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Efficiency plan includes rejected PARC

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

A plan to turn Plymouth's Central Middle School into a regional community center is touted in Plymouth Township as a new shared-services initiative, though two Board of Trustees votes last month barred township participation in the effort.

PARC – the acronym stands for Plymouth Area Recreation

Complex – was listed, among other programs and ideas for boosting government efficiency and cooperation between communities, on the township's 2014 consolidation of services plan, a copy of which is on the township website. The plan is an annual update required for Michigan Economic Vitality Incentive Programs, or EVIP, funding, of which township officials expect to receive \$9,000 during

the state's current fiscal year. Supervisor Richard Reaume said PARC was included because it was still a possibility when the report was drafted, but one trustee and PARC proponent wants to see the document corrected immediately. "I think it's unconscionable that the board blocked the PARC at every step of the way and then used the PARC" as part of meeting EVIP criteria, Trustee Bob Doroshewitz said.

"At the minimum, it's misleading." Doroshewitz said he brought the issue to the attention of other trustees. "At this point, it has to be corrected," he said. Reaume said the consolidation of services report "is not limited to successful conclusions" and probably would've included PARC even if it had been written after the board rejected it. Reaume said he

drafted the report in December and filed it in January ahead of a Feb. 1 deadline. "The report includes all joint initiatives since the last report, basically in the past year, any and all joint efforts, successes and unsuccessful efforts," Reaume wrote via email. It will be dropped, or listed as a failed effort, in next year's report if the board's

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Drew Fletcher, 8, Colin Freek, 5, Sarah Freek, 5, and Youth Coordinator Carol Champagne watch Carmen Freek, 11, make her shot.

Old-school games need no apps, no iPod

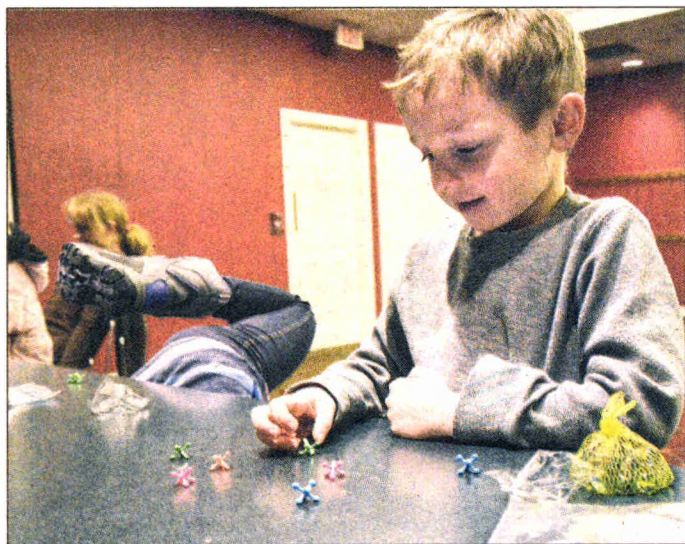
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Forget your iPod game apps, your Angry Birds. Kids gathered Thursday afternoon at the Plymouth District Library were looking for some old-school gaming.

We're talking games that go back centuries: marbles and jacks, taught to a group of children by librarian Carol Champagne, who runs the library's youth services department.

"They were pretty delighted," Champagne said later in the day. "What really surprised me was how supportive they were of each other," cheering on each other's efforts, she added.

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Colin Freek, 5, plays jacks. Carmen Freek, 11, dives under the table for her loose ball. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Sarah Freek, 5, plays jacks.

Garage roof collapse crushes collectible cars

By Matt Jachman
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When a neighbor called him at work Wednesday to tell him the roof of his garage had collapsed, John Magnusson thought he was joking.

"Real funny. Ha, ha," he remembers saying. But the man persisted, so Magnusson called his wife, who was at home in Plymouth.

"Oh my God, it's gone," Dianne Magnusson said when she looked outside.

Gone was the roof of the six-car garage at the Magnussons' house on Ann Arbor Trail. The weight of built-up snow and ice had brought it down on top of two collectible cars and two of the couple's everyday vehicles. John Magnusson hurried home from his graphics engineering job in Sterling Heights.

"You have a six-car garage in your back yard and now you have a hump. It's weird," he said Friday morning.

'Woosh' and 'bang'

Dianne Magnusson, her husband said, had parked her PT Cruiser in the garage about 45 minutes earlier. The car was among the casualties of the collapse, but he is thankful no one was hurt.

"They said it was more than a 'bang,' it was a 'woosh' and a 'bang,'" Magnusson said of his neighbor's description of hearing the collapse.

Also casualties were Magnusson's 1982 Lincoln Town Car and his fire-engine red Mustang GT convertible from 2005, the first year Ford made the retro-looking Mustangs, one of only 364 made to its exact specifications. His GMC pickup was also in the garage.

The Magnussons' insurer,

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votes against PARC aren't reversed, he said.

January votes

The township board Jan. 14 voted down, 5-2, a motion to have representation in a PARC feasibility study and minutes later voted 4-3 in favor of not entering any authority-type agreements with the city of Plymouth until Nov. 20, 2016, at the earliest.

PARC proponents envision re-purposing the 18-acre Central site, after the school closes in 2015, into an estimated \$26 million recreation and cultural center run by a joint city-township taxing authority with representation from both communities. The creation of such an authority appears to require approvals from elected officials in both communities.

Doroszewitz has been involved with the PARC movement since its earliest stages nearly a year ago. The movement includes representatives from many of the athletic groups that already use facilities at Central and from other groups that would like to have a community center there.

Terry Stanton, spokesman for the Michigan Department of Treasury, which runs EVIP, agreed with Reaume that the plan could be updated next year. The PARC proposal's inclusion in the plan and the board's subsequent rejection of PARC, Stanton said, don't

change the township's EVIP eligibility status. "The department does not consider the township to have falsified information. It submitted what was required and by the deadline to do so," Stanton wrote in an email.

Reaume said Doroszewitz "is entitled to his opinion and vote as a board member," but that he has to honor the vote of the entire board.

"I followed the state procedure to file a report," Reaume wrote. "Should we go back and amend the Dashboard or Citizens Guide, should we amend the last audited financial reports, should we change old reports each time we approve new union contracts?"

Reaume noted that he sided with Doroszewitz in voting against a moratorium on authority-type arrangements with the city. Trustee Chuck Curmi cast the third dissenting vote on the moratorium; Clerk Nancy Conzelman, Treasurer Ron Edwards and Trustees Mike Kelley and Kay Arnold voted in favor. On the failed motion to join a PARC feasibility study, only Doroszewitz and Curmi voted in favor.

Jobs cut?

The consolidation of services plan also lists, as an annual \$60,000 savings, the elimination in 2013 of the position of township recreation director. That had Doroszewitz stumped.

"I can't even think of who that is. ... We never had a recreation department," he said. The gen-

eral-fund budget for 2014, he pointed out, includes \$150,000 for starting a recreation department, which seems contradictory to the claim of having saved money by eliminating a recreation director's job last year.

Reaume said the item referred to two former parks-related jobs, one of which included overseeing recreation activities. One was replaced with a part-timer, the other with seasonal help, he said. He conceded the jobs were eliminated several years ago, not in 2013.

Reaume called the new recreation funding in the 2014 budget a "placeholder" that awaits board action.

"The first step for our board is a survey to determine recreation needs before any formal program(s) would be put in place and employees hired, which would all be voted on by the Board of Trustees," Reaume wrote.

Consolidation of local government services is one of three components of EVIP, the other two being: 1) plans for paying unfunded pension and retiree health-care costs and 2) government accountability and transparency. A community receiving EVIP funding has to qualify in all three areas to receive the total grant; failure to qualify in one of the categories could cost a community a third of its annual EVIP money.

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GAMES

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The Old-Fashioned Game Day program was the latest in the library's series of activities for children, which are regularly planned for school breaks.

Many area schools were closed last week for winter break.

"We usually get pretty good groups when the kids are on their breaks," Champagne said. Fifty to 75 attendees would be typical for a youth program, she said; the game day, however, only drew eight.

Still, the kids had a good time, Champagne said. While there was some familiarity with how to play marbles and jacks, the games were new to most of the children.

The group learned how to play marbles and jacks, got a set of each to take home and then batted around a giant beach ball.

"We got that out and just played sort of a real loose version of volleyball," Champagne said.

Youth programs are generally aimed at children from 5-12 years old; past programs have included crafts and visits by different animals and

their handlers.

"The kids get to get up close and personal with them," Champagne said.

The youth programs draw a lot of regulars, but "we always get some new faces that we haven't seen before," she said.

It's been several years since a program focused on old-fashioned games, she said.

Earlier last week, the library also hosted a video-game tournament for slightly older children, in the third through fifth grades.

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John Magnusson says that the initial reports that the cars were a total loss turned out to be pessimistic. The garage roof, which collapsed from the weight of the snow, caused some damage to each vehicle, but they are all repairable.

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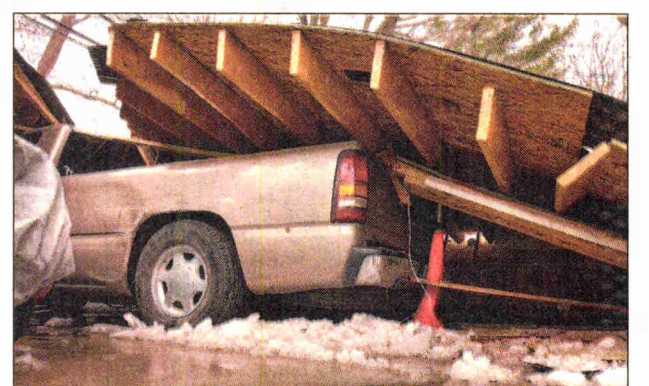
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AAA, called in a crew from F. Lax Construction of Ferndale and the company built a temporary wall to hold up what remained of the garage to prevent further collapse. The team also cleared a path inside the garage and retrieved tools and other things stored there. "They were outstanding," John Magnusson said.

On Friday, workers were clearing debris and roof panels and uncovering what remained of the vehicles. "They're dismantling the garage right now," John Magnusson said. The PT Cruiser, drivable, had been taken to a dealership for evaluation.

Magnusson initially wasn't too optimistic that his collectibles could be repaired, but later Friday, as they were uncovered further, said both might be salvageable.

"When you see the amount of damage to these cars versus the amount of damage to the garage" it's pretty striking, he said.



The roof collapsed on to the pickup truck and several other vehicles. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Car facts

Both collectibles are low-mileage cars: the Lincoln has less than 9,000 miles and the Mustang not quite 10,000.

The Town Car has extra sentimental value for Magnusson, as he had a role in building it. He put himself through what was then the Center for Creative Studies, now the College for Creative Studies, by working full time at a Chesterfield Township trim plant, where he stuffed padding in seats for that Lincoln model.

"I physically built that car," he said, explaining that he found it at an

estate sale in Arizona.

The Mustang, he said, won best in class at a show in Dearborn a couple of summers back. Magnusson also takes his classics to the Woodward Dream Cruise every year.

Magnusson said he was impressed with his neighbors' response to the roof collapse. They made sure everyone was OK and they provided a temporary home for the tools and thing he had there.

"This is what the city of Plymouth is all about, right?" he said.

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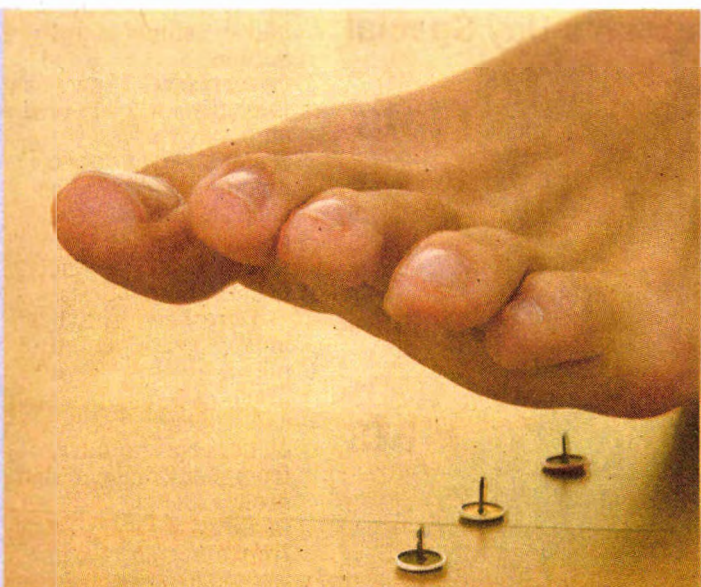
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Meissen: 'State of the district very strong'

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

There's a lot of education in Dr. Michael Meissen's background, as well as some coaching.

So it wasn't surprising to hear Meissen, Plymouth-Canton's new superintendent, talking about "team" and collaboration Wednesday during his first State of the District address.

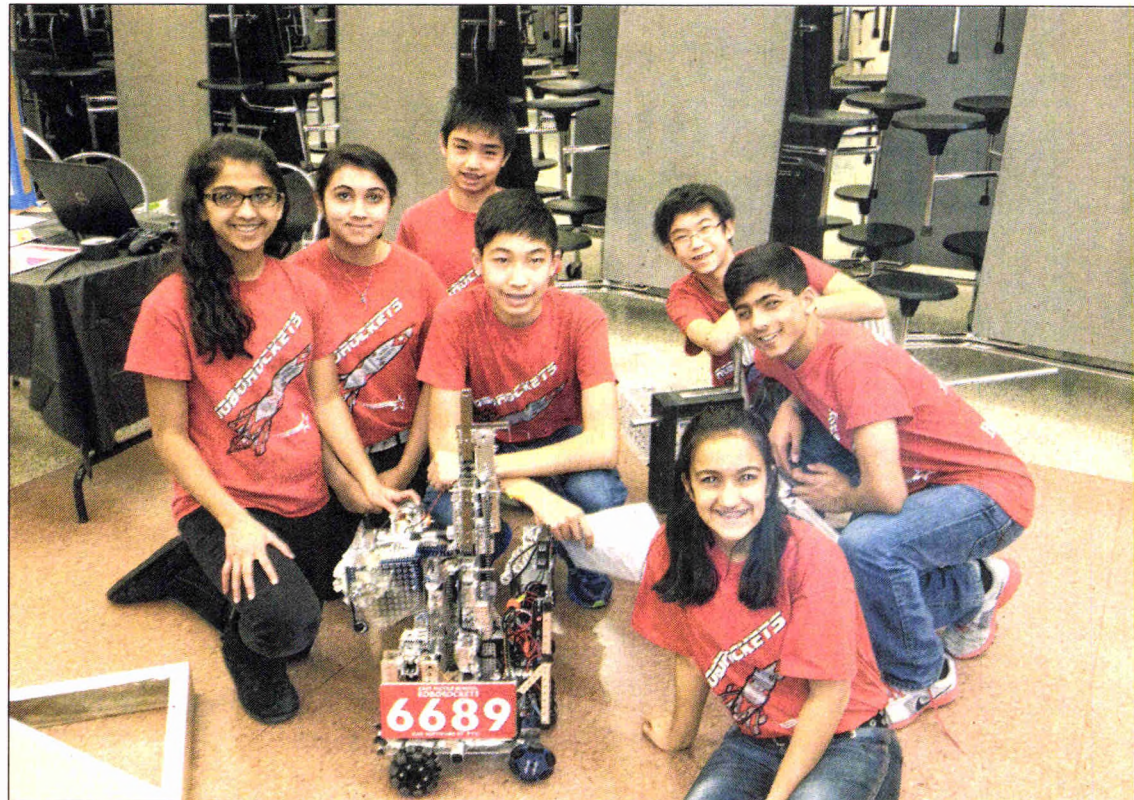
Speaking at a luncheon sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and the Canton Chamber of Commerce at Plymouth High School, Meissen included community members when talking about the "one team" that fuels the district.

"One team can create miracles for kids," said Meissen, whose parents and all four of his siblings are all involved in education in some facet. "I'm really pleased with all of the assets we have in this community."

In an upbeat message delivered to a partisan audience of school district supporters, Meissen called the state of the district "very strong" and credited the people in the audience, many of them representing businesses. To shore up the point, Meissen gave a shout out to:

» The East Middle School robotics team, which had its robot on hand for demonstrations. The team qualified for one of four Super Regional tournaments and is headed April 4-6 to the University of Iowa.

» Students like Canton High School senior Shannon Perry, president of the National Honor Society and the coordinator of the annual Super Jess 5K, a charity run to benefit needy



The East Middle School team shows off its robot. The team qualified for one of four Super Regional tournaments and is headed April 4-6 to the University of Iowa.

families in the community. Meissen said Perry "represents a lot of the students here. She's a great ambassador for the state of our district."

» School board members, who have what Meissen called "the toughest job" in government.

» Community partners, particularly Schoolcraft College, which bought and filled an entire table at the luncheon. "Those partnerships are game-changers," Meissen said. "We're looking to take our 'game' from good to great."

Meissen talked about the district's sports teams, which continue to deliver successful seasons. He praised the culi-

nary and robotics teams at The Park, both of which have achieved success at world championships. And he pointed out the district annually has some 20 National Merit Finalists.

Meissen also praised the dedication of administrators and, especially, the 1,000 or so teachers in the district. He talked about the focus teachers in the district have on students of all ages.

"I wanted to be part of a district where they looked at the youngest kids, but didn't see high school graduation as an end," Meissen said.

Having been a parent, a mentor and a coach, Meissen

said he walks into a classroom and envisions it through his "parent" eyes.

"The question I ask myself is, 'Would I feel comfortable enrolling my kids here?'" Meissen said. "The answer is an unequivocal yes."

He urged people in the audience to become partners with the district. In a community where businesses like Bosch are involved, Meissen said those kinds of partnerships help kids.

"The work we've been doing in the short time I've been here is building a stronger team," said Meissen, who took over in July. "When that happens, kids benefit."

District to talk Central plans

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials and Board of Education trustees are in the middle of discussions about what to do with the Central Middle School property when the school closes after the 2014-15 school year.

And they're looking for help from the public. District officials will conduct an informational session 9-11 a.m. Saturday, March 1, in the Central Middle School library.

On the agenda for the meeting:

» Discussion of the complete time line of the disposition process, including past and future milestones leading up to the Board of Education's decision.

» An opportunity for members of the community to share additional thoughts on how the district should dispose of the property and for any potential purchasers to declare interest.

The Board of Education, with attaining fair market value for the property as its chief goal, has begun accepting ideas and proposals for the property.

While the board has backed a planned Plymouth Area and Recreation Complex plan to re-purpose the property, board members have also said they'd listen to other plans/ideas.

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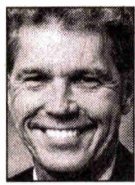
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Stewart drops from senate race

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer



Stewart

Plymouth attorney John Stewart on Wednesday dropped out of the race for the state Senate in the 7th District.

Citing an agreement he had with his family, Stewart, who served three terms in the state House from 2000-06, said the entry of Canton Democrat Dian Slavens into the race brought on his

own decision to withdraw.

"I made a commitment to my wife and daughters back in

August that there wouldn't be a contested primary," Stewart said.

The move leaves Slavens, who is term-limited in the state House 21st District, as the only de-

clared challenger to incumbent Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton.

Slavens had been considering getting into the race for months before finally announcing her intentions earlier this month.

Stewart said he'd gotten a good deal of support for his candidacy, but didn't want to get into a protracted primary fight with Slavens.

"I have heard from a

ton of people that I was most electable," said Stewart, who felt his moderate leanings would have fit well in the district. "But the political process is what the political process is."

Candidates have until April 22 to file. Colbeck has not publicly announced his intentions.

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ON CAMPUS

Brenau University

Cristobal Zubia of Canton achieved merit list honors at Brenau University for fall semester in the 2013-14 academic year.

Merit list students must maintain a 3.5 grade-point average while carrying 12 to 14 semester hours of course work with no grade lower than B in that semester.

Founded in 1878, Brenau University enrolls students in graduate and undergraduate studies on campuses and online. Brenau offers year-round art exhibitions, lectures and literary readings, and performances of theatrical and musical works. www.brenau.edu

Northern Michigan

Several local students made the Dean's List for the Fall 2013 semester at Northern Michigan University.

These students qualified with a grade-point average of 3.25-3.99:

» Canton: **Erica Bingham, Shannon Flynn, Ednan Haroon, Cassandra Hodge, James Hodgson, Brian Katafiasz, Leanna Miller and Collin Richter.**

» Plymouth: **Bridget Eades-Kasinger, Nicholas Fisher, Bethany Grysko, Anna Lang, Samantha McPartlin, Kathryn Meade, Caitlin Orr and Justin Roose.**

Ferris State

Erica Fite of Canton has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Ferris State University.

Fite, a 2011 graduate of Dearborn Divine Child High School, is the daughter of Gary and Jeanne Fite of Canton.

Grove City College

Two local residents were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2013 semester at Grove City (Pa.) College.

Jessica Heck, a senior business management student, was named to the Dean's List with High Distinction. She is a 2010 graduate of Plymouth High School and is the daughter of Manfred and Debbie Heck of Canton.

Jamie Dottavio, a freshman mathematics student, was named to the Dean's List with High Distinction. She is a 2013 graduate of Plymouth High School and is the daughter of James and Debra Dottavio of Canton.

Hillsdale College

Jessica Jenkins, a freshman biology major at Hillsdale College, was named to the Dean's List for the 2013 fall semester.

Jenkins is the daughter of Michael and Mary Ann Jenkins of Plymouth and is a 2013 graduate of Father Gabriel Richard High School in Ann Arbor.

