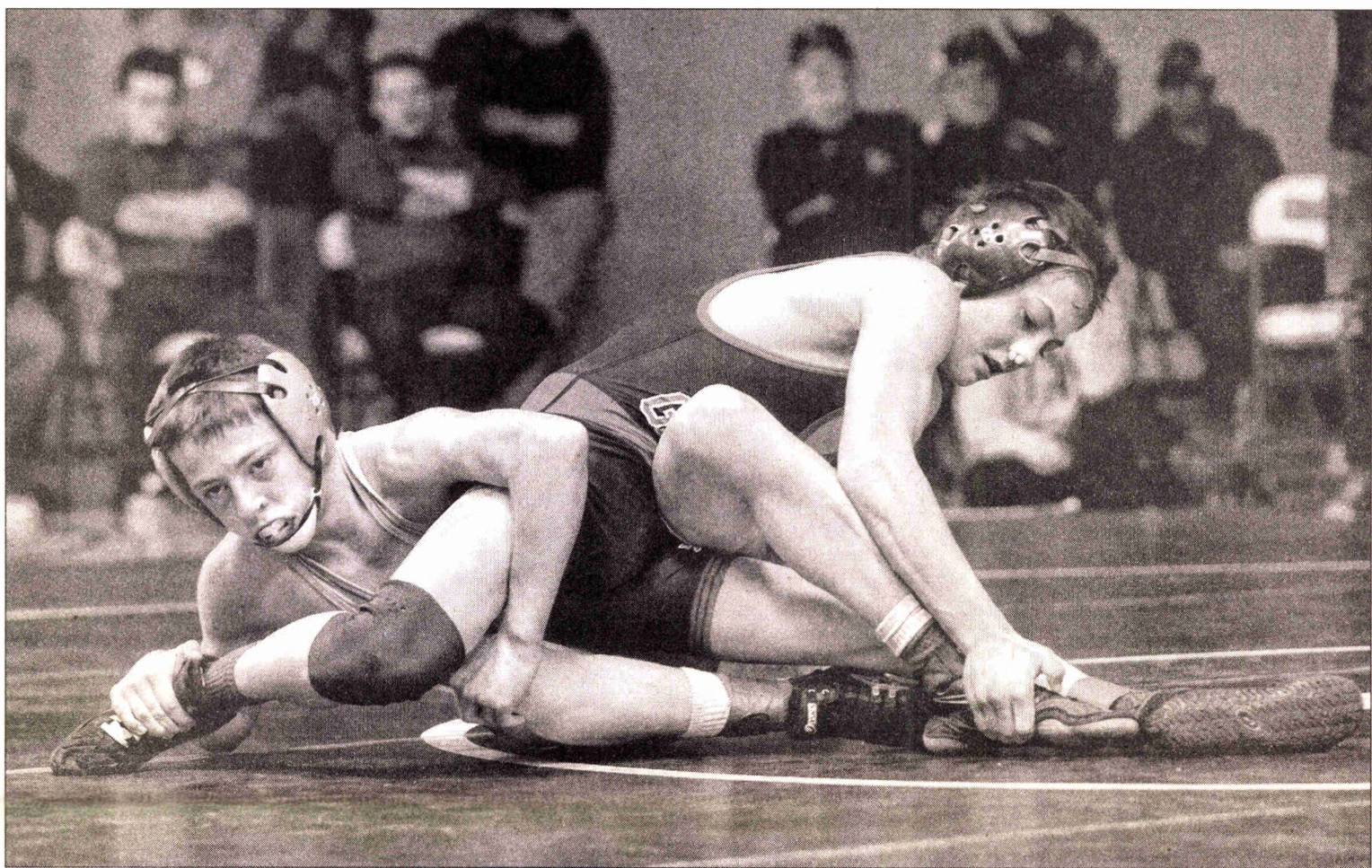
160: Jordan Atienza (LF) p. Joey Shaver (Ply.), 1:51. **3rd:** Connor Thornbury (Salem) d. Zack Tulley (CC), 6-2. **5th:** Matt Justice (Farm.) won by major dec. over Andy Antolin (Bell.), 9-1.

171: Hussein Youssef (Ply.) d. Connor Vaughan (LS), 4-2 (overtime). **3rd:** Matt Cyla (N'ville) p. Jonah Lambert (LW), 1:26. **5th:** Adam McGrath (CC) d. Roy Foster (Salem), 11-9.

189: Mitchell Gross (Salem) d. Baker Hadwan (LC), 5-4. **3rd:** Brandon Underwood (Bell.) d. James Pomerico (WM), 10-5. **5th:** Michael Vallespir (CC) d. Tarek Tamimi (Ply.), 5-2.

215: Jordan Brandon (WJG) won by tech. fall over Trent Bekker (Farm.), 24-9. **3rd:** Joe Fortin (LF) d. Thomas Krueger (LW), 11-8. **5th:** Sam Moody (WM) d. Toreano Nichols (GC), 1-0.

285: Aaron Mauldin (WM) d. Nate Irvine (WJG), 11-4. **3rd:** Michael Jordan (Ply.) d. Jake Mercieca (LC), 7-6. **5th:** Joe Ghafari (Farm.) p. Dave Touley (Bell.), 2:08.



John Glenn's John Siemasz (right) and Plymouth's Collin Reed compete in the 103-pound class. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

to the finals was a pretty good day for him. That's the goal - to wrestle better than what you're seeded and for the most part we did that today."

Franklin went three-for-three in the finals, led by senior Jordan Atienza (160), the upper weights MVP who stayed undefeated on the year. Atienza was a Division 1 state runner-up last year at 152.

Younger brother Nathan Atienza, a freshman, also came away with the 130-pound crown, while Nick Frazier contributed a first at 152 for the Patriots.

"It was pretty much what we've done all year," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "The good kids do good, the average kids do average and the kids that still need some work look like they still need some work. It was pretty much what I expected, but we're not getting the upsets that we need."

"The kids that win ... we pretty much know they'll win. We need some other kids to step up if we're going to do something at the end of the year. We see little flashes of them now and then, but I haven't seen enough of them yet, but we still have some time. Hopefully when we need them, we'll get them."

Farmington Harrison's Michael Volynyuk (112) earned the lower weights MVP title.

Other individual Observerland champions included Salem's Mitchell Gross (189), who edged Churchill's Baker Hadwan, 5-4, and Wayne's Aaron Mauldin (285), who d. decided Irvine, 11-4.

The closest finals match of the day came at 171, where Youssef needed a takedown with only one second left in overtime to decision Stevenson junior Connor Vaughan, 4-2.

bemons@hometownlife.com
313-222-6851

TOURNEY

Continued from Page B1

and team runs for us."

Zdebski, who was third in last year's state individual finals at 119, is rounding back into form after suffering an early season injury.

"He (Zdebski) was out with a broken hand and we just wanted to send him to a good tournament where he could wrestle good matches," Griffin said. "And that worked today. It allowed him to get his gas tank up. He's been off the mat, but he's proven his focus has stayed the same on winning a team and individual title this year."

Amine meanwhile, d. Conn in the finals, 7-1.

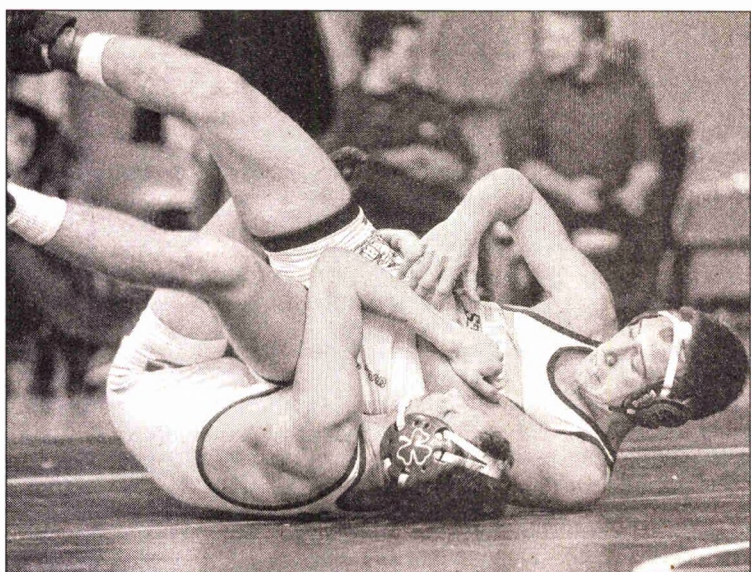
"I think the guy I was most impressed with was Jon Conn," Guernsey said. "We discussed whether he'd go 140 or 145, but we eventually decided to go 145 to get the better match against (Zachary) Francis of Lutheran Westland. We were

thinking that we could do better at 140 with Sterling Schiffr than 145. So we show up yesterday (at the weigh-in) fully expecting to see Jon having a great day at 145 and all the sudden Malik Amine (of CC) walks in, so then it sounds, 'Oh, crap, but all right, well. We're going to have a good finals match, I guess' and it was. I was happy with the match. Jon was in there fighting and it was a good match."

Meanwhile, John Glenn had 10 wrestlers place, paced by individual champions John Siemasz (103) and Jordan Brandon (215), the latter of whom was a 2013 Division 1 state runner-up.

Nate Irvine (285) and Kevin Hunyh (125) added runner-up finishes.

"Our kids wrestled well today," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "I think our meat grinders every weekend paid off a little bit here because we were beating a lot more kids with better records than we had in a lot of weight classes. We had a lot of lower seeds upset higher



Catholic Central's Eli Joseph (bottom) pinned Stevenson's Sandro Lytwyn for the title at 140. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

seeds, so overall, I can't complain of the way things have been the last couple of weeks. They stepped it up today a little bit."

Polk said everything pretty much went according to form.

"No real surprises," he said. "I knew they all could do what they did, but we had some fifth, sixth seeds knock off some second seeds. My 215-pounder (Irvine) bumping up to heavyweight and making it

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Young Pummill thrilled to coach Lady Ocelots

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Youth will definitely be served with the recent hiring of 22-year-old Shannon Pietruszka as the new Schoolcraft College women's volleyball coach.

Pummill, a Garden City native, replaces Rod Brumfield, who resigned last season after going 16-19 overall and 6-4 in the MCAA's Eastern Conference. Brumfield's record overall record was 88-62 overall and 34-16 in the conference during his four seasons as the Lady Ocelots' coach.

Pummill spent last season as a student assistant under Karen Graves at Concordia University. The former Shannon Pietruszka played two seasons

of volleyball at Concordia and two seasons at Marygrove University, also under Graves.

"I never thought an opportunity like this would come at such a young age, but I'm really excited about it," Pummill said. "I think this year I'm just really trying to bring a brand new approach to the program, make some changes and I'm really hoping to compete at the top of our conference and the National Junior College Athletic Association. We want to be at least in the top half of division."

Schoolcraft athletic director Sid Fox said Pummill stood out during the interview process and was the clear-cut choice.

"She's very energetic, a lot of enthusiasm," Fox said. "She was highly recommended by

the coach (Karen Graves) at Concordia and a great candidate. I felt like she could contribute a lot to our program. She's handled some of the recruiting there. We just think she can turn the program around a little bit. We interviewed her twice. We had a preliminary interview and for an hour-and-a-half had a final interview and she



Pummill

was very impressive."

The 2008 Garden City grad, however, won't turn 23 until October.

"We were a little concerned, to be honest, but the coach at Concordia (Karen Graves) said she's far more mature than her

chronological age," Fox said. "That was good to hear and how she related to the student-athletes up there at Concordia."

The new Schoolcraft coach has already been on the recruiting trail and has scheduled open tryouts both at the end of February and in June.

Pummill said eight of the eligible returning 12 players have committed to return to play next fall for Schoolcraft. Among those returning include Julene Pummill, another Garden City grad who happens to be Shannon Pummill's sister-in-law. (Shannon is married to Ron Pummill, who played basketball and golf at both Garden City and Schoolcraft.)

Shannon Pummill, who recently began her student teach-

ing duties at Hamilton Elementary in Wayne-Westland, said she is prepared for the upcoming challenge of coaching at the collegiate level.

"I've been with Karen for five years now," said Pummill, who was a two-time all-state softball player at Garden City who helped the Cougars to the 2008 MHSAA Class A state title. "She taught me so much, good practice drills, her overall philosophy of the game. I just really want to thank her for what she gave to me."

"I'm just really excited to step up and put out my own team and put what I've learned over the years to good use. I'm really blessed, I know that."

bemons@hometownlife.com
313-222-6851



Good sportsmanship, camaraderie and diversity are key components of the 65-and-older softball league. A new Canton team is forming, but players are sought.

SOFTBALL

Continued from Page B1

ciation rules for players age 65 and up.

Not far from his coffee cup was a stack of advertisement placards with all the details about the membership drive.

He is trying to recruit enough senior citizens with "average" talent and a hankering for fun and friendship to join what would be a second Canton team.

With the two Canton squads and the addition of teams based out of Dearborn and Taylor, the SSSLWWC would field eight squads for 2014. Other existing teams are from Livonia, Redford and Westland.

Check it out

So far, according to Mosher — who began playing softball nine years ago, after retiring from his career in engineering — about five players already are in the fold for the second Canton team (which he will not help run).

That means there is impetus to get the word out so that all of the rosters will be filled with up to 20 players by the time the 32-game season begins in late April.

An informational meeting, where prospective players can attend and commit to the venture, is scheduled for 10 a.m.



A batter rips the ball down the third-base line during 2013 action of the Suburban Senior Softball League.

