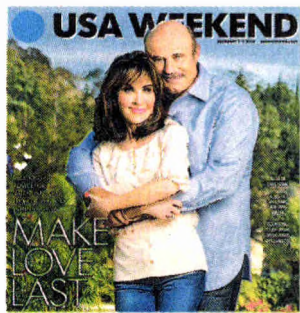


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Cheers, doubts on state budget plan

By **Matt Jachman**
Staff Writer

Gov. Rick Snyder's spending plan for Michigan's next budget year is getting both cheers and skepticism from elected officials in the Plymouth area.

Snyder, a Republican who last week also announced his bid for re-election, released the \$52 billion-plus plan Wednesday, putting projected surpluses of nearly \$1 billion toward education, roads, tax relief for low- and mid-income

homeowners and other programs and touting what he says is the state's return to economic health.

"This is more than just a budget," Snyder said. "It's the story of Michigan's comeback."

"Overall it's a good budget. It reflects the economic turnaround we've seen in the state," said state Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township.

"There's some good stuff, there's some stuff I'm not in tune with," said state Sen. Pat-

rick Colbeck, R-Canton Township, who also represents Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

Education money

Heise and Colbeck, who are both facing re-election, applauded Snyder's proposed \$150 million increase in the foundation allowance for public schools, which could translate into between \$83 and \$111 per student.

"I think it's good to see the continued investment in the

schools," Colbeck said. Heise said he will work to see if the Plymouth-Canton Community School District, which gets lower per-pupil fund than many neighboring districts, can get an extra increase.

Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer also said he liked the additional school funding – and Snyder's proposed \$27.67 million increase in constitutional revenue sharing to local communities. That's a 3.75-percent increase over the current roughly \$737.26 million. Sny-

der also proposed increasing funding for the Economic Vitality Incentive Program, a revenue-sharing system that replaced what was called statutory revenue sharing, by \$36 million.

"It is indeed great to see increases headed our way after so many tough years of decreases," Dwyer said. Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said a revenue-sharing increase would be a bigger

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School board to study sinking fund

By **Brad Kadrach**
Staff Writer

While Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials begin the process of educating the public about the non-homestead tax renewal the district will seek in August, the district's finance committee will also be studying the feasibility of asking voters to establish a sinking fund.

Unlike the non-homestead millage, which is only paid by businesses and rental entities such as apartment complexes, a sinking fund millage would be paid by homeowners.

While it can't be used for the purchase of things like buses or technology, revenue from a sinking fund could be used for things like emergency repair work and other day-to-day business items such as building maintenance, according to Brodie Killian, the district's deputy superintendent for business and operations.

According to Killian, a 1-mill sinking fund millage could generate \$5 million a year.

"That's money that could be used for day-to-day things, freeing up money from the bond for other projects," Killian said Tuesday. "The district could benefit from that."

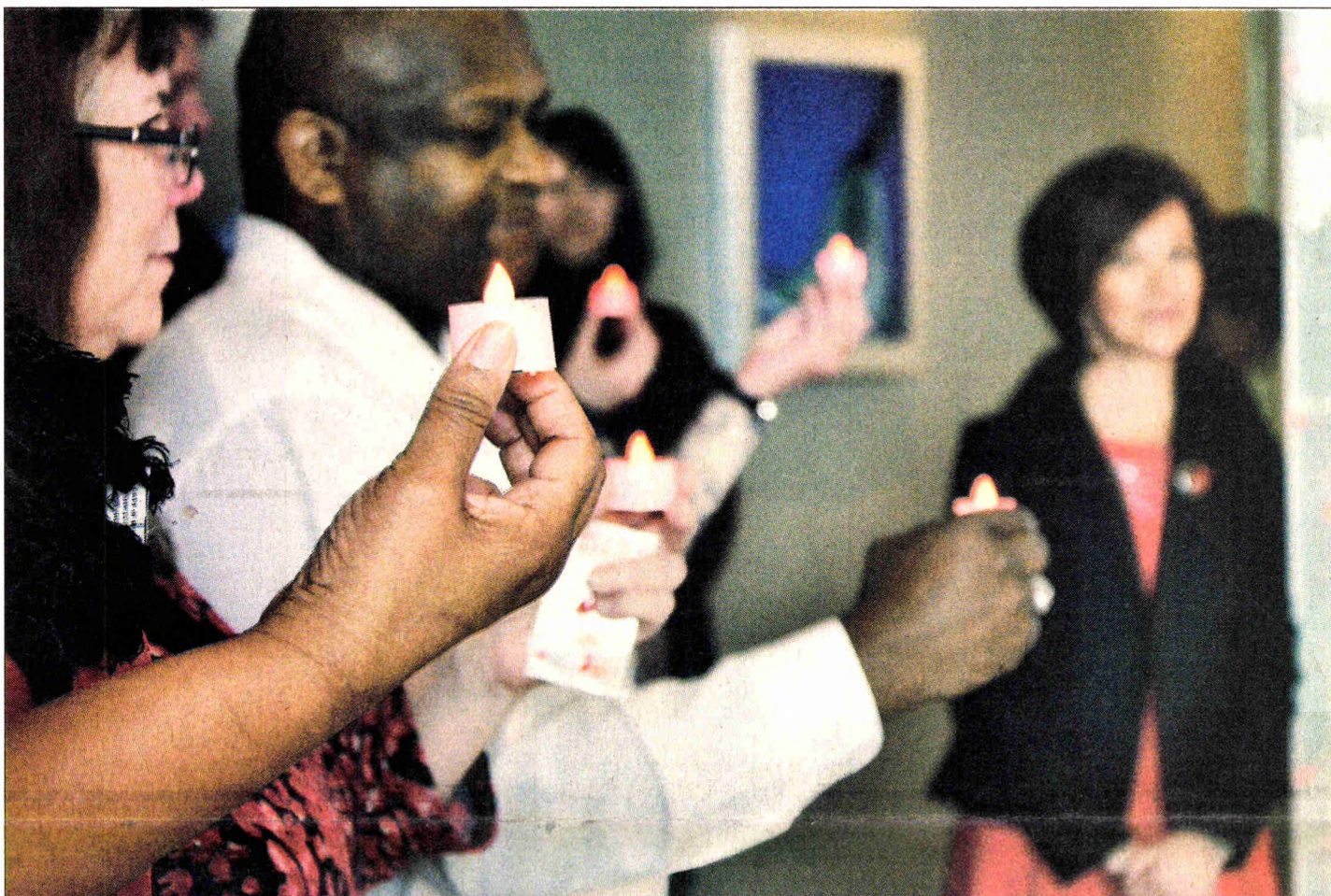
It should be noted that no decision to actually seek a sinking fund millage was made by the board and no specific millage figure was discussed. The 1-mill example was just that – an example.

The topic came up as the Board of Education was discussing its August election for the renewal of an 18-mill non-homestead millage. The current non-homestead millage expires in July, meaning the district cannot levy it again after July 2014 without the approval of voters.

Board Vice President Adrienne Davis said the district should, while educating the public about the non-homestead millage, gauge interest in and raise awareness of a sinking fund.

"What I have observed among other school districts is

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The Go Red campaign kicks off at Freudenberg in Plymouth Township. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Luncheon kicks off 'Go Red' campaign

By **Brad Kadrach**
Staff Writer

If you ask anyone from the American Heart Association, they'll tell you heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women in the United States annually.

On Thursday, the AHA and officials at Plymouth-based Freudenberg-NOK joined in the fight to change that statistic.

Freudenberg-NOK hosted the annual Go Red for Women rally that kicks off the AHA's Go Red for Women campaign to raise awareness of and fight heart disease.

"Heart disease is the largest killer of women in the U.S. and if we're going to do anything for the wellness of our employees, this is an important step," said Indra Sadikovic, Freudenberg's communications manager. "The American Heart Association is doing some wonderful things in reducing the

number of deaths from heart disease and we thought it was an appropriate thing for us to do."

February is national Heart Health Month and Thursday's kickoff luncheon jump-started the 2014 campaign (the AHA's officials kickoff comes Friday at the MGM Grand casino in Detroit). Freudenberg officials invited employees, other businesses from the business park and members of the public.

The event featured lunch, recipe books for the participants and a question-and-answer session with a cardiac nurse. Nearly 100 people were on hand for the event.

It started an active month for the AHA. On Friday, the AHA was at The Palace of Auburn Hills for Wear Red Day, when Americans are encouraged to wear red to show support for the

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Leketha Stallings holds her candle high at the kickoff for the Go Red campaign. She works at the Domino Farms Veteran's Administration Medical Center and is a resident of Detroit.



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plus for the township than anything else in the Snyder budget.

Plymouth has just over \$800,000 in state revenue sharing budgeted for its current fiscal year, while Plymouth Township has nearly \$2.2 million.

Road funding

Heise and Colbeck also liked the governor's plan for \$254 million in additional road funding to match federal dollars.

"I wouldn't be surprised to see the road funding go up," when the budget plan goes to the Legislature, Heise said.

Colbeck said he'd prefer the entire structural surplus of about \$600 million – the remaining portion of the estimated surplus of \$971 million is a one-time gain, Colbeck said – be put toward roads. Colbeck said he's aiming for a department-by-department study of the state's overhead costs and said that any savings found should also go toward

roads, to achieve the governor's overall goal of \$1.2 billion in additional funding.

Both Heise and Colbeck questioned Snyder's plan for an increase in aid to public universities by \$80.3 million.

"There's a lot of grumbling in Lansing that that's too high of a number," Heise said.

Tax relief

Snyder proposed tax relief in the form of a \$103 million expansion of the homestead property tax credit for those with incomes of up to \$60,000. But there are also plans in the Legislature for gradually reducing the income tax rate.

Colbeck said he'd prefer repealing the 2011 tax on some retirees' pensions and an expansion of the tax reductions allowed for charitable giving.

An executive summary of Snyder's 2015 budget proposal, as well as a proposal for the following fiscal year, can be found at www.michigan.gov/documents/budget/A_446646_7.pdf. The state's 2015 fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

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that as money has tightened, everyone is looking (at other revenue sources)," Davis said. "We passed a phenomenal bond last year, but when it comes to our daily expenses, we're still in the hole. We need to really look at that. I would really like to see (a sinking fund) evaluated and studied."

Other surrounding districts – Livonia, Wayne-Westland – have sinking funds. Wayne-Westland originally established its fund in the late 1990s and voters renewed it in 2013.

Davis asked the board's finance committee to take a look at the possibility, something Trustee Sheila Paton, a

member of that committee, agreed might not be a bad idea.

"I think it would be a good thing to look at," Paton said. "It's a good idea to understand what something like that would look like. That's not something we've done in the district."

Board President Judy Mardigian, the board's longest-serving member, pointed out a sinking fund is something she's been "talking about for a long time." She agreed a sinking fund would free up money otherwise tied up from the \$114 million bond the district passed in May.

"We have wear and tear on our buildings and the bond (money) doesn't cover everything," Mardigian said. "We really looked at bare-bone needs (with the bond). I think it would do a lot for us."

Fraud defendant in prison; two other cases pending

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer



Bazzi

While two defendants await a resolution in a Plymouth Township case involving the purchase of hundreds of gallons of gasoline with stolen credit-card numbers, a third is serving a year-long sentence for violating the terms of his probation in a federal case.

Mohamed I. Saab, 26, and Ali H. Jaghbir, 32, are scheduled for a Tuesday, Feb. 18, hearing in Wayne County Circuit Court, where they each face 10 charges of conspiracy to possess a fraudulent financial transaction device. Jaghbir, Saab and Mouhamad A. Bazzi, 26, were arrested May 10, 2013, after pumping about 900 gallons of gasoline into makeshift tanks in a pickup truck and a van.

Credit cards used to buy the gas at the Speedway station at Sheldon and Ann Arbor Roads were later found by police to have been altered, with the information on the cards' magnetic strips taken from other credit cards that had been stolen. A Speedway

clerk had called police after finding the trio's gasoline purchase suspicious.

Bazzi settled the fraud case last year, when he pleaded guilty to one charge of the illegal sale or use of a financial transaction device before Judge Linda Parker in circuit court. Parker sentenced him in December to five months' probation and ordered him to pay restitution and fees and court costs totaling \$5,157.

Federal sentence

But Bazzi was also sentenced in November to a year and a day in federal prison by Judge John Corbett O'Meara, in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, for violating the terms of his supervised release in a 2006 arson case. Federal Bureau of Prisons records show he is being held at a federal prison in Berlin, N.H. His probation in the Plymouth Township case runs concurrently to his prison sentence.

Federal court records show Bazzi's involvement in the fraud case violated his federal probation, which had already been extended because of a 2011 conviction on a charge of receiving and concealing stolen property.

Bazzi spent about 3½ years in prison, from July 2007 to February 2011, after pleading guilty to a federal charge of aiding and abetting an arson. Records show he was charged with aiding and abetting an arson and mail fraud after a January 2006 fire at a store in Dearborn. He pleaded guilty to the arson charge.

Through another lawyer in his office, Bazzi's attorney, Cyril Hall, said he was satisfied with the outcome of both cases.

"We feel it was a very fair sentence for the circumstances," Amir Makled said. Makled said he couldn't comment on the cases of Saab and Jaghbir.

Saab and Jaghbir are free on bond pending the outcome of their cases.

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cause. The Feb. 14 luncheon at the MGM Grand features Rosie O'Donnell and will include a silent auction, a healthy heart lunch, screenings and a health expo.

"It's a day of empowerment," said Melissa Thrasher, the communications director for AHA-Southeast Michigan.

It's an important event in a country where one in three women die from heart disease, Thrasher said, and couldn't be done without sponsors like Freudenberg.

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Tickets for the Feb. 14 luncheon are \$250 and are available at www.detroitgoredforwomen.org.

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» **Best Actress In a Leading Role:** Amy Adams in *American Hustle*, Judi Dench in *Philomena*, Cate Blanchett in *Blue Jasmine*, Meryl Streep in *August: Osage County* and San-

dra Bullock in *Gravity.*

» **Best Actor In a Supporting Role:** Barkhad Abdi in *Captain Phillips*, Jonah Hill in *The Wolf of Wall Street*, Bradley Cooper in *American Hustle*, Jared Leto in *Dallas Buyers Club* and Michael Fassbender in *12 Years a Slave.*

» **Best Actress In a Supporting Role:** Sally Hawkins in *Blue Jasmine*, Julia Roberts in *August: Osage County*, Jennifer Lawrence in *American Hustle*, Lupita Nyong'o in *12 Years a Slave* and June Squibb in *Nebraska.*

» **Best Animated Feature Film:** *The Croods, Frozen, Despic-*

able Me 2, The Wind Rises and Ernest & Celestine.

» **Best Director:** David O. Russell for *American Hustle*, Alfonso Cuarón for *Gravity*, Alexander Payne for *Nebraska*, Steve McQueen for *12 Years a Slave* and Martin Scorsese for *The Wolf of Wall Street.*

» **First tiebreaker category is for Best Documentary Feature:** *The Act of Killing, Cutie and the Boxer, Dirty Wars, The Square* and *20 Feet from Stardom.*

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IKEA confirms 'possible' expansion of Canton store

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

IKEA, already a massive landmark in Canton, could grow substantially if a preliminary proposal by company officials ushers in the first major expansion of the Swedish retailer's only Michigan store.

IKEA spokesman Joseph Roth confirmed the company has submitted a plan to Canton Township officials for what he called a "possible store expansion" — though a specific time frame wasn't known.

Roth's remarks provide one indicator of just how successful the 311,000-square-foot store has been since 2006, when it opened its doors on the northwest corner of Ford and Haggerty in Canton's bustling business district.

Canton Community Planner Jeff Goulet said IKEA has submitted to the township a proposed amendment to its planned development district agreement. He said IKEA has indicated an interest in expanding the west side of the store by 44,000 square feet, adding parking and demolishing the former ABC Warehouse building, located on IKEA property.

"We have to figure out what the benefit to the com-



IKEA is a landmark at Ford and Haggerty roads in Canton.

munity would be," Goulet said.

Township planners have responded to IKEA and asked for revisions to the initial proposal, Goulet said.

Roth said IKEA doesn't disclose annual sales for specific stores. He said the company's 38 U.S. stores had \$4.1 billion in sales for 2012, compared to \$34.6 billion for 349 sites in 43 countries.

IKEA plans to open stores this year in Miami and in 2015 in Kansas City, Kan. The company sells ready-to-assemble furniture, appliances and home accessories.

Roth said IKEA has been using the former ABC Warehouse building for storage since that company moved further west on Ford Road, occupying the old Borders book store site.

Roth said IKEA could move forward with plans to expand its Canton store.

"However, those are not final plans — merely a means as part of our evaluation process for us to get an understanding of what it would take and cost if we were to go down that road," he said. "Should we decide to pull the trigger and proceed down that path, we would be making an official and public filing at that point in time."

Roth said IKEA is exploring its options and time frames.

"At this point, we just intend to maintain the (ABC Warehouse) property. It's more for storage and our busiest time is usually late summer, when our new catalogs get distributed," he said. "For sure it will be there through the fall of this year. We haven't finalized any long-term plan."

However, he added, "We will not be leasing it out to any other third party or anything like that. We're still finalizing our long-term plans for the Canton store, as well as for the ABC Warehouse grounds."

IKEA Canton has drawn customers from across Michigan, other states and Canada, making it a destination for many shoppers from far away. Roth said the company is "thrilled with the performance and reception" the store has had.

City buys emergency road salt

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

With about six weeks left in a seriously snowy winter, an emergency purchase of road salt is replenishing Plymouth's dwindling supply.

The Plymouth City Commission approved Monday buying 1,000 tons of salt at \$55.45 a ton — \$55,450 total. Chris Porman, director of the Department of Municipal Services, said Thursday that at least 350 tons had already been delivered.

The city had started the season with about 1,300 tons purchased through a state contract; a memo to commissioners said that supply had been "pretty well exhausted," Porman said.

"I'm hoping that we may see a dusting and the majority" will pass by Plymouth, he said of weekend forecasts predicting weekend snow.

Salt prices up

Snow has been falling this winter at a record-setting pace, including a total of about 38 inches in January, a record for the month. In total, nearly 68 inches had fallen, as of Thursday, in the area this winter.

The price of the emergency salt purchase was considerably more than last year's price of \$35.21 a ton, but Porman said he's heard of contractors paying \$85 to \$100 a ton.

Porman said the city has declared about a half-dozen snow emergencies this winter. DMS workers have kept busy

plowing and salting city streets; Porman said calling them in for overtime on a rotating basis has helped keep them fresher.

"The guys haven't gotten burned out with it," he said. "I know they're looking forward to summer as much as everyone else."

Plymouth's DMS has 10 pieces of equipment it can put on the streets to handle snow, from a couple of salt trucks to plowing trucks to a dump truck and a front-end loader to carry the snow away. Plowed-up snow is stored on land between Theodore Street and the railroad tracks.

Township, county supply

In Plymouth Township, Supervisor Richard Reaume said the township should have an adequate supply of road salt to get through the winter. The township is not officially charged with salting or plowing its streets, though it has done so after heavier snowfalls. Township workers clear and salt the roads, driveways and sidewalks on township properties.

The township, did, however, have to buy more ice melter for the sidewalks on township properties, Reaume said.

In Wayne County, spokesman Ryan Bridges said there should be enough road salt to get through the winter. Some 79,000 tons are expected to be used by the county's roads division this year; as of Jan. 26, some 58,000 tons had been used.

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Students go hands-on with engineering

By Sue Mason
 Staff Writer

Students and families at Walker-Winter Elementary School got the chance to be engineers at the Canton school's inaugural Family Engineering Night.

Organized by fourth-grade teacher Michael Hall, the 90-minute program let students and their families experience fun, hands-on, innovative engineering activities.

According to Hall, Family Engineering Night is designed to allow families to work together, explore and discover engineering concepts on their own, while supporting science and mathematics learning and demonstrating how the field of engineering helps improve the way people live.

Hall first experienced and helped facilitate Family Engineering Night at Marshall Upper Elementary School and thought it would be a great idea to bring the program to Walker-Winter. With the assistance of two volunteer parents and several staff members, he was able to organize what proved to be a night many families will remember for a long time.

Families rotated through three 25-minute interactive, hands-on sessions facilitated by Walker-Winter teachers. During the sessions, parents and children worked cooperatively to problem solve engineering tasks using the engineering design process.

Families were given a challenge and asked to brainstorm possible solutions. Next, families were instructed to design a plan and begin to create a solution based on the plan. Finally, they were asked to test their creations and modify their design to make it better.