Barefoot presents 'Twilight of the Golds'

If your parents knew everything about you before you were born, would you be here?

That is the question posed in the controversial, entertaining "drama" *Twilight of the Golds*, the next main-stage production from Plymouth-based Barefoot Productions. The story, by Jonathan Tolins, revolves around Suzanne Gold-Stein and her close-knit New York family, who celebrate an anniversary dinner at which she reveals she is pregnant.

Through genetic testing, arranged by Suzanne's biomedical research husband Rob, they learn that the baby will be healthy and intelligent - but will most likely be "different." The news forces the entire Gold family to confront the issues of bigotry, evolution and the limits of love as Suzanne



Barefoot Productions presents "Twilight of the Golds" through March 2.

contemplates a difficult choice.

The production is directed by Barefoot Productions founder Craig Hane.

"*Twilight of the Golds* is a powerful dramatic glimpse into the inner workings and secrets of the Gold family," Hane said. "The play is interwoven with music and an exploration of Wagner's famous opera *The Ring Cycle*. The show uses the opera to evoke larger-than-life themes of heroism and betrayal, love and tragedy and the

end of the family of man, played out in microcosm by the contemporary Gold family."

Performances run through Sunday, March 2. Following the Feb. 23 and March 2 performances, there will be audience participation "talk-backs" to discuss themes and materials from the play. Talk-back facilitators are:

» Sunday, Feb 23: Limits and boundaries of unconditional acceptance, led by social worker Dale Simmerman, a professional who will

guide the discussion in family dynamics and counseling, in addition to the topic of forgiveness and if/how it is possible.

» Sunday, March 2: The challenges of raising a child who is "different." Discussions will be led by a Livonia teacher on the philosophical and ethical aspects of parenting non-normative children or "different" kids. The facilitator will be bringing three students and they will talk about their experiences with parents, what they have been through, what would help them and what they want and need growing up "different."

Tickets can be ordered by calling the box office at 734-560-1493 or online through Barefoot's website at www.just-gobarefoot.com/.

The Barefoot Productions Theater is located at 240 N. Main in Plymouth.

MILITARY NEWS

Marshall award

Army Cadet **Joshua D. Hurst** received the George C. Marshall Award during an awards ceremony at the Marshall Center, Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Va. The award is named in the honor and legacy of General of the Army George C. Marshall, who served in World War II as the Army Chief of Staff and in the post-war era served as secretary of state and secretary of defense.

The award is presented annually to the most outstanding senior Army ROTC cadets in military science studies and leadership values in each battalion at host universities or colleges. This is a national award and the highest award an ROTC cadet can receive.

The cadets participate in focus groups and round table discussions and lectures on the theme of the national security of the U.S. and the Army's security role in the international arena. Cadets receive formal speeches from the highest echelons of the U.S. Army's leadership ranks, scholars and experts in the area of national defense.

The cadet is a student at Eastern Michigan University. Hurst, a 2009

graduate of Canton High School, is the son of Dan and Kathy Hurst of Canton.

Basic training grads

» Air Force Airman **Alex K. Arble** graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Arble, the son of Ellen Roarty of Canton, earned distinction as an honor graduate. The airman is a 2013 graduate of Salem High School in Canton.

» Air Force Airman 1st Class **Dawn D. Draper** graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Draper is the daughter of William Draper of Canton and Diane Draper of Livonia. She is a 2008 graduate of Salem High School.

» Air Force Airman **Clemente A. Velasco** graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Velasco is the son of Ayayacatl Velasco of Canton. He is a 2012 graduate of South West High School, San Antonio, Texas.

Combat training

Army Reserve Spec. **Christopher L. Bramer** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chem-

ical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot

marches, and field training exercises.

Bramer is the son of Louis Bramer of Canton. He is a 2004 graduate of Canton High School and earned a bachelor's degree in 2011 from Eastern Michigan University.

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W-W to provide breakdown of fees for sinking fund projects

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Bid packages presented to the Wayne-Westland school board for sinking fund projects will now come with a breakdown of the fees for construction management and architectural fees.

Trustee John Goci, who for more than a year has questioned the lack of bidding for those professional services contracts, scored a victory in getting the fees for using McCarthy and Smith Inc. as the construction manager and TMP Architecture Inc. included in the costs of sinking projects.

While the board and administration agreed to provide that information going forward after the board approved a \$1.94 million sinking fund project for mechanical upgrades at Wildwood Elementary School, Goci revisited the subject this month after receiving the fees associated with that project.

"I can't speak for the board, but I as a member have no idea what we're paying for," Goci said. "I'd like to see the fees

associated with the bid so we can be aware of the true cost of the project."

Project fees

According to the information provided by Deputy Superintendent Jim Larson-Shidler, the district will pay McCarthy and Smith \$54,100 in fees, in addition to a construction management reimbursement not to exceed \$153,300 for such things personnel based on site and a not to exceed \$64,000 general condition fee for such things as construction trailer rental and office supplies. With those fees, any money not expended returns to the school district. The fee for architectural services was around \$119,000, Goci said.

"That's \$264,000 in expense we don't even see in the bid package," Goci said. "It makes no sense to approve construction projects without knowing the full cost."

The Wildwood project includes replacement of the entire mechanical system at the Westland school. A geothermal system will be installed to utilize the ground

temperatures to provide heating and air conditioning.

"Wildwood has some history as one of the district's original buildings," Doug Underwood, supervisor with McCarthy and Smith, said in presenting the bid package to the school board last month. "It was built as all electric and at some point turned into a hot water system. It runs on a three-pipe system, not a four, and you can heat or cool, but you can't flip between them."

According to Underwood, it was the desire of the district, especially the maintenance department, to go with a geothermal system.

"The way the project has been designed it should provide a decrease in the costs of utilities in the years to come," he said.

Goci has been an outspoken critic of the no-bid contracts. He has pressed to have the service put out for bid. The firms' work, according to the administration, is considered professional services and, by law, bids are not required. However, last September the board approved 10-year agreements with McCarthy and

Smith and TMP to handle architectural planning and construction management for the district's sinking fund projects.

"I didn't realize the fees were that high," Goci said. "I want to have it in the bid packet. We vote on this and I think we should be aware of what we're voting on."

Not to exceed amounts

In referring to the information provided by Larson-Shidler, board Treasurer Frederick Weaver pointed out that a portion of the fees are not to exceed amounts and that the unused portion returns to the school district.

"I think it may be true that McCarthy and Smith may spend all of this money, but it's not necessarily true," Weaver told Goci. "So to throw out that \$264,000 figure without sharing that bit of information ... I want to put it in perspective."

Board Vice President Thomas Buckalew equated the use of a construction manager to the failed Wayne County Jail project that ballooned from \$290 million to \$410 million with no one aware of what was

going on. He was reassured by Larsen-Shidler that the district has regular meetings with the construction manager about projects.

"So we will never find ourselves in the position of waking up one morning and finding ourselves in that position," he said. "You can look at those figures and think they're too much, but that security seems to have value and what we pay McCarthy and Smith seems much more reasonable."

While he was able to get some discussion about the fees on the record, he was cut short by board President Shawna Walker, who ruled the item as out of order.

"This was an agenda item in the past, it's a done deal," she said. "We don't need to bring this back to the board. We talked about this at the last meeting."

In the end, Goci and his fellow trustees were assured by Larson-Shidler that "going forward, we will supply you with those numbers."

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Growth Works lauds those who overcome, give back

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Some might give up on Growth Works clients, but others know better. With help, those clients can become contributors to society.

Growth Works, a nonprofit youth services agency in western Wayne County, recognized volunteers, community members and young people for their efforts over the past year.

Program Recognition awards went to Logan Grissom of Livonia, Dennis Ross of Dearborn Heights and one other, Darick Molisee of Westland, for their achievements and outstanding efforts over the past year.

One honoree is from the new adult outpatient program started in 2013, said Dale Yagiela, Growth Works executive director. "We're really excited about that," Yagiela said. "It's been well-received."

The other two Program Recognition honorees are in community-based services.

Since 1970, the agency's focus has remained services for at-risk youth, helping to change immediate behavior while promoting long-term commitment to responsible choices and building stronger families. Programs include



Logan Grissom of Livonia thanks the audience for his award.

Aftercare & Residential Treatment, Community Intervention & Treatment and the Western Wayne Care Management Organization.

Substance abuse and crime

Yagiela, at Growth Works since 1971, said crime is often associated with drug and alcohol use. He's concerned policy makers don't understand the importance of dealing with substance abuse as it relates to crime.

"We talk a lot about prevention. It's really about early intervention," he said.

At Growth Works, he and colleagues see people in their early 20s who've gone off to college and continued with substance abuse, which wasn't dealt with in their teens. "We have, I think, a real social toler-

ance to this, too," he said.

Yagiela is concerned about casual attitudes toward marijuana use. "Marijuana is not a gateway drug," he said, although some heroin users have also used marijuana. "It's a problem in and of itself."

Marijuana use leads to degradation of cognitive abilities, he said. "If I talked about medical alcohol, people would think I was crazy," Yagiela said.

He's concerned about a bill in the state Legislature to legalize marijuana edibles and about some parents' casual attitudes related to their own younger years. "I'm concerned that we just can't seem to get this figured out," Yagiela said.

"These kinds of things aren't just youthful adventures," he added. Substance abuse has social costs, he said, and often makes the juvenile justice system and criminal justice system the place substance



Dennis Ross of Dearborn Heights accepts his award.

abusers end up. He's appreciative of community support for Growth Works, centered in Plymouth-Canton, but also throughout western Wayne. "The community has been very supportive," Yagiela said.

Volunteers David Sculati of Farmington Hills, Bill Ventola of Plymouth and Ann O'Flaherty of Plymouth were recognized for milestone years, 10, 10 and 25, respectively, on the Board of Directors and bringing their expertise to the agency. Northville resident Brianna Morrow, deputy chief of the Juvenile Division of Wayne County Prosecutor's office, has been instrumental assisting with Growth Works' CMO clients and the Teen Court program.

Morrow and Alan Kelley of Grosse Pointe Woods, a therapist with Orchards Children's Services who facilitates the Intensive Family Management Program, both received community awards for their ef-

orts aimed at improving the lives of young people.

"He's been very helpful to my staff," Yagiela said of prosecutor Morrow. Yagiela also praised the Conference of Western Wayne.

Kelley took a program and modified it for Growth Works to help parents manage their children better, with staff in the home part time to help resolve conflict and address parenting. "Alan's been really very good at this and has been warmly received by the families he's worked with," Yagiela said.

Awards were presented Thursday, Feb. 20, at Growth Works' 25th annual Recognition & Awards Dinner at the Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center of Plymouth.

'Hard work'

Yagiela said many other recognition banquets involve a public figure such as an athlete. For Growth Works,

the focus is on recognizing those who've overcome obstacles and those who helped them get there.

"This is what all the hard work produced," he said. "People get better, they make progress." There aren't a lot of thanks in such work, Yagiela noted, so the annual dinner is important.

Growth Works is expanding into Washtenaw and Livingston counties, with a drug court in Livingston and Washtenaw for adolescents. There will also be a small residential program in Washtenaw, as well as an intensive outpatient program in Livingston.

The young people at Growth Works aren't often seen as assets, he said. He's proud of those former clients who now serve on his Board of Directors.

Yagiela just had a call from a western Michigan prosecutor's office for a former client applying as an assistant prosecutor. He's also proud of a physician in Texas, a former client, and of those who are now teachers, lawyers, financial planners and other community contributors who were Growth Works clients.

"When you begin looking at the results of this, it's really rewarding," Yagiela said.

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SHOULDER PAIN IN WINTER

How to avoid it.
Anyone using a snow blower should only buy one with an electric starter. An all too common cause of injury is shoulder strain from repeated use of a rip cord to start the blower engine. The combination of cold muscles, a short, sudden and harsh pull on the arm followed by repeated such pulls is a guaranteed risk to the happiness of a freely moving shoulder.

A related risk is shoveling snow. Again the same set of dangerous practices appears: cold weather that itself tightens muscles, repetitive action of heavy weight on the shoulder, and sudden pulls from shoveling a load of snow too heavy to handle and heaved too far for the muscles charged with doing the job.

How to treat a sore shoulder at home.
Home treatment is simple: heat and rest. Apply moist heat with a hydro collar pack rather than with an electric heating pad. The reason is that moist heat cools with time, while a heating pad keeps up its heat indefinitely. It is difficult to develop a burn with moist heat and all too easy with an electric heater. Apply heat for ten minutes per hour. That is all the time needed to dilate blood vessels and allow an augmented blood supply to heal the injury. Limited resting of the shoulder is all that is practical. Just refrain from overhead motions, all other movements cause no further strain.

When to see the doctor.
Make an appointment if pain disrupts sleep or ordinary movement interferes with work or recreation. Physicians are trained to distinguish shoulder strain from tendinitis, rotator cuff tear, or a pinched nerve.

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Literacy council hosts youth spelling bee

The Community Literacy Council, a local non-profit organization that provides tutors to adults with literacy skills below a ninth-grade level, hosts a spelling bee at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26, at Discovery Middle School.

This spelling bee will feature 18 fourth- and fifth-grade students from throughout the community competing for the championship.

While the Community Literacy Council has hosted adult spelling

bees for the past 23 years, this will be first year that the competition is open to youth.

"We are excited about hosting a spelling bee for elementary students," said Debbie Cortellini, CLC board member and retired elementary teacher. "This competition will allow students to demonstrate their spelling skills, while also helping their community."

Unlike the adult spelling bee, where contestants compete in teams,

the youth spelling bee will be an individual competition.

Contestants come from schools throughout the area, including Bentley, Farrand, Miller, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Plymouth Scholars and Tonda.

All proceeds come from corporate sponsors of the event and directly support the CLC's adult literacy programs.

For more information, contact Amy D'Urso at 734-589-0011.

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» **Double play:** Enter by Feb. 14 and select "Double Play" and you will be entered for a chance to win a pass for two to a special showing of the 2013 Best Picture-nominated films at Imagine Novi. First winner will be selected no later than Feb. 14 to see movies playing Feb. 14-20 (*American Hustle*, *Gravity*, *Captain Phillips*, *Dallas Buyers Club* and *Her*). The second winner will be selected by Feb. 19 for movies playing Feb. 21-27 (*Wolf of Wall Street*, *Nebraska*, *12 Years a Slave* and *Philomena*).

» **Triple play:** Enter by Feb. 26 and select "Triple Play" and you will be entered for a chance to win an Academy Awards™ Viewing

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The seven contest categories are:

» **Best Picture:** *American Hustle*, *Nebraska*, *Captain Phillips*, *Philomena*, *Dallas Buyers Club*, *12 Years a Slave*, *Gravity* and *The Wolf of Wall Street*.

» **Best Actor in a Leading Role:** Christian Bale in *American Hustle*, Chiwetel Ejiofor in *12 Years a Slave*, Bruce Dern in *Nebraska*, Matthew McConaughey in *Dallas Buyers Club* and Leonardo DiCaprio in *The Wolf of Wall Street*.

» **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 Sandra Bullock in *Gravity*.

» **Best Actor in a Supporting Role:** Bark-

had 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*, *Despicable 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*.

» **Second tiebreaker category is for Best Original Score:** *The Book Thief*, *Gravity*, *Her*, *Philomena* and *Saving Mr. Banks*.

Unmarried couples need estate plans

Q: Dear Rick: My significant other and I are in our mid-40s and have decided to live together. We've been with each for more than 10 years, but we've decided for financial reasons it would make sense to have only one place. We are committed to each other, but have no intention of marrying. We have changed our wills, naming each other as sole beneficiaries. In addition, he has changed his life insurance policy at work, naming me as the beneficiary. We will be moving into his house, where we will split the



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

costs. He wanted to put my name on the deed, but he could not because of the mortgage. However, I am the beneficiary in the will. Is there anything else that we need to do to protect ourselves?

A: There are a couple of other things you should consider. The first is to have a medical and a durable power of attorney for each other. This will allow either one

of you to act on the other's behalf if something should occur.

I also recommend that you consider a co-habitation agreement, which is similar to a prenuptial. It would discuss what happens if the relationship does not work out. A well drafted co-habitation agreement would prevent a significant legal battle.

Good luck.

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Friends celebrate success of White, Davis

By Diane K. Bert
Correspondent

Watching the Olympics has been especially meaningful to Birmingham-area residents as Groves High graduate Meryl Davis and Roeper School alumnus Charlie White won the gold medal in ice dancing.

Davis and White were paired up by youth coach Seth Chafetz and took second place in their first major competition, the 1998 Junior Olympics. In the early days, they trained at Detroit Skating Club. White and Davis were U.S. Champions six times and world champions twice before winning the top prize in skating, Olympic gold at the Sochi Games.

White, 26, and Davis, 27, are both students at the University of Michigan. The pair trains at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton, along with fellow Olympians Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir.

Katie Blair is a friend of Davis from middle school and Groves. "Meryl was awesome, smart and a dedicated student who gave insightful answers," she said. "She was truly a sweet person, showing maturity and gracefulness in daily life."

Barbara Shaheen was Davis' gifted/talented teacher at Groves.



The watch party for Meryl Davis and Charlie White at The Roeper School. THE ROEPER SCHOOL

"Meryl's caring, conscientious manner helped her make a success of a modified schedule," Shaheen said. "She would take part of the day off and would have frequent periods of time when she would leave for competitions. She would always get her

assignments done. ... Her mother worked tenaciously to help her realize her talents and abilities."

The staff and students at Roeper School have fond memories of White. Denita Banks-Sims has known him since his earliest days in pre-

kindergarten. She is currently development director at Roeper.

"My daughter was his classmate. They took violin lessons together at age 5 after school," she said. "I spent countless hours next to his mom watching as they

learned to play. Charlie went on to play in string ensembles here at Roeper galas and for special guests, including Robert Kennedy Jr. and James Earl Jones. Charlie played soccer and hockey, too."

Millions of Americans enjoyed White's violin playing on the NBC *Today* program. He had promised to play if he and Davis won the gold medal.

Katie Ewing was White's classmate and sent an email from Australia with her memories.

"He was a funny, bespectacled kid cracking jokes all the time," she wrote. "Charlie put so much effort and dedication into all he did, whether that was school, violin, hockey or skating. It came as no surprise to any of us that he achieved his dream of becoming an Olympic champion. I think it is rare to find an athlete who is so accomplished and yet so humble and genuine at the same time."

A group of Roeper graduates watched White and Davis during the Olympics and had a Google hangout at the same time, since they live all over the world, Ewing said.

"Their gold medal ceremony and hearing the national anthem played for them had us all in tears," Ewing said. "We really could not be any more proud of them!"

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Tribute group aims for Guinness world record

A call is being put out for Rosies to come Saturday, March 29, to Willow Run Airport to try to set a Guinness world record for "the most Rosie the Riveters in one place."

The iconic figure Rosie the Riveter is synonymous with the Arsenal of Democracy and women who came into the workforce during World War II. The original Rosie worked at the Willow Run Bomber Plant and, because of that, a group of women have been volunteering their time to help raise funds for the effort to save 175,000 square feet of the Ford Willow Run Bomber Plant.

The current Rosies, along with a few Rosies who actually worked at Willow Run during World War II, attempted to set a Guinness world record Oct. 30, 2013, for the most Rosie the Riveters in one place. They fell short of the record, but enough enthusiasm was generated to warrant a second attempt.

The 2014 record attempt will take place at 4:30 p.m. at Hangar 1 of Willow Run Airport. Sign-in begins at 2 p.m. This attempt is being sponsored by the Michigan Aerospace Foundation, the Yankee Air Museum and the Wayne County Airport Authority.

"The enthusiasm shown by these women who turned out on a cold day in October and fell just short of the record was wonderful to see. Willow Run Airport and the Wayne County Airport Authority are excited to once again help sponsor the Rosies as they make another attempt to set this record. I think they will succeed this time," said Michael Conway, director of public affairs for the Wayne County Airport Authority.

"We look forward to welcoming over 250



The Tribute Rosies – (bottom, from left) Jeannette Gutierrez of Ann Arbor, Wendy Zielen of Ann Arbor and Nancy Zajac of Ann Arbor and (top, from left) Christy Mayhew of Plymouth, Kim Godek of Ann Arbor and Jane Vass of Ypsilanti – are hoping to get enough Rosies together March 29 to set a Guinness world record. SUE MASON

women to the Yankee Air Museum as our Rosies attempt once again to set a World Record," said Kevin Walsh, executive director of the Yankee Air Museum.

According to Dennis Norton, president of the Michigan Aerospace Foundation, the Save the Bomber Plant campaign has so far mobilized more than \$5.5 million toward the estimated \$8 million initial cost of separating and preserving approximately 175,000 square feet of the bomber plant and turning it in to the new home of the Yankee Air Museum.

The Willow Run Bomber Plant built nearly 9,000 B-24 Liberator Bombers during the war, finishing a plane every 59 minutes. At the time of its construction, the plant was the largest factory in the world, employing more than 40,000 men and women, including riveter Rose Will Monroe, more famously remembered as Rosie the Riveter.

If the Save the Bomber Plant Campaign is successful, the Yankee Air Museum will move from its current location on the east side of Willow Run Airport to the former bomber plant, which is adjacent to the airport's western boundary. All of the museum's collections and exhibits, including aircraft, would be then be reunited at a single site.

The plant is part of the former GM Powertrain plant which is currently being demolished. The museum has until May 1 to raise the money to save a portion of the historic bomber plant as the museum's new home.

