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Last parcel of former township site sold

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

With the recent opening of a new Fifth Third Bank branch and the closing of a land sale of former township property, redevelopment at the northeast corner Ann Arbor Road and Lilley is gaining steam. The township closed a \$1.5 million deal Wednesday with Eugene Sherizen for a nearly 2.8-acre site near the corner. It is the second and final parcel to be sold of a site that had

been the township administrative complex; the buildings there had been torn down by the township to make the property more marketable. Township offices moved from Ann Arbor Road and Lilley in 2006, when the current township hall, police station and Fire Station No. 1 on Haggerty opened. Sherizen, who did not return calls Friday, plans a three-story, brick, climate-controlled storage building for 1-800-Mini-Storage. The company

currently operates storage facilities with units for lease in Troy, Oak Park and Redford Township. Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said he expects construction on the project to begin this spring. **Paying debt** Of the sales proceeds, \$1 million will be put over five years toward the debt for the new township complex on Haggerty, Treasurer Ron Edwards said. Edwards estimated that

that debt will stand at about \$4.5 million by this summer. The remaining \$500,000 goes into the township's general fund, but Reaume noted that with the recent purchase of equipment for the Plymouth Community Fire Department, including a new radio system and two new heart defibrillators, much of that has already been spent. Township officials are also looking at replacing two ambulances, Reaume said. Meanwhile, the 3,000-square-foot Fifth Third branch

on the corner opened in recent weeks. The new branch represents the relocation of a Fifth Third branch at Joy and Morton Taylor in Canton Township. Cincinnati-based Fifth Third bought the site for \$2.1 million in 2006, but had not moved to develop it until last year, when the building there, the former township clerk's office, was torn down.

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This 1968 Camaro RS, restored about two years ago, is being prepped for Autorama at Vanguard Motor Sales in Plymouth Township. Autorama opens Friday at Cobo Center in Detroit. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

SMALLER VERSION

Classics dealership a mini auto show

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Vanguard Motor Sales is sending two classics to Autorama, the annual show of hot rods and tricked-out cars and trucks that opens Friday at Cobo Center in Detroit. But the dealership in Plymouth Township could have a mini Autorama in its showroom on Keel Street, where more than 100 classic and customized cars and trucks are on display while mechanics, detail workers, test drivers and the sales force bustle about. Vanguard is a 10-year-old dealership that moved to the township from Novi about three years ago and has

been gaining speed ever since, said Jim Athens, who co-owns the company with Tom Photosios. Vanguard employs more than 20 people, including eight full-time mechanics, inspects potential purchases all over the country and ships cars all over the world. "We've all built cars ourselves," test driver and jack-of-all-trades Greg Payne said. "All of us are car guys." Payne added that he had just returned from Oklahoma, where he spent several days looking at cars, but decided none was up to

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Bond projects prove popular with bidders

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

When Plymouth-Canton Board of Education members voted to hire McCarthy & Smith as the project manager for the district's 2013 bond projects, they pointed to the fact that every project in the 2004 bond, also managed by McCarthy, came in under budget and on time. The management firm is off to the same kind of start with the 2013 bond. After the board approved bids for the first two bid packages Tuesday, the projects were already some \$2 million under budget. The first bid package, consisting largely of work to renovate/create STEM labs at East, West, Pioneer and Discovery middle schools, had been budget at more than \$6.3 million. When bids were awarded, the total came to some \$4.7 million, a savings of more than \$1.6 million.

Bid swing The second bid package, a general building project that includes assessment work consisting of re-roofing projects, exterior lighting replacements and athletics and site improvements, came in at \$1.6 million, more than \$400,000 less than the targeted budget.