The tasks included designing a helmet to protect an egg (head) from injury when dropped from 10 feet and designing an intersection that will be safer for car passen-



Brian Ding operates his robotics project, which is designed to play music on the wind instrument known as a recorder. Michael Friendship and daughter Alexandria Friendship watch. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

gers, bicyclists and pedestrians. Families also designed and constructed their own catapults and learned how potential energy is stored and released as kinetic energy to propel an object.

In another activity, families were required to create a process of extracting the valuable resource of chocolate chips from a cookie while dealing with constraints on time, materials and "environmental" impact.

In the gymnasium, two

local universities were in attendance to show their support for the community and the field of engineering. Lawrence Technological University and the University of Michigan-Dearborn brought several robots designed to garner interest from perspective students eager to join the field of engineering.

"It was great to see the universities come out and support the community," Hall said. "Students really were excited about the robots and

the engineering design process. I am sure some career paths have changed tonight."

Absopure, located in Plymouth, was able to provide 300 bottles of water for the event, while the PTO supplied more than 300 bags of popcorn.

Parent, student and teacher feedback was extremely positive, according to Hall. Families commented that they appreciated having their children exposed to engineering concepts and learning

about different engineering career choices at an early elementary age, he said.

Hall added that he appreciates all the support he received for this event.

"Without the support of the our principal, staff, parents, PTO, students, the universities, Absopure, the families who donated materials, this night wouldn't have been possible," he said. "It really was a collective effort and a special experience for the community."

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Loyola University

Devin Burke, a 2011 graduate of Salem High School and a student at Loyola (Ill.) University, is studying this semester in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, at the Loyola Vietnam Center.

Burke is spending the whole semester there. His semester includes excursions with the university to other parts of Vietnam, as well as Cambodia.

Michigan State

Irene Li, a graduate of Salem High School and a sophomore at Michigan State University pursuing two STEM-related degrees, has been nominated for the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship.

Li is an Honors College sophomore majoring in genomics and molecular genetics in the College of Natural Science and interdisciplinary studies in social science-health and society in the College of Social Science.

"Irene has a strong background as an undergraduate researcher, which is the cornerstone of the Goldwater Scholarship," said Cynthia Jackson-Elmoore, dean of the MSU Honors College. "We are pleased to nominate her and hope she'll be recognized for her hard work and dedication thus far to her fields of study."

Li is a research assistant studying the epithelial-metastatic behaviors of liver cancer cells. Li is from Canton. She plans to pursue a doctoral degree in cancer genetics, conducting clinical practice and research in medical oncology with a focus on cancer treatments and prevention. "I aspire to conduct

research and practice in medical oncology, using my research expertise and knowledge to develop less invasive procedures for treating cancer, as well as deter cancer progression," Li said. "MSU's Honors College allows me the opportunity to complete graduate-level coursework within my major, allowing me to gain the prerequisite knowledge behind the advanced concepts I am already encountering in my cancer genetics research in MSU's Bio-engineering Department."

University of Dayton

Two students from Canton and another from Plymouth were among local students named to the University of Dayton's Dean's List for the 2013 fall semester.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must have a minimum of a 3.5 GPA for that semester and must have been enrolled for 12 or more credits that semester.

Canton students making the list included **Kevin Hayes** and **Walter Turner**.

Shannon Hogan of Plymouth also made the list.

The University of Dayton is a national Catholic research institution located in Dayton, Ohio.

Clemson University

Collin Clemons of Canton, whose major is mechanical engineering, has been named to the President's List at Clemson University for the fall 2013 semester. To be named to the President's List, a student must achieve a 4.0 grade-point average.

Canton church reaches out to strip club workers

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Valentine's Day was set to arrive early for metro Detroit strip club workers Saturday night after area women from a Canton-based church assembled gift bags to distribute, along with hugs and love.

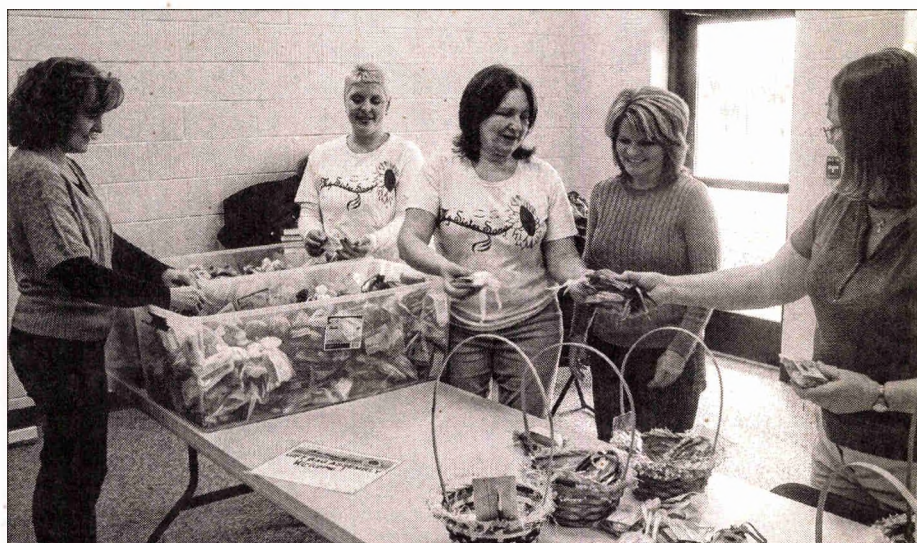
It's an outreach effort started in 2009 by My Sister Song, a Connection Church ministry founded by Laura Urenda of Westland to help women find their purpose in life beyond strip clubs and the sex industry.

"Some of our women have backgrounds in the sex industry. We understand it," said Urenda, who grew up in Garden City. "We speak the language."

My Sister Song members planned Saturday to pile into a van to distribute 500 gift bags containing cosmetics, valentine cards, candy and contact cards for how strip club dancers can reach out for help with counseling, mentoring and education services.

"I always put a love note to the girls in the gift bags," Urenda said.

The group typically visits as many as 20 strip clubs during holidays such as Valentine's Day, Easter, the Fourth



My Sister Song members pack gifts for strip club workers during one of their Easter outings. CONNECTION CHURCH

of July, Halloween and Christmas. My Sister Song has reached out to more than 7,000 area women, helping some of them find a new path.

Surprisingly, perhaps, Urenda said most strip clubs allow My Sister Song members inside to deliver their gifts. Yet the volunteers are never pushy.

"We never ask the women to leave (the strip clubs)," Urenda said. "We believe it's more powerful if that decision comes from them. We look into their eyes and listen to their stories. We hug on them and love on them."

It's one of the ways Connection Church tries

to uplift area residents. The church also sponsors Open Door Ministry, a Canton-based food pantry run by directors Steve and Jackie Darr that feeds some 460 families every week.

More recently, Mikie Bartee, pastor of development, initiated a Man Church program to encourage men to become more responsible and combat what he called an epidemic of fatherless households. "It's a man problem," he said. "It's a solvable problem."

Similarly, Urenda sees the sex industry as a solvable problem if she and others can show strip club dancers and

victims of human trafficking that they are loved and have worth beyond the sex industry.

During outings by My Sister Song, members typically meet at Connection Church at 6 p.m., load their van with gift bags and head out to strip clubs.

"We rotate in teams of three going into the clubs," Urenda said. "We usually wrap up by 2 a.m."

For more information, go to www.mysistersong.com or find the group on Facebook.

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Ex-Wings player talks rehab, hockey

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Former Detroit Red Wing Darren McCarty told a crowded Laurel Manor his battle with substance abuse stemmed from the pressures and unpredictability he saw while playing in the National Hockey League.

"It's tough when you go to bed thinking, 'Who am I going to fight tomorrow?' Sometimes, you can't sleep," he said. "It's a way to shut things off. It's a coping mechanism."

McCarty spoke to more than 180 people Friday at an event put on by the Livonia Chamber of Commerce to promote his recent book, *My Last Fight*. The book details his life during his time in the NHL on and off the ice, which was mostly spent in Detroit and includes stories from his battles with alcohol and substance abuse.

Audience members also came from chambers in Westland and Novi, in addition to Livonia.

McCarty, speaking to Steve Courtney of WJR-AM (950), said he never drank any alcohol from the Stanley Cup, hockey's top prize and one the Red Wings won in 1997, 1998, 2002 and 2008 while McCarty was on the team.

He had done some stints in rehab before, but had been clean for many years until he signed with the Calgary Flames after the NHL lockout canceled the 2004-05 season. He said he was feeling down and found some alcohol, the first drink he had had in nearly 10 years, he said.

"I remember I had a Bud Light and a little bottle of Patron tequila," he said. "That led me back to rehab."

Milford resident Nancy Lang, who works in Farmington Hills, attended the speech



Retired Red Wing Darren McCarty and broadcaster Steve Courtney sat down for a chat. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

donning a Red Wings T-shirt and brought two copies of McCarty's book for him to sign after the presentation.

She said she read McCarty's book and would have liked to have read more about his hockey-related stories. But learning more of his personal life during Friday's speech was a plus as well, she said. "I thought it was a great presentation. Gives you some insight into his world," she said.

She said one of her favorite memories of McCarty was after the

Red Wings won the Stanley Cup in 1998. Her husband was working on a home in McCarty's neighborhood when he saw former Wings player Kris Draper drive down the street in a convertible with the Stanley Cup in the car. Seeing the trophy "glistening in the sunlight," her husband began talking to McCarty and asked him to speak to her over the phone.

"He pulls up to Darren, and (my husband) goes, 'Oh my gosh, I have to call my wife,'" Lang said. "He gets on the phone and says, 'Hi,



The chamber of commerce Wings fans met Friday to hear Darren McCarty talk about his life and hockey career.

Nancy.' I just started babbling."

McCarty took some questions from those in the audience, including about where he was during the infamous limousine crash after the Red Wings won the championship in 1997 that left former Red Wing Vladimir Konstantinov severely injured.

McCarty said he and his teammates were golfing when they found out the news and drove to the site in Birmingham where it took place. The team was completely devastated, he recalled.

"I remember the (police) officer going, 'I don't know what to tell you. It was bad,'" he said. "That was the end of our Stanley Cup celebration three days later."

McCarty even touched on the recent allegations by former teammate Slava Fetisov, who recently said he believes the limo acci-



Darren McCarty poses for a picture with Laura Goodman of Livonia.

dent was no accident at all.

He said he could not argue with the claims Fetisov made with a local television anchor and said that could be a possibility.

"I'm a conspiracy

theorist, too," he said. "If you ask me, you might have something. I think it's arguable."

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Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

I can deduct my losses?

A: On day one of my first tax class at the University of Michigan Law School, the professor told us to never equate fairness and taxes. He told us, taxes are not meant to be fair; they're meant to generate revenue. Therefore, whether something is fair or not doesn't apply to tax laws.

I wish I had good news for you, but I don't. In both situations, you are not entitled to deduct any losses.

Losses on the sale of a personal residence are

not deductible. Even though if you have a gain you could potentially pay taxes, it doesn't work the other way around. That's the way our tax codes work. Unfortunately, there is nothing you can do with the \$125,000 loss.

On the sale of stock, if it (stock) was outside of a retirement account, then you could deduct the loss. Typically, you can offset gains vs. losses and, if you still had a loss, you could deduct up to \$3,000 a year. Anything greater would then be carried forward into the next tax year. However, that doesn't apply to IRAs. The reasoning is that in a traditional IRA, since you're investing pretax money (money that you have never paid tax on),

you cannot deduct any losses.

I recognize that a lot of people believe tax laws are meant to be fair because that is what politicians tell us. However, anyone who understands and works with our tax laws will tell you that there are many situations where the laws are not fair. Unfortunately, there is very little we can do about it.

In both situations, it would appear that some sort of deduction would be appropriate. However, that is not the way tax laws - which are complex and ever changing - work. If you go back the last 10 years, we've had more than one tax law change per day. Of course, most of those tax

laws would not affect individuals, but some do. That's why I encourage people to use professional tax preparers, because tax laws change and are difficult to understand.

The key is to use someone who is dedicated to staying current. If you haven't studied tax law over the last year, you are already out of date. I am generally not a fan of someone who does tax returns during tax season and then forgets about taxes until the next year. I want someone who is a full-time tax person and who has a commitment to continuing education.

One last note regarding taxes - always remember, when you sign your name on the bottom

line, you are responsible for your return. Even if there is a mistake by the preparer, you are responsible. That is why it is important to hire a tax preparer who is competent and will stand by his/her work.

After all, if you do get notified by the IRS of a discrepancy in your tax return, you want a preparer that will stand with you and one that can assist you in dealing with the IRS.

Good luck.

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

PCA seventh-grader wins spelling bee

A district spelling bee can be an event chock-full of drama, nail-biting tension and nervous laughter.

But it didn't seem to bother 13-year-old Plymouth Christian Academy student Caleb Godin, who battled through more than 36 rounds to win the Association of Christian Schools International District Spelling Bee with the word "impe-tigo."

Caleb was among 16 finalists to start the afternoon competition and he continued to advance by easily knocking down words such as "isosceles" and "beriberi," a cluster of symptoms caused primarily by a nutritional deficit in Vitamin B1 (thiamine).

Approximately 130 students from 10 district schools gathered Friday, Jan. 31, to spell their way to the top during the 12th annual ACS International Spelling Bee at Plymouth Christian Academy. One



Plymouth Christian Academy seventh-grader Caleb Godin battled through more than 36 rounds to win the Association of Christian Schools International District Spelling Bee. PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

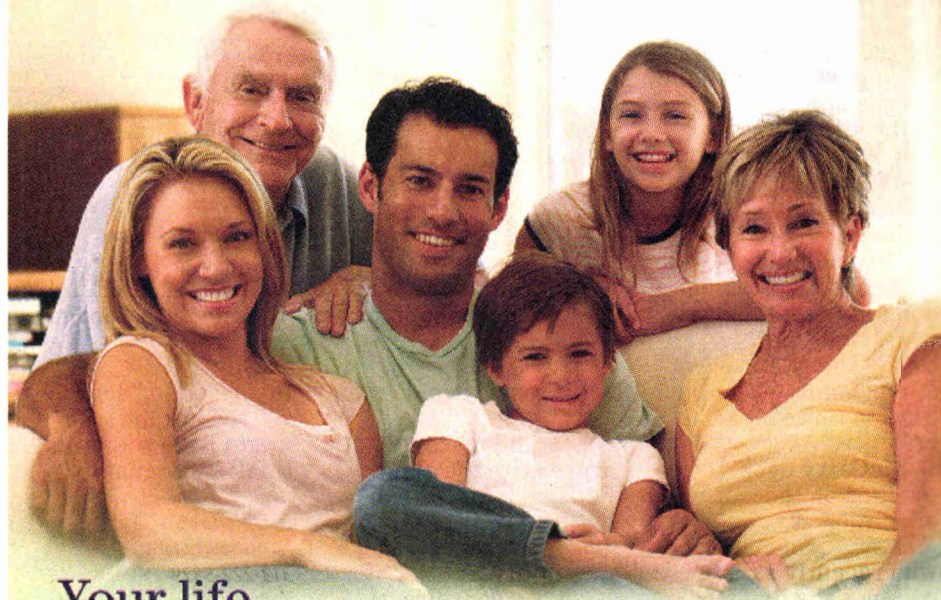
highlight of the ACS International Spelling Bee was the intensity of Room 12 - the sixth-grade bee. That competition went on for a grueling 50 rounds as students blasted through the sixth-, seventh- and finally eighth-grade word lists to determine the winner.

By day's end, Caleb was the district winner. He's been in the finals

before, but confidently captured the district trophy for the first time this year.

School officials said the seventh-grader "showed true sportsmanship" when he turned to congratulate his opponent before being awarded his trophy. Caleb will be traveling to Indiana for the regional competition next month.

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Madonna students deliver valentines to nuns at care center

As a way to show their appreciation for all the work the Felician Sisters do and have done, Madonna University students hand-delivered homemade Valentine's Day cards to nuns living at the St. Joseph Care Center at the Felician Sister's Central Convent in Livonia.

The students, all of whom live in the residence hall at Madonna University, made the cards themselves and were excited to sit down and meet the nuns, many of whom were once students, teachers and administrators at Madonna.

"It was a wonderful opportunity and a privilege to meet these sis-

ters," said Cynthia Ralston, a gerontology student at Madonna University. "It's heart-warming to see how the sisters work together in caring for each other and I am really glad to have had this chance to be here."

Former Madonna University president, Sister Mary Danatha Suchyta, was among the group who received a valentine. Sister Danatha said she was really happy to receive the cards and to have a chance to meet the students. The students knew ahead of time that they were going to meet Madonna's past president, so they customized a special card for her.



Sister Mary Duane Rydel gets a valentine from Raquel Robinson.

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All Saints Catholic School students collected more than five shopping carts full of food in their "Fill the Cart" food drive to feed the hungry.

All Saints students fill the cart for the needy

Students at All Saints Catholic School in Canton celebrated Catholic Schools Week last week by launching the "Fill the Cart" food drive.

Students collected non-perishable food items, including cereal, peanut butter, jelly, corn, boxed milk and canned fruits, to give to the All Saints Food Pantry in Detroit.

Busch's Fresh Food Market joined in, loaning the school five shopping carts to use as a way to collect the food. Each day, student council members would push the shopping carts down the hall, collecting all of the donations along the way.

Even with a short week caused by snow days, contributions came pouring in. By the second day, the shopping carts were overflowing. At their assembly Friday, all the donations - which filled all five of the shopping carts plus



All Saints Catholic School (from left) students Pooja Peters, Grace MacLellan and Valerie Goodwin were among those who helped fill more than five shopping carts in the school's food drive.

some - were rolled out so the students could see that by each person giving a little, they were able to make a huge contribution to the food pantry.

This week, the faculty, staff and students worked together to box all of the food to be tak-

en to those who need it.

"The school not only filled the carts, they filled the hearts of those in need in the area," second-grade teacher Caitlin Pacente said.

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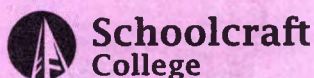
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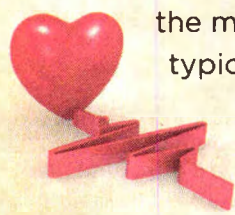




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Theater extends art exhibit

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill has extended its current exhibition, "Art & Invention: The Sculpture of Doug Cannell," on display now through Feb. 27, in the Gallery@VT, located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.



Doug Cannell works primarily in abstract forms fabricated from steel, often contrasting organic and industrial elements.

This award-winning artist works primarily in abstract forms fabricated from steel, often contrasting organic and industrial elements. Born in Detroit, Cannell earned a BFA degree from Wayne State University and went on to create and exhibit his sculptures throughout Michigan. Cannell's works, known for celebrating materials and their journey to decay, often incorporate found metal parts into their structure.

Originally drawn to clay, Cannell began using steel as the basis for his pieces in the early 1990s. Still living and working in the Detroit area, Cannell

often showcases rusted, reclaimed steel in his sculptures, punctuated with other materials such as bare wood, polished stainless steel, clay, copper, encaustic paint and rubber. In addition, Cannell's works are often distinguished by his use of contrasts of materials, textures and the juxtaposition of the organic and the industrial.

Cannell's sculptures are also heavily influenced by his work as a graphic designer, a field in which he has worked

steadily since 1985.

Cannell, who resides in West Bloomfield, presents a collection of artistic inventions. Works will be on display from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, as well as during public performances at the theater and also by appointment. The Gallery@VT is closed holidays.

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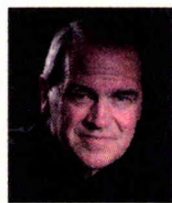
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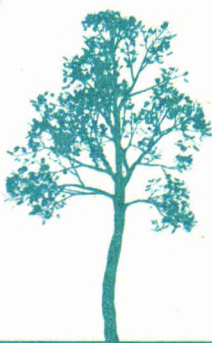
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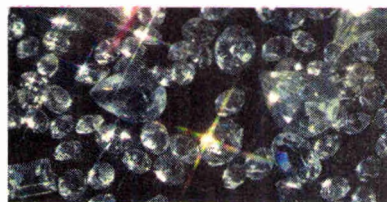
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Angela Hospice recognized as a We Honor Veterans partner

It may surprise some people to learn that 25 percent of those who die each year in the U.S. are veterans. To help provide care and support that reflects the important contributions made by these men and women, Angela Hospice of Livonia has become a national partner of We Honor Veterans, a pioneering campaign developed by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs.