Monday, Feb. 17, at Canton Coney Island.

The restaurant is located off of Lilley Road south of Joy.

"I'm looking for diversity," Mosher said. "I'm looking for fun guys that are friendly, that really want to socialize."

And even though the expansion team will have home games played at Canton Sports Center (part of a sprawling complex on Michigan Avenue), players do not have to live in the township to join.

For example, the team Mosher plays for (sponsored by Henry Ford Village in

Dearborn) is co-managed by a Livonia resident, 70-year-old Vince DeMassa.

"I handle the computers and I'm good with photography," Mosher said. "Now Vince is a real player. He's played ball his whole life."

Slated to run the second Canton team are Livonia's Ron Klimzak and Northville's Les Osenkowski, who are age 65 and 69, respectively.

Fun and safety

What Mosher and others will tell those who stop by Canton Coney Island is the league isn't about running up

the score (the league only permits five runs per half-inning) but rather getting guys out for some fun, exercise and kibitzing at postgame gatherings.

"We're looking for people, a lot of this is socialization," Mosher said. "I always encourage them to come to lunch with us after (games)."

"We always go to a place, a restaurant. We have several restaurants that we go to because half our games are at home in Canton and the other half are out on the road."

It does help if players have some softball experience and the ability to still run from Point A to Point B.

"There are some good guys, we don't look for talent," he said. "We look for average, guys with average skills. In other words, if they can run a little bit, that's good."

"If they can't ... it is important to get to first base without walking."

Mosher stressed that prospective players also need to at least have an idea about what they can or can't do at an advanced age before signing up.

"There's only one guy that I can think of (that) made me a little nervous," he said. "He just didn't have the balance or the reaction skills. We're thinking about safety, No. 1."

tsmith@hometownlife.com

READY TO EXPAND

What: A new Canton senior citizen softball team is being formed to join the Suburban Senior Softball League of Western Wayne County.

Need: The team needs up to 20 players who either are 65 or who will turn 65 during 2014. The formation of the squad will give the Canton area two teams in the league, which is governed by the Amateur Softball Association. The league also has teams based out of Livonia, Redford, Westland, Dearborn and Taylor.

Meeting: An information meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 17, at the Canton Coney Island restaurant, located off Lilley Road south of Joy Road (next to the Secretary of State office).

Mission: According to longtime league player, manager and spokesman Bob Mosher of Canton, the objective of the league is to play fun, competitive slow-pitch softball but also provide an avenue for senior citizens to get important exercise and socialization. Players with average abilities are sought rather than "superstars" and the league values diversity and camaraderie.

Sked: There will be 32 games, mostly with start times of 10 a.m.; Canton home games take place at Canton Sports Center on Michigan Avenue. Mosher is one of the players and managers for the existing Canton-based team, sponsored by Henry Ford Village in Dearborn. The season begins in late April and runs until August.

Fees: Sponsors take care of most of the costs, but each player will be asked to pay \$25 in league fees. Most of that money helps pay for game umpires.

Info: Call 734-502-7477 or email bwphoto1@comcast.net.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MU's Melcher helps corral Mustangs

Rachel Melcher notched her sixth double-double of the season Saturday as the Madonna University women's basketball team romped to a 90-57 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference win over visiting Marygrove College.

Melcher, a 5-foot-9 junior guard from Birmingham Mar-ian, finished with 16 points and 15 rebounds as the Crusaders improved to 10-11 overall and 8-6 in the WHAC.

Lizzy Otten and Chelsea Williams chipped in with 15 and 14 points, respectively, while Tiffany Zito pulled down a career-high 14 rebounds.

MU, which led 46-29 at intermission, made 32-of-43 free throws total in the foul-filled game.

Ciara Moore and Arielle Edwards scored 15 and 12 points, respectively, for the last-place Mustangs (2-10, 0-14), who committed 23 turnovers and shot only 17-of-74 from the floor (23 percent).

Schoolcraft routed

Five of the six players who dressed scored in double figures Saturday as host Kirtland Community College (5-7, 2-5) rolled to a 90-52 MCCA Eastern Conference victory over Schoolcraft College (7-11, 3-5).

Jo Hamlin paced the victorious Firebirds with 27 points and 12 rebounds.

Kirtland, which led 43-22 at halftime, also got contributions from Natalie Buker (20 points), Olivia Smith (16 points, 10 rebounds), Tabitha Kibby (12 points), and Erica Buchner (10 points).

Chelsea Wesley paced the Lady Ocelots in scoring with 14 points, while Brianna Berberet added 11.

Schoolcraft made only 20-of-71 shots from the floor (28.2 percent).

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Naubert fuels MU comeback triumph

Bobby Naubert scored 15 of his team-high 28 points during the second half Saturday as the host Madonna University men's basketball team rallied for an 86-77 victory Saturday over visiting Marygrove College.

The 5-foot-10 senior point-guard from Livonia Stevenson raised his career point total to 1,759 and the NAIA All-America sits just three points away from taking sole possession of the No. 2 spot on the MU career scoring list, passing Mike Massey (1998-2002), and his 1,761 points.

MU, now 16-6 overall and 12-2 in the Wolverine-Hoosier

Athletic Conference, trailed 68-61 with 10:00 to go after a layup by Diante Taylor.

The Crusaders took the lead for good, 77-75, on a pair of free throws by Naubert with 2:45 left. The MU stand-out made 12-of-13 free thros on the day to go along with five assists and five rebounds.

Senior guard Travis Schuba chipped in with 16 points, while senior Derrick Lennen came off the bench to add nine points and eight rebounds. Junior center Donald Owens contributed eight points and seven boards as the second-place Crusaders won their ninth straight.

Darryll Dixon led Marygrove (2-20, 1-13) with 29 points and eight rebounds in the loss. He was 5-of-11 from three-point range. Taylor chipped in with 14 points.

Ocelots stumble

Jeremiah Williams tallied a game-high 24 points Saturday as host Kirtland Community College (5-10, 1-6) posted a 91-86 MCCA Eastern Conference triumph over Schoolcraft College (10-8, 3-5).

Others in double figures for the Firebirds included Collin Craven (19), Micah Thomey (15), Bryan Layton (13) and Jack Ocobock (11).

PREP FOOTBALL

Filiatraut returns to coach at Divine Child

Former Churchill coach back at alma mater

By Brad Emmons
Staff Writer

The lure of coaching high school football again has John Filiatraut returning to his alma mater.

After a year's absence, the former Livonia Churchill coach is headed back to Dearborn Divine Child where he'll replace Steve Robb, who was not retained after going 3-6 in his only season as the Falcons' coach.

The 44-year-old Filiatraut, who spent 16 years as Churchill's varsity coach before stepping down following the 2012 season for family considerations, is a 1987 Divine Child grad who played under coach Wes Wishart.

Last season, Filiatraut coached his younger son's Livonia St. Michael's fifth- and sixth-grade team. His oldest son John Jr., a senior at DC, played offensive guard for the Falcons in the fall.

"The opportunity was there," Filiatraut said. "I'm very excited to be there. I met the kids on Monday. That was great. I'm just really happy to be in there and to be coaching again. I did miss it last year. I missed high school football and this will be a good, new challenge."

Filiatraut, who played football at the University of Wisconsin, became the Churchill varsity coach at age 26 and spent 16 seasons with the Chargers, going 61-90.

He guided the Chargers to four playoff berths (2004, 2007, 2011 and 2012) with his best season coming in 2012 when Churchill finished 10-1, capturing both the KLAA South Division and Kensington Conference championships.

Divine Child, now a member of the Catholic League's AA Division, has an enrollment of approximately 800 students. The school spawned such players as former Lions quarterback Gary Danielson along with former University of Colorado coach and Prom-

ise Keepers founder Bill McCartney.

"The biggest change for me personally is that it's just a smaller place," Filiatraut said of Divine Child. "At our meeting on Monday I met 53 returning players. At Churchill that's a big class. But that's (incoming) sophomores, juniors and seniors. I just have



Filiatraut

to get my head around coaching at a smaller place. I expect for us to improve a little bit, but it's unreasonable to expect there is going to be 150 kids playing football there. The place only has 400 boys or so. We have some good skill kids coming back and our line will be a little young, but we'll get them going."

Filiatraut he is putting together a staff which will include alumni relations director Scott Dickey, a hold-over from the previous staff.

"I've been at Churchill for so long," Filiatraut said. "It's a

little strange leaving there, but the colors are the same and that's good. A couple of holdovers that are teachers in the building. The staff is coming together. We're definitely not done yet. Once I got Scott's commitment and from some of the other guys in the building, I was fully on board with it."

Filiatraut's wife, Janice, was also on board with his decision to return to the high school coaching ranks.

"She's very supportive," John Filiatraut said. "Anybody that knows me knows that I wouldn't do anything without her backing me up. Without her support I definitely couldn't do it. She's been great and she's very excited."

"At this point I have a better vision what good football looks like and how to run a good program. I feel like I've cut my teeth and I'm ready to go. I just have a better vision of what should happen. In that regard I'm very excited."

emmons@hometownlife.com
313-222-6851

WHALERS

Continued from Page B1

goal. Sarnia's onslaught chased Plymouth starting goalie Alec Nedeljko, who stopped 27 of 31 shots before Bowman relieved him with just under 16 minutes to play in the game.

Bowman gave up just one goal in eight shots with Sarnia's final marker an empty netter.

Both of this weekend's games at Compuware will be aired on Comcast CN-900; the Saturday game against Belleville also will be broadcast live on 88.1 FM (WSDP).

tsmith@hometownlife.com

RELIGION CALENDAR

JANUARY FILM

Time/Date: 6:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills
Details: The feature this month is *The Last Brick Maker in America* starring veteran actor Sidney Poitier as a skilled craftsman fighting for quality and tradition, who becomes a mentor for a 13-year-old boy. Free screening. The free-will donation meal will include meatloaf

Contact: 248-553-3380

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30

Location: St. Genevieve Catholic School, 28933 Jamison, Livonia

Details: Preschool, Young 5's, K-8; visitors will meet staff, other parents and tour the classrooms

Contact: 734-425-4420; stgenevieve.org/school

FEBRUARY AUCTION

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16

Location: Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland

Details: Concordia Lutheran School's annual auction, "Winter Wonderland" will include appetizer, dinner, desserts, beer, wine and soft drinks, in addition to an auction. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$270 for tables of 10

Contact: Racann Kush at 248-474-3991

DINNER DANCE

Time/Date: 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15

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

Details: Valentine Dinner Dance will include dinner and music for dancing by the Dennis Coffey Band. Tickets are \$20 per person

Contact: 248-553-3380

DUELING PIANOS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8

Location: St. Damian, 30055 Joy Road, Westland

Details: Dueling Pianos show includes light refreshments, cash bar, and 50/50 raffle. Tickets are \$20, available at the parish in Westland, west of Middlebelt

Contact: Karen Crunk at 734-421-2853 or email kcrunk@quixnet.net

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7-8:45 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2-March 25

Location: Faith Covenant Church, 35415 W. 14 Mile, at Drake, Farmington Hills

Details: Free; presented by New Hope Center for Grief Support. Register by calling Amanda Haelterman at 248-661-9191

Contact: pastor Dennis Carlson, dennis.carlson@4fcc.org

JUDAICA ON DVD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5-26

Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Howard Lupovitch delivers his four-part series, "Sacred Remnants: Rediscovered Treasures of the Jewish Past" on DVD. Topics are "The Dead Sea Scrolls: A New View of Ancient Judaism," Feb. 5; "The Cairo Geniza: The Day-to-Day Lives of the Jews of Islam," Feb. 12; "The Aleppo Codex: The Real Text of the Torah," Feb. 19; and "The Soviet Archives: The Unknown World of Eastern Europe," Feb. 26

Contact: Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931; nancyel-len879@att.net

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9

Location: Prentis Apartment community room, located on 10 Mile, east of Greenfield in Oak Park

Details: The group will hold a fabric, yarn, pattern and half-finished project swap. The Pomegranate Guild of South-eastern Michigan studies and creates Judaic needlework

Contact: Judy Galperin at 248-661-5337

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2 to March 9

Location: St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: This bereavement support series is designed to help deal with emotions, loneliness and other issues experienced after the loss of a spouse. Widowed Friends is a peer support group in the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Coming up: Dinner, games and fellowship, Wednesday, Feb. 12, at Corsi's Italian Restaurant, 27910 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. Social hour at 5 p.m. with dinner buffet at 6 p.m. Cost is \$15 and includes buffet, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay at the door with cash only in the exact amount. RSVP by Feb. 8 to Cookie at 248-357-2183, Pat at 248-545-8348 or Carol at 248-924-3677

Contact: Priscilla at 734-591-7879

MARCH CHILDREN'S CONCERT

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m., Sunday March 2

Location: Sacred Heart Banquet and Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, just east of Middlebelt, Livonia

Details: "The Donut Man" Rob Evans and his sidekick Duncan will perform original Bible story-songs such as *In The Beginning* and *The Miracle Song*. Families are encouraged to sing along and dance in the aisles. Tickets are \$5 at the door; children under 2 are admitted free

Contact: the Rev. Joseph Marqui at 734-522-3166

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, beginning March 12 for five consecutive weeks

Location: St. Michael the

Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: "Grieving with Great Hope" is for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. It is conducted by Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization co-founded by John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy. Register through the ministry's website or through the church

Contact: 734-261-1455; goodmourningministry.net

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 8

Location: Concordia Lutheran School, 9600 Leverne, Redford

Details: Tour the school and visit the annual spring carnival. Includes carnival games, book fair, food and more. New students can receive a coupon for \$5 in free carnival tickets by calling the campus or visiting online

Contact: 313-937-2233; www.concordials.org

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 a.m. 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 Township

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 Township

Details: Learner's Bible study is held

Contact: 248-374-5920

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.