"Detroit's mass production was pivotal to our victory in World War II and no place was more vital in that respect than Willow Run," said Ray Hunter, chairman of the board of the Yankee Air Museum. "Rosie the Riveter, representing all the women who entered the work force during World War

II, is a significant and in some ways a little known part of the story. We recognize their importance and their contribution to the victory in World War II and are pleased to once again help sponsor this attempt to set a Guinness world record."

The Tribute Rosies were formed as member Wendy Zielen's daughter Alison Beatty stood on a street corner in Ann Arbor to raise awareness about the Save the Bomber Plant Campaign.

Zielen came up with the idea and was able to get a group of women together to dress like Norman Rockwell's Rosie the Riveter. The Rosies made their first appearance at the Thunder Over Michigan air show last August and created such a stir that they only made it 15 feet through the crowd in two hours. As a result, they are now the official Yankee Air Mu-

seum's Tribute Rosies.

Jane Vass is now heading up the Rosie participation for the Michigan Aerospace Foundation.

"I encourage all women who would like to help us honor the Rosies who were so important to the World War II Victory and who also helped set the stage for women entering the workforce in later years, to come out to Willow Run Airport on March 29," Vass said. "Help us set this Guinness world record."

To add to the excitement, the company, school, club, congregation, sorority or other group that brings the most women more than 18 years of age dressed as Rosie on March 29 will win an award.

For more information, contact Vass at 734-358-1648 or by email at dazyjane@aol.com. For more information about the Save the Bomber Plant Campaign, visit www.savethebomberplant.org.

The Yankee Air Museum was founded in 1981 to preserve and honor southeastern Michigan's aviation history. Since then, it has acquired and returned to flying status four World War II aircraft, including the Yankee Lady, a B-17G that was used in the movie *Tora! Tora! Tora!* and is the museum's flagship.

The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, visit the museum website at www.yankeeairmuseum.org.

Willow Run Airport Hangar One is on Kirk Profit Drive (appears as Willow Run Airport Drive on Google Maps), just west of the intersection of Airport Drive and Tyler Road in Ypsilanti Township.

DRESSING AS ROSIE

The Yankee Air Museum Rosies invite women and girls of all ages to "Rosie up" and join in the second attempt to set a Guinness world record for the most Rosie the Riveters in one place. Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Participants must be in full Rosie gear to be counted for the record. To be counted as a Rosie, you must wear the following:

- » Red bandana with large-sized white polka dots tied at the top of the head. The bandana can cover the back and top of the head or be folded so the back of your hair shows, but if so, hair should be "pinned up" and not hanging down long or in a ponytail.
- » Dark blue long-sleeved worker's coveralls, or long-sleeved dark blue collared work shirt and dark blue pants or very dark blue jeans (not faded). Roll up your sleeves to show some of your forearm.
- » Red knee socks (solid red). Roll up your pant legs to show the red socks.
- » Black work boots or work shoes (or as close as you can get, as long as they're black) or brown work boots.
- » Lunchbox and lapel button optional.

The large dot cotton bandana fabric is available at Joann Fabrics and the pattern is named "Lipstick." Allow one yard per bandanna. Pre-made bandannas will be available for purchase to benefit SaveTheBomberPlant.org at the event for \$10 (cash or check only), or can be pre-ordered for \$8 for pick up at the event by emailing dazyjane@aol.com.

The No-No's

- » No faded denim jeans, no faded denim shirts, only solid dark blue fabric that isn't denim.
- » No bib overalls, no T-shirts, no sweats, no bare midriffs.
- » No high heels, no colored shoes, no white shoes, no athletic shoes.

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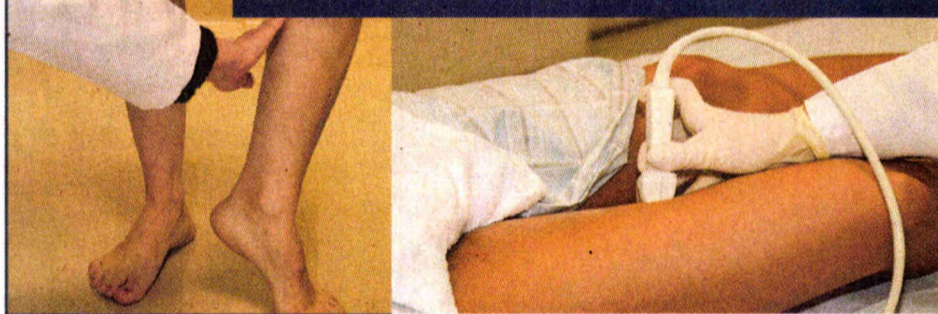
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Spelling bee

Date/Time: Wednesday, March 26, 7 p.m.

Location: Canton High School Allen DuBois Little Theater

Details: The Community Literacy Council hosts its 2014 spelling bee, a night of what organizers call "spirited spelling competition" that supports the local literacy program. Businesses, groups and organizations can sponsor a team, make a donation, be a speller or be part of the cheering section. The event is designed to "make a difference for many adults in our community who are not proficient in English."

Contact: For more information, call chairperson Carol Saunders, 734-455-4940, email dcsaunders64@comcast.net or visit www.plymouthcantonliteracy.org

Church fundraiser

Dates: Feb. 21 through March 21

Location: Abundant Life Church, 2100 Hannan, Canton

Details: The youth department of Abundant Life Church of God is holding a Little Caesars® fundraiser to raise money for Summer Youth Revival & Community Service Activities. Pizza kits, cookie dough and pie kits range in price from \$12 to \$19 and contain all the ingredients to bake pizza, bread, pies and cookies at home in minutes.

Contact: To order items from Abundant Life Church of God, contact Pastor Bobby Curry at 734-249-1801 before March 21.

Briscoe fundraisers

Dates/Times/Locations: Wednesday, Feb. 26, 5-8 p.m. at Pot Belly, 29579 Plymouth Road,

Livonia; Friday, March 7, 4-8 p.m., Jungle Java, 6481 Canton Center, Canton

Details: American Cancer Society Relay for Life team Briscoe Family Ties holds a pair of fundraisers. Pot Belly will donate 25 percent of all sales to the team; Jungle Java is donating 50 percent of all paid admissions. Participants should mention they're there for the fundraisers.

Community conversation

Date/Time: Thursday, March 20, 7 p.m.

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in Plymouth.

Details: The Center for Michigan will hold a Community Conversation at which the public is invited to provide their input regarding education, jobs and prosperity, quality of life and public money priorities, among other state issues. This is

an opportunity to engage in meaningful and informative conversations that make a difference to Michigan residents.

Contact: To RSVP, email IreneLamannen@gmail.com

Charity Mom2Mom

Date/Time: Saturday, April 5, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Summit on the Park in Canton

Details: In anticipation of their Mom2Mom Sale benefiting Big Family of Michigan, which serves the needs of Michigan's foster children and young adults, the Canton Newcomers and Neighbors Club, a social, civic and charitable organization, invites table renters to sell new and gently used maternity, baby and child items including furniture and larger play equipment.

Contact: For more information, call Carrie at 313-520-5626 or email cpollaccia1975@yahoo.com.

Bingo night

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

Location: Sunflower Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford, Canton

Details: Canton Newcomers and Neighbors' Bingo Night features prizes donated by local businesses, a slice of pizza from Benito's, a raffle to benefit First Step and an opportunity to sign up for activities for the entire family at the next adult general meeting. Request a complimentary March newsletter at www.cantonnewcomersandneighbors.org.

Contact: To RSVP, donate a small prize or with any questions, call Noreen at 734-981-0486 or email nrybar@yahoo.com.

Medicare/Medicaid counseling

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

Location: United Home Health Services,



Heart conscious

West Middle School students Evan Angell, Camille Burt, Carter Hackney, Zachary Hawkins, Nour Kazbour, Katherine Parker, Samantha Pashgian, Aiden Pierson and Asha Shah made red dresses for St. Mary Mercy to display in its South Lobby for its annual display honoring Healthy Heart Month. Life Management teacher Eva Bazzi and Technology Education teacher Mark Trzeciak (not pictured) supervised the project, designed to convey to women the importance of heart disease awareness using the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign symbol of the red dress.

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Contact: Call Heather Pinage at 734-727-2063 to schedule an appointment. For MMAP information, visit www.mmapinc.org/pages/about.html

Hospice support

Date/Time: Third Saturday of each month, 10-11:30 a.m.

Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 N. Lilley, Suite A, Canton

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts a grief support group, "Compassionate Words," providing emotional support to any

adult grieving the loss of a loved one. The group focuses on the various stages of grief and incorporates basic journal writing as a way to express feelings. The program is free of charge.

Contact: To register, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement Coordinator at 888-983-9050 or email achristensen@cchnet.net.

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.

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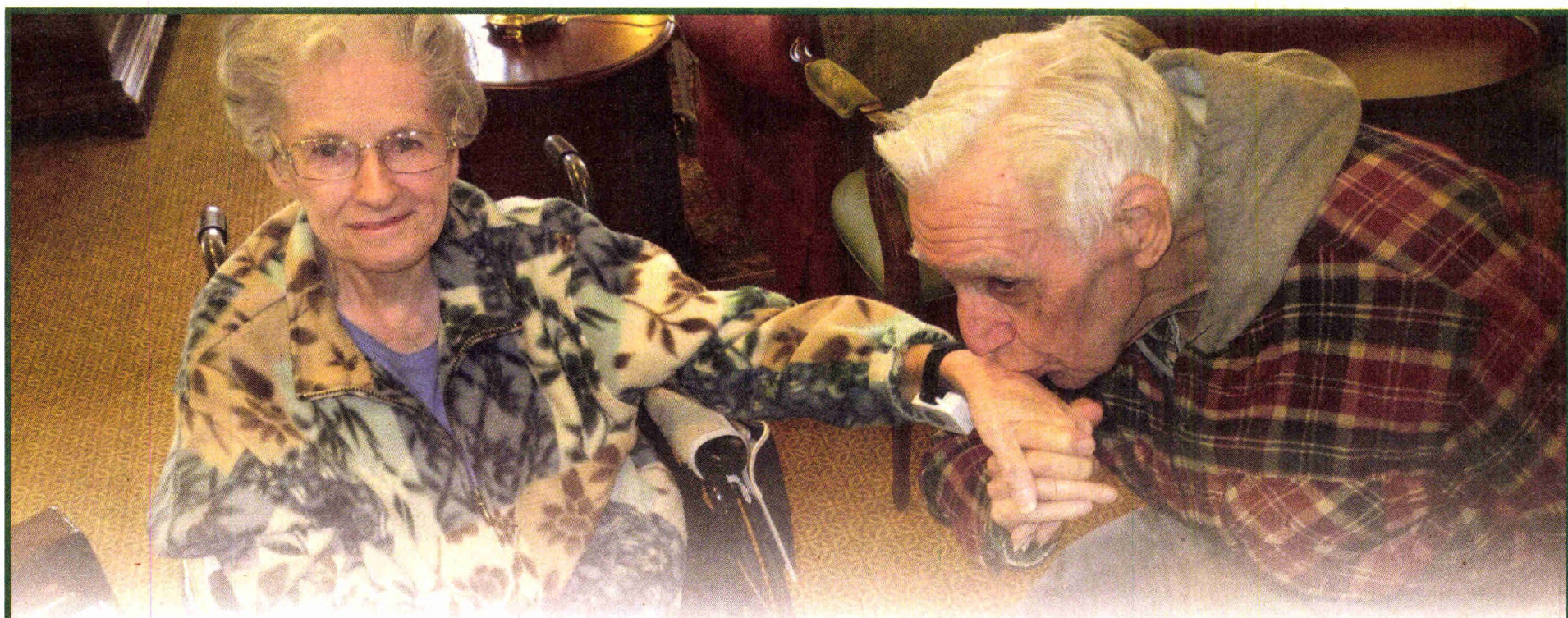
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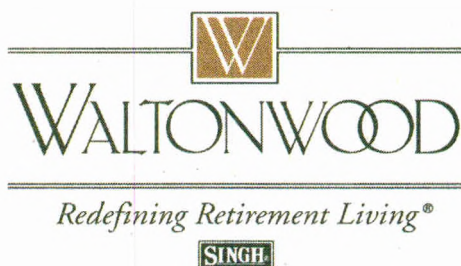
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Peter Leonard reflects on Elmore's life

By Jay Grossman
Staff Writer

There's always going to be a little Elmore in Peter Leonard.

Elmore Leonard was a world-famous crime novelist. His son Peter is carving out his own literary path, having published five novels in the past six years.

Peter Leonard's latest book, *Eyes Closed Tight*, comes out in March. The story starts out in Pompano Beach, Fla., before it shifts to Detroit — and Birmingham. His dad owned property in Pompano Beach and set many of his stories in Florida.

Father and son share an ear for dialogue and a writing style that's sparse, but spot-on with details. Their lead characters are competent, but make mistakes.

And there, the chain breaks. Elmore Leonard died last August at the age of 87. With his death, Peter Leonard lost a dad and a friend.

"It seems a little odd that we're not out on the road," Leonard said, as the two often traveled together on book tours in recent years. "But he was getting tired; he was slowing down. We went to the University of South Carolina and after that trip he said to me, 'You know, I think I'm done.' It was just too much work."

Now, his son works at the same desk where his dad wrote *Rum Punch*, *Get Shorty*, *Out of Sight* and dozens of other famous novels. Leonard lives in Birmingham, not too far from Quarten Lake. A large photo of his dad taken by Annie Leibovitz looms over the desk. A photo of Hemingway rests on the fireplace mantle in the den.

The home almost wants to announce: writer lives here. Leonard, of



Sitting below a framed environmental portrait of his father, Peter Leonard sits behind the desk he inherited from Elmore. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Peter Leonard writes all his first draft material on legal pads. His dad did the same, only his pads were unlined. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

"When you write as I do, no one thinks you really have a job. My wife doesn't, so I'm fair game if somebody needs to be picked up at the airport or they need help moving something."

PETER LEONARD

course, has a more humble view of the situation.

"When you write as I do, no one thinks you really have a job," he said. "My wife doesn't, so I'm fair game if somebody needs to be picked up at the airport or they need help moving something."

Meet O'Clair

His main character in *Eyes Closed Tight* is a retired Detroit homicide investigator by the name of O'Clair. He runs a motel in Pompano Beach with his girlfriend Virginia and life is good until a serial killer shows up.

Then things go terribly bad.

"He's the older guy who doubts himself," Leonard said of O'Clair. "He doubts that he's good enough to have this good-looking girl who's much younger than him. He feels it's beyond him."

The name, it turns out, was inspired from one of Leonard's classmates at

Brother Rice High School.

"The real O'Clair is a big guy," Leonard said. "He played football and I knew him pretty well in high school. I liked his name and using it grounds the character in reality."

One scene takes place in the old Forte restaurant — Leonard was once a partner in an ad agency located in the same building.

Several scenes are set at a townhouse on Merrill Street.

The story itself is rather dark — a contrast to his dad's breezier plots.

"The style of the book is a mystery," he said. "My father never wrote a mystery — he didn't care for mysteries. I look at *Eyes Closed Tight* as old-fashioned crime fiction that's been updated."

Part of his research came from spending several weeks shadowing the Detroit homicide unit. He went out on the after-

noon shifts and more than once found himself observing a murder investigation.

"The first scene I went to, there wasn't a body," he said. "It was a drive-by shooting — the person who was shot was taken to a local hospital."

"What I saw was the car the guy was riding in, the bullet holes in the windshield and blood all over the interior. I walked around to the driver's side of the car and saw four bullet holes in the driver's door. There was a down vest where the driver had been — and in the vest pocket was a stack of hundred dollar bills. It was eerie to see it."

And then a little Elmore comes out in him: "One observation: the black guys were way better dressed than the white guys," he said about the detectives. "I was struck by how stylish they were. It was in the dead of winter when I went out with them and these guys were wearing cashmere coats with their Borsalino hats. They looked good."

Life after Elmore

There's another photo in the study, a black and white snapshot of Elmore's dad. Peter Leon-

ard never met him.

"He died before I was born," Leonard said. "He was a dude — well-dressed, well-groomed. He owned a Chevy dealership in Las Cruces, New Mexico, and wanted Elmore to take over the business. But Elmore wouldn't have any of it. He wanted to be a writer."

The family grew up in Lathrup Village.

Before Elmore was truly famous, he was the somewhat eccentric dad who drove a Fiat and grilled an onion-topped burger for the neighborhood kids that he proudly dubbed the Elmore Burger.

"He was the odd guy — all my friends had fathers who worked for the auto companies in some way," Leonard said. "But it's interesting that my dad always knew what he wanted to do. If you want to be a writer, how do you make a living? Eventually, maybe you do. But you never know."

Leonard said his dad was still around when he was writing *Eyes Closed Tight*.

"Elmore was going through a lengthy divorce and he would have dinner at my house maybe four times a week," Leonard said. "He was working on

a novel called *Blue Dreams*, his 46th, and he would talk about the scenes he wrote that day. He would light a Virginia Slims 100, I'd pour him a glass of wine and we were off."

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One year later: Awrey's looking to grow more

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

After the company almost went to auction nearly a year ago, Awrey's Bakery owners have declared the company expects to double its work force over the next year.

That's good news to production supervisor Brenda Gonzalez, who's worked at the bakery for almost 33 years.

"It'll be great. We're hiring slowly now," the Canton resident said. "It means more business and hiring more people."

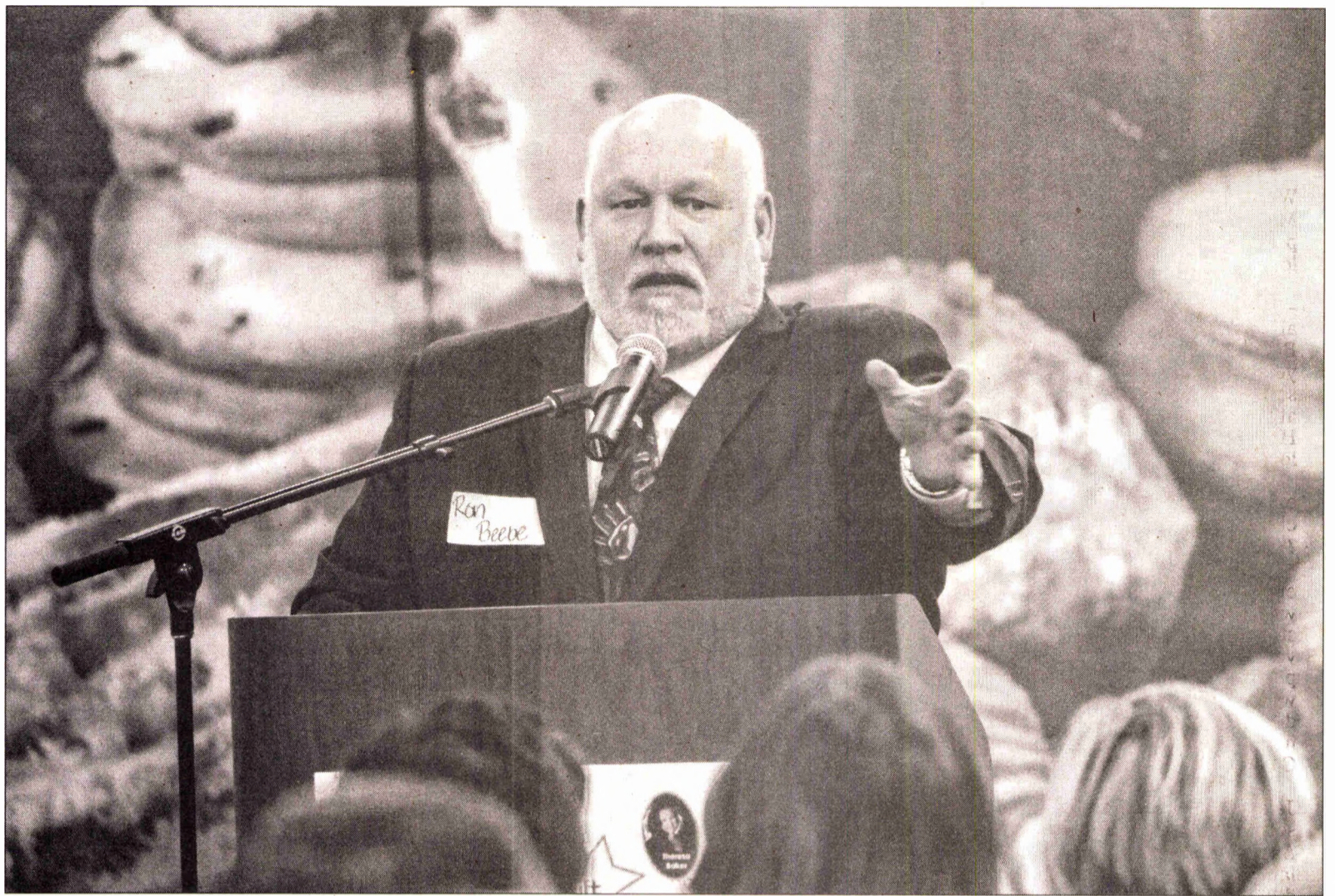
Awrey's Bakery, 12301 Farmington Road, celebrated its one-year anniversary Wednesday as a new company after the 103-year-old company was minutes away last year from a liquidation auction that could have spelled the end of Toaster Rounds, Ripple Cakes and Long John Coffee Cakes. The bakery was purchased for an undisclosed price by now-chairman Ron Beebe and now-CEO James McColgan and operated under the Awrey's name as a part of Minnie Marie Bakers Inc.

Beebe said the company has been going strong since it was purchased and announced the bakery would launch several new items, including meat pies and a gluten-free line of goods. These goods are certified to be gluten-free and are baked in an area where gluten is not present. The gluten-free line will include 40 types of goods, including pasta, bread, flour and muffins.