As a We Honor Veterans partner, Angela Hospice is focused on implementing veteran-centered education for staff and volunteers and developing cooperative relationships with veteran service agencies in order to provide better care to the veterans it serves.

Nurse Lucy Stern is spearheading the We Honor Veterans program at Angela Hospice. Along with a group of six volunteers, Stern honors Angela Hospice's veteran patients with certifi-

icates of appreciation and patriotic lapel pins during private ceremonies with their families. "It's the right thing to do," said Stern, who described the ceremonies as rewarding. "It's important for the veterans and for their families."

By recognizing the unique needs of veterans facing a life-limiting illness, Angela Hospice is better able to accompany and guide veterans and their families toward a more peaceful end of life. And in cases

where specific needs exist related to the veteran's military service, combat experience or other traumatic events, Angela Hospice will find tools to help support those it is caring for.

"All hospices are serving veterans, but often aren't aware of that person's service in the armed forces," said J. Donald Schumacher, NHPCO president and CEO. "Through We Honor Veterans, we are taking a giant step forward in helping hospice and palliative care providers

understand and serve veterans at the end of life and work more effectively with VA medical facilities in their communities. VA shares a common goal with our nation's hospices and that is to provide the best possible care specifically tailored for veterans, meeting their goals of care in their preferred setting."

The resources of We Honor Veterans focus on respectful inquiry, compassionate listening and grateful acknowledgment, coupled with vet-

eran-centric education of health care staff. To learn more about We Honor Veterans, visit wehonorveterans.org.

"America's veterans have done everything asked of them in their mission to serve our country and we believe it is never too late to give them a hero's welcome home. Now it is time that we step up, acquire the necessary skills and fulfill our mission to serve these men and women with the dignity they deserve," Schumacher said.



Crowds flood the first day of the sale. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Cold doesn't deter devotees of used book sale

The Friends of the Livonia Library is holding a Used Book Sale at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

The three-day sale started Friday and runs through Sunday, Feb. 9. A bag of books can be purchased for \$5 Sunday, with all proceeds going back into the city's three libraries.

Sales were brisk Friday, despite the bitterly cold weather, Friends President and Book Sale Chairman Dick Zimmerman said. "It's been steady all day," he said Friday afternoon. In the morning, people were lined up outside in single-digit temperatures waiting for the doors to open, just like always, he said.

Because of the snow

piled high outside, the Friends hadn't even put signs announcing the sale by the library entrance. "I think they know it from the bookmarks (announcing the next sale) when they buy a book (at the previous sale)," he said.

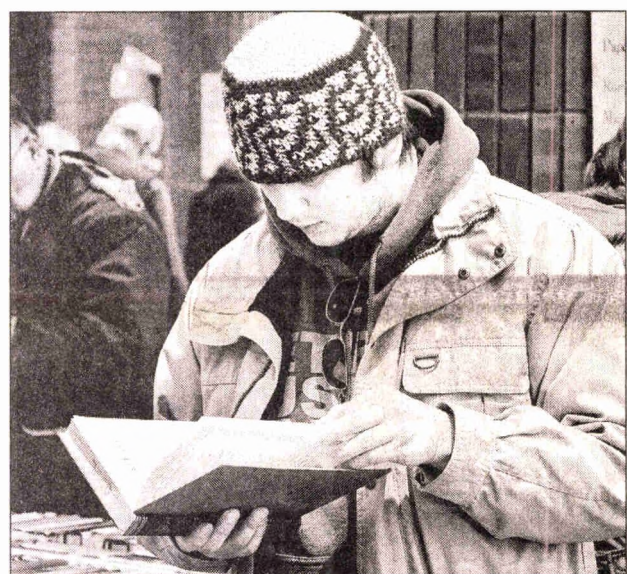
Customers Friday included regulars like the two who come all the way from Battle Creek and Port Huron.

The Friends holds three sales a year, one each in February, May and October.

The group has raised more than \$1.7 million since starting the sales in 1989.

All proceeds go to materials for circulation. Donations for the sales are accepted year-round.

- By Karen Smith



Vincent Rusnell of Livonia woke up early to get to the sale. "You've got to get the early picks," he said.

Churchill theater students to present 'It's a Wonderful Life'

Take a break from Old Man Winter and spend an evening with "everyman" George Bailey of Bedford Falls in the timeless classic tale *It's a Wonderful Life* being performed Feb. 13-15 by the Creative and Performing Arts program at Churchill High School.

The production, directed by Angie Hillman, follows the classic film very closely.

George Bailey dreams of adventure and escaping his small town. These dreams have been squashed by notions of family obligations and civic duty. It's Christmas Eve and George Bailey's guardian angel, Clarence, descends to save him from despair. He reminds him, by showing him what the world would be like had he never been born, that he really does have a "wonderful life."

"This show is magical and meaningful. It is a show for all ages

and would be an excellent date night or family night for the people in our community," Hillman said.

"It is a pleasure to bring such an iconic story to life on the Churchill stage."

Starring in *It's a Wonderful Life* are Frank Ritz, who plays George Bailey; Carly Angott, as Mary Bailey; Lucas Stringer, as Mr. Potter; Alexander Capeneka, as Clarence and Iszy Correia, as Ma Bailey.

The show is at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 13-15. Tickets are \$8 in advance and can be reserved by calling 734-744-2650, ext. 70463, or emailing CapaBoxOffice@gmail.com. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Churchill High School is at 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

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The reason for the winter stubbornness of gout is unclear but the cold likely plays a role. Of course, homes and building are heated, but even so, indoor temperatures are cooler by four to six degrees than in spring and summer and likely enough lowered to allow gout crystals to keep precipitating and so perpetuate joint inflammation.

Usually, a physician can end a gout attack by injecting steroid into the involved joint. But when gout is recalcitrant, that procedure, while necessary, is not sufficient. Articles on the treatment of gout offer several suggestions of what to do next, but these alternative therapies may not be appropriate for the person with persistent gout pain.

For instance, the individual with continuing gout can take non-steroid medications such as ibuprofen or indomethacin. But in people over age 65, the doses required to end an attack pose a risk to the stomach and kidneys; the preferred medicine is prednisone. This steroid in doses of 20mgm-40 mgm for one to two days usually resolves gout that lingers on. However, at times a physician finds that even this regimen does not suffice or that a gout patient who also has diabetes is developing dangerously high blood sugars, a possible side effect of high dose prednisone treatment.

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Film lineup announced for inaugural Farmington festival

Farmington-Hills based nonprofit organization kickstart Farmington announces the films selected for the upcoming Greater Farmington Film Festival, March 6-8.

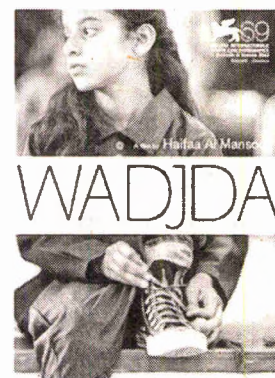
According to Dwayne Hayes, president of kickstart Farmington, the inaugural festival, will feature recently released films and documentaries that "engage the heart and mind, that explore important social issues and inspire action. Films with a conscience. Good films for a better world."

They include *REJECT*, *Short Term 12*, *Wadjda*, *Rising from Ashes*, *Eleanor's Secret*, *Girl Rising*, and *#standwithme*.

The Greater Farmington Film Festival provides a unique opportunity for audiences to enjoy these inspiring films as none of these films have been released widely in Michigan, and several have not been screened at all, Hayes said.

REJECT: A documentary about rejection and bullying that offers insight and solutions for modeling acceptance for children. Producer Peter Brauer will be in attendance.

Short Term 12: Told through the eyes of Grace (Brie Larson), a 20-something supervisor at a foster care facility for at-risk teenagers.



Wadjdas: A 10-year-old girl living in a conservative world in a suburb of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Wadjda is fun-loving, entrepreneurial and always pushing the boundaries of what she can get away with. The first feature film shot entirely in Saudi Arabia, directed by a female filmmaker.

Rising from Ashes: A documentary about two worlds colliding when cycling legend Jock Boyer moves to Rwanda, Africa, to help a group of struggling genocide survivors pursue their dream of a national team.

Eleanor's Secret: An animated film about a magic library where all the characters from classic children's books come alive.

Girl Rising: A groundbreaking feature film about the strength of the

human spirit and the power of education to transform societies.

#standwithme: A documentary presenting a 9-year-old with a dream that a lemonade stand could free 500 children. Slavery still exists. The chocolate we love, that rug in our living room, or the cell phone in our pocket, all may have been touched by the hands of a child slave.

Each film will be paired with an area nonprofit organization that works in a related field and representatives from these organizations will be available to discuss their work and highlight opportunities for volunteers and donors.

The Greater Farmington Film Festival takes place at the Smith Theatre at Oakland Community College and at the Farmington Civic Theatre.

Tickets are on sale at www.gffilmfest.com and are \$5 each or a full festival pass can be purchased for \$25. Tickets will also be available at the Farmington Civic Theatre and at the Costick Center at 28600 11 Mile in Farmington Hills.

More information is available at www.kickstartfarmington.org or www.facebook.com/kickstartfarmington.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Heise hours

Date: Monday, Feb. 10
Locations/Times: 10-11 a.m., Parthenon Coney Island, 39910 Ford, Canton; noon to 1 p.m., Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady; 3-4 p.m., Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main.

Details: State Rep. Kurt Heise invites local residents to meet with him to share their perspectives and ask questions. Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office.

Contact: Residents are invited to call toll free 1-855-REPKURT or email kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

Hospice presentation

Date/Time: Friday, Feb. 21, 10-11 a.m.
Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: The Plymouth Community Council on Aging will host Arbor Hospice with the presentation topic "Five Wishes Advance Directives: Making Your Wishes Known." The presentation will cover the importance of completing an advance directive document to make your medical, personal, emotional and spiritual wishes known.

Contact: For more information or to RSVP, contact Bobbie Pummill at 734-453-1234, ext. 236.

Blues @ the Elks

Date/Time: Tuesday, Feb. 11, 7-10 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Blues @ The Elks happens on the second Tuesday of each month. There is a \$5 donation at the door. Benny Reeves & the Paul Carey Trio will be featured. Vocalist Benny Reeves is the brother of Martha Reeves and Paul Carey on guitar has worked with many of Detroit's blues and jazz stars. Also playing will be Mark LoDuca on keys and Max Bauhof on drums.

Contact: For more information, call 734-453-1780 or email plymouth-elks1780@yahoo.com

Jazz @ the Elks

Date/Time: Tuesday, Feb. 25, 7-10 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann

Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: Jazz @ The Elks happens on the last Tuesday of each month. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres. Featured will be Cliff Monear Trio with vocalist Stephenie Monear, Monear on keyboards, Jeff Pedraz on bass and Scott Kretzer on drums.

Contact: For more information, call 734-453-1780 or email plymouth-elks1780@yahoo.com or visit www.plymouthelks1780.com.

Blood drives

Dates/Times/Locations:

Monday Feb. 17, 1-6:45 p.m., Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon

Sunday, Feb. 23, 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church, Plymouth

Monday, Feb. 24, 1:30-7:15 p.m., VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth

Details: The American Red Cross sponsors blood drives at the above locations. Appointments can be made, and walk-ins are welcome.

Contact: Call Diane Risko at 313-549-7052 or email Diane.Risko@redcross.org to set up an appointment.

Youth spelling bee

Date/Time: Feb. 26, 6:30 p.m.

Location: Discovery Middle School, 45083 Hanford, Canton

Details: The Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council hosts a Youth Spelling Bee featuring local fourth- and fifth-grade students. The Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council is a local, nonprofit organization that provides free tutors to adults with literacy skills below a ninth-grade level. Proceeds from this spelling bee will benefit the group's adult literacy programs. Students interested in participating in the bee must register online <http://www.plymouthcantonliteracy.org/get-involved/fundraising>. Participation is limited to the first 15 students to register.

Contact: Questions may be directed to amy@plymouthcantonliteracy.org.

Baby shower

Date/Time: March the month of March

Location: Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth

Details: Plymouth

Community United Way

is planning a baby shower and everyone is invited. Individuals as well as companies, service clubs, and churches can join in the fun by donating new bottles, formula, bibs, crib sheets, blankets (handmade accepted), diapers, baby clothes up to size 3T, convertible car seats, cribs, strollers, and monitors. The items will be distributed to low-income mothers in Plymouth, Canton and Western Wayne County. PCUW is offering a range of ways to participate from dropping off items at the office to holding a special event like a baby shower. Donations can be brought to Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Contact: Randi Williams at 734-453-6879, ext. 7, or randi.williams@pcuw.org

Love Thy Neighbor

Dates/Times: Through Feb. 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.

Vendor fair

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

Location: Canton High School cafeteria, 8415 N. Canton Center, 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 Taste-fully 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.

Transplant recipients attempt record

Art Moran Buick GMC in Southfield hosting event

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

SOUTHFIELD — It's going to be a Valentine's Day to remember at Art Moran Buick GMC in Southfield.

And there probably won't be a dry eye in the showroom when transplant recipients, patients waiting for transplants and donor families gather to attempt to set a Guinness World Record for the largest gathering of heart transplant recipients in one place.

Tom Moran, president of Art Moran Buick GMC, said he is sure there will be a mixture of happy and sad tears at the event, but his main reason for hosting the record-setting attempt is to raise awareness for the Donate Life Coalition of Michigan.



Tom Moran has supported the Donate Life campaign in part because a former employee, John Schmidt (center), received a heart transplant. Secretary of State Ruth Johnson and Tommy Schomaker (heart transplant recipient) made a special trip to the dealership at a previous event.

"We just want to get the word out and educate people on what it means to donate," he said. "We are really looking forward to it. It should be a fun, emotional day."

The public is invited to attend the free event to learn more about the coalition and to sign up to be a donor. Anyone who signs up at the event or throughout the month

of February at the dealership will receive a free car wash.

Moran has been promoting organ donation through his dealership for more than a year, starting with a promotion to purchase Donate Life license plates for new car buyers who sign up to be donors. Those who are already on the donor registry receive

free oil changes. Peggy Burkhard, marketing and public relations director for Donate Life Coalition of Michigan, said they will need a minimum of 50 heart transplant recipients at the event to set the record, but expects to exceed that.

Transplant centers at the University of Michigan Health System, Henry Ford Health System, Children's Hospital of Michigan, Beaumont Health System, Cleveland Clinic and the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center are all participating.

And while the Guinness World Record would be a great accomplishment, Burkhard notes it's more about helping those in need.

"What we really want to do is educate the public," she said. "The people that donate say it gives their loved one's life more meaning and gives them closure."

"It's almost as if the

legacy of the person who died lives on through these recipients."

There are more than 3,200 Michigan residents waiting for an organ donation and more than three million people have been added to Michigan's Organ Donor Registry since its inception.

To join the registry, visit www.giftoflife.michigan.org or call 800-482-4881.

For more information about the Valentine's Day event, contact Sherry Johnson at 248-229-8544. Art Moran Buick GMC is located at 29300 Telegraph Road, north of 12 Mile Road, in South-

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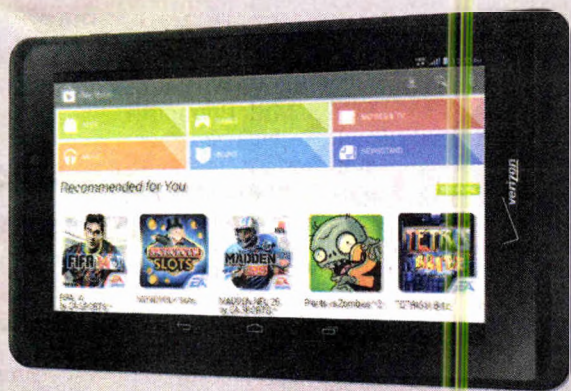
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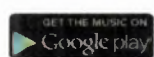


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Friends of Rouge offers workshop on creating backyard oasis

Friends of the Rouge and the Alliance of Rouge Communities have teamed up to offer native garden design workshops to teach residents in the Rouge River drainage area how to garden with native wildflowers. Workshops will be held this spring in three communities. "Water is a precious resource that is in high demand," said Cyndi Ross, River Restoration

Program Manager for Friends of the Rouge. "Michigan residents sometimes forget how scarce fresh water is for many around the world. We are the keepers of roughly 20 percent of all fresh water on earth. It is our duty to ensure this resource, essential for all life, is available for us and future generations and to preserve the economic and recreational value the Great Lakes

water provides to Michigan." One of the biggest threats to water quality in the Rouge River and the Great Lakes is contaminated storm water runoff. This is a result of the large amount of impervious land cover. Friends of the Rouge is asking homeowners to reduce water runoff and create a small native garden on their property. It is holding a free

public workshop, Naturalizing the Home Garden: A Native Garden Design Workshop, across the Rouge River watershed to teach people how to select native plants that are right for the conditions in their yard and offer design tips for creating attractive gardens that reduce rainwater runoff, and provide nectar for birds and butterflies. Optional expert assis-

tance is available for a limited number of workshop attendees immediately following the workshop. Interested persons are encouraged to register early as space is limited. Registration is required for expert assistance. Registration is available online or by calling 313-792-9621. Workshop dates and locations are: » 6-7:15 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, Novi Civic

Center, 47175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi » 6-7:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia » 6-7:15 p.m. Monday, March 31, Cranbrook Institute of Science, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills For additional information, visit www.the-rouge.org. Join FOTR on Facebook.

Local musician wants to preserve Armenian musical history

By Joanne Maliszewski Staff Writer Ara Topouzian wants to preserve Detroit's Armenian musical history on film. "My goal is to show the hidden story about Detroit, the ethnic com-

munity," said the Farmington Hills resident. "Our music represents sadness, happiness, weddings, parties, picnics." The idea for the film stems from a project Topouzian, Troy Chamber of Commerce executive director, created

when he received a fellowship from the Kresge Foundation in 2012. A nationally known musician, Topouzian taught himself to play and love the kuman, a trapezoid-shaped instrument that boasts sets of three strings tuned to

the same note. He and other Armenian musicians continue to perform. His Kresge fellowship gave Topouzian yet another opportunity to open the doors to preserving Armenian music. That dream is on its way to reality thanks to a \$12,000 matching grant from the Knight Foundation. That joy, however, presents a hurdle. Topouzian must raise the \$12,000 match and he has until September.



Ara Topouzian wants to create a film about Armenian music and musicians in Detroit.

He is working through the Miami Foundation and Kickstarter to raise the necessary money. The former executive director of the Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce and former economic development director for the city of Novi is also accepting private donations. With Kickstarter, Topouzian had to set a dollar goal and if that fundraising goal is not reached by March 18, that's the end of that. "No money goes in my pocket from any fundraising for the film. I get nothing except maybe the notoriety of the film," Topouzian said. Progress is under way. If he can raise the minimum \$5,000 on Kickstarter, then he has \$2,600 already with a total of

\$7,600 so far. The Armenian Genocide, also known as the Armenian Holocaust, took place during and after World War I when the then-Ottoman Empire systematically exterminated its minority Armenian population from their homeland, which is today's nation of Turkey. Before the genocide, Detroit could boast some 3,000-4,000 Armenians. Following the genocide, the ranks swelled to some 30,000 as survivors

made their way to Detroit and jobs with Henry Ford. To help Topouzian with his fundraising campaign, go to Kickstarter campaign at: <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/arapouzian/detroit-hye-times-armenian-music-in-detroit>. More information about Topouzian can be found on his website at: <http://www.aratopouzian.com> and on his blog, <http://aratopouzian.wordpress.com/>.

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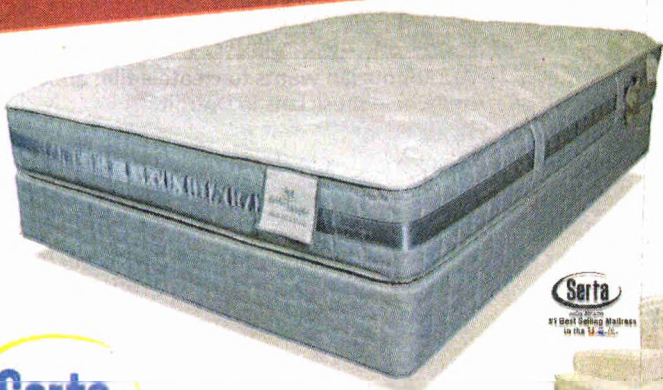
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COME VISIT A DIFFERENT KIND OF PHARMACY STORE

By Dennis Zelazny
Contributing Writer

What if I could tell you that there is a new pharmacy in Canton that is warm and friendly and the owner, Dev Mata, R.Ph., strongly believes in community efforts and our children's future? Welcome to Devz Pharmacy & More!