Prayer breakfast: Save the date

The 40th annual Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast is planned for Thursday, May 1, in St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, Livonia.

Gen. Charles Moss Duke Jr., the 10th man to walk on the moon, will be the featured speaker. Duke and fellow astronaut John Young landed on the moon in 1972 and stayed a record-setting 71 hours and 14 minutes.

Debbie Hart, a Livonia native, will perform a patriotic music program. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$10 for K-12 students. Invitations to the event will be mailed March 13. RSVPs are due April 18.

For more information, call Sally Butler at 248-476-9427.

Passages

Obituaries, Memories & Remembrances

How to reach us:

1-800-579-7355 • fax 313-496-4968 • oebits@hometownlife.com

Deadlines: Friday, 4:15 p.m. for Sunday paper • Wednesday, 9:45 a.m. for Thursday paper

View Online www.hometownlife.com

FERGUSON, KIMBERLY KAY

January 25, 2014. Age 44 of Westland. Dearest mother of Cody Ferguson, Eric Conner and Katelyn Conner. Dear daughter of Mary and the late Leonard Ferguson. Beloved sister of Sandra Ferguson. Loving grandmother of Haileigh Cleverger and Riley Conner. Interment at Parkview Cemetery. Services handled by the Uht Funeral Home. Please view a memorial and send a tribute at www.uhtfh.com



LaRICHE, GAIL FRANCIS (NEE CROUCH)

age 81, resident of Northville, Michigan, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on January 26th. Beloved wife of 60 years to Louis H. (Lou) LaRiche, Sister to Wayne (Bonnie) Kryszak. Loving mother to Michele (Paul) Griffith, Jacqueline Gordon, Scott (Dawn) LaRiche, John LaRiche, Jim (Maureen) LaRiche, Bob (Tiare) LaRiche and Suzanne (Mark) Merucci. Amazing grandma to Lindsey McKown (Craig), Daane Griffith, Steven, Amanda and Joseph LaRiche, Jessica (Chuck) Kemeny, Chastity LaRiche, Jonathon LaRiche, Jimmy Jr. and Juliet LaRiche, Justin (Brittney), Amber and Ryan LaRiche, Joey, Dante, and Anna Merucci. Great grandmother to Greyson, Selah and Crew McKown, Seth, Saige, and Zach Kemeny and Mason and Oliver LaRiche. Predeceased by son-in-law James R. Gordon. Gail was born on December 15, 1932 in Canton, Ohio. She attended Wooster High School where she

was very involved in theater. Gail went on to Nurses Training at Huron Hospital, in Cleveland, Ohio. It was at this time she met the love of her life, Lou. She was grateful for a life well lived which included: raising her seven children, travels around the world, and time spent at her condo on the Siesta Key Beach in Sarasota, Florida. Gail enjoyed sewing, reading, opera, bible studies, golf, tennis, water skiing, power walking, pilates and cross-country skiing. She was active in the community and the Catholic church, in Findlay, OH, Plymouth and Northville, MI. Her volunteer work included nursing home visits, migrant worker ministries, Meals on Wheels, Girl Scouts, Eucharist Lay Ministry, Rosary Altar Society, teaching catechism, and being a member of the OLCG funeral choir. Visitation will be held at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI on Wednesday, January 29th from 2-8 with the Rosary at 7:00 pm. Visitation will continue Thursday, January 30th at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial Rd. (at Beck), Plymouth, MI at 11:30a.m. until time of Funeral Mass, at 12 noon. Memorial donations may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48154 (angelahospice.org) or Dominican Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist, 4597 Warren Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48105 (sistersofmary.org) To leave a condolence www.schrader-howell.com



MEISSNER, ELIZABETH J.

January 26, 2014 of Birmingham. Beloved wife of the late Walter Loving mother of Joan (Craig) Moeschberger, Carol (John) Hoag and the late Nancy Birmer. Grand-mother of Jeff (Tammy), Chris (Deanna), Tom, John, and Sarah. Great-grandmother of Charlie, Bryan, Cole and Kaitlyn. Sister-in-law of Alice Sweeso and Bertha (Richard) McCoy. Funeral at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2225 E. 14 Mile Rd., Birmingham, Monday 11 a.m. Friends may visit beginning at 10 a.m. Visitation at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Rd. (between 14-15 Mile Rds.), Sunday 2-6 p.m. Memorials to Our Shepherd Lutheran Church - Love for Others Fund. Obituary and condolences at lynchfuneraldirectors.com

HARBRECHT, WANDA A.

Age 83 of Northville, Michigan passed away January 25, 2014. She was born September 2, 1930 in Detroit, MI a daughter of Raleigh and Lillian (Parmley) Ferris. Wanda was a member of Our Lady of Victory of Northville. Surviving are her sons: Chris (Keri) and Paul; grandchildren: Drew, Hailey, and Drake; and nephew, Steve Perry. Scripture services were held at Keehn Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the ALS Foundation. Please visit Wanda's Book of Memories at www.keehnfuneralhome.com

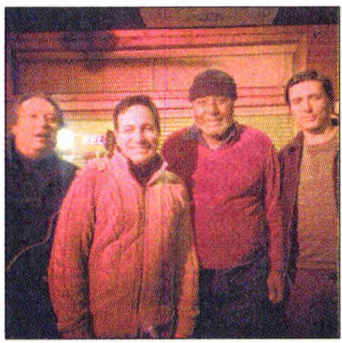
KEEHN FUNERAL HOME



Your Invitation to Worship

<p>CATHOLIC</p> <p>ST. ANNE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH Tridentine Latin Mass St. Anne's Academy - Grades K-8 38100 Five Mile Road Livonia, MI 48154 • (734) 462-3200</p> <p>Mass Schedule: First Friday Mass 7:00 p.m. Saturday Mass 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Confessions Heard Prior to Each Mass Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M. AT 150641</p>	<p>PRESBYTERIAN (U.S.A.)</p> <p>The Church Worth Driving To! Westminster Church of Detroit Multi-cultural, welcoming, warm & secure parking 17567 Hubbell @ Outer Drive Detroit, MI 48235 Services at 8:30 and 11:00 (Summer and special Sundays-10:00) 313-341-2697 x 200 www.wcodetroit.org</p>	<p>EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN</p> <p>WARD CHURCH 40000 Six Mile Road Northville, MI 48168 248.274.7400</p> <p>Sunday Worship Services 8 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11 a.m.</p> <p>4 different music styles from classic to modern www.wardchurch.org</p> <p>LC-0000164811</p>	<p>LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD</p> <p>Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, Just north of I-96 www.christsaviors.org</p> <p>Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11:00 am - Traditional</p> <p>Sunday School/Bible Class 9:45 am Early Childhood Center Phone 734-513-8413</p> <p>Staffed Nursery Available</p> <p>Making disciples who share the love of Jesus Christ Rev. Dean M. Davenport & Rev. Robert F. Bayer 734-522-6830</p> <p>LC-0000164687</p>
<p>CHURCHES OF THE NAZARENE</p> <p>PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 45801 W. Ann Arbor Road • (734) 453-1525</p> <p>Sunday School - 9:45 A.M. Sunday Worship - 11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M. Family Night - Wed. 7:00 P.M. NEW HORIZONS FOR CHILDREN LEARNING CENTER (734) 455-3196</p> <p>AT 150636</p>	<p>Rosedale Gardens PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA) 9601 Hubbard at W. Chicago, Livonia, MI (between Merriman & Farmington Rds.)</p> <p>(734) 422-0494</p> <p>Friends in Faith Service 9:00 am Traditional Service 10:30 am</p> <p>Visit www.rosedalegardens.org For information about our many programs</p> <p>AT 150637</p>	<p>ASSEMBLIES OF GOD</p> <p>A Church for Seasoned Saints OPEN ARMS CHURCH</p> <p>Worship: Sunday 10:30 am Wednesday 7 pm</p> <p>Pastor Grady Jensen & Music Minister Abe Fazzini</p> <p>33015 W. 7 Mile Rd. • Livonia 48152 Between Farmington & Merriman Across from Joe's Produce 248.471.5282</p> <p>Church As You Remember It!</p> <p>AT 150638</p>	<p>PRESBYTERIAN</p> <p>Fellowship Presbyterian Church Adult Sunday: 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. • Worship: 10:30 a.m. Childrens Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Services held at: Saint Andrews Episcopal Church 16360 Hubbard Road in Livonia • South of Six Mile Road Nursery provided • www.fellowship-presbyterian.org</p> <p>AT 150639</p>
<p>St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church & School 17810 Farmington Road Livonia (734)261-1380</p> <p>WORSHIP SERVICES SUNDAY : 8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. THURSDAY : 6:30 P.M. website: www.stpaulsilivonia.org</p> <p>AT 150640</p>			

For Information regarding this Directory, please call Sue Sare at 248-437-2011 ext. 247 or e-mail: ssare@hometownlife.com



Benny Reeves (second from right) and the Paul Carey Trio

Musician with Motown roots plays at Elks blues series

Benny Reeves and the Paul Carey Trio will perform 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, at the Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

The event, sponsored by the Detroit Blues Society, is part of the monthly Blues@The Elks music series. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

Reeves has serious Motown roots as a founding member of the Contours and the brother of Motown legend Martha Reeves. As a soulful backup singer, his resume is a veritable Who's Who of the greats of Motown. Reeves will perform favorites of the era and plenty of jump and down-home blues.

Carey is a veteran guitarist on the Detroit scene, having been affiliated with such acts as Thornetta Davis, the Sun Messengers, Alberta Adams, Sir Mack Rice and others.

Call 734-453-1780 for more information.

Cancer fight 'dragon boating' film focus, shown Saturday

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Csilla Gutay of Plymouth Township is a woman on a mission.

She lost her best friend, Patty Arthur of Canton, to breast cancer when Arthur was only 45. Gutay's friend left behind husband Tom Joseph and the couple's twins, who just turned 8.

"I'm hoping to raise awareness," said Gutay, a vehicle integration engineer with Ford Motor.

She's focused on awareness of cancer and the benefits of exercise, such as paddling a dragon boat. In the boat, there are 20 paddlers, one drummer in the front and one steer person in the back.

"I read about all the benefits of how it helps people recover," she said.

Gutay had never heard of dragon boating until Patty Arthur had a recurrence of breast cancer and Gutay read about dragon boating on the Mayo Clinic website.

Gutay started a team in late 2012 to help her friend as well as a neighbor recuperate after treatments.

"Just imagine a big, long stretched canoe, like a limo," she said. There are 10 rows of two people in the middle who heed the drummer's commands.

"You have to get all 20 people paddling at the same pace. It's very much a team sport. Everybody has to pull together." Dragon boating originated in ancient China.

Gutay, who's organizing a Saturday, Feb. 1, documentary screening on dragon boating at the Plymouth District Library,



Members of Motor City Dragons paddle across Lake Orion during the Dragon on the Lake Festival.

is a firm believer in its health benefits for patients.

A Vancouver, B.C., physician did research showing such exercise benefited cancer patients. "It stimulates the lymphatic system," she explained.

Learning dragon boating

Gutay doesn't own a dragon boat, which is 40 feet long and weighs some 600 pounds, but is fundraising toward that goal. Participants in Windsor and Wallaceburg, Ontario, have three breast cancer survivor teams whose members were able to help with teaching and training.

Those teams invited Gutay and others to practice. She

benefited from their more than 10 years of experience.

From there, Gutay's team was formed, the Motor City Dragons within the Ford Employee Recreation Association Ford Canoe & Kayak Club.

The season here runs April to October, with the Motor City Dragons meeting in Dearborn to carpool to Tecumseh, Ontario, for practice. The team won a bronze in competition in Lake Orion, as well as a silver with some Canadian members completing the team in Toronto competition.

"Dragon boating's actually the fastest-growing water sport in the world," she said.

Awaken the Dragon will screen at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, the Plymouth District Li-

brary, 223 S. Main. The 90-minute documentary looks at dragon boat team made up of cancer patients in Charleston, S.C. Its producer/director, Liz Oakley, filmed the group for more than two years. A Q & A with Motor City Dragons will follow the screening. No reservations are required.

Down the road, Gutay is focused on fundraising and hopes to form a 501(c) non-profit for the cause. A benefit walk as well as a yoga class are in the works.

"That's my vision for the team," she said of the nonprofit.

For more information, email Gutay at motorcitydragons@yahoo.com

Enter to WIN!

Gift Value

\$70

Dinner Includes:

- Artisan Bread Basket
- One Appetizer to Share
- Two Soups or Salads
- Two Entrees
- One Dessert to Share

Valentine

Dinner for two

at Joe & Aldo's Italian Tavern in Novi

How to enter:

In 50 words or less tell us what makes your Valentine so special and you could win dinner for two at Joe & Aldo's Italian Tavern.

Go to facebook.com/oehometown and look for the Valentine Contest icon. You can also go to hometownlife.com and select the Valentine Contest icon located in the DON'T MISS section of the website.

Winners will be selected by a panel of judges.

Entry Deadline:

Sunday, Feb. 9 11:59 p.m.



Joe & Aldo's Italian Tavern

Authentic, made from scratch Italian cuisine in a casual atmosphere!