"So many people have either opted to go gluten-free or need to due to health reasons," Beebe said. "We are committed to being the largest supplier of gluten-free products in North America."

Larry David, the gluten-free food processing manager at Awrey's, said he's worked at the company for 14 years. Moving into the gluten-free line of work has shown him the extreme detail needed in order to craft the gluten-free products.

"Everything's critical," the Redford resi-



Awrey's chairman Ron Beebe talks about the bakery's new products, which include a line of gluten-free items, meat pies and deli trays.

dent said. "Everything's got to be perfect."

The company's sale was finalized just minutes before an auction was to take place to sell the bakery's equipment last year. About 200 employees were informed that they would be out of work at the time. About 50 employees were hired back immediately last year, when the bakery began production again in March. It currently has 94 employees working at its production facility.

With the reopening, the bakery, which started as a small business in Detroit by Elizabeth Awrey before it moved to Livonia, is starting to make appearances in many southeast Michigan grocery stores, such as Kroger and Hollywood Market.

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey said having the bakery still operating and in Livonia is a tribute to the people of the city. Hearing the plans the bakery has when it comes to increasing production and bringing back workers was good



Awrey's workers listen to several speeches given by the bakery's leadership Wednesday.

news to him.

"All of that's extremely exciting dialogue," he said. "When people think of Awrey's, they think of Livonia."

McColgan praised the city Wednesday as well, saying the support they've received from Livonia has been like "a great family feeling."

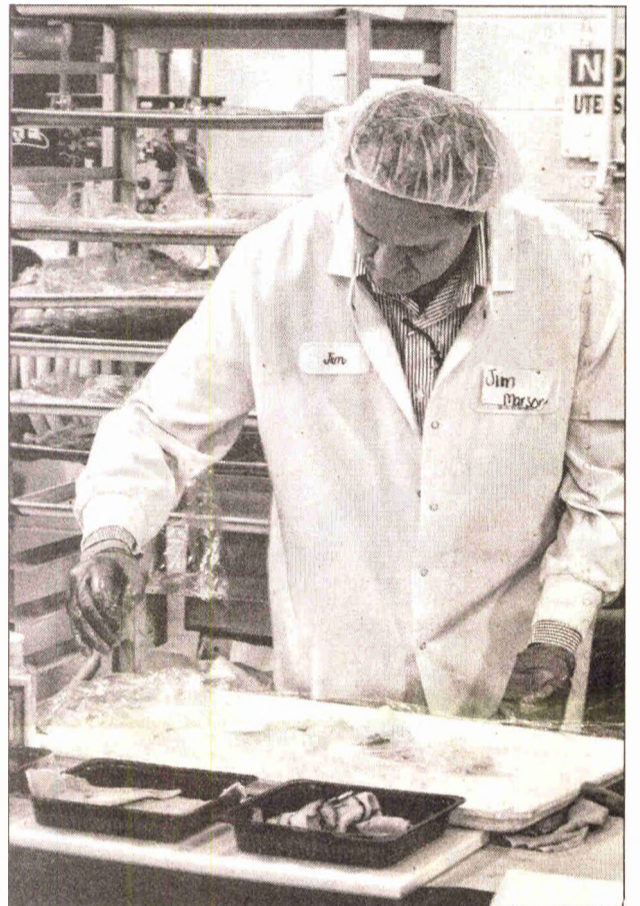
"Ron and I can't thank the city of Livonia enough," he said. "The whole city's been tremendous."

While the company is still not at the same levels of employees it was a year ago, Gon-

zalez said it has been a relief being back to work for the last year after the company was liquidated.

She said she's excited about the progress being made and hopes it continues for many years to come.

"I think they have a great outlook," she said. "We're happy to have our jobs back."



Novi resident Jim Marson helps prepare sandwiches during an event at Awrey's Bakery. Marson is the director of gluten-free development, a new division at Awrey's as it expands its product line. PHOTOS BY DAVID VESELENAK

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Faxed or e-mailed proposals will not be accepted. This Project will consist of separate sealed bids for the following Bid Divisions of work: 143: Electrical

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

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Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope. The bid division(s) being bid is/are to be identified on the outside of the envelope.

There will be a pre-bid meeting held on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 10:00 A.M. at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., located at 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the project, schedule and to answer any questions that bidders may have. All Bidders are encouraged to attend.

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

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In addition to classic favorites at Awrey's, the company is expanding into other offerings, including deli trays and meat pies.

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Retired police officer writes children's book

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

During his time as a Westland Police officer, Matthew Bobby gave police station tours to a lot of people.

"Everyone loved them - kids and parents, they all loved them," said Bobby, who spent three years working as a school resource officer at Westland John Glenn High School and other local schools.

So Bobby used that experience for his new children's book, *Jake's Trip to the Police Station*.

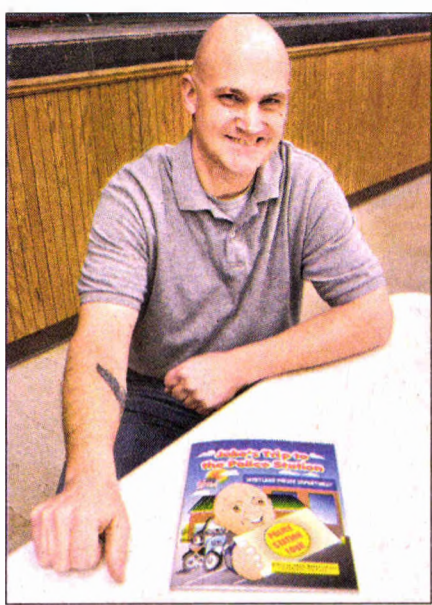
"A long time ago, everyone told me I should write a book with all the stories I had with 20 years at the police department," said Bobby, who retired from the department in 2013 and now is a Schoolcraft College campus officer.

The title character, Jake, is the 10-year old son of Bobby and his wife April, both lifelong Westland residents. Their daughter Madisyn, 15, a Westland John Glenn High School student, also makes an appearance in the book.

Bobby's brothers - Joe, a Westland Police canine officer, Jeff, a Garden City Police officer, and Mike, who recently retired from the Inkster Police Department - are characters in the book, as are Westland Police Department retirees Steve Borisch and Mark Engstrom.

Not to be left out, Bobby's horse Taser, trained for police duty, is a character in the book, but has the only pseudonym - he's called Cuffs.

The book is aimed at letting kids know more about what police officers do and also encouraging literacy, Bobby said.



Former Westland Police officer Matthew Bobby has published his first book. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

When Bobby was a Westland school resource officer, he said he had a goal of visiting each elementary school class for a safety session.

"I didn't have time to do that. I was busy from the time I came on duty until the time I went home," said Bobby, who handled juvenile investigations and other duties, along with time spent at schools. "A lot of schools don't have officers coming through anymore - they don't have the resources."

That prompted Bobby to develop Lawman for Literacy, through which he will take his book and a related program on law enforcement into classrooms.

"I talk about crime safety, Internet safety, proper use of 9-1-1 and stranger danger," he said. "Once I retired, I thought I have a good idea - they (students) can meet the author, which will promote literacy and a positive outlook on police."

The books and related program got a boost thanks to the Wayne-Ford Civic League, which

purchased 400 copies of the book for Wayne-Westland schools.

League President Vic Barra was so enthusiastic about the program that he contacted Wayne-Westland Schools Superintendent Greg Baracy and Deputy Superintendent Paul Salah.

"We were invited to meet with all 11 elementary school principals and their staff. It was very well-received," said Barra, who was set to deliver copies of the books to the schools last week. "Over the years, I've witnessed the reduction in community funding for police officers to interact with students. This was definitely an opportunity to fill that void."

There are 25 books earmarked for Norwayne youngsters attending a community event March 29 at the Dorsey Center. Bobby will be on hand to talk with the youngsters and autograph their books.

Jake's Trip to the Police Station is available at cuffsublishing.com.

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State fair attendance up 50 percent in 2013

Event returned more than \$250,000 to community

The expanded 2013 Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi launched several important new initiatives, added additional space to existing attractions, and welcomed 80,000 patrons over the course of Labor Day Weekend, a 50-percent increase from the fair event held in 2012.

"We are deeply grateful for the overwhelming support for the new Michigan State Fair as a private sector event," said Blair Bowman, proprietor of the Suburban Collection Showplace and the Michigan State Fair, A Private Entity, LLC.

"The state fair was truly one of the most community focused, positive events we have ever hosted at the Showplace," Bowman said. "We look very forward to 2014, as we are already formulating ideas and plans for how we can grow the fair and enhance the experience for all who attend."

More than \$250,000 was returned to a wide variety of community and charitable programs as a result of the 2013 Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair, including the Detroit Shriners charities, Rotary and Lions clubs, local police and fire benevolent societies and the city of Novi Parks and Recreation and Public Library programs.

A new Urban and Rural Agricultural

Youth Scholarship Program debuted over the summer, with support from the Detroit Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Detroit Shriners organization, aimed at nurturing interest in growing fresh local food in communities across the state. It was accompanied by the return of the venerable Gold Ribbon Scholarship program, which rewards young exhibitors who excel at county and regional fairs across the state.

Urban Farming Initiatives across the state are serving as an important boost in helping cities reclaim blighted areas and begin to thrive. Beyond growing fresh food for neighborhoods, they also assist with connecting the youngsters involved to greater appreciation and understanding of seasonal cycles, food sources and the earth.

This new Agriculture Youth Scholarship Program has given students an opportunity to be recognized for their work and also highlights the positive impact these initiatives have upon themselves and the communities in which they serve.

In October 2013, all of the young people who were awarded State Fair Scholarship programs were invited by state Sen. Mike Kowall and state Rep. Hugh Crawford to visit the capitol in Lansing. Their accomplishments were recognized on the Senate floor and later they enjoyed a special tour of the state Legislature.

Looking forward to Labor Day Weekend

2014, plans are well under way to again expand the footprint of the Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair westward along the I-96 freeway; doubling the Shrine Circus performance tent area, presented by Bright House Networks; adding additional rides to the Arnold Amusement Midway; and also offering more outdoor attractions for fair goers.

Inside the Suburban Collection Showplace, the Made-In-Michigan Pavilion, livestock exhibits and Farm Market will also be adding more content to their respective indoor sections of the fair. The 2014 Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair will once again be a Pure Michigan partner event.

"The 2013 Fifth Third Bank Michigan State Fair was one of the most gratifying sponsorships I have participated in, over my career at the bank," said Jack Riley, senior vice president of marketing, Fifth Third Bank. "This was truly a fair steeped in the authentic traditions of the state fair during its heyday, now with the modern conveniences of an air conditioned building, ample safe parking and a fabulous midway."

For 2014, sponsorship opportunities are expanding to also include other attractions and elements of the fair. Corporate partners who may wish to participate in this rapidly evolving community event are invited to visit www.MichiganStateFairLLC.com for additional information.

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Teachers hope learning system catches on

By Jay Grossman
Staff Writer

Stacey Mollison wants to help you raise a smarter child, one word at a time.

The Birmingham resident teaches first grade at Forest Elementary School in Farmington. She's also president of Simply Smart Kids, LLC, which is a group of four area educators who want to see kids get off to a better start in school.

They developed a program called Simply Smart START! P.O.W.-E.R. Tools that offers specific strategies on ways parents can talk to their kids to help build language and literacy skills.

"No matter where

your kids are starting, our program will accelerate their progress and help you maximize their potential," Mollison said about the program.

Susan Coon, a Southfield resident and speech-language pathologist at Wood Creek Elementary in Farmington, is a member of the group, along with former educators Berna Ravitz of Bingham Farms and Diane Hanaway of Orchard Lake.

Launched in 2013, the program consists of five DVDs, a guidebook, vocabulary-building cards and other resources. It's available for purchase on the group's website at www.simplysmartkids.com and aimed at children aged newborn through 6 years.

"We were seeing so many kids come into schools - even in kindergarten - that were significantly behind," Coon said.

"We could see first hand and we knew statistically that those kids would never catch up and they would go to middle school and be further behind."

The whole idea, in a nutshell, is to talk more to your child.

According to their research, the more words a child hears from newborn to age 3, the higher their IQ at age 7. Plus, they do much better in school.

"What you say is important, too," Coon said. "That's why our P.O.W.-E.R. Tools teach you five specific strategies - the

five most powerful ways to talk to your kid to make them smarter."

They're committing a portion of their proceeds to battle illiteracy problems in Detroit.

They also want to purchase a camper and turn it into a mobile "Smarty School" that can travel around southeast Michigan to work with families and provide them with free services and materials.

"We all grew up around Detroit and feel passionate about helping this community," Ravitz said.

The company was recently enlisted by Bloomfield Hills Schools Superintendent Rob Glass to provide a six-week seminar for preschool teachers and par-



The Simply Smart team (from left): Berna Ravitz, Susan Coon, Stacey Mollison and Diane Hanaway.

ents. Coon said each session lasted two hours and took the group through different strategies.

"Here's the thing," she said. "Obviously, Bloomfield Hills doesn't need our product as

much as Detroit ... but no matter where your kid is, if you use our strategies, you will maximize their progress."

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Cottage & Lakefront Living, Outdoorama shows hit Novi

The seventh annual Cottage & Lakefront Living Show returns to the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi from Feb. 27 through March 2, and runs in conjunction with Outdoorama. Patrons to either event receive free crossover admission.

"Our preseason event is for anyone who owns or dreams of owning a cottage or lakefront home," said Mike Wilbraham, show producer of ShowSpan, Inc. "We offer vacationers and homeowners the opportunity to explore new ideas and plan for this summer's family experiences and memories."

The Log and Timber Frame Showcase will include how a cabin is put together, floor plans, profiles, roof options, log species, cedar siding, full logs, post and beam and do-it-yourself or contractor built home packages. Builders and contractors will be available for scheduled private consultations through the

show's website.

Cottage Living Stage experts will explain how to set up cottage ownership within a family for sharing and handing down; describe science-based practical application smart gardening designed to be sensitive to the environment, lower the environmental impact and reduce time and money spent on lawns, soil and plants; and explore other ways to enjoy a cottage more.

Michigan Natural Shoreline Partnership will provide informal advice and educational materials from Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Michigan Lake & Stream Association and other agencies, organizations, contractors and landscape professionals on shoreline construction projects and natural shoreline landscaping that benefit lake ecosystems and protect Michigan's inland lakes.

Michigan artists at the



Outdoorama patrons can expect to find great deals on fishing and hunting boats, pontoons, kayaks and pleasure boats, marine accessories, docks, lifts, hunting and fishing gear and camping supplies.

Cottage Fine Art Show will present Great Lakes and Michigan inland lakes steel silhouettes, Petoskey stone art, rustic and driftwood furniture, copper-enameled garden art, jewelry, wood lake art, hand-carved cottage décor and signage, chain-saw carvings and wildlife oil paintings for sale. Home décor, furnishings, decorative accessories, handcrafted ceramic art tiles and gourmet and specialty appetizers and foods will be available for purchase at the Lakefront Marketplace.

The Beach, a giant sandbox complete with carving tools, will be ready for creative building of sand sculptures by children and adults. Sand Pirate Janet Schrader of Fairy Godmother Services in Lakeside, MI, will share the secrets of sand as she builds a giant medieval sandcastle, teaching how to make towers, doors, windows and stairs and hosting a sandcastle contest. Children will have the opportunity to fish at the trout pond fully stocked by Michigan B.A.S.S. Federation Clubs and play in the kid's activity center at the Cran-Hill Family Zone. Michigan Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society, dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of historic boats, will have boats on display.

Cottage Living Center will provide the opportunity to relax and work on

a community puzzle, put a pin in an oversized Michigan map to show where cottages are located, listen to the 2014 Cottage Favorite Play List music and read a 2014 Essential Cottage Reading List book. Patrons owning cottages are able to post them on the Cottage for Sale or Rent Board.

The Water & Woods Photo Contest Display will allow voting for the best photo that captures the cottage and lakefront lifestyles.

Landscaping ideas to increase your outdoor living space are incorporated in landscape displays that include wooden cabins, fireplaces, cooking options, patios, decks and garden products. Other exhibits with information and educational materials for those looking to buy, build, rent or maintain cottage and lakefront property include log, timber frame and cedar homes, cottage rental, cottage furnishings, lakefront home-builders and realtors, lakeshore maintenance, boats and docks, outdoor recreational equipment, non-profit environmental organizations, government agencies, financing and other products and services. Experts throughout the show will provide tips, advice and knowledge on purchasing, renting, planning and maintaining spring, summer and year-round cottage and lakefront living

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Michigan is home to more than 1 million hunters and anglers, many of whom reside within an hour's drive or so of Novi. They will fill the aisles at Outdoorama looking for hot deals on boats and sporting gear, for conservation education that includes nearly 100 free seminars, and for family entertainment and fun. Show patrons can expect to find great deals on fishing and hunting boats, pontoons, kayaks and pleasure boats, marine accessories, docks, lifts, hunting and fishing gear, and camping supplies.

Returning to crowd fanfare are favorite attractions like Big Buck Night (Thursday only), Wildlife Encounters and Ultimate Air Dogs with Milt Wilcox hosting daily demonstrations and weekend competition. For the first time this year Outdoorama patrons may bring their deer, bear, elk and turkey trophies and have them

scored for free by Commemorative Bucks of Michigan and displayed throughout the show for all to see.

Although hunting and fishing are the show's roots, Outdoorama has long appealed to legions of conservationists who enjoy hiking, camping, boating and canoeing, and who pursue bird watching, wildlife photography and mushroom hunting.

"Outdoorama is the epitome of family fun and conservation all wrapped into one spectacular show," show producer Henri Boucher said. "Hunting and fishing are certainly the foundations of the show, but there truly is something for everyone from opportunities for kids to tie flies, catch trout and experience virtual fishing to opportunities for adults to pick up tips on hunting and fishing and learn the facts about conservation efforts taking place in this amazing state."

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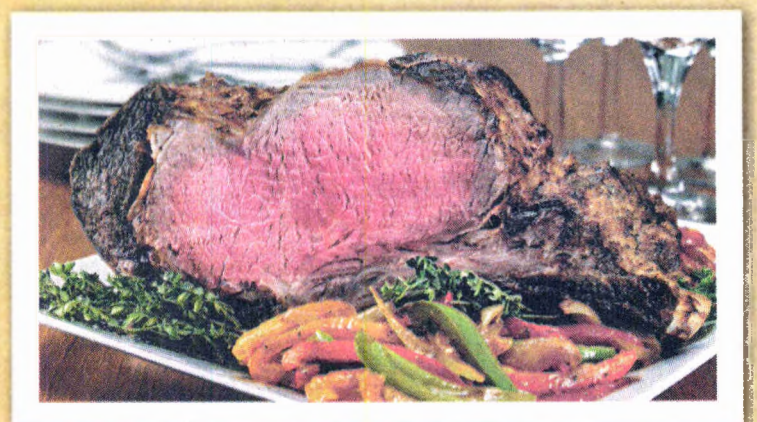
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CC snaps Wildcats' title hopes at Kellogg

Plymouth can't hurdle Shamrocks in bid for Final Four

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Sometimes the luck of the draw as to where in the lineup a match opens can really be a downer.

Consider the Plymouth Wildcats. They were without heavyweight Michael Jordan for Friday's Division 1 team quarterfinals against Novi-Detroit Catholic Central at the

Kellogg Center in Battle Creek.

And that 285-pound bout is where the quarters happened to open, with Ricky Burke filling in admirably for Jordan against Nick Jenkins of the Shamrocks.

Burke did go into deep into the third period before Jenkins pinned him (at 5:24), but it was pretty much all CC throughout the lineup as the Shamrocks

routed Plymouth, 57-9.

"Michael Jordan got hurt last week at regionals, so we didn't have him," Plymouth head wrestling coach Quinn Guernsey said. "It would have been nice had we had gotten him and maybe gotten a little swing at 285 and make it a little more of the right mind-set."

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A GOOD WINTERS NIGHT



Canton senior Rachel Winters (No. 10) waits to make a play while being guarded by Novi's Kerri McMahan (No. 5).



Canton's Natalie Winters (No. 3) brings the basketball up the floor Wednesday night. PHOTOS BY JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

CHIEFS DENIED KLA A TITLE

On Friday night at Waterford Mott, the Canton Chiefs lost 55-43 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association title game.

Canton (16-4) came up just short in trying to win the overall association crown for the third time in five seasons.

The Chiefs jumped out to a 17-16 lead after one quarter, but the offense started sputtering after that as the Corsairs (18-2) pulled ahead 26-24 at halftime and 40-31 after three frames.

Paige Aresco (19 points) and Taylor Hunley (11 points, 10 rebounds) led the Chiefs, who had trouble keeping Mott's Lauren Hung from getting to the foul stripe. Hung scored 28 points, including 15 of 16 from the free-throw line. Mott sank 24 free throws while Canton made 13 of 18 tries.

"I did a terrible job getting us ready to play this game," Chiefs head coach Brian Samulski said. "That's on me, we just didn't do a good job on their best player. And again, you shoot 32 free throws because we're reaching and lunging." Canton will be idle until 7 p.m. Wednesday, when they take on the district-host Northville Mustangs.

Canton sisters frustrate Novi's McMahan in conference showdown

By Tim Smith | Staff Writer

It seemed as though wherever Kerri McMahan tried to maneuver on the basketball floor Wednesday night, one of Canton's Winters sisters was there to stop her progress.