Devz Pharmacy in Canton opened Nov. 22, 2013, and is quickly becoming a community anchor. Dev welcomes new visitors at the door with a warm, friendly smile and possesses a sincere, take-the-time-to-get-to-know-you attitude. "We are not just another chain pharmacy. We look forward to building a relationship with you, our reoccurring customer, and making your each and every visit a personal one," Dev says.

Unlike other drug stores in the area, Dev included and developed a Community Art Wall. Devz Pharmacy has dedicated a mural area to the students of the community. Ten spaces, which each measure 29 by 22 inches, were made available and students were selected from the Plymouth-Canton schools to participate in this "permanent" project. Dev is determined that this, the first of many projects, will always be part of the store and the Canton community.

All the students received a certificate of recognition and \$30 to \$50 for their time to create the art. Coming this spring, as part of the grand opening celebration, those artists will have a chance to win prizes of \$100, \$200 or \$300 for the work getting the most votes. Imagine coming into the store in about 20 years and seeing the artwork still on display as a permanent part of the pharmacy wall. Other efforts, which are in the planning stages, will

include supplying canvasses for new projects which will be hung throughout the store. Watch for details to be released soon.

Why the effort? The "local" owner, Dev Mata, R.Ph., has a background in the arts and continues his own development through acrylics, watercolor and pencil. He believes in helping children develop through expressions in art. To him and many others, it is a logical choice in developing young minds. His plans include employing local students to help run the front counter, which will include Dev helping them understand the pharmaceutical business, as well as marketing and retail solutions.

Dev graduated in 1989 from Wayne State University with a B.S. in pharmacy. He has more than 25 years of experience in the retail pharmacy industry. He is from Afghanistan and left the country during the Russian invasion in 1979. After arriving in New York in 1982, Dev made his way to Detroit. He is most grateful to the Ferndale and Oak Park Adult Education Programs. Dev encourages his children - Michael, Loren and Lucas - to study hard and also be part of the community. If you have the time, Dev will be more than happy to chat over coffee in the beverage area - something else other local pharmacies do not offer. The coffee/snack bar area is surrounded by many windows, which create a welcoming spot to wait for your prescriptions or to simply stop and

relax for a few minutes.

Devz Pharmacy is working to gain your trust as your local pharmacy, providing quick, quality services. It offers both generic and name-brand prescription drugs for your convenience. You can also find common medical supplies and diabetic products. The pharmacy accepts most major insurance policies and offers local delivery so you don't have to leave home!

But Dev really would like for you to come visit the store.

Devz Pharmacy & More!, is located at 6624 N, Canton Center, between Warren and Ford

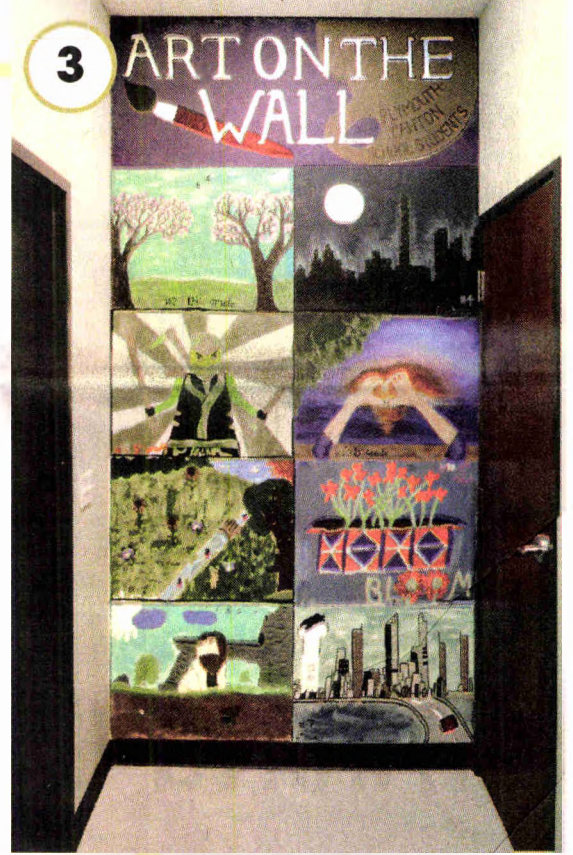
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3) Shown here is the permanent Art Installation, representing nine of the local students who participated in the first of many "Art Events" at Devz Pharmacy & More.

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NATIONAL SIGNING DAY - PART 1

Peay is where Hoover will play

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

When Michael Hoover bolts down the football field on a pass route, it is with sheer determination and focus.

Those characteristics — not to mention plenty of speed and hands like glue — made the Salem High School senior an attractive recruit for Austin Peay State University's Division I football program. Hoover on Wednesday took part in a National Signing Day ceremony at Salem, making his college choice official.

He'll be changing his colors from royal blue to red, but not his stripes as a hard-nosed competitor.

"They want me for tight

end," said Hoover, who played wide receiver for Salem. "They said they'll move me around to wide receiver, tight end and just use my speed."

Plenty of his family was on hand for the ceremony, including parents Mark and Karen Hoover and older brother Eric, a Salem football alum who inspired Michael to seriously take up the sport going into ninth grade.

It didn't take long for him to get seriously good at it. And after rebounding from a broken collarbone sustained during his junior year, Hoover excelled during the 2013 season.

His ability to get open and hang on to the football in traffic obviously spurred interest

from several colleges, including Peay, Wayne State University and Michigan State University.

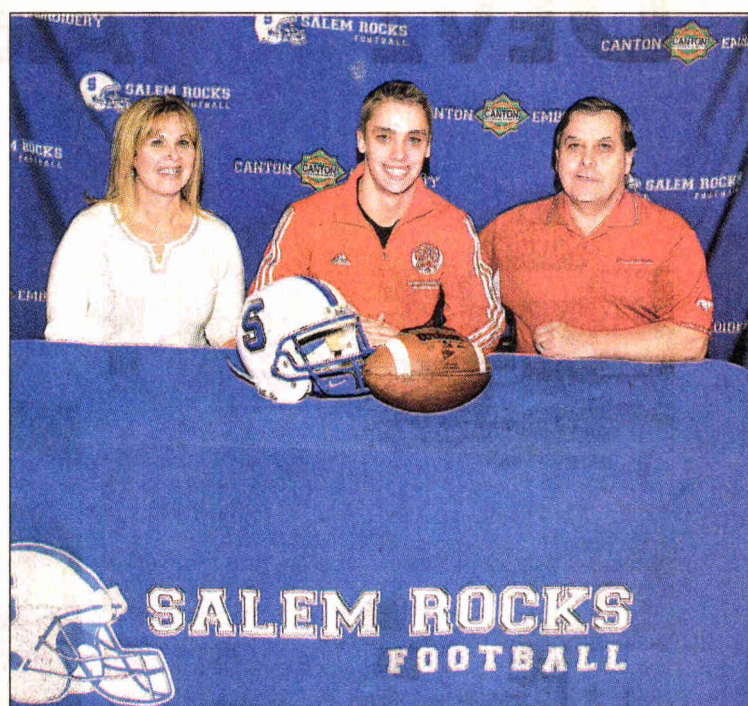
"Austin Peay came and gave me a really good offer," Hoover said. "I went down there to visit the campus and it was really nice, I liked it a lot. It's in Clarksville, Tennessee, about 45 minutes outside of Nashville. It's a really nice town."

Dream come true

Another plus is he'll be a Governor, the Peay nickname.

"Let's go Peay!" he shouted, already at ease with the catch phrase for the college.

His parents (and grandparents, also on hand Wednesday) were beaming about the offi-



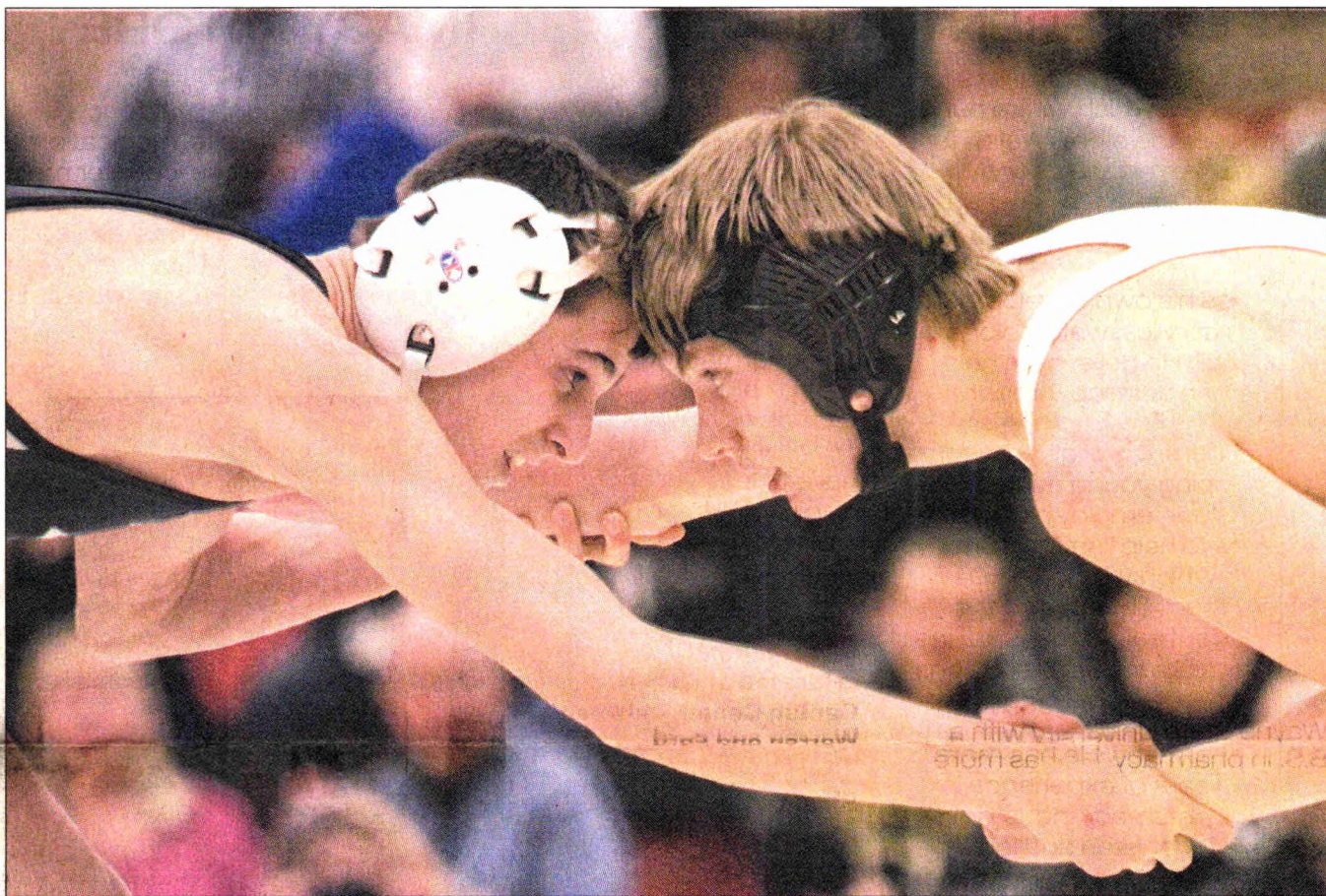
Salem's Michael Hoover (center) and parents Karen and Mark Hoover are happy about his college choice. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

cial start of a new chapter in his life.

"I'm just so proud of Michael, and it's all him, it's all him," said Karen Hoover, whose job with an airlines

undoubtedly will help with all that travel to Peay. "He was born with it, and he just worked hard to keep it going.

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Plymouth's Mo Youssef (left) and Canton's Ryan Apley size each other up at the start of their 119-pound bout Thursday. Youssef was victorious, for his 150th career win. DR. ANDREW RUBENSTEIN

PREP WRESTLING TEAM DISTRICTS

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

Hard-working 'Cats best campus rivals, move on to team regionals

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

From the get-go this season, Plymouth's varsity wrestling team has worked hard and done everything coach Quinn Guernsey asked of it.

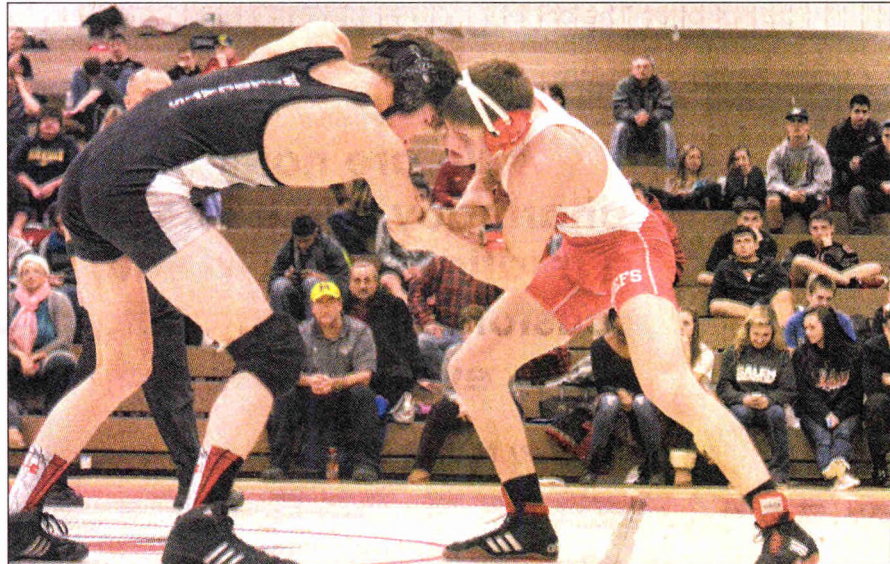
And the beat goes on, with the Wildcats crushing Canton 46-24 in Wednesday's Division 1 team district final at Canton High School. Plymouth advances to the Feb. 12 team regionals against the winner of the Westland John Glenn district.

"We've been a solid team all year," said Guernsey, whose team improved to 34-4 overall. "And that's been nice. It's been nice to have that kind of balance and consistency for an entire season.

"These guys show up every day, work hard and do what they're supposed to be doing."

The Chiefs (17-13) got off to a quick 7-0 lead with wins at 215 by senior Scott Obrec and heavyweight by senior K.J. Wooley.

They also had senior stalwarts Ben Griffin and Alec Pantaleo lurking, two of the state's best who are as automatic as they come.



Canton's Ben Griffin (right) finishes off Plymouth opponent Danny Ahearn Thursday for his 200th career victory. DR. ANDREW RUBENSTEIN

No panic

That didn't seem to bother the Wildcats, who reeled off five consecutive wins to go up 28-7.

"We rattle off wins in the light

weights, 103, 112, 119," Guernsey said. "I think Brandon (Harris) and Mo (Youssef) kind of set the stage that the dual was going to end with us winning.

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NATIONAL SIGNING DAY - PART 1

Ohio colleges lure Chiefs

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Rachel Winters and Gabby Epelman have forged a special bond as members of Canton's varsity soccer team.

And next year, they won't be too far apart even as they play for two different Division I colleges in Ohio.

Winters and Epelman — who took part in Wednesday's National Signing Day ceremonies — are going to play collegiately at Bowling Green University and the University of Toledo, respectively.

"I'm really excited," said Winters, who will play defender for Bowling Green women's soccer coach Lindsay Basalyga. "I verbally committed the beginning of my junior year. I love the campus, it's a welcoming environment. I love the coach."

Winters also considered Toledo and Buffalo, but ultimately liked the "welcoming" environment of Bowling Green.

Now that she has her college choice determined, it's up to her to make sure she comes through for Basalyga.

"I just know I have to continue to work hard and get better each and every day," Winters said.

Epelman's decision to go to Toledo, where she also will be a defender, also had a lot to do with her comfort zone.

"I met the girls, they were very nice, welcoming," said Epelman, whose parents are Mike and Kimberly Epelman. "They put in the work, the passion and everything was there.

"The campus is very nice and I got along well with the coaches. They also have the field I want to go into (exercise physiology)."

She already is gearing up physically for what lies ahead as a collegiate player.

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Canton soccer players Rachel Winters (front, left) and Gabby Epelman celebrate National Signing Day with Chiefs coach Jeannine Reddy (standing).



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Cool combo in the crease

PCS goalies bring flair, personality to the rink

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

One wears earrings under her goalie helmet-mask while the other sports glasses.

And during the school day, Plymouth senior Gwen Gadulka and Canton senior Becky Lough are all about their respective schools.

But after school hours, when it's time to practice or play games for the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins varsity girls hockey team, Lough and Gadulka happily put their differences aside and are the best of pals and goal-tending comrades.

"Usually within the team, there's no rivalry," Gadulka said following a recent practice at Arctic Edge Arena. "But the minute we're outside, yeah, of course there's a little rivalry because people from Canton, people from Plymouth, big football teams."

"People from Salem are just chill and laid back."

That description might apply to Lough, because of her choice of jewelry and easy-going personality.

"It's interesting, playing with people I played against in (high school girls) lacrosse," Lough said. "So it's different, but I like it."

"I've been doing it for three years. We were state champions my sophomore year, so it's a good game."

Two top goalies

Also interesting is how PCS coaches Mary Beth Smith and Brad Johnson employ their goaltenders. They don't have a No. 1 and No. 2 goalie; instead they faithfully alternate Gadulka and Lough on a game-by-game basis.



Gwen Gadulka (left) and Becky Lough attend Plymouth and Canton high schools, respectively. But when the goalies wear the colors of the P-C-S Penguins, campus rivalries are forgotten. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

The only time the coaches veered from that approach was by necessity, after Lough fractured a rib early in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League season.

For a four-game stretch they played Gadulka, while Lough healed.

"Right now, we're in a blessed situation because we got two goalies that are No. 1 goalies," Johnson said. "They are both stopping the puck and winning games for us, so right now we're literally rotating them every other game."

Both Penguins coaches also are former goalies themselves, so they keep close tabs on how Gadulka and Lough are progressing.

"They're two completely different style goaltenders," Johnson said. "Gwen is a little bit more of a traditional. Neither of them are your new-school butterfly goalies."

"Gwen's a little bit more of a hybrid. Becky's a little bit more of an unconventional goalie, but she finds a way to stop the puck."

They can relate

Lough likes that she can touch base with her coaches about components of her game, such as whether she's getting her paddle down on the ice when she needs to or if she's square to the shooter, ready for pucks to come her way.

"Usually I ask coach Brad, because he's a goalie," Lough said. "So is Mary Beth, actually, so either one. It's awesome, they both know and understand (the position), so it's cool."

Gadulka concurs, albeit with a humorous caveat.

"I think it's kind of fun, but it can get a little irritating because they make you skate," she said, laughing. "It doesn't matter how much you hem and haw. They always make us skate, it's like, 'Really? C'mon guys!'"

"I wish you could have a mini two-minute break or something for compensation, playing so well and so great for so long."

Game time definitely is fun for the girls — who, incidentally, opposed each other a couple of years ago in a 16U house league at Suburban Ice-Farmington Hills — but they make the most out of the environment and camaraderie

with the Penguins.

"More like poking fun at the other one," Gadulka said with a smile that never seems to leave her face. "But what we usually end up doing before games and practices is we end up like using each other's things."

"If she needs (hockey) tape, I give her tape. If I need something, she gives me something. It's more of a give-and-take relationship."

Gadulka probably wouldn't take Lough's earrings, though.

"I tend not to wear earrings that often," she said. "Once she seen me dress up, it's scary."

Sage advice

Lough doesn't mind any teasing from Gadulka or other teammates.

In fact, she can't get enough of being a Penguin, the same team her older sister Jackie once played for.

"I want to coach (after high school)," Lough said. "Like, this team if I could and I get the opportunity to."

Who knows when or if such a chance might crop up. Still, Lough isn't closing the door on that idea the way she expertly blocks an opponent's scoring chance.

After all, her own playing days might be put on hold after this season.

"I'm going to art school. They don't really have sports teams at art schools," Lough said, chuckling.

She's already providing sage counsel to youngsters, in the same vein she might as an assistant coach.

"High school-wise, don't let the little things bug you, really," Lough said when asked about her advice to the current team's nine freshmen. "Even about hockey, practice makes perfect."

In the world of girls hockey, so does friendship.

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'Cats finally show up at MIHL Showcase

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League Showcase in Trenton is an annual smorgasbord for teams, fans and college scouts.