42705 Grand River Ave.

Novi, MI 48375

248-348-3838

www.joeandaldo.com

* Restrictions may apply. Expenses exceeding gift value is the winner's responsibility.



Two winners will be selected!

JOE & ALDO'S
ITALIAN TAVERN

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC
hometownlife.com MEDIA
A GANNETT COMPANY

Theater celebrates romance in February

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

If you're looking for the perfect date movie head to the Marquis Theatre in Northville where romance will be on the big screen every Saturday next month.

"We selected contemporary favorites," said Kate Knight, Downtown Development Authority planning coordinator. "I've seen them all at one point and I'm looking forward to revisit them."

Doors open at 6:45 p.m. and films start at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$5. The theater is located at 133 E. Main. The schedule includes:

» Feb. 1 — *Love Actually* stars Hugh Grant, Emma Thompson, Liam Neeson, Laura Linney,

and Colin Firth. The film looks at love through several separate stories involving the ensemble cast. Starring "The Gallery" is sponsoring its screening at the Marquis.

» Feb. 8 — *Crazy Stupid Love* stars starring Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone, Steve Carell, Julianne Moore, Marisa Tomei, and Kevin Bacon. It's also an ensemble comedy and focuses on a middle-aged husband whose life changes when his wife seeks a divorce. Orin Jewelers sponsors the screening.

» Feb. 15 — *Valentine's Day*, starring Julia Roberts, Jamie Foxx, Ann Hathaway, Topher Grace, Jessica Biel, Bradley Cooper, Jennifer Garner, and Ashton Kutcher, centers on cou-

ples and singles in Los Angeles, Calif., who break up and make up because of Valentine's Day expectations. It is sponsored by KB Jewelers.

» Feb. 22 — *When Harry Met Sally* stars Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan. The 1989 film raises the question, can women and men ever just be friends? It follows Harry and Sally over the years as their friendship turns into a romantic relationship. Sponsored by Northville Physical Rehabilitation.

The film screening is part of the newly jump-started "Movies at the Marquis" series. Knight said the theater had offered films in the past, and was ready to resume its movie series after a

year-long hiatus.

"It's something we would like to promote to bring visitors to downtown Northville, so part of that is continuous movies at the Marquis," Knight said. "Look for more (movies) in the future."

"We pitched the idea and formatted it a little differently. We're helping with promotion and licensing. It's an opportunity for them (the Marquis) to open their doors on Saturday night."

The Marquis mostly offers live performances and children's theater camps and is available for rent. It was originally built as an opera house.

"We'd like to do more frequent series. A spring series would be nice," Knight said.

Supporting restoration

Christina Zayti of Northville, Marquis owner, is thrilled to partner with downtown merchants for the film screenings.

"I'm hoping we get a lot of people in town," she said. "Hopefully it'll work out for the whole town."

She hopes moviegoers will try out restaurants and that newcomers will visit Northville for the series. Zayti added that all ticket sales will support Marquis restoration efforts, "especially the roof."

The businesses sponsoring the romance film screenings will offer pre-show festivities. Knight said Mary Star-

ring, owner of Starring "The Gallery," likely will entertain at her store. She also plans to sell items from her gallery at the theater. Orin Jewelers will offer a sweet snack and champagne, Knight added.

"It's fun, very fun. Just before curtain they do a little giveaway," Knight said. "When you buy a (movie) ticket you're automatically entered and eligible for a terrific prize."

For more information about Movies at the Marquis, visit www.downtownnorthville.com or call 248-349-0345.

Staff writer Julie Brown contributed to this story.

GET OUT! CALENDAR

ANIMALS

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March 31
Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal Oak
Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$12 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$9 for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking
FrogWatch: Classes teach volunteers how to identify frogs and toads by their breeding calls and gather and record data that supports a national network. Classes set for noon to 4 p.m. Feb. 8, 5-9 p.m. Feb. 19 and March 6, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 2. Register by emailing to rjohnson@dzs.org.
Contact: 248-541-5717

ART & CRAFTS

ARAB AMERICAN MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1
Location: 13624 Michigan Ave., Dearborn
Details: Pewabic Pottery instructor Victoria Shaheen will lead a bowl-making workshop. Participants will hand-mold bowls from clay and decorate them. Includes a docent-guided tour focusing on Arab artistic heritage in America and the role of food and hospitality in culture. Fee is \$35 and advanced registration is required. Appropriate for adults and children 11 and over
Contact: 313-582-2266; arabamericanmuseum.org

GALLERY@VT

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, during public performances, or by appointment
Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
Details: Glass sculpture by JB Wood is on display through May
Contact: 734-394-5300

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Gallery hours, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, opening day reception is from 6-9 p.m.; show runs Feb. 7 through March 1
Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
Details: eighth annual Member Exhibition
Contact: 248-344-0497; <http://www.northvillearts.org>

COMEDY

EMERGENT ARTS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Feb. 1
Location: The Mix Studio Theatre, 8 N. Washington Street, Ypsilanti



David Galido (left) of *Novi* is John Wilkes Booth, Keith Janoch of Farmington Hills plays Leon Czolgosz, Barb Bruno of Farmington Hills is Sarah Jane Moore and Barry Cutler of Ferndale portrays Charles Giteau in the Farmington Players production of *Assassins*.

Details: Comedian John F. O'Donnell performs. Admission is \$7 at the door or on Brown Paper Tickets at brownpapertickets.com/event/552248
Contact: www.emergentarts.com

DANCE

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 14-15 and 2:30 p.m. Feb. 16
Location: 1526 Broadway, Detroit
Details: Dance Theatre of Harlem performs; tickets range from \$25-\$80
Contact: 313-237-SING; 800-745-300;

FILM

BERMAN CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS

Time/Date: 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Feb. 12
Location: 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield
Details: Bess Kargman's award-winning documentary, *First Position*, follows six young dancers as they prepare for a chance to enter the world of professional ballet, struggling through bloodied feet, near exhaustion and debilitating injuries all while navigating the drama of adolescence. Admission is \$19; \$17 for Jewish Community Center members
Contact: 248-661-1900; www.theberman.org

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM

Time/Date: 5:30-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31
Location: 315 E. Warren, Detroit
Details: Premiere of *Madman or Martyr*, a documentary about abolitionist John Brown and the Underground Railroad in Detroit. Luke Jaden, a Detroit Country Day student, wrote, directed and produced the film. A Q & A with Jaden and some of



The spring peeper frog is native to Michigan. Upcoming FrogWatch classes at the Detroit Zoo will teach participants to identify frogs and toads by their breeding calls.

Friday-Saturday, Jan. 31-Feb. 1; 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2; and 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6
Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth
Details: *About Time*, admission \$3
Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. screenings and 9 p.m. reception, Thursday, Jan. 30; 8 p.m. screening, Friday, Jan. 31; 3:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. screenings, Saturday, Feb. 1; 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. screenings, with award ceremony at 6:45 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 2
Location: 2730 Bagley, Detroit
Details: 23rd annual 2014 Detroit Dreaming Film Festival showcase the diversity, struggles and triumphs of the City of Detroit, through narratives, documentary, and shorts. Tickets are \$7 per screening block
Contact: 313-967-0599; www.matrixtheatre.org

FUNDRAISER

BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 1
Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth
Details: Proceeds from "Our Show of Shows" will help Barefoot pay its winter heating bill



John F. O'Donnell performs stand-up comedy Feb. 1 at The Mix Studio Theatre in Ypsilanti.

and new seats. The variety program will showcase many of the past performers on the Barefoot stage, this time presenting talents in comedy, dance, music and song. Tickets are \$15
Contact: 734-560-1493; www.justgobarefoot.com

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m., Friday, Jan. 31
Location: 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: 45th Birthday Party & Silent Auction Fundraiser features wine, hors d'oeuvres, dessert, music by Rose Paulus and Jeff Davis, You-Art photos with Christina Evans, door prizes, silent auction. RSVP recommended, but tickets are not required. Donations will be accepted
Contact: 734-416-4278

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: Doors open at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15
Location: Golden Fox at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center, 8768 N. Territorial, west of Plymouth Township
Details: "A Night FOR the Museum" will include appetizers, gourmet dinner, dessert, entertainment by 12-year-old Makenzie Ryder and the Plymouth Fire and Drum Corps. Tickets are \$75 at the museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth, or online at www.plymouthhistory.org. Ticket deadline is Feb. 7
Contact: 734-455-8940

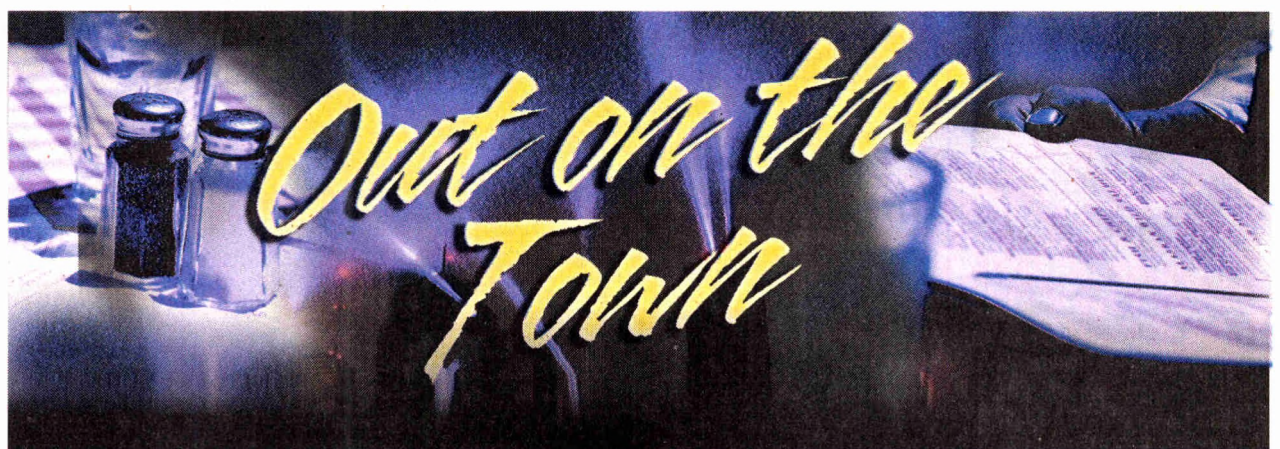
RACKHAM CHOIR

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8
Location: Regency Manor, 25228 W. 12 Mile, Southfield
Details: An Arabian Night's theme, dinner, dancing, an open bar and silent auction. The Rackham Ensemble Singers and music by Even Exchange. Tickets are \$75
Contact: 313-404-0222; rackhamchoir.org/an-2013

MUSIC

BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

Time/Date: Open mic sign up, 6:15-6:45 p.m.; performances 7-9 p.m., the third Saturday of the month through May
Location: The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: Open mic musicians may perform two songs, original or cover. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Annual memberships are \$25 for individuals and include free admission.
Contact: Scott Ludwig at BF5president@aol.com or www.facebook.com/udm-theatre



Check these Local Businesses offering Great Values and ready to serve you...enjoy!

Healthy Choices at Affordable Prices

Visit our New Livonia Location!

\$1.99 Breakfast Specials Exp. 2/7/14 Livonia only

Little Daddys Family Restaurant

Fresh Fish & Produce brought in daily... Never frozen. Extensive Menu Offerings... All Homemade!

20% OFF For Your Entire Party Dine In/Carry Out
Beverages not included • Not valid with other offers • Livonia only • Exp. 2/28/14

10% OFF For Seniors Everyday For Your Entire Party

20% OFF For Seniors (60 & over) Every Mon & Fri. After 4pm

We Can Accommodate Large Parties • Private Room Available

Now Open! Livonia • 19333 Victor Parkway • 734-744-5555 (Just E. of I-275 • N. of 7 Mile)

Also in.. Bloomfield Hills • Southfield • Taylor www.littledaddys.com

Mon. - Fri. 7am - 9pm • Sat. & Sun. 8am - 9pm

Don't be left behind...Call 734-582-8363 today to learn more about advertising in Out on the Town!

Amantea RESTAURANT

ITALIAN AMERICAN CUISINE

Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 4-10 pm, Fri.-Sat. 4-11 pm, Sun. Open at 12:30 pm

Reservations for showers, funeral luncheons, corporate lunch meetings, etc. are available 7 DAYS A WEEK!

15% OFF the purchase of 2 regular priced entrees with purchase of 2 beverages. Valid Sun - Thurs with coupon only. May not be combined with any other offers or used on holidays. Expires March 8, 2014.

Every Friday English Style Fish & Chips only \$9.25

32777 W. Warren • Garden City Just East of Venoy www.amantea.com 734-421-1510

Calendar release party benefits dog rescue

Detroit Bully Corps will release its 2014 calendar, "Strong Women, Strong Dogs" Thursday, Jan. 30, at US 12 Bar & Grill, 34824 Michigan Ave., in Wayne.

The Calendar Release Party starts at 9 p.m. Models featured in the calendar will be on hand for autographs and photo opportunities with party guests. US 12 hopes to raise more than \$10,000 from the fundraiser.

All profits from calendars sales benefit Detroit Bully Corps and the 40 dogs in their rescue and rehabilitation program. Detroit Bully Corps is a nonprofit animal welfare organization dedicated to

rescuing and rehabilitating bully breeds, especially the American pit bull terrier. Many of the dogs in their program come from Detroit, including 10 puppies that were offered for sale on Craigslist when they were less than 24 hours old.

Photojournalist P.A. Rech of Palanimages.com donated his time for the project. Rech's work has appeared in *National Geographic*, as well as other international publications.