The talented senior point guard for Novi must have thought she was in an office building somewhere, repeatedly getting doors slammed in her face. McMahan's struggles against sophomore guard Natalie Winters throughout

the first half (just four of her 11 points) — and later against senior guard Rachel Winters — had a lot to do with the Wildcats falling 30-20 to host Canton in the KLA A Kensington Conference championship game.

"Awesome job, all that credit goes to Nat," Canton head coach Brian Samulski said. "A tremendous job on her. Kerri's a phenomenal player and Nat should feel good with what she got on the defensive end tonight with that."

Canton (16-3) will look to win the association title for the first time since 2011

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Salem icers rock Chargers, 6-1

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

For much of the season, goals have been tough to come by for the Salem Rocks.

So head coach Ryan Ossenmacher worked with his team on the "smaller things," like going to the front of the net, for starters.

On Wednesday night, all of that extra work paid off big-

time in a 6-1 shellacking of shorthanded Livonia Churchill at Plymouth Cultural Center.

Senior forwards Jason Newel (one goal, three assists) and Jake Sealy (two goals, one assist) keyed the offensive assault launched against two Churchill goaltenders.

"The last couple weeks, we really tried to focus on some of the smaller things that help you score goals," Ossenmacher

said. "The simple plays, they're simple, not easy, is what we've been saying. Going to the net with your stick down, battling in front, putting pucks on net, bad-angle shots."

Shots came from everywhere against Chargers starting goalie David Turel and Chris Adams (who took over in the third with Salem up 5-1).

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Making a rush into the Livonia Churchill zone is Salem forward Steven Homrich (No. 14). Trailing on the play are Churchill's Evan Gibboney (No. 5), Justin O'Brien (No. 11) and Salem's Trevor Mac (No. 24). JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



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Swan song: Penguins seniors 'blast' to coach

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The rivalry in girls hockey between Plymouth-Canton-Salem and Farmington Hills Mercy goes back to when the Penguins' Class of 2014 were just starting out in their varsity careers.

PCS got the best of the Marlins in 2012, winning in triple overtime to win the Division 2 championship in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

And the games since then have been tough, tense affairs.

Tuesday night at Arctic Edge in Canton, on "Senior Night" for the Penguins, Mercy pre-

vailed 2-1 in OT. The teams remain 1-2 in the D2 standings with the postseason around the corner.

"PCS played well but we had a few breakdowns throughout the game which Mercy capitalized on," Penguins head coach Mary Beth Smith said.

Although the Penguins fell short (they're now 8-6-1-1, 18 points; Mercy is first with 20 points), Smith praised her group of seniors.

Those include team captain and defenseman Alexis O'Flynn (who scored an unassisted goal in Tuesday's second period against Mercy goalie Caitlin Somerville), forwards (and assistant

captains) Jenna Carter and Morgan Cusamano and goalies Gwen Gadulka and Becky Lough.

"Jenna, I have had for all four years and she has been an absolute blast to coach," Smith said. "They all have been. It's a great feeling watching these girls become better hockey players and to watch them grow up along the way."

"Alexis and Becky came to us their sophomore year and the three of them (including Carter) won a state title in 2012. Morgan and Gwen came to us their junior years. ... The Class of 2014 will truly be missed."

In the loss to Mercy, Gadulka made 15 saves.



The Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins seniors are: Back row (from left) Morgan Cusamano, captain Alexis O'Flynn and Jenna Carter; front row (from left) Gwen Gadulka and Becky Lough. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Whalers win two of three on road trip

What started as a lousy road trip turned out to be a pretty good one for the Plymouth Whalers.

After getting trounced 9-3 by Guelph Monday, the Whalers rebounded to defeat Sault Ste. Marie on Wednesday and edge Sarnia 3-2 on Friday thanks to a three-goal

second period.

Sarnia jumped out 1-0 in the first period but Connor Chatham evened things up at 4:56 of the second period on an assist from Francesco Viardi.

Danny Vanderwiel then put Plymouth up 2-1 when he scored at 8:59, with assists to Gianluca

Curcuruto and Ryan Hartman.

The Sting made it 2-2 before the end of the frame when Davis Brown beat Whalers goalie Alex Nedeljkovic (28 saves), but that set the stage for Yannick Rathgeb's game winner at 17:53 of the third.

Rathgeb scored on the

power play, set up by Matt Mistele and Chat-ham.

The Whalers (23-29-0-6) were slated to host London on Saturday night.

PLYMOUTH 5, SSM 1: Ryan Hartman scored two goals Wednesday to lift the visiting Plymouth Whalers to this win at Sault Ste. Marie. Also scoring for Plymouth were Francesco Viardi, Zach Lorentz and Yannick Rathgeb while Carter Sandlak collected two assists.

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Both Churchill goalies played as well as they could considering that, according to Salem's score sheet, the Rocks (10-13-1) held an enormous edge in shots on goal.

"You know what? They had seven shots, we had 65," Ossenmacher said. "That's probably the most complete game we've played. We played well."

Churchill head coach Jason Reynolds tipped his cap to the Rocks, but also stressed that three of his top forwards were out of action.

Drew Puishes is sidelined by a concussion and he leads the Chargers (7-15-2) with more than 30 points.

Also not in the lineup Wednesday were C.J. Cromie and Dylan Smith.

"We had to put some lines together on short notice and tried to get everybody up to speed with each other," Reynolds said. "We did a nice job of battling in the first half of the game. Our whole focus was just to try to contain them; they have a pretty potent offense."

"We did a nice job, but in the second half Salem broke it open." Sealy, who now has 12 goals, got Salem off and running in the opening period with assists to Cam Clark and Jason Newel.

Relentless

Salem then poured it on in the second, with goals in succession by

Jason Newel, Noah Saad, Sealy and sophomore winger Evan Newel (Jason's younger brother and linemate who posted one goal and an assist).

The trio of the Newel brothers and Sealy accounted for four goals and five assists, the kind of production Ossenmacher hopes continues 7:30 p.m. Monday in a Division 1 pre-regional contest against Canton (also at PCC).

In the third, Trevor Mac scored on the power play for Salem. Setting up the marker were Jack Driscoll and Clark (three assists).

Also collecting an assist for the Rocks was Steven Homrich.

Churchill's only goal came in the first, when Parker Hodges set up Nolan Cioch.

That was the only puck to get past Salem senior goalie Parker Godfrey.

PRE-REGIONALS ON TAP: All three teams from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park are competing at a Division 1 pre-regional at Plymouth Cultural Center.

First up will be Salem and Canton, squaring off at 7:30 p.m. Monday. The winner of that match-up faces Plymouth in a game slated for 7 p.m. Wednesday.

The regional final will be Sunday, March 1, at the Dearborn Ice Skating Center.

PLYMOUTH 4, HARTLAND 3: Two powerhouse squads squared off Monday at Arctic Edge and the Wildcats (12-9-3) came away with an impressive one-goal win. Plymouth outscored Lakes Conference champion Hartland 2-1 in the decisive third period. The Eagles dropped to 14-4-1 with the loss.

Four players registered a goal and an assist: Mitchell Lopetrone, Mike Schultz, Charlie Supernois and Colin Staub.

Stopping 24 of 27 shots for the victory was goalie Jared Maddock.

"It was a great test for us against a quality opponent that is well-coached," Plymouth head coach Gerry Vento said. "The players know that playoffs are around the corner and that now is the time to start playing playoff hockey. They are a very focused group."

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Canton players and coaches hoist the Kensington Conference and KLA South Division trophies in jubilation following Wednesday's win over Novi. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

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(when Rachel Winters, Paige Aresco, Taylor Hunley and Shannon Perry were freshmen) at 7 p.m. Friday at Lakes Conference champion Waterford Mott (17-2).

"We knew we had to stop her dribble drive, she's a very good player," Rachel Winters said about McMahan. "Natalie did a great job on her in the beginning and then I switched on to her."

"Our team helped off

of her really well, too, and we just tried to get her stopped."

It wasn't until the final minute of the game before McMahan reached double figures in scoring, tallying Novi's only two points of the fourth quarter (with the game decided) on foul shots.

Breathing room

Rachel Winters (nine points) was a key in the Chiefs finally cracking the ice on offense, too. But that didn't happen until the fourth quarter, which began with Canton trailing 18-16.

She opened the final quarter with a game-tying jumper from the left corner and followed a minute later with a trey from the same side of the floor to put the Chiefs in front 21-18 with 6:10 left.

Unwavering defensive pressure by the Chiefs led to back-to-back turnovers by Novi.

Hunley (11 points, 10 rebounds) cashed in with successive layups and, all of a sudden, a tightly contested game was 25-18 with five minutes remaining. The Wildcats would not add to their total until McMahan's

late free throws.

"Every time we play Novi, you know it's going to be a defensive battle," Samulski said. "I thought we guarded well all night; towards the end we were able to get some open looks."

"Rach hit some big shots on the wing, Taylor get some scores inside with Paige feeding her from top. It went from there. But the key is, if you guard and rebound, you'll have a chance."

Aresco chipped in seven points.

Other than McMahan, the Wildcats (15-4) received five points from Taylor Pavlika and four points from Kristen Schubring.

Samulski's communication and motivation skills also helped the cause.

He turned up the volume during an urgent full timeout in the third, with Novi leading 15-14 and Canton grasping at offensive straws.

"He told us to calm down, play our game," Rachel Winters said. "Don't worry about the officials and just keep plugging through."

And that is what the Chiefs will need to do to win the association title Friday night and have any success in the state tournament (which begins next week).

"At this point in time in the year, game 20, game 19, game 18, you're always playing good people," Samulski said. "It is what it is. We'll go and play someone good and we'll see what we can do."



Churchill goaltender Chris Adams (No. 31) makes the save on Salem's Richie Corson (right) as teammates Dan Hudy (left) and Evan Gibboney (No. 5) converge on the play. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Rocks baseball clinic

The Salem Rocks Dugout Club announced the annual varsity baseball clinic is scheduled for Saturday, March 29, in the Salem High School gymnasium.

Session 1 (players ages 7-10) is set to run from 9 a.m. to noon. Session 2 (players ages 11-15) is from 1-4 p.m.

Cost is \$30 per session. A snack will be served after each session and each participant will receive a T-shirt.

Visit www.rocksbaseball.com to download a flier or call Anne Driscoll at 734-392-4901.

Little League walkups

Plymouth-Canton

Little League is having walk-in registration from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Courthouse Grille (Beacon Room), 41661 Plymouth Road in Plymouth.

Additional spots have just opened for more teams but are filling up fast. Contact info@ply-canll.com or visit www.ply-canll.com.

Girls lax meeting

A player/parent informational meeting for any student-athlete interested in playing Salem girls lacrosse (JV and varsity) is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26.

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P-CEP gymnastics teams eye regional

Chiefs, Wildcats, Rocks all finish in top 10 at KLAA meet; regional March 1 at Plymouth

The girls gymnastics season is coming down the home stretch and Plymouth-Canton Educational Park teams are in the thick of things.

With the regional looming Saturday, March 1, at Plymouth, the Kensington Lakes Activities Association conference meet held Feb. 15 at Walled Lake Central served as a sneak preview.

The top three KLAA finishers — Canton (145.200), Plymouth (141.700) and Livonia Blue (140.85) — will all be at the Plymouth regional.

KLAA member's Livonia Red (sixth, 133.925), Northville

(eighth, 131.650) and Salem (10th, 127.525) will be joined by Adrian, Dearborn Edsel Ford, Dearborn Fordson, Grosse Pointe South, Saline and Tecumseh.

The top three teams there advance to the state finals the following weekend at Plymouth.

Saturday's performance for Canton (10-0) continued season-long excellence.

In Division 1 competition, Jocelyn Moraw and Melissa Green tied for third place in all-around (36.8) with Moraw finishing second on vault (9.4) and floor exercise (9.45). Also

in D1 for Canton, Maddie Toal contributed three nines while Stephanie Cox medaled in all four events.

Plymouth's Haley Metz (fifth, 36.425), Simu (eighth, 34.550) and Salem's Alexia Fratzeskakis (tied for ninth, 34.075) all had outstanding scores in the all-around.

Other top D1 scores from Park performers included Simu (tied for fourth on vault, 9.250; ninth on floor, 8.975), Metz (tied for sixth on vault, 9.200; fifth on beam, 9.250; eighth on floor, 9.075), Fratzeskakis (fourth on beam, 9.300; tied for fifth on floor, 9.150).

Canton's Hailey Hodgson was D2 champion on vault (9.225) and floor (9.3).

In other D2 scores, Kayla

Janevski of the Wildcats came in second on vault with a total of 9.175 while Plymouth teammate Katie Salanga placed third on beam (9.350) and fifth on floor (9.100). Also registering a nine on floor was Plymouth's Brenna Connelly (seventh, 9.100).

KENSINGTON LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GIRLS GYMNASICS MEET Feb. 15 at Walled Lake Central
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Canton, 145.200 points; 2. Plymouth, 141.700; 3. Livonia Blue, 140.850; 4. Howell, 140.500; 5. Brighton, 139.575; 6. Livonia Red, 133.925; 7. Walled Lake Maroon, 132.275; 8. Northville, 131.650; 9. Huron Valley Milford-Lakeland, 128.675; 10. Salem, 127.525; 11. Waterford, 123.525; 12. Walled Lake Gold, 121.175.

DIVISION 1 RESULTS
Vault: 1. Margo Mekjian (Brighton), 9.425; 2. Jocelyn Moraw (Canton), 9.400; 4. (tie) Maddie Toal (Canton), Rereca Simu (Plymouth), Melissa Green (Canton), 9.250; 6. (tie) Melissa Green (Canton), Haley Metz (Plymouth), 9.200; 8. Stephanie Cox (Canton), 8.800; 10. Alexia Fratzeskakis (Salem), 8.375.
Uneven bars: 1. Mekjian (Brighton), 9.2, 4. (tie) Green (Canton), Metz (Plymouth), 8.900.

Balance beam: 1. Moraw (Canton), 9.55; 4. Fratzeskakis (Salem), 9.300; 5. Metz (Plymouth), 9.250; 6. Green (Canton), 9.200; 7. Toal (Canton), 9.100; 10. Cox (Canton), 8.750.

Floor exercise: 1. Green (Canton), 9.5; 3. (tie) Moraw (Canton), Paige Blythe (Howell), 9.450; 5. (tie) Fratzeskakis (Salem), Shannon Ryan (Maroon), 9.150; 7. Toal (Canton), 9.100; 8. Metz (Plymouth), 9.075; 9. Simu (Plymouth), 8.975; 10. Cox (Canton), 8.800.

All-around: 1. Paige Blythe (Howell), 36.875; 3. (tie) Moraw (Canton), Green (Canton), 36.800; 5. Metz (Plymouth), 36.425; 6. Toal (Canton), 35.675; 8. Simu (Plymouth), 34.550; 9. (tie) Fratzeskakis (Salem), Claire Waters (Brighton), 34.075.

DIVISION 2 RESULTS
Vault: 1. Hailey Hodgson (Canton), 9.225; 2. Kayla Janevski (Plymouth), 9.175; 5. (tie) Katie Salanga (Plymouth), Samantha Fortana (Plymouth), 8.900.

Uneven bars: 1. Jess Weak (Blue), 8.75; 4. Paulette Martino (Salem), 8.300; 5. Emily Welch (Plymouth), 8.275; 8. (tie) Ellie Bachman (Canton), 8.175.

Balance beam: 1. Sammi Pugini (Gold), 9.65; 3. Salanga (Plymouth), 9.350; 9. Jessica Siegler (Canton), 8.850.

Floor exercise: 1. Hodgson (Canton), 9.3; 5. Salanga (Plymouth), 9.175; 7. Brenna Connelly (Plymouth), 9.100.

All-around: 1. Rhoad (Blue), 35.475; 5. Hodgson (Canton), 34.525; 9. Connelly (Plymouth), 34.050.

Powerful Marian wallops Stevenson

PCA bounces back from loss

After losing Sunday's Catholic League A-B Division girls basketball championship to Farmington Hills Mercy on a last-second shot, state-ranked Birmingham Marian was bound to take its frustrations on somebody else Wednesday night.

The unfortunate victim was host Livonia Stevenson as the Mustangs dominated from start to finish en route to a convincing non-conference 60-24 victory.

The Mustangs jumped out to a 23-8 first-quarter lead and never looked back in dropping the Spartans to 11-8 overall.

Bailey Thomas paced Marian with 13 points, while Brittany Gray and Kara Holinski chipped in 12 and 11, respectively.

Rachel Wilkinson and Rosie Morse tallied six and five, respectively, for Stevenson.

PCA 42, LUTH. N'WEST 27: Plymouth Christian Academy (10-9, 7-6 in the MIAC Red Division) shut down Lutheran Northwest (4-20, 2-12) in Friday's first half taking a 20-9 lead and never relinquished control.

Senior Rachel Smith led all scorers with 16 points for the Eagles while senior teammate Jen Malcolm scored 10 and grabbed 12 boards. Other PCA scorers included senior Rachel Fuller and freshman Aliyah Pries (seven each) and freshman Lydia Chapel (two points). "It was nice to see the freshmen get into the scorebook," PCA head coach Rod Wingle said. "Our commitment to defending the ball really paid off tonight."

ROEPER 62, PCA 54: After falling behind 33-20 at halftime Monday, Plymouth Christian Academy showed some fight with a gritty second half, but the Eagles ultimately came up a little bit short.

Rooper improved to 15-3 overall and 10-2 in the MIAC Blue Division while PCA dropped to 9-9, 6-6.

Rachel Smith nearly brought the Eagles back by herself. She drained five treys in the second half and finished with 30 points to lead all scorers.

Also having solid showings for PCA were Rachael Fuller (13 points) and Jen Malcolm (10 points, seven rebounds).

OUR LADY 37, LADYWOOD 28: Anna Robb scored 13 points, including three triples, to propel Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes (7-12) to a Catholic League crossover win Wednesday at Livonia Ladywood (2-17).

The Lakers, last year's Class D state runner-up and state champion the previous three years (2012, 2011 and 2010), jumped out to a 12-2 first quarter lead.

Ladywood cut the deficit to 24-19 entering the fourth quarter, but couldn't get any closer.

Erika Selakowski scored 11 points for the Blazers, who shot 12-of-48 from the floor (25 points). Amber Riehmiller added six points, while Molly McClorey grabbed five rebounds. Shelby Mann added nine for Lakes.

WRESTLING

MHSAA DIVISION 1 TEAM WRESTLING QUARTERFINALS NOVI-DETROIT CC 57 PLYMOUTH 9
Feb. 21 at Battle Creek
285 pounds: Nick Jenkins (DCC) pinned Ricky Burke, 5:24; **103:** Davis Rastigue (DCC) major decision over Zach Lundburg, 9:1; **112:** Brandon Harris (P) decisioned Tommy Herrmann, 6:1; **119:** Trevor Ddebski (DCC) decisioned Mohamad Youssef, 7:3; **125:** Evan Toth (DCC) p. Spencer Schiffr, 2:19; **130:** Dylan Dwyer (P) p. Greg Johnson, 3:02; **135:** Eli Joseph (DCC) maj. dec. Daniel Ahearn, 10:2; **140:** Myles Amine (DCC) dec. Thomas Eschelbach, 7:0; **145:** Malik Amine (DCC) dec. Sofus Nielson, 4:0; **152:** Nick Bennett (DCC) p. Sam Campbell, 0:19; **160:** Tyler Morland (DCC) maj. dec. Joey Shaver, 11:3; **171:** Drew Garcia (DCC) p. Tarek Tamimi, 0:40; **189:** Nick Geise (DCC) p. Hussein Youssef, 1:31; **215:** Jimmy Russell (DCC) p. Jake Noll, 1:36.

Catholic Central: 16-4 overall; **Plymouth:** 36-5 overall.

DAVISON 68 LIVONIA FRANKLIN 0
Feb. 21 at Battle Creek
285 pounds: Dakota Powers (D) pinned Jeremy Castillo, 0:21; **103:** Jacob Alvarez (D) p. Rocco Ciaramitaro, 1:31; **112:** Max Johnson (D) won by technical fall over Jeremy Nelson, 16:0 (3:06); **119:** Devon Perez (D) p. Nathan Atienza, 0:40; **125:** Lincoln Olson (D) p. Nathan Atienza, 3:22; **130:** Derek Humphrey (D) won by major decision over Adam Ross, 16:7; **135:** Matthew Miller (D) p. Collin Smith, 0:55; **140:** Justin Oliver (D) p. Donny Terry, 0:55; **145:** Dominic Russ (D) p. Austin Steele, 0:43; **152:** Brenden McRill (D) decisioned Nick Frazier, 7:3; **160:** Thomas Garty (D) tech. fall Mitchell Retting, 16:1 (2:44); **171:** Mark Lange (D) dec. Dan Huber, 10:6; **189:** Jordan Cooks (D) dec. Jordan Atienza, 7:6; **215:** Jake Ellis (D) dec. Joe Fortin, 4:3.

Davison: 23-4 overall; **Franklin:** 16-7 overall.

No. 7 Skippers post 95-50 win vs. Lady Ocelots

MU women give up 116 in WHAC setback

It was a night to forget for the Schoolcraft College women's basketball team.

On Wednesday, the host Lady Ocelots took on nationally-ranked St. Clair County Community and got thumped, 95-50.

The first-place Skippers, rated No. 7 in the latest NJCAA Division II poll, improved to 22-2 overall and 15-0 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association Eastern Conference.

Sheyna Deans scored a game-high 25 points, while Ta'kira Height (13), Rachel Kehoe (12) and Andranay Beverly (10) also scored in double figures for St. Clair.