That fact was something Plymouth Wildcats head coach Gerry Vento reminded his team after Thursday's disappointing first period against Grosse Pointe South at Kennedy Recreation Center's Teifer Arena.

Plymouth was down 4-0 to the Blue Devils just 12 minutes into the opening frame. After straight talk from Vento between periods, the Wildcats came out with energy and urgency and began chipping away at the deficit — ultimately tying the game 4-4 on senior forward Corey Smith's second tally of the night.

GPS, however, prevailed 5-4 after winning the shootout.

"We were just sleep-walking ... we deserved the scenario we were in," Vento said. "I told the boys after the first period, 'This is a showcase, and if this is what you want to showcase then that's your choice. But I suggest you make a game out of it.'"

"We started moving our feet in the second and third period and I thought we completely controlled the game from there on."

After the opening frame, Plymouth (7-10-3 overall) was outshot 9-5. But the Wildcats took the play to GPS from that point on, holding a 21-11 edge the rest of the way.

Junior goalie Jared Maddock played well in a 39-minute relief stint of junior Erik VandenBosch, making a handful of timely stops to give his team a chance to get to the shootout.

Starting it off

All it took was 1:25 of the middle stanza for Plymouth to get on the board.

Senior defenseman Kyle Melnick tried to stuff the puck on a wrap-around, but Blue Devils goalie Andrew Wright prevailed. Smith jammed in the rebound, however.

Drawing the other assist was senior forward John VanDenBourgeury.

Then with just 35 seconds left in the second, Plymouth struck on the power play to make it a 4-2 game entering the intermission.

Stationed in the low slot, junior forward Josh Smith tipped in a blast from the right point by junior blueliner Jake Zaborowski.

Starting the play with a slick feed from the left half-wall to Zaborowski

was senior defenseman Cody Staub.

"Josh has been great for us all year," Vento said. "It's not only what he does offensively, but all three zones. He's our leader, we look to him and he's been leading us the whole season."

Plymouth made it a 4-3 contest with 12:32 left in the third. Senior forward Mike Schultz was denied in front by Wright, but junior forward Andrew Jossey followed up with a chip shot under the crossbar.

All the way back

The equalizer came with 8:23 remaining when Corey Smith blasted a shot from the left circle that sailed over Wright's trapper.

Setting up Smith on the play was senior forward Charlie Supernois.

The Wildcats came close to winning in regulation with a late power play. Schultz — who returned to the team in January — skated through defenders up the gut only to be stopped cold by the Blue Devils' goalie.

"Mike brings a lot to our lineup," Vento said. "He's got talent, he's got great vision and patience and he certainly gives us a first line that can put teams on their heels. We're glad to have him back in the fold."

The lone goal of the shootout by either team was scored by Dominic Rinaldi, who slipped the puck between Maddock's pads.

Plymouth will have another opportunity to shine at the MIHL Showcase on Saturday night against Flint Powers.

Vento was asked about bringing his team to Trenton instead of to Chelsea, where this weekend's Michigan Public Hockey Showcase is going on (including Canton and Salem).

He said it's about comfort more than anything else, that this is his seventh year in a row participating in the MIHL Showcase (the first four seasons while a coach at Livonia Stevenson).

"I've never been to the one at Chelsea, so I can't comment on it," Vento emphasized. "I'm comfortable with this one, I've always come to this one, the games have always been close."

"They do a great job of matching up teams, teams that we haven't seen. I just like the setup."

CHELSEA SHOWCASE: Both Canton and Salem are participating at the Michigan Public High School Hockey Showcase in Chelsea.

On Tuesday, the Chiefs defeated Bloomfield Unified 6-0 to post their first victory of the season. Salem nipped Berkeley Ferndale Unified, 3-2, on Wednesday.

More information about those games was not immediately available.

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P-CEP keglers solid at doubles tourney

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park bowling teams enjoyed success at a recent doubles tournament at Merri-Bowl in Livonia.

Canton had six boys teams competing and four of them reached the finals (top 16). Salem had five out of eight teams make the cut, while Plymouth had two out of three teams make the cut.

The Rocks won the

boys title, with twin brothers Mitchell and Shane Rusinek (freshmen) bringing home the trophy.

The girls also had a solid day. Canton's lone team in the tourney ended up winning the championship. Senior Brianna Bailey and freshman Meghan Macunovich teamed up for the Chiefs.

Meanwhile, Salem girls had two entries

that made the top 16, but then fell in the second round.

Plymouth's lone entry lost in the opening round.

"It seemed pretty special for all of us to have two champions and have three of the four kids involved be freshmen," Canton bowling coach Karl Brubaker said. "That looks really good for our future."

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Monday, Feb. 10
John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 11
Clarenceville at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Parkway, 7 p.m.
Greenhills at Huron Valley, 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 14
Annapolis at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Greenhills at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.
Parkway at Huron Valley, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Monday, Feb. 10
Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Dearborn at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 11
Thurston at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Parkway at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at Greenhills, 7 p.m.

(KLAAs Playoffs-1st round)
Novi at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 13
Clarenceville at Annapolis, 7 p.m.
Ladywood at Bishop Foley, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 14
Greenhills at Luth. Westland, 5:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY
Sunday, Feb. 9
(Mich. Public Showcase at Chelsea Arctic Coliseum)
Franklin vs. Lakeland, 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 12
Ladywood vs. Grosse Pte. South at City Arena (Detroit), 6 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 15
Ladywood vs. Mercy at Joe Louis Arena, 5:30 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING (MHSAA Team Regionals)
Wednesday, Feb. 12

DIVISION 1
at WESTLAND JOHN GLENN
Semifinals: Westland John Glenn vs. Plymouth, 5:30 p.m.; Saline vs. Temperance Bedford, 5:30 p.m.;
Championship final: 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, 3:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21, at Battle Creek's Kellogg Center.)

at SOUTHGATE ANDERSON
Semifinals: Livonia Franklin vs. Birmingham Seaholm, 5:30 p.m.; Southgate vs. Dearborn Fordson, 5:30 p.m.;
Championship final: 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, 3:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21, at Battle Creek's Kellogg Center.)

at NORTH FARMINGTON
Semifinals: Livonia Stevenson vs. Walled Lake Central, 5:30 p.m.; Novi Detroit Catholic Central vs. Waterford Kettering, 5:30 p.m.;
Championship final: 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, 3:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21, at Battle Creek's Kellogg Center.)

(MHSAA Individual Regionals)
Saturday, Feb. 15
Division 1 at Woodhaven, 10 a.m.
Division 1 at W.L. Northern, 10 a.m.
Division 3 at Richmond, 10 a.m.
Division 4 at Hudson Area, 10 a.m.

BOYS SWIMMING
Friday, Feb. 14
KLAAs South Diving at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
KLAAs Central Diving at South Lyon East, 4 p.m.

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Salem clinches division

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Salem's success on the basketball court in 2013-14 has always been about everybody pulling the rope.

And so it was fitting that the Rocks varsity boys basketball team clinched the KLAAs Central Division with a pair of ultimate team victories. On Monday, every Salem player got on the score sheet as the Rocks earned a 67-38 victory at South Lyon East.

Tuesday, the Rocks clinched outright with a 72-68 win at Novi, with 10 players scoring.

"It's a great achievement," said veteran Salem coach Bob Brodie, whose team is 13-2 overall and 9-0 in the KLAAs Central. "We didn't expect that. We shot for it as one of our goals, but we didn't expect it."

"Especially the way we are right now, going through unscathed so far. The kids just rose to the occasion in every one of the games we played and did what they had to do to get the job done."

Senior forward Michael Hoover was a big

producer in both games. He led the team with 16 points against South Lyon East and followed up with 12 points and seven rebounds against Novi.

"Michael Hoover stepped up both games pretty well for us, he did a nice job," Brodie said. "He rebounded the ball well. We asked him to guard their best player, he took that as a challenge and stepped up and did the job there."

Salem led 38-26 at halftime against Novi, but had to hold off the pesky Wildcats. It was a two-point spread with about two minutes to play when a Novi player stole the ball with a chance to tie the game.

But Brodie said the player missed a dunk and the Rocks grabbed the momentum from there.

Leading Salem's scoring parade Tuesday was senior Brady Cole, with 14 points. Chipping in nine points was Allante Wheeler, while Jake Lenders and junior Connor Cole each contributed eight points.

Scoring seven points was Tyler Brooks, while Evan Klenk led the team with six rebounds.

Sharing the spotlight

Salem players celebrate together as they sign with colleges

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Success on the field is translating into spinoff opportunities for members of Salem's varsity boys soccer team.

Proof of that took place during Wednesday's national signing day, when five players from the 2013 Division 1 state semifinalist squad inked paperwork to play soccer at the collegiate level.

Only midfielder Blake Townes is leaving Michigan, however. He signed his national letter of intent with Notre Dame University (NCAA Division I) in Indiana.

"It means a lot to me," Townes said. "It's a special opportunity to be able to go to Notre Dame. I'm going to cherish it."

Townes said he also had interest from the University of Michigan and Michigan State University.

He decided Notre Dame would be his best choice because the soccer program and academic offerings provided "something special."

Sharing the moment

Staying closer to home will be: twins Brady and Connor Cole (both going to Northwood University, Division II); goalkeeper Collin Hewett (Olivet Nazarene University, NAIA); and defender Josh Dillon (Davenport University, NAIA).

That the senior nucleus from Salem's 16-3-6 run shared in each other's big day — witnessed by their head coach Scott Duhl — was appropriate, according to Hewett and others.

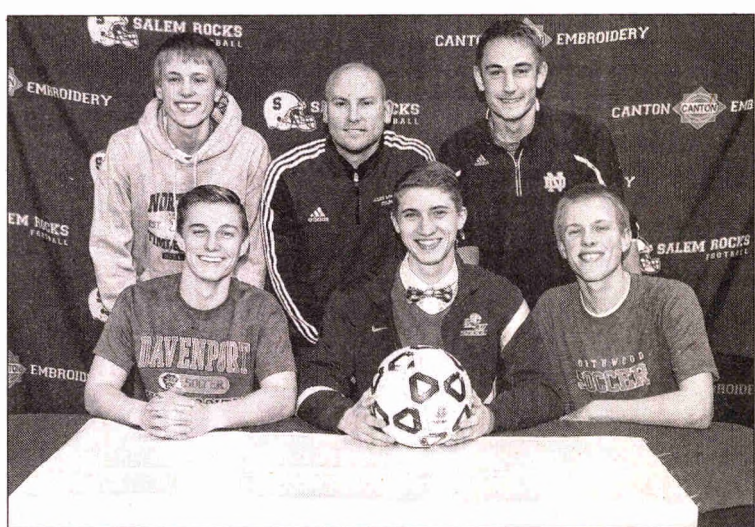
"I've gone through high school with all four of these guys, we've been best friends all through high school," Hewett said. "We've played together, I played club with all of them. It's just awesome that we're all together still."

"It will be difficult splitting up for college, but hopefully we'll all see each other in play-offs or something down the road."

As for Olivet Nazarene, the lanky goalie — whose often spectacular, acrobatic play spearheaded Salem's Kensington Conference championship and long, postseason run — said he is "real excited" to continue his career at the next level.

"It's a great opportunity," Hewett said. "I've been looking and talking to Olivet for a while. My dad works there."

Concurring about how spe-



Celebrating after signing to play college soccer are: (front row, from left) Salem's Josh Dillon, Collin Hewett and Brady Cole; and (back row, from left) Connor Cole, Rocks head coach Scott Duhl and Blake Townes.

THE SALEM FIVE

On National Signing Day, five members of Salem's varsity boys soccer team participated in ceremonies after inking letters of intent with colleges. Here is the breakdown:

Brady Cole: Northwood University (Division II, Midland), left attacker; career choice, business; parents, Roy and Elizabeth Cole.

Connor Cole: Northwood University (D-II, Midland), center-midfielder; career choice, business; parents, Roy and Elizabeth Cole.

Josh Dillon: Davenport University (NAIA), defender; career choice, business; parents, Paul and Jodee Dillon.

Collin Hewett: Olivet Nazarene University (NAIA), goalkeeper; career choice, business; parents, Doug and Kandra Hewett.

Blake Townes: Notre Dame University (Division I), midfielder; career choice, undecided; parents, Jerry and Amber Townes.

cial it was for the teammates to participate in the signing day ceremony was Dillon.

"I think it's great to see all of us growing up together, finally seeing us all have our big dreams come together as we planned," Dillon said.

It didn't take Dillon long to know Davenport would be a perfect fit for him.

"The people that are playing there currently are great people, very talented in what they do," Dillon said. "Also, academically, I feel it's a great opportunity going into the business field."

Staying together

For a while, the Cole twins looked as though they might be headed in different directions for the first time in their life.

Although "the twin thing" might be getting wearisome, they ultimately decided Northwood would be the best place for them to experience college

soccer and academics.

"It's exciting, definitely. I think we play better together than apart," Brady Cole said. "We kind of feed off each other. But I also think we're going to need some time to be separated, too."

"Because this twin thing has been going on for a while. We're definitely not rooming together, but we'll still be playing together."

Connor Cole did say "it will be nice to have someone I know on the team and someone I played my whole life with."

He also stressed how much it means to him to keep doing what he loves while working toward an MBA degree (which Brady also will pursue).

"It means a lot to me," Connor Cole said. "I've really loved playing soccer my whole life and to be able to continue it in college is really a blessing and I feel really lucky to be able to do that."

Their parents, Roy and Elizabeth Cole of Plymouth, also were on hand to share the big moment. So were the other players' parents, as well as grandparents, siblings, friends and others in the crowded conference room near the Salem High School office.

"Initially they were not going to (go to the same college), Connor was leaning towards a different school," Roy Cole said. "And the coach really wanted them together because he'd seen them play together and, obviously, the twin thing is what he liked."

"The fact that they kind of knew where each other was, without seeing them."

Even so, he joked that his twin sons (who also play on the same basketball and golf teams at Salem) "probably won't room together, that's for sure. But they like their individuality."

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HOOVER

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It's too far, but we'll go there every weekend and see him."

Mark Hoover nodded about the way Michael did not let the injury in 2012 get him down.

"We're very excited about it," Mark Hoover said. "We knew he could pull it off. He's that kind of a kid. He's very focused and he loves football."

The future Governor himself acknowledged as much.

"Playing college football is my dream," Michael Hoover said. "I just was determined to get to full strength and just be ready to dominate next season."

In addition to football, he'll work toward a degree. Right now, he has a couple options.

"I'm thinking about going into criminal justice," Hoover added. "And if not that, obviously I've been playing sports for about 12 years so I'll probably go into something like coaching or some type of sport management."

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SIGNING

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"The intensity and the competitiveness is going to increase ten-fold (in college)," Epelman noted. "It's more demanding, of course. You have to take better care of your body, you got to be smart."

To that end, Epelman gave an assist to Plymouth Crossfit, where she trains with Matthew Adamcheck and Mike Kerul.

"It takes hard work, like hours and hours every day, with side training and everything to get there (college)," Epelman said. "So the athletes who put in the work, they all deserve it."

Color them thrilled

At Wednesday's signing ceremony, Winters wore the orange and brown of Bowling Green.

Several family members did the same. Attending the program were parents Jason and Julie Winters and younger sister Natalie, a Canton sophomore.

"It's not far at all," Julie Winters said. "We're all ready for it. She'll be a Falcon now."

The transition from high school to college is nothing new in the Winters family. Lindsay Winters is a senior

soccer player at Olivet College in Michigan.

"It'll be the second time around for us," said Julie, asked about making the rounds to college games. "We're very proud of her, the time's come."

For Rachel, who is planning on studying for a degree in business, soccer has always been in her blood — although basketball is high on her list of favorites, too.

"She's been playing since she was old enough to walk," Jason Winters said. "She's been following her big sister (Lindsay) and loved soccer from the get-go."

"We haven't really had to encourage it, it's just something that she's loved right from the moment she started running around. She started with the Canton Soccer Club and moved over to the Michigan Hawks when she was 13 or 14."

Epelman said it is a good feeling to be able to enjoy such an important milestone with her teammates and coaches, who attended the ceremony in the Chiefs' team room.

"I love to see other people sign, their happiness, too, and all their hard work paying off," she noted. "It's good we can all come together in a community of soccer players and all sign together."

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Canton's Rachel Winters (second from left) shares her signing ceremony with parents Jason, Julie and younger sister Natalie (far right). JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Plymouth Christian clipped by Franklin Road, 70-53

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

It was a standing room crowd at Friday night's Plymouth Christian Academy "Homecoming & Alumni Reunion" varsity boys basketball game.

And at times, the packed throng had plenty to cheer about. But as has been the situation all season, PCA could not do enough damage in the paint at either end of the floor and Franklin Road Christian cruised to a 70-53 victory.

"A lot of energy is always good," PCA head coach Dominique Washington said. "With homecoming, everybody comes back. It's always exciting to see old faces and exciting to see faces I've never even seen before."

"Unfortunately, we didn't

match the energy in the building tonight."

An example of how the night went for the Eagles in the MIAC Red Division contest was the fact PCA went on a 14-0 tear in the second quarter to storm ahead 32-30 with about two minutes until halftime.

The Warriors (4-5, 3-5) answered with four quick buckets to lead 38-32 at the break. And to open the third quarter, Franklin Road registered the first three field goals, giving the visitors their own 14-0 run, to take a 44-32 advantage.

Doing much of the damage for Franklin Road were post players Scott McSweeney and Joshua Betcher, who tallied 17 and 14 points, respectively.

Chipping in 17 was guard Austin Hearn.

For PCA, sweet-shooting junior forward Michael Slater scored 17 points, featuring three 3-balls. Also in double figures were senior forwards Jacob Bailey (11 points) and Daniel Jipping (10 points).

Adding seven was 5-6 spark plug Luke Yakuber.

"We're not going to score too many points in the offensive set," said Washington, whose team dropped to 2-10 overall and 1-5 in the MIAC Red. "We'll get a lot of points from our defense. If we don't play defense, we're in trouble."

"They got every second-, third-, fourth-, fifth-chance opportunity. We struggled on that end."

The first quarter was like a microcosm of the entire contest. PCA went up 15-13 following back-to-back treys by Slater and Jipping.

But Franklin Road went on a 7-0 run to close out the quarter with a 20-15 lead. Hearn converted a finger roll, followed by a put-back-and-one by McSweeney.

Lions best Salem

Carter Drazga scored 20 points Friday night to spark visiting South Lyon to a 65-45 win over Salem, saddling the Rocks with their first KLAACentral Division loss of the season.

"South Lyon tore us apart at both ends of the court," said Salem head coach Bob Brodie, whose team won twice earlier in the week to clinch the division.

South Lyon led 19-10 after one quarter and 35-27 at halftime before taking control in the third with a 14-7 scoring edge.

Jake Lenders led Salem (13-3, 9-1) with nine points, while Jon Swift chipped in with seven. The Rocks' top rebounder was Tyler Brooks, with nine.

FRANKLIN 34, CANTON 30: Adam Monroe scored 13 points and Nick Guest added nine Friday as host Livonia Franklin (3-13, 2-8) surprised the Chiefs (11-4, 5-4) in a KLAASouth Division encounter.

The Patriots, trailing 18-16 at the half, took control in the third quarter with a 12-2 run. Franklin made 12-of-16 free throws to secure the win.

"We did not let them get to the rim, it was a great defensive effort and I'm proud of the guys," said Franklin coach Jeremy Rheault, who notched his first win in five years over his former player Jimmy Reddy, the Canton coach.

Davon Taylor and Jordan Nobles paced the Chiefs with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

JOHN GLENN 66, PLYMOUTH 52: Senior forward James Pruitt had 16 points and 12 rebounds Friday as KLAASouth Division champ Westland John Glenn (11-4, 9-0) won its ninth straight against the host Wildcats (7-8, 4-6).

Other contributions for Glenn came from Isaac Everette (14 points, nine rebounds), Michael Bradley (13 points) and Mike Edwards (10 points). Randall Atkins led Plymouth, which couldn't overcome a 31-21 halftime deficit, with 16 points. Josh Reynolds added 13 points and eight boards

'Cats solidify second in KLAASouth; tough loss for PCA

The fact that campus rival Canton finished off its division did not result in the Plymouth Wildcats sulking.

Plymouth is having a very impressive season, too, including Friday's 42-25 win at Westland John Glenn. With the victory, the Wildcats improved to 13-3 overall and 8-2 in the KLAASouth Division, all but clinching second place in the division.