Calendars also are available online. Visit us12barandgrill.com for more information.

big game snacks

The recipe for a successful sports party calls for three main ingredients — cheering friends, delicious snacks and fun activities for all.

When the weekend rolls around, who doesn't love an excuse to round up friends and family to watch a major sporting event? This Super Bowl Sunday, have the party at your place and score big points with your friends and family:

» Fast finger foods

When the game is on, guests don't want to sit at a table. People tend to watch standing up so they can cheer at exciting moments, or mingle if they're not that into it. That's why finger foods and appetizers are must-have menu items at game day parties, allowing guests to grab a quick handful without ever

missing a play.

» Spice it up

Kick up your party a notch and make sure your snacking spread boasts a variety of different flavor profiles.

» Share the spread

Don't be shy about asking friends to bring something to the party. People like to help the host by bringing a drink or an appetizer. As the host, make sure there is a good assortment of options, so that no one ends up bringing the same dish. As a rule of thumb, offer fruits and veggies, a meat or veggie dish and a dessert. When friends ask what they can bring, feel free to tell them.

» Kids corner

While the adults are munching on snacks and watching the commercials, kids can get a

little bored. Be sure to have kid-friendly games, snacks and beverages to ensure they are as excited as the winning team. Try making a bean bag toss in your basement or set up a simple obstacle course for guests of all ages to try.

» Satisfy every taste bud

Many people are dealing with dietary restrictions, so it's important to prepare something for everyone. Provide a gluten-free snack option and at least one vegetarian option for your guests. Make everyone happy.

With a little preparation and some team spirit, your party will be a real winner. For additional recipe ideas for your game day bash, visit www.chexpartymix.com.

Courtesy of Family Features



MINI MAC AND CHEESE CAKES

1 cup uncooked gluten-free elbow macaroni
3 cups Corn Chex cereal, finely crushed
2 ½ cups shredded Cheddar cheese (10 ounces)
5 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
1 tablespoon gluten-free flour blend
1 cup whole milk, warmed
1 egg yolk, slightly beaten
¼ teaspoon salt
1 egg white, beaten until stiff but not dry

Cook and drain macaroni as directed on package. Move oven rack to lower third of oven. Heat oven to 350°F. Lightly grease 12 regular-size muffin cups. In medium bowl, mix crushed cereal, 1 cup of the cheese and 4 tablespoons of the melted butter. Divide mixture among muffin cups; press firmly in bottom and up sides of cups with spoon. In 3-quart saucepan, stir together remaining 1 tablespoon melted butter and flour blend with whisk; cook over medium heat 1 minute. Gradually stir in warmed milk with whisk; cook and stir about 5 minutes or until thickened. Remove from heat; stir in 1 cup of the cheese until melted. Stir in cooked macaroni, egg yolk and salt. Fold in beaten egg white. Top with remaining ½ cup cheese. Bake about 20 minutes or until golden and puffed. Cool 5 minutes; remove from pan. Serve warm.



BUFFALO CHEX MIX

Prep time: 15 minutes
Start to finish: 15 minutes
Yield: 24 (1½-cup) servings

4 cups Rice Chex cereal
4 cups Wheat Chex cereal
2 cups Parmesan-flavored crackers
2 cups pretzel twists
6 tablespoons butter
2 ½ tablespoons Frank's RedHot Buffalo Wings Sauce

1 packet ranch dressing mix
2 teaspoons celery seed

In large microwavable bowl, mix cereals, crackers and pretzels; set aside. In small microwavable bowl, microwave butter uncovered on high about 40 seconds or until melted. Stir in hot sauce and seasonings. Pour over cereal mixture; stir until evenly coated.

Microwave uncovered on high 4 to 5 minutes, thoroughly stirring every 2 minutes. Spread on paper towels to cool. Store in airtight container.



GLUTEN-FREE MEXICAN CHOCOLATE BROWNIES

3 cups Cinnamon Chex cereal
3 tablespoons packed brown sugar
¼ teaspoon baking soda
¼ cup butter or margarine, melted
1 box (16 ounces) Betty Crocker Gluten Free brownie mix
¼ cup butter or margarine, melted
2 eggs

Heat oven to 350°F. Spray bottom only of 8-inch square pan with cooking spray. Place cereal in resealable food-storage plastic bag; seal bag and crush with rolling pin to make about 1 ½ cups.

In medium bowl, mix cereal, brown sugar and baking soda; stir in ¼ cup melted butter until well mixed. Reserve ½ cup cereal mixture for topping. Press remaining cereal mixture evenly in bottom of pan. Bake 5 minutes. Cool 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, in medium bowl, stir brownie mix, ¼ cup melted butter and the eggs until well blended. Drop batter by small spoonfuls over baked layer. Carefully spread over baked layer; sprinkle with reserved ½ cup cereal mixture.

Bake 30 to 34 minutes or until brownies look dry and set. (Brownies will be soft; do not use toothpick test). Cool completely, about 1 ½ hours. For brownies, cut into 4 rows by 4 rows. Store tightly covered.

CITY BITES

Luau in January

Plymouth — Grab your grass skirt — and maybe a sweater — and get ready to bask in 70-degree temperatures at an outdoor pig roast and luau 5-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, at Stella's Black Dog Tavern, 860 Fralick.

"The owner wanted to boost people's spirits. This winter has been long and cold," said Lindsey Seagerem, a server at the restaurant. "We're doing something different."

Seagerem said the outdoor patio at Stella's Black Dog Tavern, can hold a toasty 70-plus temperature as long as it's above zero degrees outside.

Cost for the barbecue meal is \$12. Add two special rum drinks and it's \$15. Seagerem said the meal comes with "all the fixings" and that the patio will be decorated in luau-style.

"It should be neat just to see everyone in grass skirts," she added.

Reservations are recommended, but not required.

Call 734-207-9656.

Kitchen Party

Novi — CUTCO Kitchen, 43215 Grand River Ave., celebrates American Heart Month with a free demonstration and kitchen party, 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18. Guests will get a chance to sample easy-to-make, heart-healthy recipes. Reserve a spot at the event by calling 248-679-1538.

Exterior projects rate well with Realtors on resale

A home's curb appeal is crucial because it can be the first thing buyers notice about a home. That's why Realtors rated exterior projects among the most valuable home improvement projects in the 2014 *Remodeling Cost vs. Value Report*.

"With many factors to consider such as cost and time, deciding what remodeling projects to undertake can be a difficult decision for homeowners," said National Association of Realtors President Steve Brown, co-owner of Irongate, Inc. Realtors in Dayton, Ohio. "Realtors know what home features are important to buyers in their area, but a home's curb appeal is always critical since it's the first impression for potential buyers. That's why exterior replacement projects offer the greatest bang for the buck. Projects such as entry door, siding and window replacements can recoup homeowners more than 78 percent of costs upon resale."



Brown

NAR's consumer website HouseLogic.com highlights the results of the report in its "Best Bets for Remodeling Your Home in 2014" slideshow. The site also provides information and advice on various home improvement projects, including a guide to kitchen remodeling with the best payback and dozens of exterior replacement projects.

Realtors judged a steel entry door replacement as the project expected to return the most money, with an estimated 96.6 percent of costs recouped upon

resale. The steel entry door replacement is consistently the least expensive project in the annual *Cost vs. Value Report*, costing little more than \$1,100 on average.

Eight of the top 10 most cost-effective projects nationally, in terms of value recouped, are exterior projects. A wood deck addition came in second with an estimated 87.4 percent of costs recouped upon resale. Two different siding replacement projects also landed in the top 10, including fiber-cement siding, expected to return 87 percent of costs, and vinyl siding, expected to return 78.2 percent of costs. Out of the top 10 projects, the fiber-cement siding replacement project improved the most since last year, with costs recouped increasing by more than 15 percent. Two garage door replacements were also in the top 10; a midrange garage door replacement is expected to return 83.7 percent while an upscale garage door replacement follows closely at 82.9 percent of costs recouped. Rounding out the top exterior remodeling projects were two window replacements; a wood window replacement is estimated to recoup 79.3 percent of costs and a vinyl window replacement is estimated to recoup 78.7 percent of costs.

According to the report, two interior remodeling projects in particular can recoup substantial value at resale. An attic bedroom is ranked fourth and is expected to return 84.3 percent of costs; nationally, the average cost for the project is just above \$49,000. The second interior remodeling project in the top 10 is the minor kitchen remodel.

The project landed at number seven and is estimated to recoup 82.7 percent of costs. Nationally, the average cost for the project is just under \$19,000. The improvement project likely to return the least is the home office remodel, estimated to recoup 48.9 percent.

For the report, Realtors provided their insights into local markets and buyer home preferences within those markets. For 2014, the national average cost-value ratio stands at 66.1 percent, a jump of 5.5 points over last year and the largest increase since 2005, when the ratio increased 6.1 points to reach a high of 86.7 percent. For the second consecutive year, *Cost vs. Value* data shows that the value of remodeling is up for all 35 projects included in the survey. Additionally, for the first time in four years, improved resale value of residential housing had more of an influence in the cost-value ratio than construction costs. A modest 2.2 percent increase in average national construction costs was more than offset by an 11.5 percent improvement in average national resale value.

The 2014 *Remodeling Cost vs. Value Report* compares construction costs with resale values for 35 midrange and upscale remodeling projects comprising additions, remodels and replacements in 100 markets across the country. Data are grouped in nine U.S. regions, following the divisions established by the U.S. Census Bureau. This is the 16th consecutive year that the report, which is produced by *Remodeling* magazine publisher Hanley Wood, LLC, was completed

in cooperation with NAR.

"Every neighborhood is different and the desirability and resale value of a particular remodeling project varies by region and metro area. Before undertaking a remodeling project, homeowners should consult a Realtor as they are the best resource when deciding what projects will provide the most return upon resale," said Brown. "Realtors have a unique understanding of local markets, home features and buyer preferences and know that there are a variety of factors that affect a home's value, such as location, condition of surrounding properties and regional economic climate."

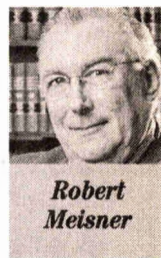
Seven of the nine regions covered in the report outperformed the national average, a distinct improvement over 2013, when just four regions performed better than average. Once again, the Pacific region, consisting of Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington, led the nation with an average cost-value ratio of 88 percent, due mainly to strong resale values. The next best performing region was West South Central with 76.4 percent, followed by three regions tied at 74.6 percent: South Atlantic, which improved from 63.7 percent in 2013, New England, which improved from 56.2 percent in 2013, and East North Central, which improved from 54.8 percent in 2013.

To read the full project descriptions and access national and regional project data, visit www.costsvsvalue.com. "Cost vs. Value" is a registered trademark of Hanley Wood, LLC.

Oahu a hot market

Q: I am thinking about buying a home or condominium on Oahu Island where Honolulu is located. I am wondering if the market is still weak from the recession.

A: Based upon my examination of the area in question, year to date median sales prices for both condos and single family homes



Robert Meisner

are at record or near record highs, and homes are selling faster than ever. Builders are basically saying that prices and the number of sales keep climbing while the number of days on the market for listings shrinks. For example, the median sales price for a single family home in 2013 year to date is \$690,000, just a few thousand dollars shy of the 2007 record high of \$699,000; and median prices for condominiums are at a record high of \$421,000. These prices are up 5 percent over the previous year. While these are median prices in a residential area around Honolulu, you can expect that prices in the high-rise condos in downtown Honolulu have increased accordingly. With the overall additional expense of living in Honolulu, you should consider it a step above real estate prices even in California.

Q: I am reasonably well to do and am looking to buy a home in Maui. I frankly don't have any idea of what it will cost for me to get a beachfront home, perhaps with two or three bedrooms with an ocean view. Can you give me some insight?