Schoolcraft, which slipped to 10-15 overall and 6-9 in the conference, fell behind 48-14 at halftime. The Lady Ocelots shot only 26.2 percent from the floor (17-of-65) and committed 35 turnovers.

Salem grads Brianna Berberet (10 points) and Tabitha

Mann (11 rebounds) were the top two standouts for Schoolcraft.

Crusaders crushed

Jackie Hood tallied 23 points to lead six players in double figures Wednesday as host Lawrence Tech (12-16, 10-11) cruised to a 116-87 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory over Madonna University (12-16, 10-11) at Ridler Field House in Southfield.

Brenda Davis contributed 22 points and dished out 10 assists for the Blue Devils,

who enjoyed a commanding 53-34 halftime advantage.

Also netting double figures for Tech were Maegan Branham (19), Allison Bicknell (18), Makenzie Svihira (14) and Allison Kitchen (11).

Tech's Hali Butler also grabbed 15 rebounds.

Junior guard Rachel Melcher paced the Crusaders with 26 points and 11 rebounds, while Lizzy Otten and Chelsea Williams (Livonia Franklin) scored 20 and 14, respectively.

MU shot 42.3 percent from the floor (33-of-73), including 0-of-31 from beyond the arc.

Plymouth wraps up tourney on winning note

Wildcats top Howell; prepare for match with rival Salem

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

It wasn't for all the KLAA marbles, but Plymouth's varsity girls basketball team came away with a pretty nice consolation prize Friday night.

The Wildcats defeated host Howell 54-48 in a matchup of KLAA division runner-ups. Plymouth finished the regular season with a 16-4 record while the Highlanders dropped to 15-5.

Plymouth and first-year

head coach Nick Brandon now gear up for the next challenge, a 7 p.m. Monday tip-off against campus rival Salem in the opener of the Northville district.

"These two teams know each other so well, it's really going to come down to who wants it more," Brandon said. "We'll prepare hard to battle a very tough Rocks team."

Howell was pretty tough, too, rallying from a 16-11 deficit after one quarter to pull to within 41-40 after three.

The win wasn't sealed up until less than a minute to go, when junior post Patti Begoske (six points off the bench) sank a jumper. Following that up with a layup was senior center Shelby Cheston (off a dish from senior wing Jada Woody) to finish off the Highlanders.

Cheston (12 points) and Woody (11 points) were strong on offense while junior wing Kendall Wing led the Wildcats with 17 points.

"Kendall Rose is a pretty underrated player for us," Brandon said. "And everyone should really start taking notice because she is a pretty

special player and competitor."

Brandon added that it was good to see how his team responded when Howell tried to rally.

"We certainly didn't play our best game defensively," he continued. "But the thing I'm most pleased about this win is that we finished strong against a good team in the last couple minutes, which is an important step for our progress."

"We played smart, took care of the ball, and made some gutsy shots late to close a great road win."

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Naubert sits down, but Madonna wins

Malone fills in admirably with 19 points

With injured All-American Bobby Naubert out of the lineup Wednesday night, freshman point guard Khalil Malone proved a capable stand-in.

The 5-foot-9 Malone scored a team-high 19 points as the Madonna University men's basketball team scored a 76-67 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference over host Lawrence Tech at Ridler Field House in Southfield.

Malone, who hails from Waterford Mott, also dished out three assists as the Crusaders shot 54 percent from the floor (27-of-50) to improve to 19-10 overall and 15-6 in the WHAC.

Also scoring for Madonna in double figures were Salem's Tyler Stewart (11), Derek Lennen (10) and Travis Schuba (10).

Jon Harden paced the Blue Devils (5-24, 3-18) and all scorers with 26 points, while Jake Mullin and Brad Watterworth chipped in 14 and 10, respec-

tively.

Schoolcraft loses

Eleven players scored Wednesday as visiting St. Clair County Community College (15-11, 8-7) earned a 75-66 MCCA Eastern Conference victory over turnover-plagued Schoolcraft College (13-12, 6-9).

Matthew VanDyk led the Skippers' balanced attack with 16 points and 12 rebounds, while Matthew Russell contributed 14 points. Joemar Black also grabbed 10 rebounds to go with eight points.

Schoolcraft, which trailed only 35-34 at halftime, was led by Canton's Terrell Sewell, who had 20 points and nine rebounds.

Redford Thurston's Terrence Coles finished with 16 points and 10 boards, while Andrew Mapley grabbed a game-high 16 rebounds. Nathan Kamal also scored 12 points.

Schoolcraft shot only 12-of-26 from foul line and committed 37 turnovers.

Hot shooting lifts Chiefs past Hartland

Plymouth downs Stevenson in KLAA consolation round

The Canton Chiefs got back on track Thursday night with a 51-26 victory over Hartland in a KLAA consolation bracket boys basketball game.

Canton (12-6) built a 22-13 halftime lead before breaking the game open in the third, outscoring Eagles by a 20-4

margin to go up 42-17 entering the fourth.

A 59-percent clip from the floor (22-37) spearheaded the victory, as did a balanced attack.

Jordan Nobles led the way with 18 points and Javon Taylor added 10 points and a team-high five rebounds.

Junior guard Greg Williams had 12 points and five assists.

Scoring four points each for the Chiefs were JaJuan Sturdivant and sophomore Logan Ryan.

PLYMOUTH 65, STEVENSON 49: Randall Aikins scored 18 points and Brent Davis added 13 as the Wildcats (10-9) earned the KLAA consolation round victory Thursday over host Livonia Stevenson (5-14).

Junior guard Noah Campbell led the Spartans, who trailed 36-18 at halftime, with a game-high 24 points. He nailed three triples in the final quarter.

Other contributors for Plymouth included Josh Reynolds (seven points, eight rebounds),

Chris Walls (eight points) and Deji Adebisi (six points, six rebounds).

Plymouth was 10-of-14 from the foul line, while Stevenson was 6-of-7.

PCA 78, LUTHERAN N'WEST 49: Plymouth Christian Academy's offense came alive Friday against Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

Jacob Bailey scored 27 points for PCA (3-14) while Daniel Jipping contributed 17 points and 10 assists.

WRESTLING

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"When that happened, it kind of set the tone for the rest of the day."

Plymouth's lone points were scored by Brandon Harris (a 6-1 decision over Tommy Herrmann at 112) and 130-pounder Dylan Dwyer (who pinned Greg Johnson in 3:02).

"Brandon (Harris) wrestled really well. Dylan (Dwyer) wrestled really well," Guernsey said. "Dylan is very dangerous. He's probably one of the most dangerous kids in the state. He's definitely one of the more dangerous kids on our team. He catches kids all the time. He's good at it."

"I wasn't surprised, even

though the kid he wrestled was very tough, but he catches tough kids pretty regularly. That was a great catch for us at states."

The Wildcats, who finished 36-5 but garnered their first team regional championship in history, could not stem the tide after falling behind quickly.

Catholic Central (boasting a 16-4 record entering Saturday's Final Four), responded to one of the team's few missteps, when Johnson was brought down by Dwyer (which made it a 19-9 score).

Sizzling Shamrocks

All that did was get the Shamrocks even more fired up; they reeled off the final eight bouts, including six either by fall or major decision.

It took Nick Bennett 19 sec-

onds to pin his opponent at 152 and Drew Garcia required less than a minute to finish his bout at 171.

"We were aggressive today and I liked that," Catholic Central head coach Mitch Hancock said. "We had a couple of links in that lineup that Plymouth considered as swing matches and I thought we dominated, especially at 103."

"We lost that match earlier in the year 7-2, so to reverse that situation and win by a major (decision), I think shows a lot, especially for Davis Rastigue. I thought our guys wrestled well."

Hancock stressed that the strong schedule the Shamrocks face is an important factor in their success.

"We wrestled five top 20 teams in the country and I

think our guys will be ready come tomorrow morning," Hancock said. "We don't try and feed our guys a false sense of confidence. We're going to get beat up a little bit during the year. You've got to learn and grow from it."

Guernsey, meanwhile, complimented his team, but also tried to help keep some perspective as the Wildcats look to build on their greatest season in history.

"They (CC) are a program and we're having a good season," Guernsey said. "We need to try and work in the off-season, hopefully build on that and be back here next year and not be the sixth seed."

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Salem boys bowlers rolling into postseason

Seven individuals from P-CEP teams qualify for D1 regionals

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The Salem varsity boys bowling team wouldn't mind turning an outstanding season into a "Super" one next week-end.

Having won the KLAA Central Division with an undefeated record in dual meets — and with all five varsity rollers averaging 200 pins per game or more — the Rocks entered the Division 1 regionals Friday and Saturday at Super Bowl in Canton. Friday's results were not available as of press time.

After having plenty of success during the regular slate of matches, Salem qualified for the regionals with a fourth-place finish Feb. 14 at Grand Blanc Lanes, at the KLAA tournament. The Rocks were defeated 178-154-181 to 175-181-173 by eventual tourney champion South Lyon.

As for playoff qualifiers, Salem placed fourth with 3,073 pins, trailing Wayne Memorial (3,138), Waterford Kettering (3,131) and Walled Lake Northern (3,081). Canton registered 2,959 pins for seventh.

"The boys worked really hard this season, they performed as a true team," said Salem coach Kathie Hahn, who worked in tandem with coach Glenn Clark. "When one was down the others picked them up, they feed off each other, make suggestions to each other and support each other."



Macunovich

"As a coach what more can you ask for, they made our job as coaches much more enjoyable to sit back and watch."

Salem's lineup of 200 bowlers includes Nolan Rudis (212 average), captain Steven Cadwell (211), co-captain Tyler Snyder (210), Brandon Allison (203) and Tyler Ridgeway (201).

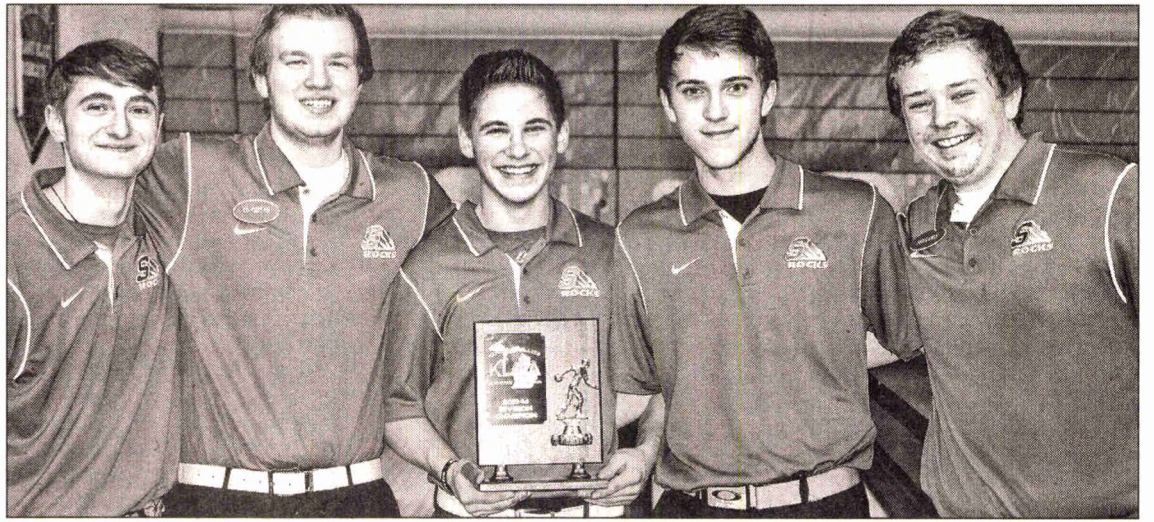
All but Ridgeway were named to the all-KLAA team for high averages, as were Canton's Josh Pozan (209.6), Aaron Madsen (209.3) and Michael Richards (204.8).

"They choose the top 21 kids from the KLAA," Hahn said. "Salem had four boys and Canton had three. Seven boys is a great showing for the Park."

Canton coach Kurt Brubaker, whose boys team went 9-3, lauded the efforts turned in all season by seniors Pozan and Richards and junior Madsen, along with seniors Trent Montgomery, Nick Blain and sophomore Mitchell Zelenak.

Contributing as needed were junior varsity bowlers Josh Criscenti, Jacob Peltz, Teddy Lang (all juniors) and sophomore Tyler Pozan.

"Those players will fit in very well with the returning players we have," said Brubaker, adding that the future of the team looks solid because there are enough bowlers to com-



The KLAA Central Division champion Salem Rocks include (from left) Tyler Ridgeway, Brandon Allison, Tyler Snyder, Nolan Rudis and Steven Cadwell.

prise a second JV unit.

Peltz in particular shows promise. He was the runner-up in the singles event at the JV state championship in Sterling Heights.

KLAA girls tourney

Canton's girls bowling team finished sixth at the KLAA tourney, also Feb. 14 at Grand Blanc Lanes.

The Chiefs reached the quarterfinals before being defeated by Walled Lake Central (the tourney champs), 192-177 to 127-166.

A bright spot for Canton was Meghan Macunovich. She was the first-place individual finisher with a 170-255-425 series.

Macunovich also was named to the all-KLAA team. The freshman's season average of 204.93 was third highest in the conference.



All-KLAA boys bowling team selections include (from left) Canton's Aaron Madsen, Salem's Nolan Rudis, Salem's Brandon Allison, Canton's Michael Richards, Salem's Tyler Snyder and Steven Cadwell and Canton's Josh Pozan.

KENSINGTON LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION BOWLING TOURNAMENT Feb. 14 at Grand Blanc Lanes BOYS RESULTS

Championship final: South Lyon (151-195) defeated Waterford Kettering (138-166).
Semifinals: South Lyon (178-154-181) def. Salem (175-181-173); Kettering (158-154-209) def. Westland John Glenn (136-162-182).
Quarterfinals: South Lyon (213-175) def. Wayne Memorial (144-125); Kettering (183-179) def. Canton (180-169); John Glenn (180-201-178) def. Walled Lake Northern (192-160-136); Salem (182-208) def. Grand Blanc (146-177).
Playoff qualifiers: 1. Wayne, 3,138; 2. Kettering, 3,131; 3. W.L. Northern, 3,081; 4. Salem, 3,073; 5. Grand Blanc, 3,054; 6. John Glenn, 2,965; 7. Canton, 2,959; 8. South Lyon, 2,950.

Top individual scorer: Cody Townsend (Kettering), 290-203-493 (series).

GIRLS RESULTS
Championship final: Walled Lake Central (170-176) defeated John Glenn (161-162).
Semifinals: W.L. Central (163-153-191) def. Waterford Mott (183-147-119); John Glenn (160-146) def. South Lyon (125-135).
Quarterfinals: W.L. Central (192-177) def. Canton (127-166); John Glenn (156-194) def. Northville (118-134); South Lyon (145-135) def. Grand Blanc (132-112); Mott (217-188-183) def. Wayne (211-142-163).
Playoff qualifiers: 1. John Glenn, 2,735; 2. Mott, 2,658; 3. W.L. Central, 2,617; 4. South Lyon, 2,580; 5. Grand Blanc, 2,577; 6. Canton, 2,558; 7. Wayne, 2,504; 8. Northville, 2,475.
Top individual scorer: Meghan Macunovich (Canton), 170-255-425 (series).

Madonna cagers Naubert, Melcher named to All-Academic team

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Madonna University's Bobby Naubert and Rachel Melcher have proven to be as adept in the classroom as they are on the basketball court.

Melcher, a redshirt junior guard from Birmingham Mar-ian, became the first MU women's basketball player in school history to be named to the Capital One Academic All-America first team as selected by the members of the College Sports Information Directors

of America (CoSIDA).

Naubert, a senior guard from Livonia Stevenson, was named to the Capital One Academic All-America second team for the second straight year.

Melcher's and Naubert's selections give Madonna its 13th and 14th Academic All-America honorees since 2005.

A Sterling Heights native, Melcher also earned NAIA Scholar-Athlete and Academic All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference honors as a sophomore and will repeat both of

those honors this season.

A biology major with a 3.96 grade point average, Melcher leads the Crusaders in scoring (15.9 points), rebounds (8.8), assists (3.81) and steals (1.74) per game.

She is currently 27th nationally with 237 total rebounds and ranks 34th in rebounds per game.

Naubert also earned NAIA Scholar-Athlete and Academic All-WHAC selections as a junior and will repeat both of those honors this season.

A history and social studies

major with a 3.68 G.P.A., Naubert earned WHAC Player of the Year and NAIA All-America second team honors as a junior as the Crusaders earned their first WHAC tournament championship and inaugural bid to the NAIA National Championship.

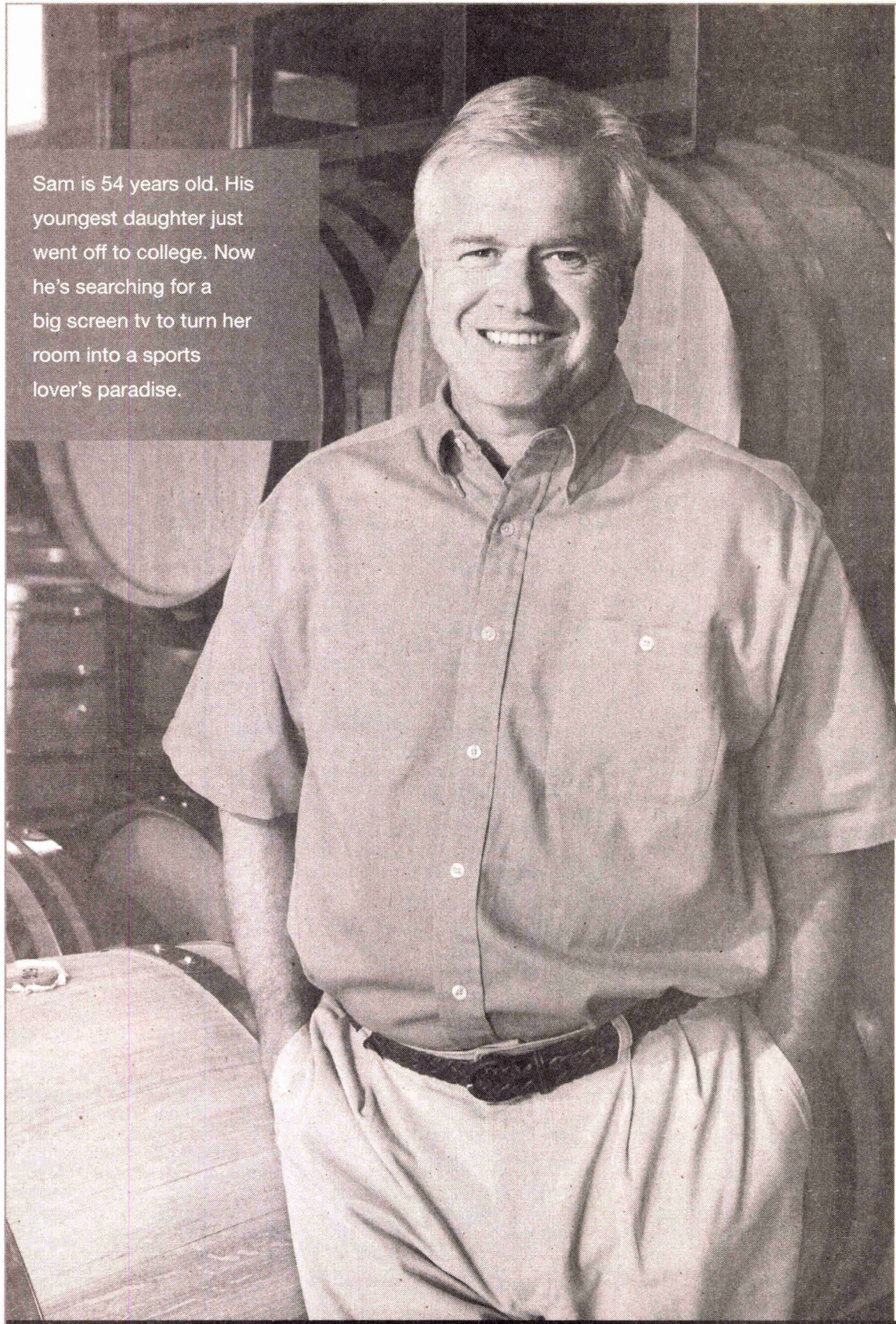
This season, the 5-foot-10 Naubert leads MU in points (18.1) and assists (6.0) per game. He is also second on the team in rebounds (4.1).

On Feb. 12 against the University of Michigan-Dearborn, Naubert became the first play-

er in WHAC history to record 1,800 career points, 700 assists and 500 rebounds.

He currently ranks first in the WHAC and third nationally in total assists (169) and assists per game.

To be eligible for Capital One Academic All-America team, a student-athlete must be nominated by the school's sports information director as well as be a starter or key reserve, a sophomore academically and athletically, as well as possess a 3.3 GPA or higher.



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Obese children risk more injury from simple falls

A new study from the University of Michigan Health System found that obese children may sustain more serious elbow injuries from a simple fall than children of normal weight.

Obese children who experience a common above-the-elbow fracture — called a supracondylar humeral fracture — are at greater risk of bone, joint and nerve damage that sets them up for long-term health problems, according to the findings that appear in the February issue of the *Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery*.

“Something as simple and

common as falling onto an outstretched hand while playing at the playground can have far greater health consequences for children who are diagnosed as obese,” said senior author Dr. Michelle S. Caird, M.D., assistant professor in the department of orthopedic surgery at the U-M Medical School.

“There are many serious risks to childhood obesity, including fractures and surgi-



Caird

cal complications. It's important that children get the proper amount of exercise in order to strengthen their bones early in life.”