First-year head coach Nick Brandon pointed to the key contributions of his senior nucleus.

"Our defense really led the way in this win," Brandon said. "John Glenn is a talented,

quick and explosive offensive team and (Kiara) Barnes is one of the best guards we'll see all year."

"Jada Woody and Kylie Robb did an outstanding job defending her and not allowing her to get in any kind of rhythm."

The Wildcats really shut the door in the second quarter, outscoring the Rockets 9-1 to go up 24-8 at halftime and pretty much seal the deal.

Woody scored 15 points to lead all scorers and center Shelby Cheston tallied six points, five blocks and 11 rebounds. Also strong when needed were Robb (six points)

and Brooke Senkbeil (four points).

With the loss, John Glenn dropped to 7-9 overall and 6-4 in the KLAASouth.

Brandon cited the fact Plymouth's win total and place in the division standings are high water marks for the seniors, who have been on the team three or four years each.

Next up is the KLAAtournament, something Brandon is confident his team will be ready for.

PCA edged in OT

Despite 29 points by senior forward Rachel Smith and senior center Jen Malcolm's

double-double, host Plymouth Christian Academy fell 54-51 in overtime to Franklin Road Christian.

Malcolm tallied 10 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists for the Eagles (8-6, 5-3 in the MIAC Red Division).

Spoiling PCA's "Homecoming & Alumni Reunion" was Kristen Massey of the Warriors. She scored 38 points, including all six of the Warriors points in overtime.

"Our girls battled," Eagles head coach Rod Windle said. "We made a little bit of a run in the fourth quarter to pull away, we were up by four. Massey has a way of getting to

the free-throw line."

After the Warriors (6-7, 3-3) went up 52-49 with 35 seconds remaining in OT, PCA had two potential game-tying attempts from beyond the 3-point arc that were off the mark.

Scoring five points each for the Eagles were seniors Martha Mullett and Rachael Fuller.

CANTON 65, FRANKLIN 9: Paige Aresco tallied 19 points and Rachel Winters contributed 12 Friday as the KLAASouth Division champion Chiefs (13-3, 10-0) bounced visiting Livonia Franklin (2-14, 2-8).

Canton led 21-1 after one quarter and 42-4 at halftime before invoking the running clock to start the second half.

Brianna Finn, moved up from the junior varsity, tallied seven points, while freshman Erin Hult and Alexa Lagola each scored six points. Leading the team in rebounds with five each were Rachel Winters and Alanna Brown.

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"And our guys just do their jobs. Our team didn't panic. Even after we lost at 215 and heavy, we were in a good place. We knew that they needed to be getting more than decisions and majors to win the dual."

Harris (112) needed just 1:29 to pin Harrison Samoy, followed by Youssef's three-minute take-down of Ryan Apley in the 119-pound match-up.

On a night of milestones, Youssef's win was the 150th of his Plymouth career, a school record.

"Actually, we have a lot of guys who hopefully are going to be getting milestones here in the next couple weeks," Guernsey said.

Then at 130, Dylan Dwyer scored another six points for Plymouth with his pin of Jeremy Van Berkel in 2:27.

Griffin's 200th

Canton's next points were at 135 from Griffin, who pinned Daniel Ahearn in 1:23. It was the 200th win of Griffin's career — second in Chiefs' history to Corey Phillips (212 from 2003-07).

"He's just everything you want in a wrestler," Canton coach Cory Mancuso said about Griffin. "He trains hard all the time, he's focused on what he wants to accomplish and he keeps working harder. He's a great, great wrestler."

So is Pantaleo, a winner by technical fall (25-10) over Sofus Nielson in a spirited bout at 152.

"Well, yes, that's one of the problems with Canton. You know they're going to get their points," Guernsey said.

"They're kind of a match-up nightmare because you're worried about what they're going to do with those two guys."

"They went where we kind

of expected them to today and we countered appropriately. Sofus and Danny both took their shots, it's just that those guys are really good."

Another strong performer for Canton at 140 was junior Ty Jasman. He pinned Sterling Schiflar in 3:43 to pull the Chiefs to within 28-19.

Pantaleo's win made it 34-24, but any chance for the Chiefs to overtake Plymouth fell by the wayside when Tarek Tamimi nipped Nick Durocher 10-9 in a tightly contested match-up at 160.

Durocher sustained a cut on his forehead in the first period and had to come to the sidelines for repairs. That didn't slow him down as he gave Tamimi a run for his money.

Wrapping up the victory, enabling Plymouth to win the team district championship for the second time in three seasons, were 171-pounder Hussein Youssef (with an 11-second pin of Ryan Morelli) and Joey Shaver at 189, registering a 7-5 decision over Maxwell Wilkinson.

Mancuso credited the Wildcats for their title.

"Plymouth is a good team; they're solid in each and every weight class," he said. "This is a rebuilding year for us and we went out there, we fought them and we improved."

"The last time we wrestled them, they beat us a lot worse."

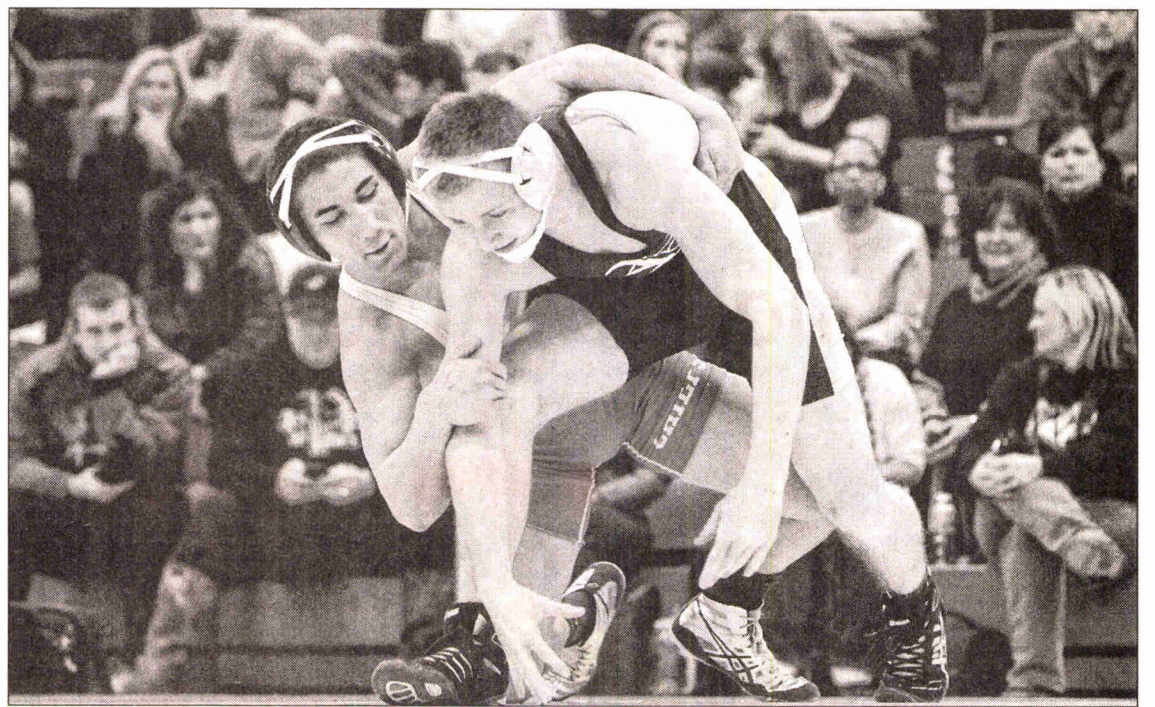
Canton reached the district final thanks to a 42-25 victory over Livonia Churchill.

Salem stymied

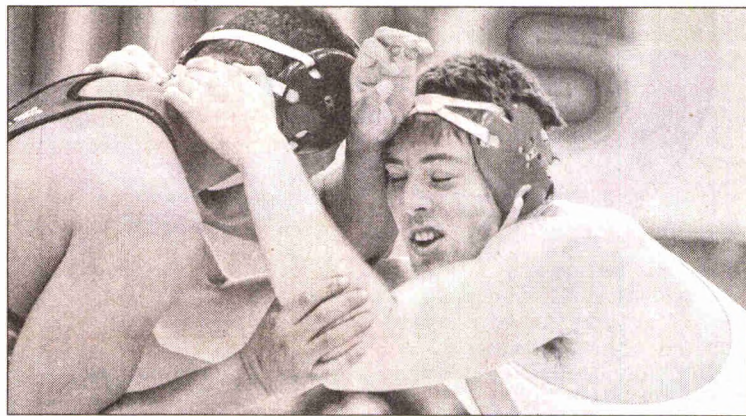
Meanwhile, Plymouth dispatched Salem 40-22 in the other district semifinal.

"I think instead of coming in here with our heads down, we tried to go out with guns blazing," Salem coach Pete Israel said. "We tried our best to score against them."

Salem, the KLAA Central champion, finished 19-8 overall



Showing his trademark power and endurance is Canton 152-pounder Alec Pantaleo (left), gaining the upper hand in his bout against Plymouth's Sofus Nielson on Thursday. DR. ANDREW RUBENSTEIN



Heavyweights KJ Wooley (right) of Canton and Michael Jordan of Plymouth go all out during one of the first bouts of Thursday's team district final. DR. ANDREW RUBENSTEIN

and — like Canton — now turns to the individual state tournament to see how far its wrestlers can go.

Several Rocks with hopes of advancing to the individual regionals came up big against Plymouth.

Junior Mitchell Gross

moved up to heavyweight and defeated the Wildcats' Jordan.

"There's a huge size difference there, but Mitchell's a good wrestler, a smart wrestler and we had faith that he could pull it off," Israel said. "That was good. I tried to change the momentum, but it could only

get us so far."

Senior co-captains Hamad Abed and Connor Thornbury each were victorious.

Abed won a see-saw bout at 140 against Sterling Schiflar. He was down four points after the first period, but ultimately won 25-19. Thornbury downed Tamimi at 160 by an 11-4 count.

Salem freshman Bruce Hassitt pinned Ahearn in 3:27 at 135.

TEAM DISTRICT TOURNEY WRESTLING RESULTS DIVISION 1 at CANTON PLYMOUTH 46 CANTON 24

215 pounds: Scott Obrec (C) dec. Zach Lohrmann, 3-0; **285:** KJ Wooley (C) won by major decision over Michael Jordan, 11-2; **103:** Colin Reed (P) won by void; **112:** Brandon Harris (P) pinned Harrison Samoy, 1:29; **119:** Mohamad Youssef (P) p. Ryan Apley, 3:00; **125:** Spencer Schiflar (P) maj. dec. Justin Winnie, 14-5; **130:** Dylan Dwyer (P) p. Jeremy Van Berkel, 2:27; **135:** Ben Griffin (C) p. Daniel Ahearn, 1:23; **140:** Ty Jasman (C) p. Sterling Schiflar, 3:43; **145:** Jon Conn (P) won by void; **152:** Alec Pantaleo (C) won by technical fall over Sofus Nielson, 25-10; **160:** Tarek Tamimi (P) dec. Nick Durocher, 10-9; **171:** Hussein Youssef (P) p. Ryan Morelli, 0:11; **189:** Joey Shaver (P) dec. Maxwell Wilkinson, 7-5.

Plymouth's dual match record: 34-4 overall; Canton's dual match record: 17-13 overall.

Canton gymnasts win again

Canton followed up its victory at the Canton Gymnastics Invitational with Tuesday's 147.2-to-140.45 victory over Plymouth.

Jocelyn Moraw led the Chiefs in all-around with a tally of 37.525, followed by teammates Maddie Toal (37.025), Erica Lucas (36.15) and Melis-

sa Green (35.80). Plymouth's Rebeca Simu finished fifth overall with a 35.55 tally, with Canton's Ellie Bachman sixth (34.80). The Chiefs swept the top two places in every event. Finishing first were Lucas on vault (9.6), Moraw on uneven

parallel bars (9.5), Bachman on balance beam (9.5) and Toal on floor exercise (9.625).

Canton and Salem were scheduled to have a makeup dual meet on Friday. Results were not available as of press time.

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Because they care: Activists raise funds for legal fight against same-sex marriage ban

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

George Belvitch of Plymouth Township didn't know April DeBoer and Jayne Rowse when he began fundraising last year for their court battle against Michigan's ban on same-sex marriage.

But he had many friends who were assisting with their cause and a gay son who lives in Chicago, Ill., where same-sex marriage will be legal this June. For Belvitch, a retired administrator in Plymouth-Canton Schools, joining the fight was imperative.

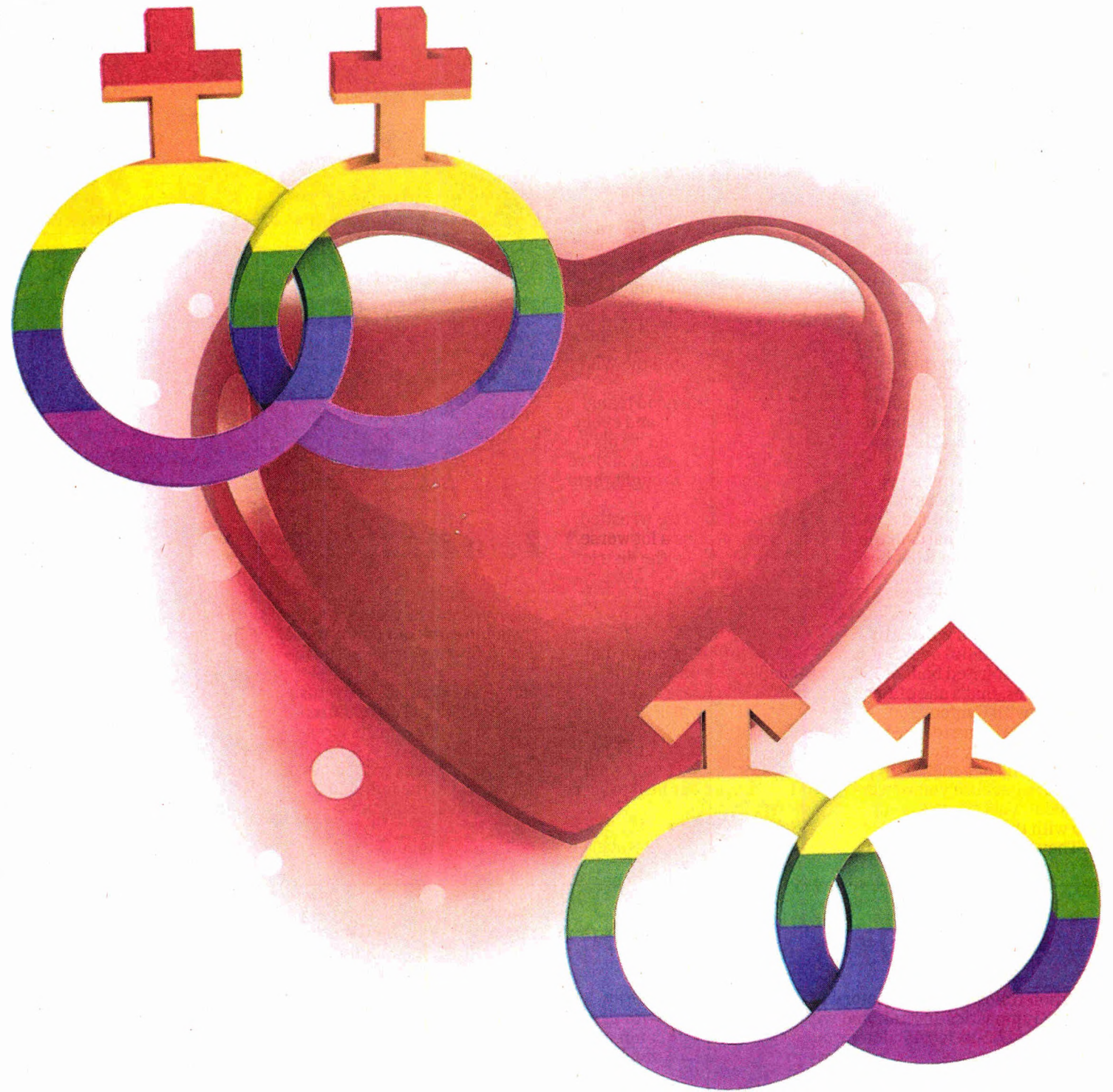
"I became personally interested in this case in August (2013) when I started reading about it and hearing about it. A number of fine people in Plymouth, Canton, Livonia and Northville have seen this issue as something important. A number of them are friends of mine and so, it was easy for me to join them," said Belvitch, who is married and has three grown children.

"As a citizen, we have a duty to stay involved and express our thoughts and opinions about what is going on in the country, whether or not it directly affects your children. It was not a stretch for me to do that. I was pleased and proud to do that. All the time I've been involved in this I've thought about my son and other parents' children who want to have the same right."

Belvitch and his fellow fundraisers plan a dinner Thursday, Feb. 13, to raise money for the case, which goes to trial Feb. 25 in federal court in Detroit. "Share the Love Valentine Dinner" will run 6-9 p.m. at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft in Livonia. Jack Lessenberry, journalist and commentator for Michigan Public Radio, will be the keynote speaker. Tickets are \$500, \$250, and \$100. Students with ID pay \$25. Supporters at the \$500 level will get an opportunity to attend a reception with Lessenberry, Rowse and DeBoer.

The case

DeBoer and Rowse, two nurses living in Hazel Park, were licensed by the state to foster three special needs children together. Rowse adopted two of the children; DeBoer adopted one. They want to adopt each other's children so that both have parental rights. But the state prohibits unmarried couples from adopting. According to their original complaint, filed in federal court in January 2012, the couple had a commit-



ment ceremony in 2007 and would marry if allowed. But the state bans same-sex couples from marrying.

Their initial complaint aimed to secure the right to adopt the children together, but was amended to challenge Michigan's same-sex marriage ban. Last October, Judge Bernard A. Friedman ordered the case to go to trial. Although the couple's attorneys have donated their time, bringing expert witnesses to the trial can be costly.

"They estimate a trial can cost a half million dollars. We knew we needed to raise more money," said Mary McGuire of Plymouth, who "rounded up fellow Democrats" from the

area to form a fundraising committee in July 2013.

The group held its initial event last summer. Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy was the guest speaker at a cocktail gathering at Affirmations, a community center in Ferndale for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals. After the trial was set, they began planning the Valentine-themed dinner.

Civil rights issue

"It was funny, at Affirmations the fundraising committee was standing there and the director of Affirmations said, 'These are a bunch of straight people putting the fundraiser on.' It was striking. People

assume we have a pony in the race, but it's a civil rights thing. It's a civil rights issue and part of the core value system we hold dear."

Belvitch said the first event raised approximately \$20,000 in donations. He hopes "Share the Love" will raise at least that much.

"I think marriage equality is one of those important civil rights issues of the millennium. I don't know why people feel they can legislate love. Two people who love each other and wish to spend life together should have the same right as every other couple. In some ways, it is kind of simple, but it turns out to be complex ... you have religion, culture.

"It's not like you're married because a priest or minister said you are. Religion is only involved because the state gave them that authority. You are married because the state gave you a marriage license. The minister or priest is there to witness it. We want same-sex couples to be granted the same right. It's a huge deal."

Tickets for "Share the Love" are available at go-fundme.com/MarriageEqualityMichigan. Or make checks payable to DeBoer/Rowse Legal Fund and send to send to c/o Mary Barr, 12864 Glenview Dr., Plymouth, MI 48170.

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Area car dealers: Women savvy, knowledgeable shoppers

By Jill Halpin
Correspondent

Tara Bolton of Beverly Hills loves cars, a passion she has carried with her since childhood.

"I grew up in a 'car family' — everyone was always talking about cars," said Bolton, 51. Although no one in her family worked in the automotive industry, she grew up in a General Motors town (Saginaw) "and it was just part of the culture."

Her eyes still shine when she talks about her dream cars. The first is a '58 Chevrolet Corvette, "silver blue with a blue interior" and the second, a 2014 Corvette, recently named Car of the Year by *Motor Trend* magazine at the North American International Auto Show.

"A crystal red Corvette Stingray convertible would be great," said the married mother of four.

If area dealer showrooms are any indication, there are many women just like Bolton.

"We've always had a large female customer base and now we're seeing it grow. There are more and more women buying cars on their own," said Vita Vizachero, a sales consultant at Bill Brown Ford in Livonia.

That number is expected to continue to escalate, as Ford Chief Operating Officer Mark Fields acknowledged last month in a speech to a group of 1,100 primarily women at a Detroit event sponsored by

Inforum, a Michigan professional women's group.