"The swing between the high bid and the low bid was \$2.5 million," board President Judy Mardigian said. "You get aggressive bids and you end up under budget." Bidding was spirited, especially for the first bid package. The package included 28 individual trade divisions and McCarthy & Smith received 216 bids from 149 different contractors. "We had fantastic bidder turnout," McCarthy & Smith's Doug Underwood said. "We cut open 149 envelopes that day. It was about

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Regional hub could have ripple effect

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton's selection as a trailblazing site for lightweight metals research and manufacturing could have a ripple effect on housing, hotel lodgings, mail stores and restaurant officials and market analysts say. "I see nothing but great things coming out of this,"

Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said. "It's amazing. It's great." Jason Borregard, sales manager for Clients First Realtors with offices in Canton, Westland and Shelby Township, said the American Lightweight Materials Manufacturing Innovation Institute is likely to have an impact on the real estate market. "I believe there is going to

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University of Michigan student Jake Adams re-attaches string gauges in an ultrasonic fatigue apparatus in the Gerstacker Building. UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN



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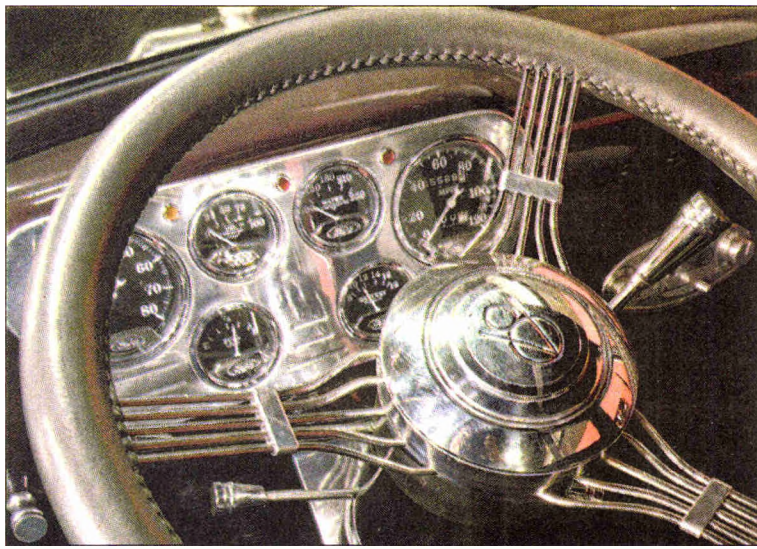
Of the average of 225 vehicles that are inspected by Vanguard each month, Athens noted, only 15 to 17 are purchased. The company owns all of its inventory – there are no consignment sales.

"It takes an eye. That's why we have all car guys here," Payne said. Though the company will sometimes take on a minor project, most of the vehicles it buys are restorations still in top shape, he said.

Vanguard's specialties are the American muscle car and domestic classics that have been turned into muscle cars through extensive customization. It also keeps a market for high-end older models, Payne said, but a restored family car from the 1960s or '70s wouldn't fit the bill.

For this year's 62nd Detroit Autorama, Vanguard picked out a heavily customized 1954 Ford pickup truck and a restored 1968 Chevrolet Camaro. Vanguard has sent vehicles to several past Autoramas.

The truck was restored over about eight years by NASCAR driver Greg Biffle and a relative of the former owner. It has a custom 351-cubic-inch engine, a custom four-speed transmission and many other updated and customized mechanical features. It is



The pickup's steering wheel hub features the classic Ford flathead V-8 logo. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

painted in black cherry and has polished oak planks in the truck bed.

"The truck was built by a bunch of NASCAR mechanics," Payne said.

Detroit heritage

The two-toned Camaro, in burgundy and black, also with a lot of customized mechanical features, came out of Colorado and was restored in Arizona. Save for a custom steering wheel, the interior, Payne said, was restored to original Camaro specifications – one could have found an interior just like it in the showroom 46 years ago.

Athens, the Vanguard co-owner, said he owned a mortgage company for 17 years, but remained a car guy at

heart and became active full time in Vanguard just a few years ago. He sees the company as a keeper of Detroit heritage.

"We're stewards of these cars. These cars are part of the Motor City, Detroit," Athens said. "It's in our DNA."