Similar studies have shown that overweight children who break their femur — or thigh bone — are more likely to need bigger surgery and have more complications than children who are not overweight.

“Future research needs to focus on modifying obesity in kids to see how that impacts fracture complexity and above-the-elbow fractures,” Caird said. “We should also explore ways to improve child-

hood bone health overall whether that means more calcium, vitamin D, exercise or a combination of such measures to help build and maintain a skeleton that can structurally and metabolically support the person through their lifetime.”

Caird offers these tips to help children build strong bones:

» Get enough calcium and Vitamin D in kids' diets while maintaining a healthy weight. Vitamin D is found in Vitamin D-fortified milk and a daily Vitamin D supplement as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

» Good sources of calcium include dairy products, such as milk, and leafy green vegetables.

» Daily exercise in the form of weight-bearing sports like walking, hiking, soccer, and basketball helps strengthen bones.

» Focus on healthy safe play and careful team play with attention to cross training to avoid overuse injuries.

» Keep regular visits to the pediatrician or family doctor to maintain kids' good health.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

UPCOMING

AARP driving course

The AARP Smart Driving program is an eight-hour classroom refresher course for experienced motorists, 50 and older. It runs 12:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, March 12-13, in classroom 11 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, located at Five Mile and Levan, in Livonia. Participants will learn how to sharpen their driving skills, and develop strategies for adjusting to age-related changes in vision, hearing, and reaction time. They also will learn about the effects of medications on driving performance, about car safety, maintenance of the vehicle, and ways to prevent accidents. Registration and attendance at both sessions are required. No walk-ins. \$15 fee for AARP members and \$20 fee for nonmembers. Register by calling 734-655-8950.

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 drives

» 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.

» 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, March 6, in the North Auditorium of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit redcrossblood.org. Appointment signups are also available in the hospital cafeteria. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are preferred.

» 6:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Monday, March 3, at Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile, Southfield. Register at www.redcrossblood.org and enter the code, PROV5FLD or call Abigail Goffin at 248-849-3067. Walk-ins welcome.

Breakfast class

A registered dietitian from Botsford Hospital will show how eating a healthy breakfast can help you stay healthy, 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at Busch's Fresh Food Market, 24445 Drake, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$5 and includes recipes, food samples, nutritional advice and a \$5 Busch's coupon. Tickets available from Busch's Guest Services Counter or by phoning 248-427-7400.

Celiac support

Chef Doug Cordier will prepare two gluten-free soups and will provide basic nutritional instruction at the next meeting of the Tri County Celiac Support Group, March 10, at First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Doors open at 6:30

p.m. and the meeting begins at 7 p.m.

Cooking class

Learn to make healthy slow-cooked stews at a class led by chef Rebecca Wauldron, 6-7 p.m. Thursday, March 6, at Busch's Fresh Food Market, 33300 W. 14 Mile, West Bloomfield. Cost is \$10 and includes recipes, samples, nutritional advice, and a \$10 Busch's coupon. Tickets available from Busch's guest services counter or by calling 248-539-4581. Registration required.

Drug series

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

» Mary Jo Desprez, M.A., will provide an overview of the national and local 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.

First responder training

Huron Valley Ambulance is forming a volunteer medical first responder team and will hold eight-week training classes for participants interested in volunteering at community events or assisting with community awareness programs and administrative tasks. An informational meeting is set for 6 p.m. Thursday, March 20, at Emergent Health Partners, 1200 State Circle, Ann Arbor. The free classes run from 6-10:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, beginning May 6. After completing the course,



Participants of Walk with a Doc on the trail at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills. The first walk of the season is March 20.

participants take a state exam for certification. Call 734-477-6331 for more information.

Hearing loss support

Don Evans of Zounds Hearing Center will talk about the company's product and answer questions at the next meeting of The Hearing Loss Association of America, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. For more information, call Tony at 734-664-3297.

Scleroderma Foundation

The Scleroderma Foundation Michigan Chapter offers support for scleroderma and overlapping autoimmune patients. The Livonia group meets 7-8 p.m. the

first Thursday of the month, February-June and September-November, at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Group leader is Sue Harris, sharris27@mi.rr.com; 248-982-5740. A virtual support group meets 1-3 p.m. the third Thursday of the month, February-November. Contact Judy Nichols at kenjudynichols@gmail.com; 231-775-8446.

Walk with a Doc

Marshall Solomon, a board-certified podiatric surgeon, will discuss “Better Shoes for Better Feet,” noon Thursday, March 20, at Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Walks are held rain or shine. Register by calling 877-477-Doc1, option #1.

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This FREE event includes Q&A lecture, lunch, giveaways, and raffle prizes.

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Church youth group runs bone marrow registration drive

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

When Benjamin Shearer, youth pastor at Chinese Gospel Church in Livonia, heard that a former member was battling leukemia, he knew he had to "step up and do something."

Jerry Yang, 5, had moved with his parents, Singyang and Jiaquian, to Texas before Shearer began serving the church last year. Shearer had never met the family, but learned about the youngster's relapse while reading a weekly email about church happenings. Jerry had received a bone marrow transplant while living in Michigan, and needed another after his relapse.

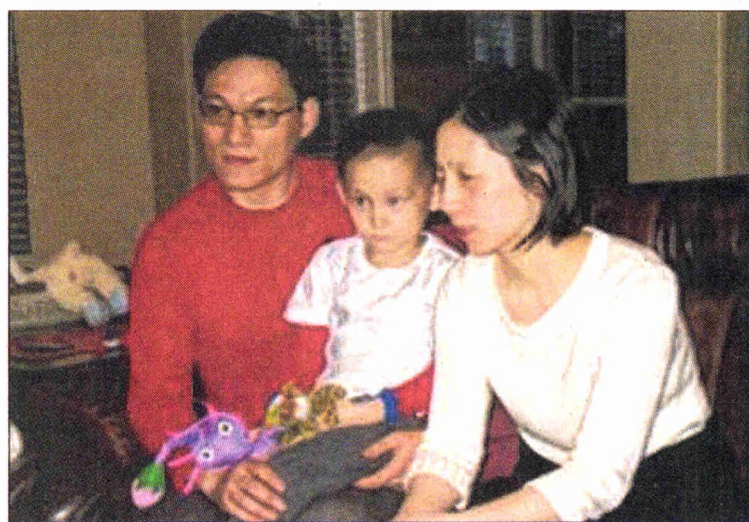
"I have a son and another child on the way," said Shearer, a Plymouth resident. "When I read about him I was taken aback. And as a parent, one can only imagine how challenging and hurtful it is to be put in such a situation."

Jerry has found a donor match and is scheduled for a transplant next month. Meanwhile, Shearer and a parent of the church's youth group put their heads together and decided to register potential donors through a bone marrow drive in Jerry's honor. The donor registration will be held in conjunction with Delete Blood Cancer, 2-6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23, at the church, 35301 Five Mile, between Levan and Farmington Road, Livonia.

Delete Blood Cancer has registered more than four million potential donors and facilitated nearly 40,000 transplants worldwide.

Shearer, who enlisted the help of his church youth group for the drive, hopes to register 200 potential donors.

"It seems like so many Christian churches are afraid to get out into the community.



The Yang family, Singyang and Jiaquian with their son, Jerry, are former members of the Chinese Gospel Church, in Livonia, where a bone marrow donation registration drive is being held Sunday, Feb. 23.

This is one area the church needs to be active," Shearer said. "One of the things I challenged our youth group to do is to feel like they aren't restricted by age, to dream big and reach out."

Youth involvement

Youth club members have spread the word and will be on

hand to help out at the donor drive.

"When Jerry had his first transplantation, families from our church would go sign up to visit him in the hospital," said Karen Xu, a Novi High School student. "I thought that was a really thoughtful thing to do and I really want to do something as great as that.

"This event means a lot to our youth group and church and especially Jerry's family. I'm really happy we are doing this to help people and it's just a great feeling to know that we are doing this much to help save lives."

The registration process takes just a few minutes. Potential donors first answer basic health questions to make sure they are eligible for the program. According to the Delete Blood Cancer website, donors must be between 18 and 55, in good health, and meet height and weight requirements. If eligible, they swab the inside of their cheek and the swab is sent to the Delete Blood Cancer registry.

"By going through the registration, you are committing to it — if someone matches, you donate to them. If after the

initial registration you don't feel comfortable, you can remove yourself from the registry," Shearer said.

He said the odds of being a match for a patient are about one in 80,000, although matches can be made around the globe.

"People from many different countries around the world check the same data base and marrow can be sent anywhere," Shearer said. "One of the things I wanted to accomplish here is that although it says Chinese Gospel Church on our sign, we want everyone to come."

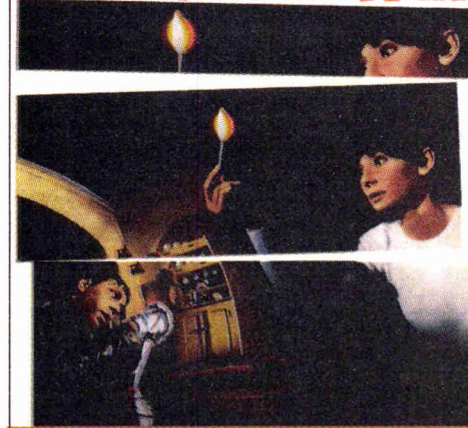
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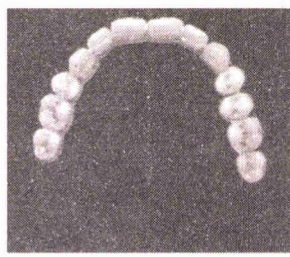
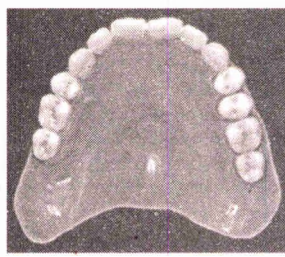


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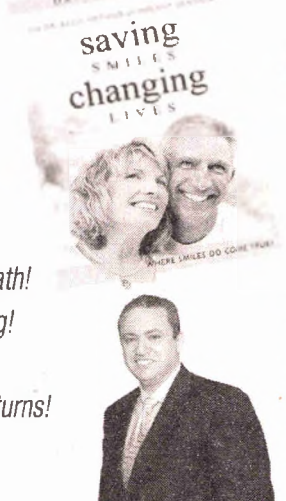


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Kelsey Pettengill, who monitors bluebirds with her mother, Sandy, checks out a nesting box at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills.

Get ready to meet bluebirds this spring

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Bird lovers can get a closeup view of bluebirds this spring by adopting a nesting box in Heritage Park, Farmington Hills.

"We have 38 monitored boxes in the park," said Ashlie Smith, nature center supervisor and naturalist. "They look like typical bird nesting boxes but they have a couple special things — the size of the hole, there's an overhang to shade the box and with our boxes, one side is hinged and can open up so the bluebird monitors can check it once a week."

"A few of us (naturalists) will adopt a box or two, but we rely heavily on volunteer monitors."

Volunteers can train to become bluebird monitors, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, at the park, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile. New monitors and returning monitors will learn how to identify bluebirds by appearance and song. They'll also receive a training packet of information for study at home.

Monitors check nesting boxes — the temporary summer homes for visiting bluebirds — on a weekly basis from approximately April through August. They're trained to open the bird houses without disturbing inhabitants. They look for adult birds, eggs, nests and baby birds and then input their findings online at NestWatch.org, a program run by Cornell University's Ornithology Lab. The nationwide monitoring program tracks trends in bird reproduction and helps researchers study how bird populations change as a result of climate change, habitat loss, and the introduction of non-native plants and animals.

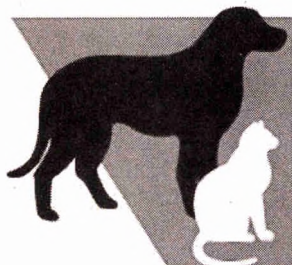
The monitoring program tracks many kinds of birds nationwide. Why bluebirds at Heritage Park?

"It's not because we don't care about other birds, it's because this area, especially in the suburbs of Detroit, used to be open farmland and that is prime habitat for bluebirds," Smith explained. "They used to nest along fence posts. Now that has gone away and the area has become more urbanized. By giving them nesting boxes, we're taking away one of their stressors, giving them proper habitat."

Some other birds are welcome, too. Monitors also take note of black hat chickadees, tree swallows, and house wrens that also may use the boxes.

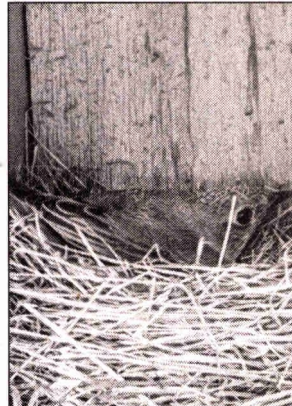


Baby birds await dinner in their nesting box at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills.



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"They're also considered desirable birds. We do have English sparrows and house sparrows that are not native. They're invasive song birds and when they move into an area where there are boxes it's bad news for the other native birds. They are aggressive and can not only kill hatched birds, but also the parent birds," Smith said. "It's like a soap opera out there — murder, intrigue and revenge. It's something we take an aggressive



A bluebird settles into a comfy nest inside its temporary summer home.

stance on. The monitors learn more about it during training, how to protect the box."

Boxes are identified by GPS coordinates. Some are located close to parking areas and trails; others are placed deep in the park, giving volunteers a chance to go off established paths.

"Bluebird monitors are specially trained to

go off trail and since they are trained to do that they get to visit areas of the park that everyday visitors don't see. They also might stumble on a newly born fawn or a monarch chrysalis."

Register for bluebird monitor training at ereg.fhgov.com. Or call the Costick Center at 248-473-1800.

Pet therapy

Great Dane Rescue Inc. in Plymouth will hold its first meeting of the Grace Hospice Pet Therapy Group, 1-2 p.m. Saturday, March 8, at Zingerman's Deli, 422 Detroit Road, Ann Arbor. The meeting will focus on what it takes to get a dog certified as a therapy dog for visits in homes and hospices. Questions? Contact Sandy Suarez at 734-454-3683; info@greatdaneinc.com.

Contest will choose top senior volunteers

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Over age 65 and still volunteering?

You can nominate yourself — or nominate someone else — for Home Instead Senior Care network's Salute to Senior Service program.

Home Instead Inc. is accepting nominations for outstanding senior volunteers through March 1. It will choose a winner from each state by popular vote and a panel of senior care experts will select the national winner from the state honorees. The company will donate \$500 to the state winners' designated and approved nonprofit organizations and \$5,000 to the national winner's designated and approved charity. Their stories of volunteer service also will be posted online.

Nominated seniors must be at least 65 years old and volunteer at least 15 hours monthly.

"You can't volunteer wrong, that's the best part," said Jean Borin, director of community services for the Home Instead office that serves western Wayne County. "Research says that 95 percent of seniors feel happier and healthier than seniors who don't volunteer."

"There are so many different ways you can volunteer. It's amazing the different things that people do and why they do it. It helps them stay more physically and emotionally engaged in life."

Borin said the state winner last year was 97 and a volunteer for the Christian service ministry at her church in Livonia. The woman

makes items for the homeless and "believes it's important to help those who are less fortunate," Borin said.

Nomination forms are available online at SaluteToSeniorService.com. They can be completed online or printed and mailed to Salute to Senior Service, P.O. Box 285, Bellevue, NE 68005.

The Home Instead Inc. website suggests a variety of ways that senior citizens can stay active and engaged through volunteering. A few ideas:

- » Contact a church or hospital guild for knitting or sewing ideas. Seniors can "give back" by making prayer shawls or blankets and booties for newborns.

- » Assist at a homeless shelter or senior center. Invite a friend to dinner or arrange for a fun outing with other seniors.

- » Help with a community garden.

- » Call bingo at a senior center

- » Send a letter or care package to military troops.

- » Become a foster grandparent through SeniorCorps.org.

- » Check with local schools for opportunities to read to children or mentor youth.

"If you're going to have someone volunteer, it needs to be something they are interested in," Borin said. "Church may be the perfect place to volunteer. If they had a loved one go through an experience in the hospital and they felt a connection there, then that is the perfect place to volunteer. They need to feel a connection and it needs to come from the heart."



GARDEN CALENDAR

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

Butterfly garden

Local gardener John Blair will use a PowerPoint presentation at the next meeting of the Wayne Garden Club to show how he built his butterfly garden. The meeting is set for 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 734-716-0780 or email darhawley3479@wowway.com.

Multiplying plants

Judy Cornellier, founding member of the Troy Garden Club and a member of the Michigan Herb Society, will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Livonia Garden Club, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, at the Civic Park Senior Citizen Center, 15218 Farmington Road, south of Five Mile, Livonia. Cornellier, who is a staff member at Telly's Greenhouse, in Troy, will demonstrate how to multiply plants. Refreshments will be served. For more information, visit www.livoniagardenclub.org. Or call Ruth Moline at 734-525-3167.

Terrariums

Lisa Steinkopf will present "Terrariums: Gardens Under Glass," at the next meeting of the Farmington Garden Club,

March 3, in the Spicer House in Heritage Park, 24914 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The meeting will start at noon, followed by the presentation at 1 p.m. Steinkopf will talk about choosing plants and accessories to bring snippets of nature indoors. Questions? Call Pat, 248-943-6026.

Wildflower gardening

Friends of the Rouge and the Alliance of Rouge Communities have teamed up to offer a native garden design workshop to teach residents in the Rouge River drainage area how to garden with native wildflowers and reduce rainwater runoff. The session runs 6-7:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, at Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. Register by calling 313-792-9621 or at therouge.org.

Frog & toad workshops

Friends of the Rouge will hold three training workshops for its 17th annual Rouge Frog & Toad Survey. Participants will learn to identify frog and toad calls, a skill needed to conduct a survey this spring.

Surveys are assigned their own survey area within the Rouge River watershed. Surveys are conducted independently on a warm spring

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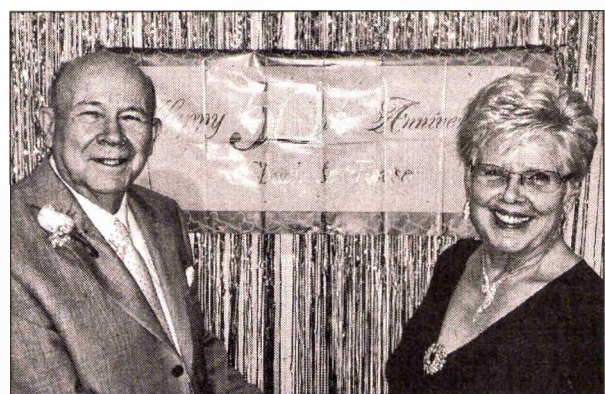
GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

TERESA AND CHARLES MISENER

Charles and Teresa (Hynes) Misener of Redford Township marked 50 years of marriage April 20, 2013. The couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at a surprise party given in their honor at the South Lyon home of their daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Christopher Mattina.

Attending the gala were 85 family and friends, many of whom were guests of the happy couple at their wedding exactly 50 years earlier.

Teresa and Charles were married at Epiphany Catholic Church in Detroit in 1963. Charles had been introduced by a co-worker to Teresa in 1962 at Detroit's Bonnie Brook Golf Club, a venue for many Irish dance events. The Miseners have made their home in Redford Township since 1964.



Charles and Teresa Misener of Redford

Charles and Teresa are the parents of Sean of Walled Lake; Sue of Tampa, Fla.; and Christina (Joe) Archer of South Lyon, in addition to Jennifer (Christopher) Mattina. The Miseners have three grandsons, Ryan, Danny and Evan Archer, in addition to 32 nieces and nephews.

Charles retired from Ford Motor Co. in 1998 after 31 years at the Wixom assembly plant in the computer department. Born in Pontiac, Charles served in the

U.S. Army's 62nd Tank Battalion 10th Division from 1956-58 in Kitzingen, West Germany.

Teresa retired in 2000 after 15 years as office manager for specialists at Providence Hospital. She immigrated to Michigan in 1957 from Kinvara, County Galway, Ireland.

The Miseners attend St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Redford. They enjoy reading, poetry, traveling, golf, Irish history and family genealogy.

Astronaut to speak at Livonia prayer breakfast on May 1

Save the date! The 40th annual Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast will be held at 7 a.m. Thursday, May 1, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. Gen. Charles Moss Duke Jr., the 10th man to

walk on the moon, will be the featured speaker. Duke and fellow Apollo 16 astronaut John Young landed on the moon in 1972. Their stay was a record-setting 71 hours and 14 minutes. Debbie Hart, a Livonia

native, will perform a patriotic music program. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$10 for students, K-12. RSVP's are due April 18.

For tickets, call Sally Butler at 248-476-9427.

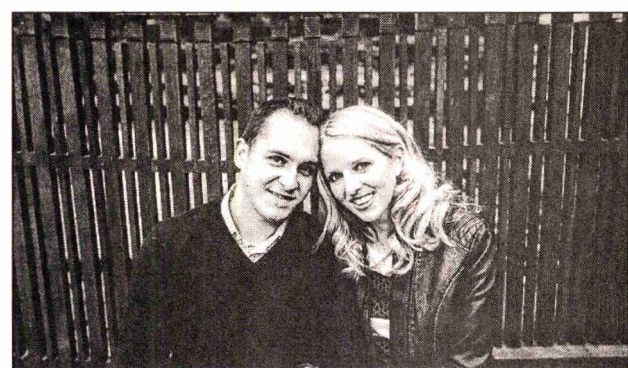
ENGAGEMENT

PROST-WEEKS

Beth Prost and Chris Weeks announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Kevin and Debra Prost of Livonia. Her fiancé is the son of John Weeks of Livonia and the late Jeanne Weeks.