A: You better be prepared to pay in the millions for an ocean view. For example, in the Kaanapali area a three-bedroom, three-bathroom home is selling for approximately \$2,700,000 and is about 1,930 square feet of interior interior living space and 250 square feet of a private lanai. As in any other location that has a magnificent ocean view, you will be paying not only for the topography of the land, but the view as well. There are many homes for sale in the areas in which you are looking, but the prices have increased substantially in the last 18 months, and you may be best advised to buy a lot before constructing a home on it to the extent that you can obtain it. Look around for a good Realtor who specializes in beachfront property and knows the neighborhood.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of "Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling, and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95 plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. "Condo Living 2" is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and BarnesandNoble.com. He is also the author of "Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call 248-644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 9-13, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS

19344 Devonshire St \$412,000
31324 Foxboro Way \$431,000
30512 Lincolnshire E \$397,000
17023 Madoline St \$260,000
30619 Pebblestone Ct \$360,000

BIRMINGHAM

993 Bird Ave \$431,000
1690 Birmingham Blvd \$310,000
931 N Adams Rd \$109,000
401 N Eton St # 104 \$100,000
437 N Eton St # 405 \$120,000
631 Ruffner Ave \$431,000
1332 S Bates St \$383,000
1874 S Bates St \$657,000
411 S Old Woodward Ave Unit \$174,000

2283 W Maple Rd

\$222,000

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

1751 Bellwood Ct \$315,000
5931 Blandford Rd \$230,000
4250 Ewell Ct \$490,000
1761 Huntingwood Ln # C \$75,000
3800 Lahser Rd \$669,000
5385 Longmeadow Rd \$556,000
1750 Tiverton Rd \$138,000
2773 Turtle Lake Dr \$192,000
666 Vaughan Rd \$1,500,000
4525 Walden Dr \$550,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

4036 Antique Ln \$310,000

1628 Apple Ln \$609,000
2035 E Hammond Lake Dr \$240,000
480 Fox Hills Dr N # A-7 \$20,000
6449 Maple Hills Dr \$190,000
1127 Meadowglen Ct \$290,000
559 Overbrook Rd \$525,000
850 Trailwood Path # B \$138,000
609 Westbourne Dr \$305,000
575 Hamilton Rd \$560,000

COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

3269 Adele Ter \$218,000
5602 Brentwood \$330,000
9697 Cooley Lake Rd \$200,000
4576 Driftwood Dr \$500,000
2149 Palmetto \$40,000
2152 Palmetto \$40,000
2784 Red Arrow Dr \$150,000
1400 Woodcrest Ln \$382,000

FARMINGTON

32100 Grand River Ave Unit 1 \$44,000
35626 Heritage Ln \$78,000
21040 Larkspur St \$125,000
24168 Twin Valley Ct \$195,000

FARMINGTON HILLS

29305 Bradmoor Ct \$550,000
21620 Cass St \$280,000
30028 Club House Ln \$270,000
22614 Colgate St \$66,000
36985 Deer Run Dr \$127,000
30145 Fox Club Dr \$324,000
35496 Fredericksburg Rd \$288,000
35715 Fredericksburg Rd \$257,000
31153 Harmony Ln \$50,000
28125 Kendallwood Dr \$145,000
29722 Kenloch Dr \$434,000
29694 Mayfair Dr \$243,000
24050 Middlebelt Rd Unit 3 \$53,000

33715 Old Timber Rd \$308,000
21863 Ontaga St \$83,000
39386 Plumbrook Dr \$270,000
30401 Ramblewood Club Dr \$185,000

FRANKLIN

25712 Rutledge Xing \$285,000
22033 Springbrook Ave \$125,000
29562 Strathmore Dr \$266,000
28156 Thorny Brae Rd \$146,000
31766 Wayburn St \$172,000
21588 Whittington St \$181,000
28120 Wildwood Trl \$250,000

MILFORD

1725 Balsam Way \$555,000
545 Olivia Dr \$280,000
2674 Our Land Ct \$240,000
934 Prince St \$134,000
1941 Scenic Dr \$393,000
177 Shelley Dr \$143,000

NORTHVILLE

42127 Gladwin St \$95,000
21115 Haven Circle \$22,000
22252 Lujon Dr \$87,000
22851 Napier Rd \$330,000
42120 Pellston Dr \$109,000
844 Yorktown Ct \$145,000

NOVI

45643 Addington Ln \$407,000
43521 Algonquin Dr \$205,000
45567 Amherst Dr \$292,000
24588 Borderhill \$166,000
28284 Carlton Way Dr \$170,000
24702 Cavendish Ave E \$511,000
50763 Chesapeake Dr \$770,000

26174 Fieldstone Dr \$276,000
226 Henning St \$100,000
24311 Lynwood Dr \$413,000
41098 Malott \$155,000
26349 Mandalay Cir \$582,000
23917 Meadowbrook Rd \$160,000
22120 Perth Ct \$491,000
24875 Reeds Pointe Dr \$515,000
41854 Sycamore Dr \$175,000
41658 Tera Ln \$142,000
27436 Victoria Rd \$259,000
22514 Winfield Rd \$232,000

SOUTH LYON

52000 11 Mile Rd \$159,000
60000 11 Mile Rd \$153,000
54773 Brentwood Dr \$340,000
24394 Brompton Way \$371,000
25775 Coach Ln \$435,000
26361 Daria Cir E \$333,000
21026 Greenbriar Ln \$305,000
23540 Sawgrass Ct N \$355,000
272 Winchester St \$150,000

SOUTHFIELD

18712 Addison Dr \$150,000
17290 Alta Vista Dr \$215,000
20921 Mada Ave \$82,000
27401 Nantucket Dr \$135,000
30761 Northgate Dr \$101,000
28787 Ranchwood Dr \$105,000
17255 Sherrilla Pl \$185,000
29199 Wellington Ct # 56 \$71,000

WHITE LAKE

9595 Outlook Pl \$80,000
9583 Portage Trl \$151,000
8022 Wildwood Ln \$230,000
8109 Wildwood Ln \$216,000
8183 Wildwood Ln \$225,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 30 through Oct. 4, 2013, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

CANTON

44157 Brandywyne Rd \$130,000
1501 Brookdale Dr \$170,000
40389 Chatsworth Ct \$182,000
44925 Coachman Ct \$148,000
5285 Denton Rd \$85,000
41531 Glade Rd \$166,000
41410 Hanford Rd \$145,000
147 Kings Way \$175,000
697 Merrimac Rd \$176,000
47643 Ormskirk Dr \$133,000
43646 Ryegate St \$205,000
1779 Steeplechase Rd \$89,000

6862 Willow Creek Dr \$140,000
48922 Woodson Way \$341,000

GARDEN CITY

121 Gilman St \$90,000
29480 Meadow Ln \$70,000
30721 Pierce St \$84,000

LIVONIA

31447 Alabama Ct \$155,000
33028 Barkley St \$187,000
14219 Brentwood St \$140,000
37514 Bristol Ct \$280,000
29552 Clarita St \$45,000
18501 Deering St \$60,000
17587 Edgewood St \$240,000
18712 Flamingo Blvd \$142,000
34087 Gable Dr \$262,000
15985 Huff St \$232,000
20682 Laurel Ct \$378,000
14925 Marsha St \$155,000
31600 Myrna St \$275,000

30074 W Chicago St \$120,000
16126 Westbrook St \$176,000
14142 Woodside St \$176,000

NORTHVILLE

43005 Ambridge Ct \$330,000
47544 Arbor Trl \$363,000
18919 Bella Vista Ct \$752,000
16698 Dover Dr \$156,000
49197 Freestone Dr \$466,000
483 Grace St \$210,000
49145 Hidden Ridge Dr \$122,000
19250 Meadowbrook Rd \$390,000
48878 Stoneridge Dr \$1,000,000

PLYMOUTH

11393 Cedar Ln \$152,000
12124 Chandler Dr \$425,000
13400 Hidden Creek Dr \$260,000
11449 N Ridge Rd \$805,000
143 S Union St \$192,000
9477 Winterset Cir \$299,000

REDFORD

9155 Arnold \$64,000
20447 Delaware Ave \$53,000
10000 Dixie \$83,000
17694 Gaylord \$72,000
11442 Lucerne \$75,000
18836 Negaunee \$37,000
16982 Wakenden \$78,000

WAYNE

31622 Filmore St \$59,000
34947 Glenwood Rd \$30,000

WESTLAND

6827 Apache Trl \$85,000
36803 Canyon Dr \$178,000
841 Fairlane St \$85,000
30744 Gladys Ave \$99,000
31037 Gladys Ave \$124,000
733 Ravencrest Ln \$103,000
38290 Warner Farms Dr \$70,000
38531 Watson Cir \$174,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Short sales

If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures. Many sellers are misinformed or not sure about how the procedures work. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and the different steps involved.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be 6-7 p.m.

Thursdays at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon.

Additional parking across the street in back. Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

Seminars on Tuesdays, Thursdays

A free seminar on government-insured reverse mortgages is offered by Colonial Mortgage Corp. on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

and Thursdays at 2 p.m., held at various locations.

RSVP with Colonial Mortgage at 800-260-5484.

Free foreclosure tours

Free foreclosure tours are 1 p.m. every other Sunday. Meeting place is Panera Bread on the southeast corner of Middlebelt and I-96.

Email Georgia@addedvaluerealty.com or visit FreeForeclosureTour.com.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 6-9 p.m. each third Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership.

Any questions or concerns, call Bill Beddoes at 734-934-9091.

NOTICE TO BRIGHT HOUSE NETWORKS CABLE CUSTOMERS

This notice is to inform our Bright House Networks customers of upcoming changes to their cable programming lineup.

From time to time our agreements with cable channels and television stations come up for renewal. While we do not anticipate any loss or disruption of service, regulations require us to notify you of the possibility of losing programming. Therefore, please be advised that our agreements with Go! TV, MLB Extra Innings, MLB Network, MLB Strike Zone, Music Choice (MC), NHL Center Ice, NHL Network and Youtube remain in effect on a month-to-month basis, but we may have to cease carriage in all formats if our authority to continue is withheld. Also, our agreement with YES Network expires on January 31, 2014 and we may have to cease carriage in all formats if our authority to continue is withheld. Additionally, our agreement with Outdoor Channel expires on February 28, 2014 and we may have to cease carriage in all formats if our authority to continue is withheld.

We are working diligently at this time to come to acceptable and fair terms with all these channels.

On or after March 1, 2014, the following channels will be relocated:
NBC Sports Network from channel 74 to channel 34
NBC Sports Network HD from channel 274 to channel 234

On or after March 3, 2014, Military Channel will rebrand to American Heroes Channel and continue to appear on the following channels:
American Heroes Channel Channel 146
American Heroes Channel HD Channel 346

On or after March 31, 2014, the following Bright House Networks products, services and equipment will change names:
• Digital Tier / Digital Basic Tier will be renamed to **Premier TV Service**
• Turbo will be renamed to **Lightning 30**
• Converter will be renamed to **Standard Box**
• HD Converter will be renamed to **HD Box**
• Combo will be renamed to **Bundle**
• Navigator will be renamed to **Digital Guide**

Bright House Networks utilizes a new digital video delivery technology known as Switched Digital Video (SDV). SDV is a robust bandwidth management system that makes it possible to offer more digital video programming services than before including new HD channels. To be able to offer more new video services, Bright House Networks will be moving some existing programming services to the new SDV system as well as adding new services on the SDV system.

On or after January 31, 2014, the following services will be added to the SDV system:
TVG Network Sports Pass Channel 557
Willow Cricket HD Sports Pass Channel 649

These services will not be available on unidirectional retail devices as of the date(s) noted above. If you want to subscribe to these services, you will need a digital set-top box or tuning adaptor from Bright House Networks. Customers may continue to use their unidirectional retail device and CableCARD to receive video programming other than the programming delivered on the SDV system. Customers who also utilize a digital set-top box or tuning adaptor will be able to receive video programming delivered on the SDV system. Customers will be notified in advance of any other programming changes.

For more information, please call 1-877-885-8318 or visit our website at brighthouse.com

bright house NETWORKS

Duplexes

CANTON - Sheldon & Ford area 3 bd 1.5 bath, 1360 sq/ft., C/A, deck & fenced yard. \$900/mo. **734-502-7660**

Homes For Rent

LIVONIA: 1,000 sq. ft. 3 bdrm beautiful ranch, appliances, nice neighborhood, fenced yard, \$990/mo 248-342-0314

LIVONIA: 3 bdrm ranch, \$950 REDFORD: \$900. Possible ownership, call Jeff for details: (734) 564-8402--

FREE FREE FREE
NO RENT TIL March 1st 2014!



\$298* moves you in!
HOMES STARTING AS LOW AS \$999/MONTH!
3 BEDROOM 2 BATH all appliances including washer/dryer & central AC
4 BEDROOM 2 BATH homes also available for \$1149/month!

HURRY these homes are going fast!

CALL SUN HOMES TODAY, (888) 448-3061 OR APPLY ON LINE AT WWW.4NORTHVILLE.COM

South Lyon Schools! Office hours: M-F 9a-5p Sat 9a-1p Offer expires 1/31/13 *Some restrictions apply

LD-2398832-4, EHO

REDFORD: 15075 Garfield 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath with partial finish bsmt, garage \$875/mo. Horizon: 248-536-2429

Rooms For Rent

LIVONIA: Furnished, kitchen privileges, cable, washer & dryer, all utilities. Retired male preferred. \$360/mo + \$100 deposit. **313-885-3766**

SERVICES

hometownlife.com

Drywall

COMPLETE DRYWALL SRV. Plaster Repair. All jobs welcomed! Lic/Ins. Free Est. 30 yrs. exp. Mark. 313-363-6738

Hauling - Clean Up

A-1 HAULING Move scrap metal, clean basements, garages, stores, etc. Lowest prices in town. Quick service. Free est. Wayne/ Oakland. Central location. 248-547-2764. 248-559-8138

Paint Decorating Paper

FRANK'S PAINTING SERV. Residential repainting, work myself. Free estimates (248) 225-7165

PAINTING BY ROBERT • Wallpaper Removal • Int • Ext • Plaster/Drywall Repair • Staining, 25 yrs exp. Free est. 248-349-7499. 734-464-8147

PETS

hometownlife.com

BUY & SELL

hometownlife.com

Estates Sales

Redford South - 9387 Marion Crescent. 10a-4p. Jan. 31st & Feb. 1st, cash only. Furniture, tools, dishes, clothing, kitchen items, misc. 313-592-8431

Cash in with Classifieds **800-579-SELL**

O&E Media Classifieds

Just a quick call away... **800-579-7355**

WE PAY TOP DOLLAR For Clean USED CARS

AVIS FORD
(248) 355-7500

Garage/Moving Sales

LIVONIA: New crunch, lowest seat 4 pc. bdrm set, household goods. 10-4pm, Sat. Feb. 1, 28671 Bayberry Park N. of 5 Mile. E. of Middlebelt

Appliances

WASHER/DRYER: Moving, must sell! Like new. Estate by Whirlpool. \$375. 734-417-6235

Bargain Buys

BRAND NEW CARNHART JACKET size 4X. \$75.00 810-494-0090 after 5pm & weekends. Brighton area.