Women traditionally make car purchase decisions and their buying power will only increase as the millennial generation, those born after 1980, ages, Fields said.

"The millennials will be the first generation where women buyers outnumber male buyers," he said.

Dan Mason, new vehicle sales consultant at Atchinson Ford in Belleville, said he has seen an increase in female customers making automobile purchases "on their own."

"It used to be that 99.9 percent of the female buyers would bring their husbands or brothers along with them to help them make a decision. That time is over," Mason said. "Women are more informed and more knowledgeable about what they want and feel confident making the decision on their own."

Bob Jeannotte of Buick-GMC in Plymouth Township agrees.

"Women are very well-informed and very safety conscious," he said.

Lane departure warning, rear back-up cameras, blind zone alerts and airbags, including side-curtain airbags, all top their list of must-haves, Jeannotte noted.

Sales consultant Lou Marchesi of Avis Ford in Southfield cited an increased interest in four-wheel drive.



Like many women today, Tara Bolton of Beverly Hills knows exactly what she wants in a car.

"Women are definitely looking for safety," he said.

SUVs popular

For Gina Sloan of Plymouth, comfort and roominess rank high on her list, which resulted

in her purchase of a Ford Explorer just last year.

"It has a nice ride and it comfortably fits all of my two sons' hockey equipment," she said.

SUVs are becoming increas-

ingly popular with female buyers, noted Pat Woolworth, new vehicle sales manager with Matick Chevrolet in Redford Township. He attributes the surge in sales to an increase in women's buying power.

"Women are savvy shoppers. They do their research a little bit better than men and they know what they want," Woolworth said.

Crossover vehicles — that mix between an SUV and a minivan — also are popular choices for women, noted Ed Pobur, general manager of Cadillac of Novi.

"There are so many more women in the workplace now, making decisions about what they want to drive," he said. "Many females, like my wife, prefer a crossover because they sit up a little higher in the vehicle."

Despite a perceived notion of higher sticker prices on some crossover vehicles, "the deals these days are so good, they are much more affordable," Pobur said. "Crossovers have really captured the attention of female drivers."

Bolton fits right into the category. Although that Corvette still looms somewhere on the horizon, these days she is content with her Buick Enclave.

"I just love that car," she said.

Train your Great Dane to work in hospice setting

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Sandy Suarez, one of the founders of Great Dane Rescue Inc., in Plymouth, plans to expand the 21-year-old organization next month to include a pet therapy group.

"We plan on having a volunteer meeting for people who are interested in getting their dogs certified as therapy dogs, for visits in homes and facilities, many of them in the Plymouth area," Suarez said.

A meeting is shaping up for March 8. Visit www.greatdanerescueinc.com or call 734-454-3683 for more information.

Suarez, whose animal rescue has volunteers in six states and Canada, is director of clinical services at Grace Hospice in Ann Arbor. She hopes to start the therapy group in honor of her mother,



Jean, who "owned a Great Dane until she was 80 and was in hospice." "My mom was in the hospital and a friend in rescue started bringing her dogs around. It was a good 40-45 minutes before she would get to my mom's room," Suarez said, explaining that other patients also wanted to see the Great Danes. "I've been involved with hospice for six years and I said we've got to start a therapy group." Suarez said Great



Sally Suarez' late mom, Jean, loved Great Danes. She is shown here with a Great Dane pup, Chauncey.

Danes make good therapy dogs because they are "laid back" and not afraid to be near wheelchairs. "People don't have to bend down to pet them. The dogs can walk right

up to their beds." But Suarez said she's no "dog snob" and welcomes other canine breeds to attend the therapy group. "It's just that most of

us have Great Danes," she said. "Even if they don't have a dog they can come and we can utilize them in some sort of patient care or they can work with another person that has a dog."

During the initial meeting, volunteers will receive information about training their dog for therapy work. Suarez said the group will offer certification testing for several dogs on one day.

Rescuing dogs

Great Dane Rescue has found homes for approximately 2,000 dogs since it was founded in 1993. It has approximately 40 volunteers. Suarez said many of the rescued dogs were given up by couples in divorce. Some are taken from life-threatening situations.

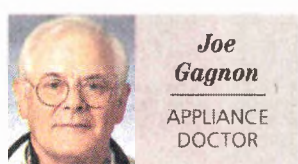
"I just got four in from a barn in Lapeer. They were being kept in a barn and were freezing. They're all getting fat

and happy now." Great Dane Rescue holds two major annual events. Hines Park Fun Day brings Great Danes and their guardians together for a picnic, dog games and more the first Saturday in July in Hines Park. The group's raffle and auction is held the second Saturday in September at Plymouth Orchards Cider Mill. "We started Hines Park Fun Day as a reward to volunteers, so they could see the dogs fat and happy and adopted. It snowballed," Suarez said. Some 70-80 Great Danes converge on the Cass-Benton Picnic Area in the Northville/Plymouth portion of Hines Park. "It's a blast. If people are interested in adopting, it's a good time to come and see what the dogs are like and to talk to their owners."

Lest we forget: Good old days had share of rigors

The first electric washing machine was produced in 1908 and sometimes I think those machines were better made than some of the washers we purchase today. For the last 15 years or so, I've been moaning and groaning about all sorts of issues on today's fine products.

Think about how tough it must have been to do the wash in the old days and who could the lady of the house complain to with any results? The following is written with the permission of a good friend still living in my hometown of Timmins, Ontario. Her name is Diane Armstrong and she is a columnist with the *Timmins Times*, a former radio broadcaster and the author of several



books. Her most recent book is titled *Mud, Muskeg & Mosquitoes* and it tells the story of her grandmother and life in the northern wilds of Ontario. Once you've read this, you may realize just how good we have it today, quality problems or not. Diane's grandmother kept a journal of the times when roads were non-existent or just plain mud and mosquitoes bit you and landed on a fence post to chew the meat. The year was 1924 and minus -40 temperatures were the normal of winter.

"J.O. got me a new washing machine in the spring. I have to laugh every time I see the name on the machine. It's called an Easy. It's anything but! Once the clothes are inside, the lid is locked, and I pull and push a handle on the side. This turns an agitator that's inside the lid. After a few minutes, I use a wooden spoon to lift the clothes out of the hot water and put them through the wringer. The wringer consists of two rubber rollers that are turned by a hand crank, and the clothes fall into one of the two rinse tubs. Again the clothes are put through the wringer and finally hung outside on the clothesline. Doing laundry has certainly developed the muscles in my right arm! To empty

the washing machine, there is a screw plug at the bottom. A pail is placed strategically to catch the water, and when the pail is full, the plug is quickly replaced. To the pail of soapy water, I add bleach to kill germs, and then I take it out back to the outhouse where I use the water to scrub the interior." Diane's grandmother didn't know it at the time, but I believe the clothes she washed came out cleaner and brighter than what comes out today. That woman probably could fix anything that went wrong with the machine. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m. each Saturday on WAAM-AM (1600). Email him at appldr@twmi.rr.com.

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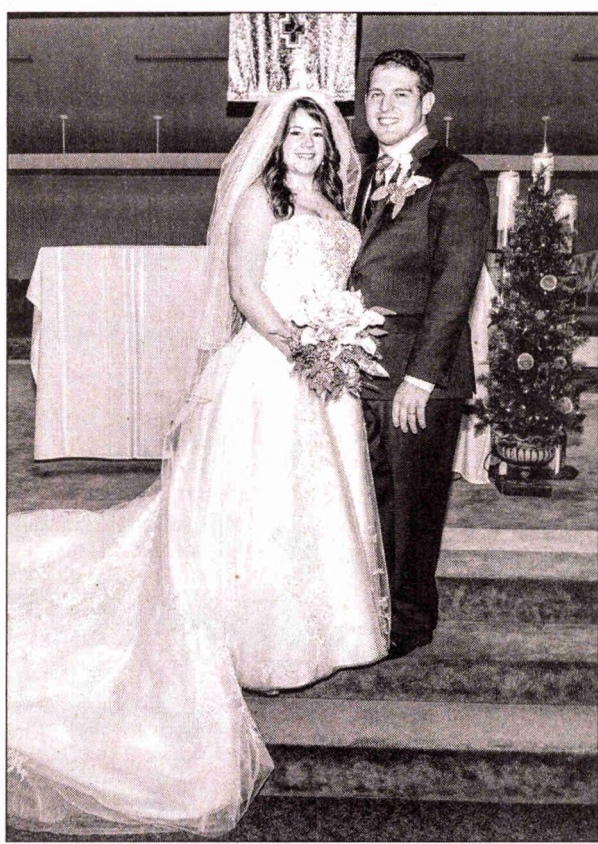
Courtney Leigh Barnes and Frank Anthony Ray Jr. were married Dec. 28, 2013, at Church of the Holy Family in Novi. The Rev. Denis Theroux from Our Lady of Victory Church officiated.

The bride, daughter of Dawn Barnes of Livonia and the late Robert Barnes, attended Central Michigan University and is employed by Experiencia Preparatory Academy.

The groom, son of Mary Lou and Frank Ray of Northville, attended Central Michigan University and earned a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University. He is employed by International Automotive Components.

The bride's attendants were Christine McCormick, Shannon O'Halloran, Ashley Trembath, Kacie McCullough, Emily Ray and Andrea Barnes.

The groom's attendants were Scott Ray, Patrick Ray, Anthony Galli, Eric Elberling,



Courtney Leigh Barnes and Frank Anthony Ray Jr. on their wedding day

Timothy Roscini, Justin Barnes and Jackson Barna, who served as ring bearer,

A reception was held at Fox Hills Golf & Ban-

quet Center. The couple also took a honeymoon trip to Costa Rica.

They reside in Plymouth.

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BEIGHTOL ALLISON SALLY

Born April 25, 1926 in Detroit to Milton A. and Mary B. Bresler. Passed away January 23, 2014 in Rains County, Texas where she had moved to be near family after 30 years residing in Tucson, Arizona. Married to and widowed from Ernest L. Beightol Jr. with whom she had two children, Peter M. of Rochester Hills and Mary Jo Dougherty of Emory, TX. Following the loss of her husband in 1954, Ms. Beightol entered the real estate profession as a leasing agent beginning a successful 40 year career in sales, management and brokerage. She was an avid bridge player earning a life master designation and was director of duplicate bridge clubs and tournaments. She is survived by her children and four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was laid to rest at Acacia Park Cemetery in Beverly Hills. Donations to Hospice or charity of donor's choice.



OVERHARDT, HELEN H.

Passed away in Denver, Colorado on January 31, 2014. Helen was born in Detroit, Michigan on March 22, 1936 and lived most of her life in Birmingham, Michigan. Helen was a True Pioneer of her generation graduating from Stephens College in Missouri and the University of Michigan with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Helen was the first female engineer to work in the automobile industry for General Motors Corporation while also serving as an automotive fashion model. As a Pioneer of her time, Helen was featured in Look Magazine. She earned a Masters in Economics and Business and a Masters in English from Oakland University, as well as a Masters in Theology from the University of Denver. Helen's father, Ralph Reeves, was her greatest influence and mentor in pursuing a career in innovation as he was a member of the Packard Motor Company Executive Group and after World War II founded the Globe Gear Company, an auto and airplane supply firm in Royal Oak, Michigan. In between earning degrees, Helen married Walter F. Overhardt whom she met at a Corvette Club meeting. She is survived by her children Erich Overhardt, Ellison Overhardt, and Kurt Overhardt, as well as her grandchildren Vaiare and Alexander Overhardt. Helen is also survived by her brother Louis Reeves; and her niece Jennifer Reeves, and nephews George and Skyler Reeves. She was predeceased by her parents Ralph and Hallie Reeves, and her brother George Reeves. After raising a family, Helen worked for several years as a technical writer and mechanical engineer in the automotive industry on projects for companies around the world including Ford Motor Company, General Motors, Chrysler Motor Company, Volvo, Mercedes-Benz, and Fiat. The numerous projects Helen contributed to include one of the first electrical cars with a zinc-chloride battery, robotic engine assembly lines, one of the first U.S. automobile assembly lines in China, and several production line operational manuals. Her final projects were for Comau USA where she completed projects in Italy, Mexico, Canada, China, and the United States. She was a proud worker and a true perfectionist. Helen was also a ballet dancer into early adulthood. She was a big supporter of the arts, opera, symphony, and history. She traveled extensively throughout the world and loved to read about world history and theology. Up until her passing, Helen was committed to watching her grandchildren succeed in sports. She was a Super Fan of the Cherry Creek High School State Champion Girls Lacrosse Team, which her granddaughter Vaiare played, as well as the Colorado Thunderbirds U16 Hockey Team, which her grandson, Alexander, serves as the Captain. Helen was a true Renaissance Woman- she will be greatly missed by her Family and Friends including her dog, Tanner. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to ASPCA, aspcia.org. view obituary and share memories at DesmondFuneralHome.com



SCOTT, TARA

Born September 16, 1970, lost her battle with cancer and passed away January 14, 2014. She is survived by her mother Tammy (Bill) Smith; father Gary (Theresa) Scott; brother Gary (Theresa) Scott Jr.; nephew Trystin Scott; aunt Tonya (Rick) Ireland; favorite pet Ridley; and many other beloved family, friends and colleagues. Tara was a longtime Wayne resident who graduated from Wayne Memorial. She had a passion for helping people and enjoyed her career in real estate where she could do so everyday. She loved her community and always helped her neighbors. It was very common to see her helping the elderly ones clean their houses or she'd be out mowing their lawns and doing their yard clean up. Tara will always be remembered for her generous nature and non-stop smile. A celebration of her life will be held February 15, 2014 at 6 p.m. at VFW Hall, 6828 N. Waverly St., Dearborn Heights, MI 48127. Any who would like to leave kind words or donate to her memorial, www.fundly.com/our-amazing-friend-tara-has-passed-on-we-are-raising-funds-to-help-ease-the-family-s-financial-burden.

TOROK, ETHEL JOSEPHINE

March 14, 1924 - January 18, 2014. Born in Welch, West Virginia, to immigrant Hungarians, Steve and Sophia, Ethel excelled in school and graduated from Williamson High School. As the fourth of five daughters, Ethel's strong independent streak took her to Washington DC as a junior accountant during World War II. Her family then moved to Detroit, Michigan, where there was a large Hungarian community with many friends and relatives from the old country. There she met and married Andrew Torok at the Hungarian Reform Church on June 2, 1945. The extended family had to pool together their war rations for wedding festivities, the couple then made their way to Niagara Falls to honeymoon using gifted gas coupons. "Andy" quickly moved up the executive ladder at Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Corporation with Ethel's social graces guiding their successful corporate moves, including many international positions. Ethel loved entertaining in Brazil, Australia, and Birmingham, Michigan. Her passions included playing bridge, decorating, and Hungarian cooking. Andy and Ethel retired to Naples, Florida and spent most mornings walking the beautiful beaches together. They moved to Dallas, Texas to live their eldest son, David, ten years ago when they needed to be closer to family for health reasons. Ethel was most proud of her two sons, David Torok of Dallas, Texas and Steven Torok of Birmingham, Michigan; daughters-in-law, Shirley and Janet Torok, granddaughters, Sara (Bob) Mullen, Dallas, Texas, Amy (Danny) Mendel, Louisville, Kentucky, Jessica (Andrew) Ambrosio, New York, New York, Claire Torok, New York, NY, and Mara Torok, Dallas, Texas; great-granddaughters, Brittany Mullen and Katie Weidert, Dallas Texas, Julia and Amelia Mendel, Louisville, KY; her only living sister, Mary Leleszi who will celebrate her 97th birthday this year; sister-in-law Barbara Calkins, and numerous wonderful nieces and nephews. Ethel was preceded in death by her loving husband "Andy" and sisters Julia, Emily, and Helen. A memorial service in Michigan is planned for June.

VanHESE, JOAN ALICE

Age 72, of Plymouth, Michigan passed away February 2, 2014. She was born on December 7, 1941 to Charles and Alvina MacKay. Beloved wife of Raymond VanHese who preceded her in death. Survived by four step children, three grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Dear sister of Jean (Rodney) DuBois and brother Ron MacKay who preceded her in death. Loving aunt of many nephews nieces. Services were held Thursday at Husband Family Funeral Home in Westland.



CHAUSSEE, THELMA MAE (NEE AGAR)

January 19, 2014, age 81 of Westland. Beloved wife of the late Jack Chaussee. Loving mother of David Chaussee and Kathy (Michael) Susanka. Proud grandmother of Lori (Justin) Rowland and Steven Susanka. Dear great-grandmother of Wesson and Mara. Dear sister of Harmon (Nancy) Agar, the late John (Joann) Agar, the late Marilyn (Roy) Weston, and Elizabeth VerHeule. Also leaves many nieces and nephews. Memorial Mass to be held on Thursday, February 13, 9:15 a.m. at St. Richard Catholic Church, 35637 Cherry Hill Road, Westland. Memorial contributions may be made to the Westland Goodfellows. Arrangements carefully handled by Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Road (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill), Westland. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



DURBIN, MARYLOU ELIZABETH

Age 86 of Plymouth, passed away on January 29, 2014. Born April 3, 1927 to parents Charles Durbin and Eunice (Parr). A devoted teacher in the Garden City Schools for over 65 years. Preceded in death by brothers Charles, James and John Durbin, and by nephew Thomas Durbin. A Memorial Service will be held at the Salvation Army Church 9451 South Main St., Plymouth on Saturday, March 1, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. Memorials may be made to the church. Arrangements entrusted to the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Share memories at: Schrader-howell.com



GORMAN, MARILYN

Passed away February 3, at age 66. International award-winning artist; Signature Member, Colored Pencil Society of America; Salmagundi Club of New York and Birmingham Society of Women Painters. Marilyn was a dedicated volunteer, instructor and mentor at Gilda's Club for 16 years. She changed the lives of her students and enriched the lives of everyone who knew her. No one could be missed more. Born in Detroit to Irv and Faye Meyers and raised in the kitchen of her grandmother, Ida. She is survived by her husband, Jim, who was fortunate to have her in his world for 42 years; son, Ian, a musician and the pride of her life; her adored-musician-daughter-in-law, Rachel and her athlete brother, Larry. A memorial service is planned in March at Gilda's Club. The family suggests you honor Marilyn with tributes to Gilda's Club, Metro Detroit 3517 Rochester Rd., Royal Oak, 48073 (248) 577-0800. GildasClubDetroit.org. Arrangements by: The Ira Kaufman Chapel. 248-569-0020 www.irakaufman.com

PEFFER, RICHARD

Passed away peacefully at 86 years old, on February 4th, 2014. He was a beloved husband, grandfather and great grandfather. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor Gibbs-Peffer. Adventurer, photographer, astronomer, and veteran; he will be missed. In lieu of flowers, please send a contribution to the Wounded Warriors Fund or the USO.



PRINCE, CAROL A.

February 5, 2014. Age 81 of Plymouth. Beloved wife of the late Bob. Loving mother of Pam (Lloyd) Stines, Fred (Teri) Prince, Beth (Jon) Kring, Robert Jr. (Karla) Prince. Proud "Ranny" of Nathan, Erin, Ashley, Lauren, Rachel, Paige, Alex and Ben. And great-grandma of Skyler, Connor and Leona. Visitation Sunday 6-9 p.m. at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. In state Monday 10 a.m. until the Monday 11 a.m. Funeral Service at Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, 45801 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Memorials may be made to the church or Flint Eastside Mission, P.O. Box 90238, Burton, MI 48509. To share a memory please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com



Brunch, auction raise money for scholarship

The American Legion Auxiliary, Livonia Unit 32 holds its Sweetheart Brunch and Auction, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, at American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh, Livonia. The

auction will begin at noon.

The menu will include waffles, sausage, scrambled eggs, made-to-order omelets, biscuits and gravy, coffee-cake and fresh fruit,

juices, coffee and tea. Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$5 per child. Proceeds benefit a nursing scholarship.

For more information, call 734-427-5630.

GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

Send material for the Garden & Nature Calendar to Sharon Dargay, Observer & Eccentric, sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Butterflies

Mark Hunter, a professor at the University of Michigan, will discuss the ability of animals to self-medicate through the medicinal properties of native plants at the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Parking on Ann Arbor Trail or Hines Drive. \$3 for non-members. Questions? Call 734-223-5510 or email semba@semba-butterfly.com.

Wildflower gardening

Friends of the Rouge and the Alliance of Rouge Communities

have teamed up to offer native garden design workshops to teach residents in the Rouge River drainage area how to garden with native wildflowers and reduce rainwater runoff. Sessions run 6-7:15 p.m.