Beth and Chris both attended Stevenson High School in Livonia. They met while at Michigan State University. Both are employed by Digitas,



Chris Weeks and Beth Prost

an advertising agency in Chicago, Ill.

They plan a July 2014 wedding in Chicago.

RELIGION CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

BLOOD DRIVE

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23

Location: Our Lady of Loretto, corner of Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Walk-ins or

appointments are welcome

Contact: 313-534-9000 or www.redcrossblood.org

JUDAICA ON DVD

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

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

Details: Howard Lupovitch delivers a lecture, "The Soviet Archives: The Unknown World of Eastern Europe," on DVD.

Contact: Nancy Kaplan at 248-737-1931; nancyellen879@att.net

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 26

Location: Ward Presbyterian Preschool, 4000 Six Mile, Northville

Details: Meet staff and see the facility during this informational meeting for the 2014-15 school year. Programs for children ages 2-5

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, through March 9

Location: St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia

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

Contact: Priscilla at 734-591-7879

MARCH

ASH WEDNESDAY

Time/Date: 7 p.m. March 5

Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Details: Service marks beginning of Lent. The church holds a soup supper at 6 p.m. and service at 7 p.m. every subsequent Wednesday during Lent

Contact: 734-427-3660

ASH WEDNESDAY

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 5

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: Free soup and sandwich supper served at 6 p.m.

Contact: 313-0532-8655 or 734-968-3523

AUCTION

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Saturday, March 1

Location: St. Damian Catholic School, 29891 Joy Road, Westland

Details: "Totally 80s" auction with dinner served at 7:15 p.m. and the auction at 8:45 p.m. Cash bar includes Jell-O shots and pudding shots. Tickets are \$30, available only in advance from St. Damian parish office at 734-421-6130; St. Theodore at 734-425-4421; Divine Savior at 734-455-3620; and St. Damian School at 734-427-1680

Contact: www.stdamianauction.2014.weebly.com

CHILDREN'S CONCERT

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 2

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

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

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

GRIEF SUPPORT

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

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

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

Contact: 734-261-1455; goodmourningministry.net

GRIEF SHARE

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, beginning March 16

Location: Faith Community Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: This 13-week, nondenominational program features Christ-centered, biblical teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. Includes a video seminar featuring grief experts and real-life stories; support group discussion and workbook-based personal study and reflection. Grief-related handouts available weekly. Fee is \$15 and includes the workbook

Contact: pastor Roger Wright at 313-682-7491

GUEST SPEAKER

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, March 6

Location: St. Linus Church, 6466 Evangeline, Dearborn Heights

Details: Al Kresta, author and host of the radio show, *Kresta in the Afternoon* on AM 990 WDEO, will talk about "The New Evangelization: Build the Church, Bless the Nation."

Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia

» 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 15, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile, Northville

For more information, visit www.therouge.org.

English Gardens

» Learn about fairy and miniature gardens at a free presentation, 1 p.m. Saturday, March 1.

» Kids can make an indoor fairy garden at 2:30 p.m. Saturday,

Contact: 313-274-4500 for more information

LENTEN SERVICES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday from March 5-April 9

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: Theme is "From Garden to Glory"

Contact: 313-532-8655 or 734-968-3523

RELATIONSHIP SEMINAR

Time/Date: 7 p.m. March 10-13; with banquet at 6 p.m., March 14

Location: Plymouth Seventh-day Adventist Church, 4295 Napier, Plymouth

Details: Emerson Eggerichs talks about understanding and communicating with the opposite sex in this seminar on dvd; admission free, optional workbook available for \$8

Contact: Register at 989-965-4861

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

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

Location: Concordia Lutheran School, 9600 Laverne, Redford

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

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

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 9

Location: St. Paul's Preschool and Daycare, 20805 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Details: Child care for ages 2 1/2 and up; preschool for ages 3-4; Young Fives class; extended care and summer camp for all ages

Contact: 248-474-2488

SOLANUS CASEY CENTER

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 11

Location: Trip to the center departs St. John Neumann parking lot, 44800 Warren Road, Canton

Details: Participants will carpool to the Center in Detroit. Cost is \$15 and includes tour and lunch. Deadline to pay and register is Monday, March 3, at the church; 734-455-5910

Contact: jjgilbo@wow-way.com; sborke@wow-way.com for more information

March 1. Cost is \$34.99. Sign up at englishgardens.com.

» Get tips on perennial garden plant selection and care, 1 p.m. Saturday, March 8. Free

» Learn which herbs to grow in your garden during a free presentation, 1 p.m. Saturday, March 15.

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Age 84 of Plymouth, February 11, 2014. She was preceded in death by the love of her life: Michael. Loving mother of Christine Ferrantino, Toni (Randy) Kowalski, Janette Ferrantino, Nancy Ferrantino, Michael (Kellie) Ferrantino. Proud grandmother of 16: Peter, Michael O., Janelle, Christa, Angela, Sean, Danielle, Elise, Rob, Shannon, Michael A., Marisa, Kyle, Michael J., Nicolas and Olivia. Great grandmother of nine: Peter, Collin, Michael, Jack, Lucas, Conor, Julia, Alexandra and Madeline. Estela volunteered for many years at Oakwood hospital knitting and sewing for the patients. She loved gardening, bird watching, baking and family time. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. Memorials to: Huron Woods, 5361 McAuley Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48106 or Alzheimer's Assoc., 20300 Civic Center Dr. Ste 100, Southfield MI 48076.



HASBROUCK, KATHY (MISZAK)

Age 58, passed away after suffering a heart attack on Monday, February 17, 2014 in Jennings, Louisiana. "A little lady with a big personality and a big heart," she is survived by daughter Malina (Justin) LaVergne of Jennings; Nicholas (Meagan) Hasbrouck of Chapman, Kansas; and former spouse and lifelong friend Rodney Hasbrouck of Engadine, Michigan. Kathy doted on her grandchildren Hailey, Collins, and Miyah LaVergne and Briana and Raylee Hasbrouck. The cherished daughter of Edward and Geraldine Miszak of Redford, she is survived by siblings Stephen (Betsy) Miszak, Dennis (Renee) Miszak, Denise Cooke, Jenny Litwin, Colleen (William) Barstow, Robert (Linda) Miszak, and Aileen (Chris) Howard as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, and uncles. She was preceded in death by sister Maureen and grandson Justin LaVergne Jr. Visitation Sunday 3-8 p.m. with 7 p.m. Rosary at Charles R. Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly (between 6 & 7 Mile) in Redford. In state Monday 9:30 a.m. until 10 a.m. Mass at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, 27101 West Chicago in Redford. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Memorials to the family are requested in lieu of flowers. Condolences to: charlesstepfuneralhome.com



RUSSELL, DAVID ERIC

Of Lake Orion, Michigan previously of Bloomfield Hills and Birmingham died peacefully in his sleep on February 16, 2014 at the age of 64. Beloved father to Kelli, Jeffrey and Molly; son of Dean Louis Jr (deceased) and Jeanne; brother to Carmel, Dean III (Patti), Michael (Karen), Brian (Margy), Bruce (Wilma). Survived by many other loving family members and friends. David was employed as sales manager at Dry Coolers Inc. in Oxford, MI for the last 18 years. During his tenure he oversaw a fivefold increase in sales with his steady and dedicated efforts. He loved to read and spent many leisure hours with books studying on various topics with a special love of current events, history and geography. An avid fan of all sports he particularly loved the Detroit Tigers and Lions and he rarely missed a game. He had a passion for playing golf and perfected his game with many friends over the years. David fought cancer for as long as he could before he courageously decided to live out the rest of his life on his terms, having fun and at peace. He spent his last summer surrounded by his family and many lifelong friends, boating, fishing and searching for Walter "The One That Got Away". Many trophy fish were caught including monster Pike and Bass! Services have been held. Donations accepted by the children of David Russell



SILVER, JOAN SOUTHARD

Died Tuesday, February 18, at Lawrence Memorial Hospital after a brief illness. She was 87. An artist who created many distinguished pieces in oil, ceramics, sumi ink, photography and mixed media, Joan showed her work all over the world and had been active in the Lawrence Art Guild. She was born in Port Huron, MI, and lived her adult life in Plymouth and Traverse City, MI, and De Soto and Lawrence, Kansas. She is survived by her son, Mark Silver of Chassell, MI (wife Mary Hindelang); daughter, Diane Silver, of Lawrence, KS; grandson, Tony Doria, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; and her beloved spaniel, Nina. A longer obituary is available at www.CremationCenterKC.com where condolences may be shared with the family.

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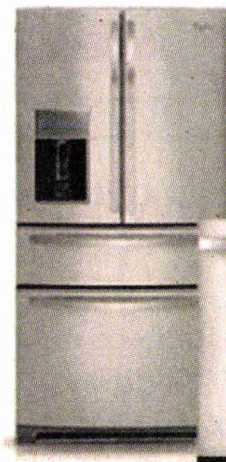


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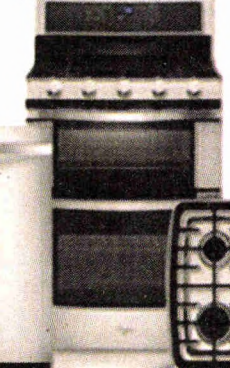


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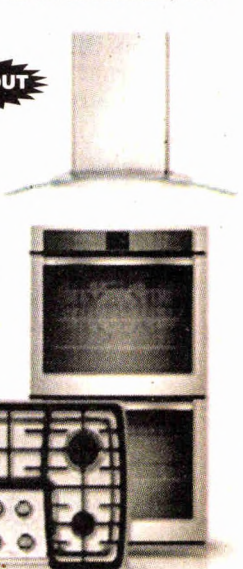


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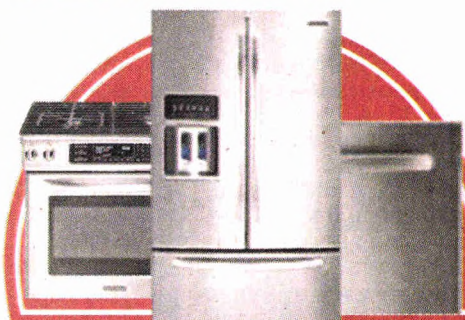
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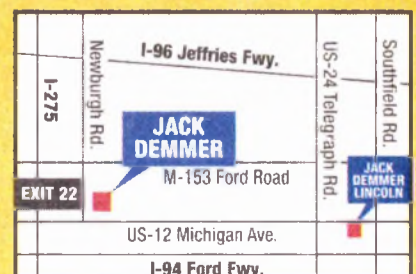
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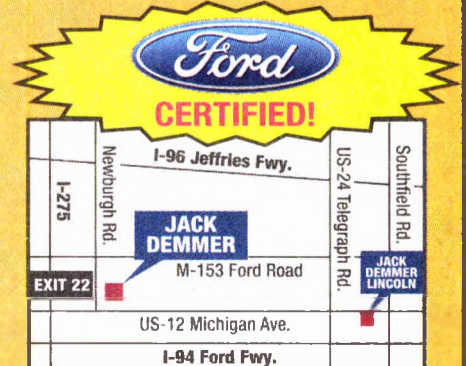
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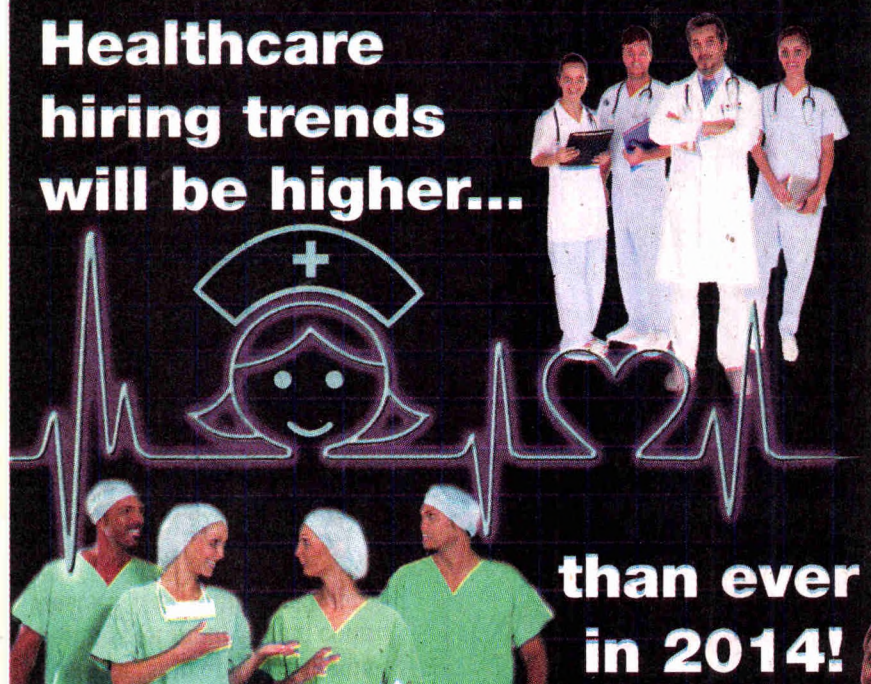
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Healthcare hiring trends will be higher...

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By Angela Rose
Contributing Writer

Human rights activist Malcom X once said, "The future belongs to those who prepare for it today." Now that 2013 has ended, healthcare professionals—from doctors and nurses, to administrators and executives—are taking time to consider the challenges and rewards the New Year will bring. Thanks to the individual mandate of the Affordable Care Act, one thing is certain: demand for services will be higher than ever—a factor that's likely to have a significant impact on hiring at hospitals, clinics, and private practices nationwide. We'll consider this trend, and a few others, as we share our outlook for healthcare hiring in 2014.

Recruiting and hiring primary care providers will continue to be a priority.

In HEALTHCAREERS Network's Q3 2013 jobs snapshot, we mentioned that categories including family medicine, emergency medicine, and internal medicine remained the three most in-demand physician specialties for the fourth quarter in a row.

Top nursing positions

included family medicine nurse practitioner, general nurse practitioner, general physician assistant, and general medical/surgical registered nurse.

Primary care doctors are already in short supply—by 25,000 according to the Association of American Medical Colleges—and training new ones takes time.

Analysts expect that healthcare employers will increase their usage of nurse practitioners (NPs) and physician assistants (PAs) as more patients seek preventative care services in 2014. Some even predict that more states will consider licensing NPs and PAs to practice on their own as the demand for service grows.

Some will rely on temporary workers to manage patient loads.

By some estimates, freelancers, contractors, and consultants will outnumber full-time workers in the U.S. within the next six years. These individuals are be-

coming an increasingly common feature in the healthcare landscape. In fact, a 2012 survey of healthcare employers by Staff Care found that 74 percent had employed temporary help during the previous 12 months. Forbes has reported that 10 percent of all staffing requests to managed service providers in 2012 were for temporary PAs and NPs as healthcare organizations struggled to meet already-rising demand.

Some will designate larger portions of their budgets for recruitment programs.

Some healthcare employers will increase their efforts to connect with passive job seekers, a strategy that will allow them to reach a staggering number of ad-

ditional candidates. According to a 2011 survey, 80 percent of employed professionals are open to discussing the possibility of a job. This includes a surprising 44 percent who aren't even looking for new opportunities. Forging stronger relationships with medical professional associations and schools is another way employers can enhance their recruitment efforts this year.

Retiring Baby Boomers will contribute to staffing challenges.

Experts predict workplace demographics in healthcare and other industries will shift in coming years as older employees decide to end their careers.

According to a study by ADP Retirement Research Institute, 20.3 percent of the current healthcare workforce is likely to retire in the next five years. The Bureau of Labor Statistics calculated this industry's employment at 17,384,300 last October. Based on ADP's study results, this means, 3,476,860 healthcare positions are in need of eventual replacement.

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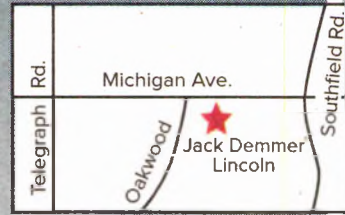


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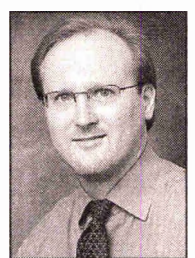
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Car Report

Advertising Feature

Chevrolet Gets Into Groove with New Products, Sharpened Branding



By Dale Buss

Chevrolet has embarked on a huge stream of new-product introductions in 2014 that only began with the new heavy-duty Silverado and that will include new versions of the Suburban and Tahoe SUVs as well as the new Corvette Stingray and a re-entry into the mid-size truck segment with a fresh version of the Chevy Colorado.

So it's good news that Chevrolet also is in a brand-building groove as well right now, and that its huge marketing presence in the Sochi Olympics was a perfect fit with the goals that General Motors has laid out for 2014 for its biggest brand.

"There is a nice cadence of media properties this year, and we're still in the midst of a stream of major product launches," Chevy Chief Marketing Officer Tim Mahoney told me. "The Olympics work was developed as a cohesive unit

of communication to seed 'Find New Roads' and tell our story through our new vehicles."

Thus, in its high-buzz TV ads that have laced NBC's Olympics telecasts for the last couple of weeks, Chevrolet has gotten entire new forms of mileage out of the "Find New Roads" tagline that it initiated a year ago. There was the first anthem ad for the games, including a depiction of a gay wedding, that underscored the "new" aspect of Chevy's positioning, for instance.

Many GM employees, dealers and retirees, as well as others among the vast American populace who haven't embraced the notion of intra-LGBT marriage, objected to the ad and lit up social media and other communication outlets with their complaints.

But Mahoney insisted that Chevrolet has received "overwhelmingly positive" feedback to its big first ad of the Olympic games, which had a safety and technology message about the Chevy lineup but which

has become a lightning rod because of the gay-wedding snippet and the commercial's description of "the new love."

"The idea behind it is that we're a new Chevrolet and a new world and we're a brand that is about inclusion and not division," Mahoney said. "It's welcoming all people to the Chevrolet brand from an authentic perspective, in that spot. All the family units in that spot were real families ... not hired actors."

Another popular ad has underscored the truly global nature of the Chevrolet brand, with drivers and passengers in a Chevy Cruze experiencing typical tussles over what music to play. Nearly two-thirds of Chevy sales nowadays are outside the United States compared with only about one-third 10 years ago, and Cruze is the most global of Chevy's vehicle lineup, available in local versions in 119 countries.

"The interesting thing that holds it all together is the human truth that, wherever you're at, if you're a passenger in the back seat, there's always back-and-forth about who gets to decide what's on the radio," Mahoney said. The universal sentiment is summed up by the final line of the ad, "Proof that we're not so different after all."

Toward the end of the Sochi run, Chevy also began showing what Mahoney likes to call a "smart-funny ad" for the all-new 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe, a cute spot in which a baby-sitter -- after getting a ride home from the mom in the upgraded new SUV -- jacks up her price for the evening.

Mahoney also expressed satisfaction with how Chevy's two Super Bowl spots performed earlier in the month. One,

"Romance," was another "smart-funny" spot ad, based on the story of a stud bull who was being hauled to his promised land by a heavy-duty Chevy Silverado. The other was a paean to cancer survivors that gave Chevy and its related "Purple Roads" initiative a big boost in online interest.

Mahoney was CMO of Volkswagen of America a couple of years ago when the brand began upping its game in Super Bowl ads and using its own approach to "smart-funny" commercials.

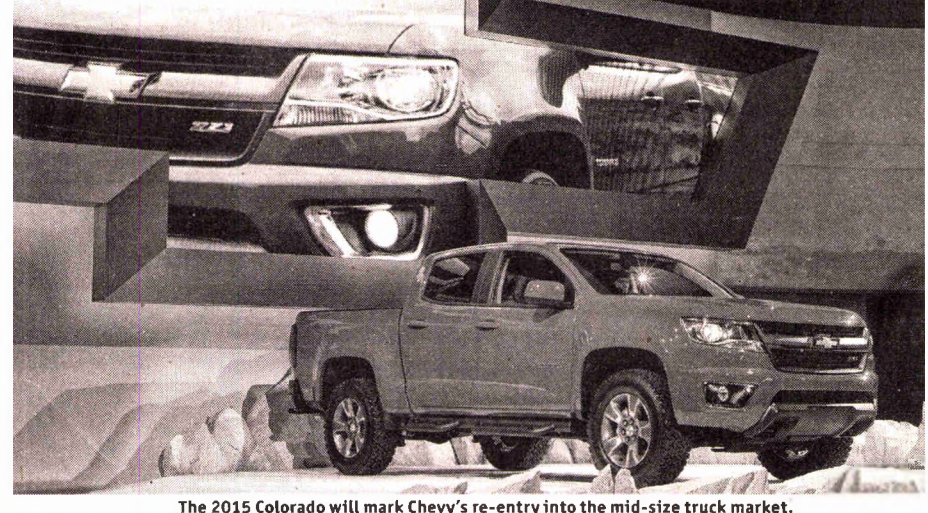
He said defining advertising success related to the Big Game "is complicated." Yet Mahoney noted that, this year, Chevy "had the biggest increase in pre- versus



Inside, the 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe demonstrates the new vehicle's premium vibe.

post-Super Bowl fans engaged across the major social platforms. To me, that's a good barometer."

Mahoney said, in fact, that the brand is so much hitting on all cylinders that it doesn't have the marketing bandwidth to heavily promote everything that's going well. One example: The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety just gave the Chevy Spark the best safety rating of all the mini-cars it tested. But Chevy plans only on a small-gauge marketing effort to tout the car these days mostly via social media.



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