Misc. For Sale

4 plots Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park (734)625-8091

LOTS of used ceramic molds and a kiln for sale. (734)625-8091

Seasoned firewood for sale \$55.00 a cord. 4x8x14 oak, maple, elm, cherry. (586)907-8025 paucarey26@gmail.com

Vans

FORD EXTENDED CARGO 2013 Auto, full power, only 14K. Ford Certified! 1.9%, \$24,988

FORD RANGER 2007 Extended Cab. 4x4, auto. 4.0, V6, \$13,500. Call Kevin at 248-982-4892

FORD RANGER SUPER CAB 2005 4x4, auto, air, full power. Only 51,000 miles, fully inspected.

FORD EDGE SEL 2010 AWD, leather, Vista roof, chrome, 34K. Ford Certified! 1.9%, \$22,777

FORD ESCAPE 2010 Auto, moonroof, one owner. \$11,994. Call Kevin at 248-982-4892

FORD EXPLORER 4X4 2011 Limited, full power. Ford Certified. 1.9%, \$28,788

FIAT 500 2012 Auto, a/c, alloy wheels, new tires, one owner, \$12,498. Call Kevin at 248-982-4892

MINI COOPER 2009 Clubman, 5 speed, leather, moonroof, \$12,994. Call Kevin at 248-982-4892

WHEELS

cars.com

Autos Trucks Parts & Service

2009 Chevy Impala for parts, front end wrecked, air bags deployed, engine runs good, all body except front good. Or \$500.00 takes as is (734)326-4580

Autos Wanted

FINAL JOURNEY We buy running and junk cars, etc. We pay \$50-\$5000 cash on spot. Get more cash than dealer trade in or donation. **313-320-1829**

Trucks for Sale

FORD F-150 2011 Super Cab, 4x4, Eco-Boost. Ford Certified! 1.0%, \$27,988

FORD RANGER 2007 Extended Cab. 4x4, auto. 4.0, V6, \$13,500. Call Kevin at 248-982-4892

FORD RANGER SUPER CAB 2005 4x4, auto, air, full power. Only 51,000 miles, fully inspected.

FORD TAUROS SEL 2012 Leather, alloys, F/P, 15K. Ford Certified! 1.9%, \$19,988

FORD MUSTANG GT 2009 Premium Pkg, leather, Bullet wheels, Ford Certified! 1.9%, \$17,988

FORD TAURUS SEL 2012 Leather, alloys, F/P, 15K. Ford Certified! 1.9%, \$19,988

TAURUS 2005 - Exc. cond. in & out. Dependable. Must see & drive. Have Maintenance Records. \$6500. **248-321-6522**

2003 Honda Accord 79k miles, White/Tan, automatic, leather. \$2,750. Call or Text 904-469-8158

HONDA FIT 2013 Only 2000 miles! Alloy wheels, auto, a/c, Navigation \$16,968. Call Kevin at 248-982-4892

FIAT 500 2012 Auto, a/c, alloy wheels, new tires, one owner, \$12,498. Call Kevin at 248-982-4892

MINI COOPER 2009 Clubman, 5 speed, leather, moonroof, \$12,994. Call Kevin at 248-982-4892

Chevrolet

2007 CHEVY TAHOE 4WD V8 white w/leather heated 1fr bucket seats, 3rd row fold w DVD, prem sound/wheels, sun-roof, power liftgate. Excellent condition 93K miles, single owner, garaged. By owner \$18,500 (248)827-3222

CHEVY CRUZE LT 2011 Auto, a/c, full power, alloys, 25K. Perfect! \$14,988

CHEVY TRAVERSER ILT 2010 Fwd, full power, alloys, super clean. Priced to Sell! \$19,988

DEALER 855-314-6440

HHR LS 2009 Auto, air, full power. Fully inspected! \$7988

NORTH BROS. 855-667-9860

MONTE CARLO SS 2003 Auto, air, leather, fully inspected, low miles. \$6988

NORTH BROS. 855-667-9860

CHRYSLER PT Cruiser 2008 Auto, a/c, 83k, extra clean. Ready for the open road. \$6,972. Call Kevin at 248-982-4892

FIESTA SE 2012 Auto, air, full power, alloys. Only 19K. Ford Certified! 1.9%, \$4477

NORTH BROS. 855-667-9860

FOCUS TITANIUM 2012 Auto, a/c, full power, alloys. Ford Certified! Rates as low as 1.9%.

NORTH BROS. 855-667-9860

FOCUS ZX5 2007 5 dr, SES, auto, full power. Screaming Yellow! 44K

DEALER 855-314-6440

FORD FUSION SPORT 2011 AWD, leather, MOON, 34K. Ford Certified! 1.9%

FORD ESCAPE 2010 Auto, moonroof, one owner. \$11,994. Call Kevin at 248-982-4892

FORD EXPLORER 4X4 2011 Limited, full power. Ford Certified. 1.9%, \$28,788

FIAT 500 2012 Auto, a/c, alloy wheels, new tires, one owner, \$12,498. Call Kevin at 248-982-4892

MINI COOPER 2009 Clubman, 5 speed, leather, moonroof, \$12,994. Call Kevin at 248-982-4892

Hyundai

HYUNDAI AZERA 2006 4 dr. Limited, moon roof heated leather seats. V6. Clean car Fax! Reduced to \$8,994. Call Kevin at 248-982-4892

HYUNDAI ELANTRA 2006 4 door, auto, air, one owner. Extra Clean. \$5,994. Call Kevin at 248-982-4892

HYUNDAI Sonata GLS 2013 Auto, a/c, power windows & locks. Certified Warranty! Reduced to \$14,494. Call Kevin at 248-982-4892

DEALER 855-314-6440

GRAND CHEROKEE 2012 4x4, full power, alloys, only 22,000 miles. \$25,988

DEALER 855-314-6440

JEEP WRANGLER SPORT 2013 5 speed manual 6 cylinder, air, Rocker guards, oversize tires. Off Road Ready. \$23,894. Call Kevin at 248-982-4892

Mercury

GRAND MARQUIS LS 2005 Ultimate package, leather, auto temp. Only 53,000 1 owner miles. \$6440

DEALER 855-314-6440

MERCURY SABLE LS 2001 24 valve, leather, F/Power. Only 46,000 1 owner miles. \$6988

NORTH BROS. 855-667-9860

NISSAN

NISSAN LEAF SE 2011 100% ELECTRIC! 4 door hatch. Warranty! \$17,937. Call Kevin at 248-982-4892

Toyota

2002 Toyota Camry XLE with 88900 mi. clear title. \$4000. Can call me or even text at 248733815. Call after 6 text anytime

TOYOTA CAMRY XLE 2009 Loaded, one owner. \$14,355. Call Kevin at 248-982-4892

Volkswagen

HYUNDAI ACCENT 2013 GLS, Auto, Air, Certified. Reduced to \$11,841. Call Kevin at 248-982-4892

VW GOLF 2002 4 door, auto, a/c, one owner. \$5,634. Call Kevin at 248-982-4892

VW GOLF 2002 4 door, auto, air, one owner. Local trade. \$5634. Call Kevin at 248-982-4892

VW JETTA GTI 2007 Turbo, 2 cyl, auto, heated seats. 2/24 warranty, only 64K miles. \$12,974. Call Kevin at 248-982-4892

VW JETTA TDI 2009 Auto, moonroof, leather, turbo diesel 2 yr/24000 warranty! Reduced to \$14,875. Call Kevin at 248-982-4892

VW JETTA TDI 2012 Certified Warranty. Auto, heated seats. 1 Owner. \$17,987. Kevin at 248-982-4892.

VW JETTA WAGON 2010 Certified Warranty. Auto, air, moon, leather heated seats. Only 22k miles. Reduced to \$16,927. Call Kevin at 248-982-4892

HOMES

apartments.com HomeFinder

RENTALS

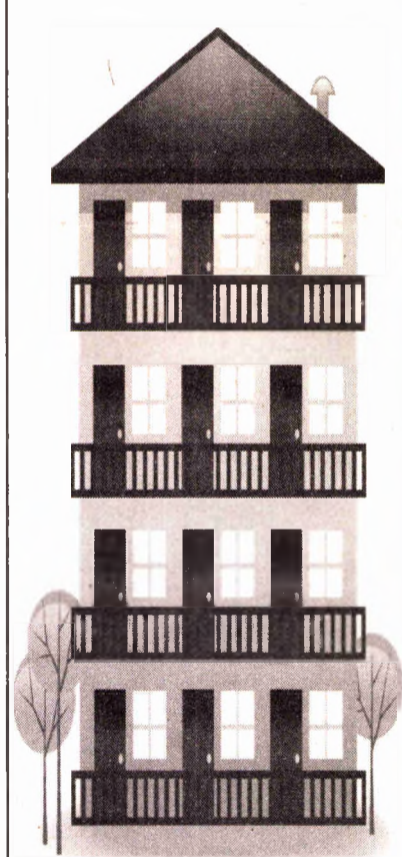
apartments.com HomeFinder

RECYCLE THIS NEWSPAPER

APARTMENT & REAL ESTATE GUIDE

Find the perfect place to call home in the Observer & Eccentric Media classified advertising section. We have apartment and real estate listings every week in the following communities:

- Berkley • Birmingham
- Canton • Clawson
- Farmington • Garden City
- Huntington Woods • Livonia
- Milford • Northville • Novi
- Pleasant Ridge • Plymouth
- Redford • Royal Oak
- Southfield • South Lyon
- Westland



To place a listing in the Observer & Eccentric Media's Apartment & Real Estate Guide call: **1-800-579-SELL**

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC MEDIA
hometownlife.com
A GANNETT COMPANY

Looking to Buy A New Car?

Better than new 3 bdrm home completely remodeled. Brand new redesigned kitchen with cherry cabinets, granite countertops, remodeled bathroom, full finished bsmt, new flooring, 2 car. Just listed. \$125,000. Call Dan Mullan, Re/Max Classic (800) 799-9770

WESTLAND Hickory Woods Apts.

NEWLY UPDATED
1 Bdrm-\$575
2 Bdrms-\$675
• Pool
• Fitness Center
FREE GAS & WATER
(734) 729-6520
*Short term leases available. AT2363288

Condos & Townhouses

DEARBORN HEIGHTS: Eden Park Condos. 2 bdrm, 2 bath, all appl. \$850-\$950/mo. Horizon: 248-536-2429

CASH IN with O&E Media's CLASSIFIEDS
800-579-SELL

Need to sell the old one first?

Place an ad with Observer & Eccentric Media, and let the Classifieds Sell It For You!
800-579-7355

Free Rent til 3/1
\$100 security deposit & \$99 closing fee

Move-in Special \$298.00!

Homes come with all appliances including Washer/Dryer and dishwasher!
All Homes come with A/C!
Select homes include Shed for additional storage space!

College Park Estates
51074 Mott Rd. #248
Canton, MI 48183
(888) 284-9760
www.collegepark.com

*Some restrictions apply, call for details.
Expires 1/31/2014, WAC, EHO.

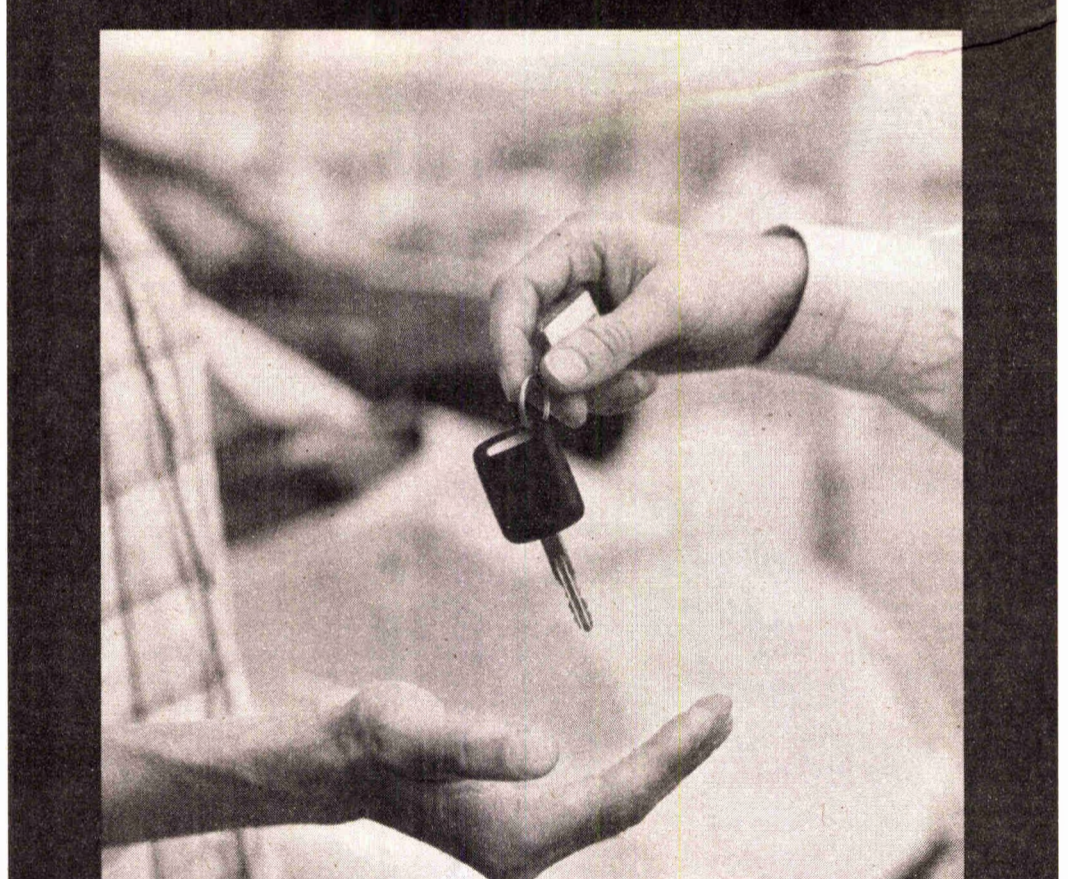
THE OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC MORTGAGE MONITOR

	NMLS#		30 Yr.	Pts.	15 Yr.	Pts.
1SPMortgage	138501	(313) 215-1766	4.125	0.625	3.125	0.625
1st Choice Mortgage Lending	138560	(734) 459-0782	4.25	0	3.25	0
Accurate Mortgage Solutions	164511	(800) 593-1912	4.125	0	3.125	0
AFI Financial	2431	(877) 234-0600	4.125	0	3.125	0
Ameriplus Mortgage Corp.	127931	(248) 740-2323	4.25	0	3.25	0
Co-op Services Credit Union	408356	(734) 466-6113	4.375	0.25	3.375	0
Dearborn Federal Savings Bank	399721	(313) 565-3100	4.5	0	3.625	0
Fifth Third Bank	403245	(800) 792-8830	4.5	0	3.625	0
Gold Star Mortgage	3446	(888) 293-3477	4.25	0	3.25	0
Gold Star Mortgage	3446	(888) 293-3477	4.125	0.75	3.125	0.75
Group One Mortgage	107716	(248) 282-1602	4.625	0	3.625	0

Above information available as of 1/24/14 and subject to change at anytime. Rates are based on a \$200,000 loan with 20% down & credit score of 740 or above. Jumbo rates, specific payment calculation & most current rates available Fridays after 2:00 P.M. at www.rmcreport.com.