» Wednesday, Feb. 19, at Novi Civic Center, 47175 W. 10 Mile

» Wednesday, March 5, at Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile

Register by calling 313-792-9621 or at the-rouge.org.

60-minute seminars

Master Gardeners of Western Wayne County presents weekly seminars this month at the Wayne County Extension Office, 5454 Venoy, Wayne. Cost is \$10 each. Sessions run 7-8 p.m.

» Tuesday, Feb. 11 — Diane Post, advanced master gardener, teaches the basics of backyard composting.

» Tuesday, Feb. 18 — Brian Hintz, co-owner of Wild Birds Unlimited in Canton, explains how to create a bird-friendly yard.

» Tuesday, Feb. 25 — Scott Bates, owner of Grass Roots Nursery in New Boston, will talk about tub gardens.

Register by emailing mgwwcorg@gmail.com.

English Gardens

» Get advice on planning a "four-season" garden at a free presentation at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15.

» Floral staff will demonstrate flower arranging at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22. Free

Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, 734-332-7900; 22650 Ford Road, Dearborn Heights, 313-278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, 248-280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield; 248-851-7506.

RELIGION CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

ANNULMENTS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Monsignor Ronald Browne, J.D., canon lawyer and member of the Archdiocese of Detroit's Metropolitan Marriage Tribunal, will explain the often-misunderstood concept of annulment as well as convalidation, a process that brings an established marriage into full union with the church. Free admission

Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200; www.livoniastmichael.org

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

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 16

Location: 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs, applesauce, ham, coffee, tea, milk, juice; \$3 adults, \$1.50 children, 2-10

Contact: 734-425-4421

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

JUDAICA ON DVD

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

Location: Congrega-

tion 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 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; nancyellen879@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 Southeastern Michigan studies and creates Judaic needlework

Contact: Judy Galperin at 248-661-5337

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Transplant recipients gather on Valentine's Day

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Sherry Johnson of Farmington Hills and other local heart transplant recipients hope to claim a place in the Guinness World Records on Valentine's Day.

"So far, we have 63 coming," said Johnson, who is helping to coordinate the largest gathering of heart recipients for the Donate Life Coalition. "We've had a good response. People are excited about celebrating and sharing this great journey they've taken, this gift they've been given. In some ways, this is celebrating with their donors."

They'll come together from 3:30-5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, at Art Moran Buick GMC Showroom, 29300 Telegraph, north of 12 Mile in Southfield. The official record-setting count will be taken at 4 p.m. Light refreshments, music and games will round out the fun. Heart recipients from transplant centers at the University of Michigan Health System, Henry Ford Health System, Children's Hospital of Michigan, Beaumont Health System, Cleveland Clinic and the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center will participate.

Tom Moran, president of Art Moran Buick GMC, said he is honored

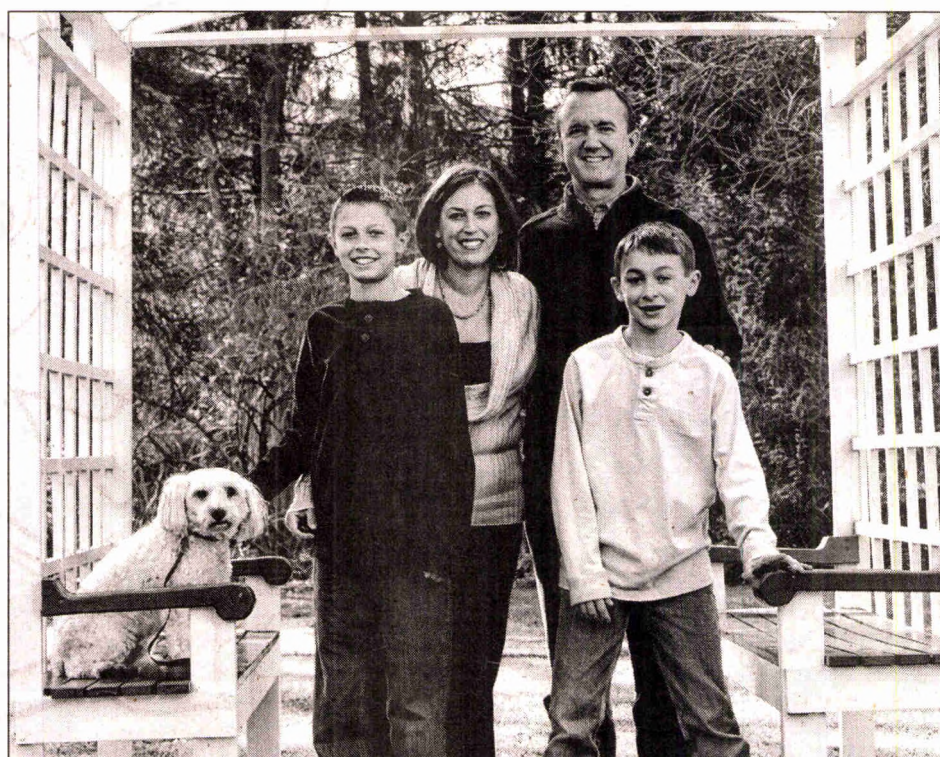
to host the event.

"I got involved with Donate Life last spring when we started helping them promote their Donate Life license plates. We offered to buy all our new customers the plate if they would upgrade or gave customers that already had a plate a free oil change. It has snowballed from then. Now we are hosting the annual Gala at Art Moran on May 3, called Alive," Moran said. This month, anyone who registers to be an organ donor at the dealership will receive a free car wash.

Donors needed

The Valentine's Day gathering is designed to raise awareness of the Michigan Organ Donor Registry and to showcase successful heart transplants.

According to Donate Life Coalition of Michigan, more than 3,200 patients in the state await organ transplants. Approximately 3.3 million individuals are registered donors in Michigan, but according to Gift of Life Michigan, the state's federally-designated organ and tissue recovery organization, the supply of organs doesn't meet the demand. Its website notes that on average, 17 Michigan residents have organ transplants every week. Organ donors can save up to eight lives and tis-



Sherry Johnson with her husband, Tim, and sons, Nick (left) and Hayden

sue donors can improve life for up to 50 sick and injured persons.

"People don't realize how many lives can be saved. I think it's real important," Johnson said. "It's important that people be educated about it so they can make their own choice."

"People can register on site, at their home (on the Internet) and it is so easy to do. It takes less than a minute. My donor was a registered organ donor and the mom of four girls. She saved the

life of a mom. In so many ways, I'm connected to my donor."

A new heart

Johnson received a heart through the University of Michigan Health System in 2006. She had cardiomyopathy, a condition that generally leads to heart failure.

"My mother and brother had it as well. Both also had transplants. My brother lived 10 years. My mom was one of the first ones (transplant patient) and

didn't live as long, but paved the way.

"I was very sick and I had two young kids. It's hard to give up your life for an illness. When I got so sick, I went to my transplant center."

Johnson, the mother of two boys, 11 and 13, said she works at staying healthy by taking her pills on time, eating right and exercising.

"I was given the gift of a heart and I treat it well. Without it, my kids wouldn't have their mom. It's not just a gift for me,

but for everyone around me."

Spreading awareness

Johnson also "gives back" to Donate Life Coalition and Gift of Life Michigan by volunteering for the organizations. She's coordinating all of the paperwork needed for the Guinness World Record attempt, as well as participating as a transplant recipient.

"Without those organizations, I might not have had a donor. I feel it's important to spread awareness," she said. "This is an exciting event. There's no guarantee that we'll be in the (Guinness) book. If it doesn't work out, the main thing is we celebrated this moment together."

Transplant recipients must pre-register for the event to be counted toward the world record attempt. They can call Johnson at 248-229-8544 or their transplant hospital.

For more information about the Valentine's Day gathering, call Peggy Burkhard at 248-770-5172. Individuals can register to become an organ donor at the event, by calling 800-482-4881 or by visiting giftoflifemichigan.org.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

UPCOMING

ATRIAL FIBRILLATION

Dr. Dipak Shah, M.D., a cardiologist, will offer a free seminar on atrial fibrillation, the most common abnormal heart rhythm, 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, in conference room A at the Outpatient Center, Providence Park Hospital, 47601 Grand River

Ave., Novi. He'll talk about diagnostic and treatment options. The likelihood of developing atrial fibrillation increases with age and increases the risk of stroke. Pre-registration is recommended by calling 888-751-5465.

BLOOD DRIVE

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday,

Feb. 23, at Our Lady of Loretto's Church Family Center, corner of Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Walk-ins welcome or make an appointment by calling 313-534-9000.

BREAKFAST WORKSHOP

Learn how eating a healthy breakfast can help you stay

healthy in an interactive workshop led by a dietitian from Botsford Hospital. 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, at Busch's Fresh Food Market, 37083 Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$5 and includes recipes, samples, nutritional advice, and a \$5 Busch's coupon. Tickets available from Busch's guest services counter or by calling 734-779-6100. Registration required.

CELIAC SUPPORT

Dr. Stefano Guandalini, M.D., will present an update on celiac disease, gluten intolerance and other highlights from the 2013 International Celiac Disease Symposium, at the next meeting of the Tri County Celiac Support Group, 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, at the First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Far-

mington Hills. Members admitted free; nonmembers \$5. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. For more, visit www.tccsg.net.

DIABETES SUPPORT

Dr. Anuradha Prasad, M.D. of the Michigan EyeCare Institute in Livonia, will discuss how diabetes adversely affects eyesight in many ways, at the next meeting of the Diabetes Support Group, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, in the North Auditorium of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. She will address eye diseases such as macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma and cataracts as well as how early detection and treatment of these diseases is key in keeping eyes healthy. The program is free. For more information, call

734-655-8950.

DRUG SERIES

Dawn Farms-sponsored programs at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center Auditorium, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti:

» Tana Bridge, Ph.D., will talk about "Trauma and Chemical Use and Addiction," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18. She'll explain the impact trauma has on the brain, on coping and subsequent substance use, and how to aid individuals struggling with trauma and addiction.

» Mary Jo Desprez, M.A., will provide an overview of efforts to build recovery support programs on college campuses, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25. Call 734-485-8725, or email info@dawnfarm.org.

CELEBRATE A HEART HEALTHY VALENTINE'S DAY

WITH A SPREAD OF THESE SURPRISINGLY GOOD FOR YOU TREATS!

As you prepare for the most romantic day of the year, consider making it special for the one you love with some tasty, and heart smart treats. The Health Experts at Garden City Hospital suggest serving any or all of these will not only set the proper mood but also show how much you care.

STRAWBERRIES – The bright red color adds the ideal pop to your dinner table, and also provides anthocyanins, a compound that increases blood flow and the burning of stored fat. In addition, the strawberry's flavonoids lower your risk for heart disease.

APPLES – Take a bite of the crispy sweetness associated with a lower risk of death from both coronary heart disease and cardiovascular disease. Researchers believe the strong antioxidant compounds found in apples, play a key role by preventing "bad" LDL cholesterol from oxidizing and triggering a series of events that result in the buildup of plaque in arteries, as well as inhibiting inflammation. Apples are also rich in pectin, a form of soluble fiber known to help lower cholesterol, and they provide a decent amount of vitamin C, another antioxidant. Frequent apple eaters also have a lower risk for stroke compared with non-apple eaters.

NUTS – Chock-full of vitamins, minerals, heart-healthy monounsaturated fats and low levels of saturated fats. Research suggests that people who eat nuts - walnuts, pecans, almonds, hazelnuts, pistachios, pine nuts and peanuts - two to four days or more per week have a lower incidence of heart disease than people who eat them less often.

YOGURT – Smooth and creamy with a bite, yogurt not only helps balance out digestive health it aids in the prevention of gum disease. People with gum disease - which affects nearly half of Americans - are twice as likely to suffer from heart problems.

Dark Chocolate – Embrace this smooth, decadent treat without guilt. The cocoa provides a compound called epicatechin, a potent antioxidant that lowers blood pressure and fights free radical molecules connected to heart disease and other illnesses. Research has discovered that eating flavanol-rich dark chocolate has a blood-thinning effect, which can benefit cardiovascular health, and it may also boost the immune system by reducing inflammation.

Enjoy chocolate in moderation, 1.5 ounces will do the trick and stick to darker varieties with 70% cocoa or more. Milk or white chocolates do not offer the same healthy benefits.

RED WINE – A perfect compliment to your romantic evening, red wine not only contains antioxidants, but has also been shown to improve "good" cholesterol levels. Enjoy in moderation and pair with a balanced meal for the maximum health benefits.

A TIP FROM THE GCH HEALTH EXPERTS: Try combining these and other healthy snacks for easy and delicious treats anytime. For example, yogurt with berries, granola and small dark chocolate chips is a great way to start your day, and a great snack before bed. Slowly melt dark chocolate in a double boiler and dip strawberries, apples, pineapples or other fruits in a great treat for every age.

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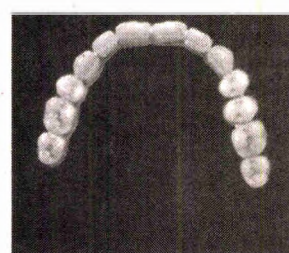
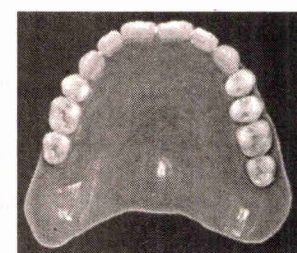
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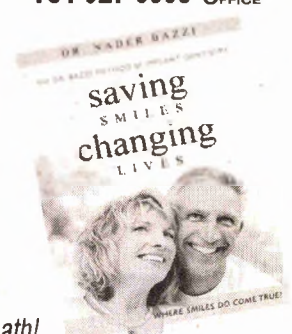
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Haiden	Richmond	Inkster 2/17
Peyton	Wilder	Dearborn Hgts. 2/21
Ellison	Pinter	South Lyon 2/24
Valerie	Zamora	Livonia 2/28
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Sometimes the best gift to give is to be friend.

Two students share their insights and creative writing about bullying.

Be a Buddy not a Bully

by Adalia Kirby



I feel that bullying is a big problem in the world today. I am here to tell you what bullying is and how to stop it.

What is it? Bullying is purposeful attempts to control a person using verbal abuse, which can be a tone of voice or teasing and threats. There is also physical abuse or violence, which the victim does not want. Bullying can happen in schools, workplaces, homes and more. The fact bullying gets more social recognition for bad behaviors than good ones, can be reasons why people bully. TV and real life situations show that acting out is likely to get more attention than behaving courteously. Jealousy, envy and lack of personal and social skills can also be why people bully. Children who were or are bullied are most likely to bully.

Depression and Suicide. Bullying and depression have a strong connection. Depression is an illness that has a variety of causes but it is known to be associated with bullying. Both bullies and victims have chances to have depression. People who were bullied as children are likely to have depression as adults. People who commit suicide are like to have suffered from depression. Suicide is the third leading death in young people having about 4,440 deaths per year. Suicide is the eleventh cause of death in Americans.

How you stop it. Here are ways you can stop bullying. 1) Talk to a teacher or adult you trust. Adults can help when had stuff happens. 2) Be nice to the person being bullied. Include them in things. 3) Stop and think before you act or speak. 4) Keep in mind everyone is different in some way. Together we can stop bullying. Let's make a difference. Trust me when I say, the world will be a better place when bullying no longer exists.



New word

betroth
enter into a formal agreement to marry

Get planting

Valentine's Day is frequently accompanied by bouquets of roses and other flowers. Begin a new family tradition of planting flower seeds on February 14. Use small pots that can be kept indoors in a bright window for a few weeks until the arrival of spring. Then transplant outdoors and continue to enjoy full-grown flowering plants for months to come.

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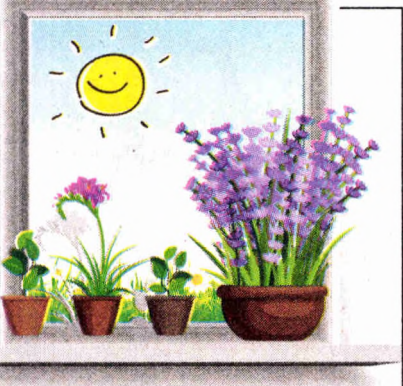
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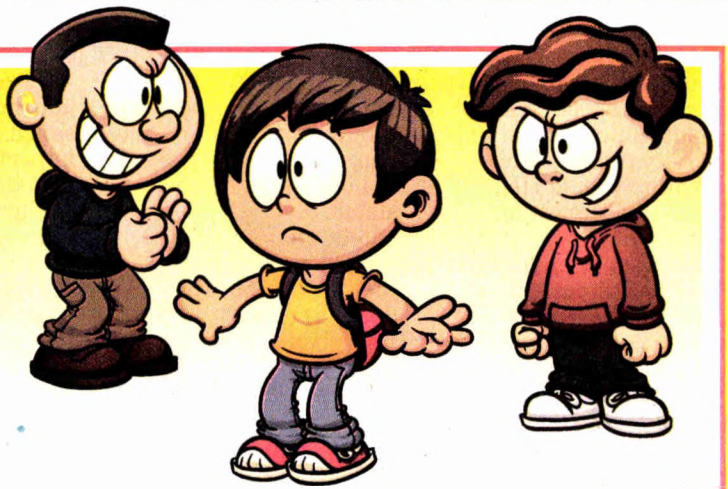
Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to find out the phrase.

OYU AMY SIKS HTE BERDI.
Answer: You may kiss the bride.



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Wen and the Bully

by Caleb Anway



Michael went to school like normal and met up with Tony. "Hey Michael, nice mustache", Tony blabbed. "I get that a lot", Michael said back to Tony. Michael and Tony saw Wen walking down the street and asked him, "want to help me bully someone?"

Caleb Anway

Wen responded saying no. Tony replied, "You're a buzz kill Wen". I don't care about kids like him and I'm not a bully. Wen and the others two boys continues walking to school trying to avoid every bully in town. A few minutes later someone yelled to Tony, "Hey big kid in the white!" It was a bully. At first Wen thought he was yelling at him, but he approached Tony instead. Then the bully asked Wen to come over.

He accused Wen of stealing his I phone and told Tony to have Wen give it back. Wen denied having it. The bully yelled, "GIVE IT BACK!" I felt utter terror as the bully whistled for his pals to come to help. When they came over they dumped Wen in the dumpster. The bully, his friends and the rest of the students what were around began to laugh. Afterwards the bully looked in his pocket and found his phone and he didn't bother to apologize to Wen. When the principle investigated what happened, the bully still accused Wen of stealing his phone. Wen ended up getting suspended while nothing happened to the bully. Wen explained to his friends "that's why I don't like to bully. It's just not nice."



Wedding Word Find

Just in time for wedding season, find the hidden words in the puzzle.

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BRIDE	FINE	RINGS
CEREMONY	GOWN	TUXEDO
COUPLE	GROOM	WEDDING

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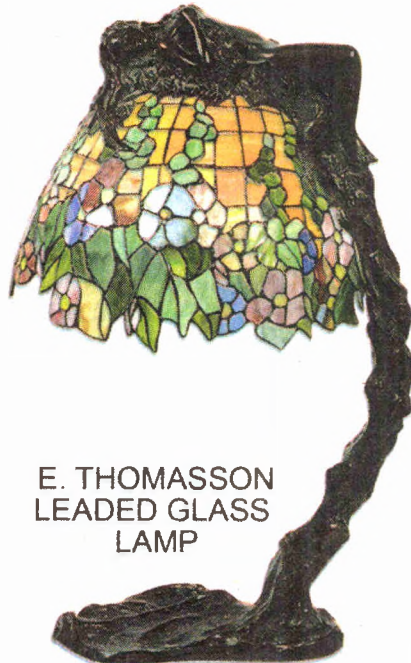
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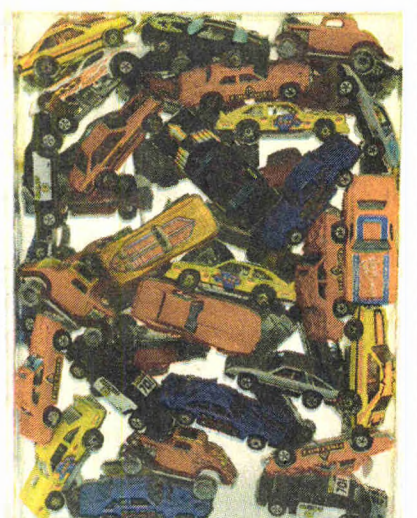
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