All Lenders are Equal Opportunity Lenders. Lenders to participate call (734) 922-3032

© 2014 Residential Mortgage Consultants, Inc., All Rights Reserved



Sell Your Car Fast.

Advertise your vehicle to thousands of readers with an **EFFECTIVE**

CONTACT US AT: 800-579-7355 www.hometownlife.com

DEADLINES: Fri. at 4 pm for Sunday

NEWSPAPER POLICY

All advertising published in this Newspaper is subject to the conditions stated in the applicable rate card.

Publishers Notice: All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968

DISCLAIMER: All classified ads are subject to the applicable rate card, copies of which are available from our Advertising Dept.

JOBS

careerbuilder.com

Help Wanted - General

ASSEMBLY DADC, Inc. the global leader in nitrogen gas spring technology, needs to add to our production team

HELP WANTED:

EARN \$500 A DAY: Insurance Agents Needed. Leads. No Cold Calls.

WANTED, CDL A

DRIVERS IN CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN MICHIGAN! \$1000 Sign

Help Wanted - General

ASSISTANT/SECRETARY Small law firm seeks temp. PR/FT. Previous exp. with MS Word, Excel, MS Outlook.

CHILD CARE ASSISTANT Full & Part-Time positions for Christian Early Childhood Center in Plymouth Exp. is helpful.

CUSTOMS CLERK

GROWING LOGISTICS COMPANY IN NEED OF AN CUSTOM CLERKS FOR THE ROMULUS AREA 3RD SHIFT

DIRECT CARE STAFF

Work with developmentally disabled adults. Westland. (734) 722-4580 x9

DRIVER-WRECKER

Afternoons & Nights Experience not necessary. Call Mon-Fri. 9-5pm. (734) 591-0456

ESTABLISHED COMPANY IN BRIGHTON

IS seeking quick learners for SORTING & INSPECTING AUTO PARTS - no exp. necessary. Paid training provided.

FACILITIES COORDINATOR

Covenant House Michigan-serving homeless & at-risk youth in Detroit has FT position responsible for assisting Director in the management

FORGING HELPER

HEAVY MANUFACTURING FACILITY HARD WORKING, RESPONSIBLE TEAM MEMBERS ONLY NEEDED.

MAINTENANCE

For multi-family housing facility. Must have a minimum of 3 years experience.

Maintenance Mechanic

Michigan Dairy, a Kroger Company owned dairy mfg. plant in Livonia is seeking a 3rd shift Maint. Mechanic

MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

Large Southfield Apartment Community seeks Full Time Maintenance technician. Must have a valid unrestricted driver's license.

SNOW REMOVAL & LANDSCAPE POSITIONS AVAILABLE!

Call 734-444-6722

Help Wanted - General

MEDICAL BILLER For Home Health Medical Billing firm in Commerce Twp. Must have 3-5 yrs billing Medicare & commercial carriers.

OFFICE HELP

General office duties incl. invoicing, posting pymts, answering phone & filing. Full time w/benefits.

Software Engineer

Determine client business reqts, design & develop architecture, perform data migration, & implement infrastructure architecture.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO

With a commitment to improving the human condition, The University of Toledo is seeking qualified candidates for the following positions in the Information Technology Department:

- Enterprise Applications Analyst - Healthcare
Enterprise Applications Automation Developer
Enterprise Applications Interface Developer
Server Systems Administrator

The University of Toledo offers an excellent salary and benefit package, which includes the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System and State Teachers Retirement System.

For a complete listing of our openings & desired qualifications or to apply, please proceed to our website at https://jobs.utoledo.edu

We ask that applications and required documents be submitted electronically.

Help Wanted - Office Clerical

CLERICAL, FULL-TIME General Office & typing. Mon-Fri. 8-5. Starts at 7:40/hr.

METRO DETROIT AREA GOURMET MARKET

is currently taking applications for Office Administration Positions

RECYCLE THIS NEWSPAPER

If the whole world is going to the dogs, you may as well have one of your own.

Find a friend today in your Classifieds

"It's all about results"

To place an ad, call: 800-579-7355

OSERVER & ECCENTRIC MEDIA

hometownlife.com A GARNETT COMPANY

Help Wanted - Dental

DENTAL ASSISTANT Livonia office is seeking an exceptional Dental Assistant to join our general dentistry practice.

Help Wanted - Medical

2 Positions Available Allergy Office - W. Bloomfield MEDICAL ASSISTANT 20-25 hrs/wk. Exc. Salary and Health Benefits

MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Exp'd. for internal medical office in Livonia. Part-Time. 25-30 hrs/wk. Fax resume to: (734) 464-9797

Help Wanted - Medical

PATIENT FINANCIAL SERVICES- CODER

High volume gastroenterology practice is seeking a full time Certified Professional Coder, who will be responsible for reviewing procedure codes to classify procedures performed and treatment provided.

Food - Beverage

IMMEDIATELY HIRING! COOKS - WAITSTAFF - BARTENDER Exp. a must. Apply in person: Starting Gate, 135 N. Center St., Northville.

Help Wanted - Sales

SALES PERSON

Full or Part-Time for lighting showroom. Excellent benefits & pay. MUST APPLY IN PERSON: Brose Electrical 37400 W. 7 Mile, Livonia (734) 464-2211

Business Opportunities

MICHIGAN FRANCHISE EXPO

Thurs. February 6, 2014. (FREE Admission) Sponsored by The Entrepreneur's Source®. Meet Franchise Reps. 2 Sessions: Morning & Evening, 10:30-2PM.

Challenging fun for ALL ages Thursday PUZZLE CORNER

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- ACROSS 1 Kipling hero 4 Wading bird 8 European capital 12 Figured out 13 Agree with 14 Before, in combos 15 Cottage 17 Is supine 18 Shopper's delight 19 Center 20 Software theft 23 Author - Rand 24 Cyrus' empire, today 25 Realm 29 Dad's lad 30 Prefix with red 32 Snake River loc. 33 More than sweet 35 Explorer Ponce de -

- DOWN 1 Frequent 007 foe 2 Lendee's note 3 Geol. formation 4 Asimov of sci-fi 5 Crystal or Joel 6 Not just a star 7 Apply a patch 8 Bundling cotton 9 Sooner city 10 66 and I-80 11 Robin's domain 16 FBI agent (hyph.) 19 Chatty pet 20 Leaning Tower town 21 Do a laundry chore 22 Called the butler 23 Tire filler 25 Pizza Hut alternative 26 Usual food 27 Hound's track 28 Countless 30 Reformers' targets 31 Ballpoint tip 34 Held a job 35 Mardi Gras follower 37 Hoax (hyph.) 38 Caravan halts 39 Wyo. neighbor 40 Birthright seller 41 Nave neighbor 42 Be in harmony 44 Weep audibly 45 "Big Blue" 46 Grassy field 47 Varnish ingredient

9x9 crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-53 indicating starting points for words.

Want more puzzles? Check out the "Just Right Crossword Puzzles" books at QuillDriverBooks.com

SUDOKU

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9 in some cells. Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box.

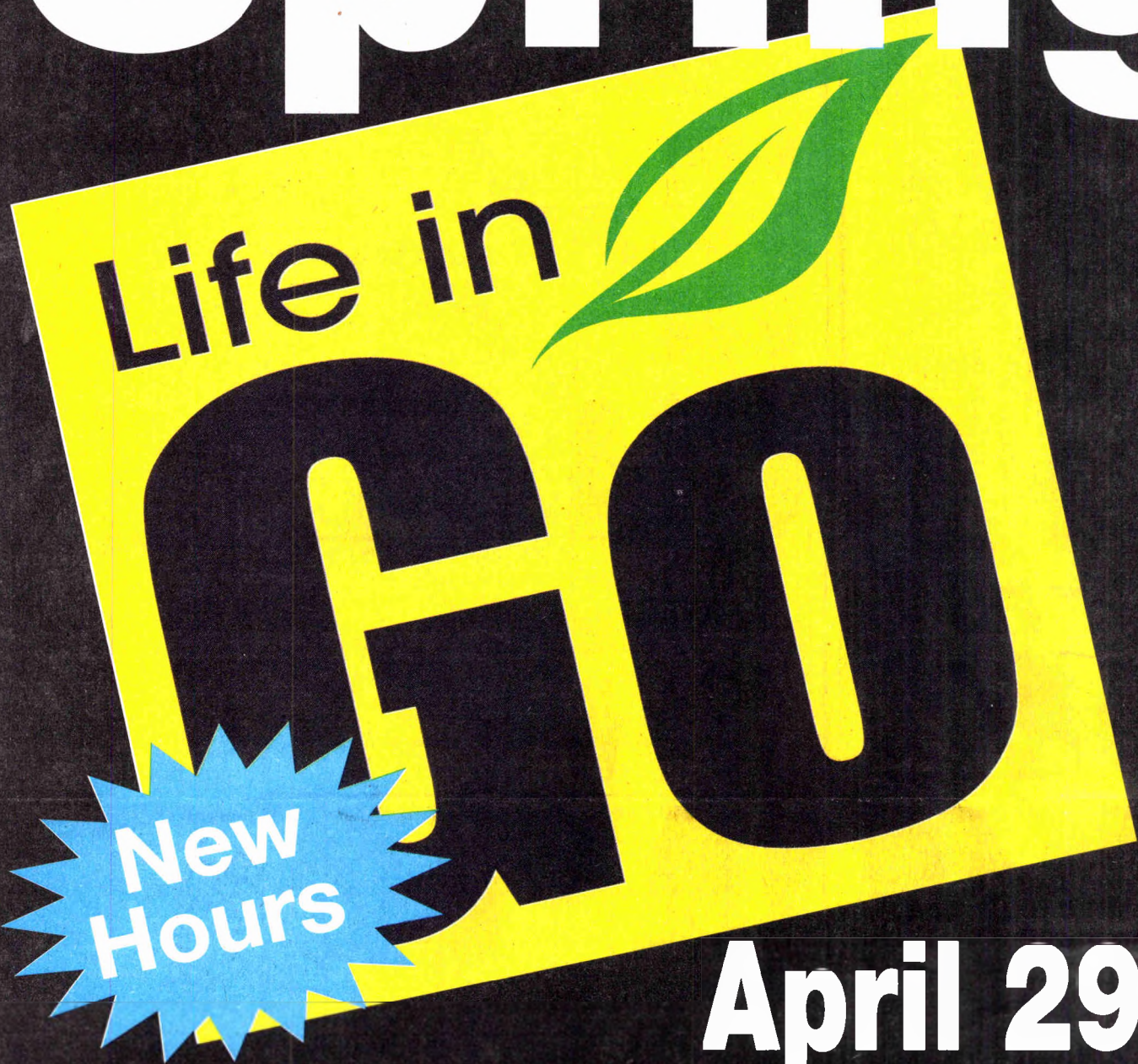
EXERCISE WORD SEARCH

Word search grid containing words related to exercise and health. Includes a list of words on the right.

Two smaller puzzles: a 6x6 Sudoku grid and a word search grid.

WANTED BUSINESSES SEEKING CUSTOMERS

Spring GO



**April 29, 2014
2 p.m. - 7 p.m.**

**Schoolcraft College
VisTaTech Center**

**When you are
prepared you can live
Life in Go!**

**An annual tradition
11 years strong!**

Connecting businesses
with active adults seeking
information for all stages of
life including wellness,
finances, family and
senior lifestyles.

Business Receive:

- Exhibitor Space
- Advertising
- Workshops & Demonstration Opportunities
- Various Sponsorship Options

Sign-up by 1/31/14 for
Early Bird Discount

313.222.2414

cbjordan@hometownlife.com