Autorama, featuring about 1,000 vehicles, is Friday, March 7, through Sunday, March 9, at Cobo Center in Detroit. Tickets are available at the gate; discount tickets are available at O'Reilly Auto Parts stores. For more information, call 248-373-1700 or visit www.autorama.com.

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an hour-and-a-half bid opening."

The second bid package drew 60 bids from 21 different contractors.

Trustee Mark Horvath said he happened to be in the building for the first bid opening and was struck by the number of bidders.

"It was like we were giving something away for free," Horvath said, jokingly. "I think there were so many (bidders) because we got out there early."

Coming up

Bids on the most prominent project in the 2013 bond – construction of the new middle school – were due Thursday. The board is expected to award that contract at its March 25 meeting and construction is slated to begin in April.

Trustee Mike Maloney, who did not support the idea of the bond, reiterated Tuesday he thinks studies that show declining enrollment in tough economic times makes the new middle school a bad idea.

"I'm still very nervous about the whole idea of building a new school when we have ... declining enrollment," Maloney said. "I don't think there's any question within the next four to seven years we're going to be closing another middle school. Spending this kind of money in the kind of climate where we are as a district is a mistake."

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be an effect – what effect is the question," Borregard said. "(But) the name Canton is going to get out around the country."

Canton Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said if the institute becomes as successful as its creators hope, it should have a spillover effect on the area's economy. She said the site's employees are likely to spend money on cars, clothing, restaurants and other amenities, while visiting partners pay for lodging, meals and other expenses.

"It could bring housing and commercial development and maybe some offshoot industrial development," she said. "That is very definitely a possibility."

Alan Taub, a University of Michigan material science and engineering professor and chief technology officer for the project, said the specific site for the institute isn't being confirmed until the lease agreement is signed, which is expected soon.

Fast track

"The institute is incorporated in Michigan and will become operational soon," Taub said by email, in response to questions. "The plan is to get the facility ready for occupancy within 90 days after lease signing."

LaJoy and Taub were among the officials at the White House when President Barack Obama officially announced the project Tuesday afternoon, saying it is among four hubs intended to "put America at the forefront of 21st century manufacturing." Other sites are Chicago, Raleigh, N.C., and Youngstown, Ohio.

LaJoy said the institute, largely led by U-M, has put Canton on the national map.

"I think a lot of people are going to be very interested in what happens here and what they're about to come up with," he said. "It's going to be the hub of all that activity involving lightweight metals manufacturing and innovation. I would think people might want to be moving close to it."

Borregard and other real estate executives have said competition is already

fierce for Canton housing.

Taub said project leaders worked with a real estate broker to find a suitable location.

'Good match'

"The facility we found in Canton was a good match to the institute's needs," he said, adding later, "The facility will be used as our headquarters. We will be installing pilot scale advanced manufacturing equipment consistent with the priorities set by the industry needs. The facility will be used for both manufacturing technology development and training."

Taub projected "a limited number of full-time employees" at the headquarters, at least initially.

"However," he said, "the institute has a large and growing partner base of companies, universities and nonprofit laboratories that will be utilizing our technology development and training capabilities. By establishing this area as the national focus for lightweight metals manufacturing technology and workforce training, we anticipate those companies will want to locate their plants in the region."

Project leaders have said the \$148 million institute could create as many as 10,000 jobs across the Midwest. It involves a consortium of more than 50 companies, universities and nonprofits across the nation, with U-M a key player.

The federal government is set to invest \$70 million over five years, with an additional \$78 million coming from consortium partners.

Obama said the institute is intended to forge manufacturing ties between the public and private sectors and lead to jobs that strengthen the nation's middle class.

Local officials have said the Canton site means the institute will have easy access to Detroit Metro Airport, the I-275 corridor and U-M. Officials aren't sure how much tax revenue the facility might mean for Canton.

U-M said the institute is intended to move cutting-edge lightweight metals out of the research lab and into future cars, trucks, airplanes and ships – both for the commercial and military sectors.

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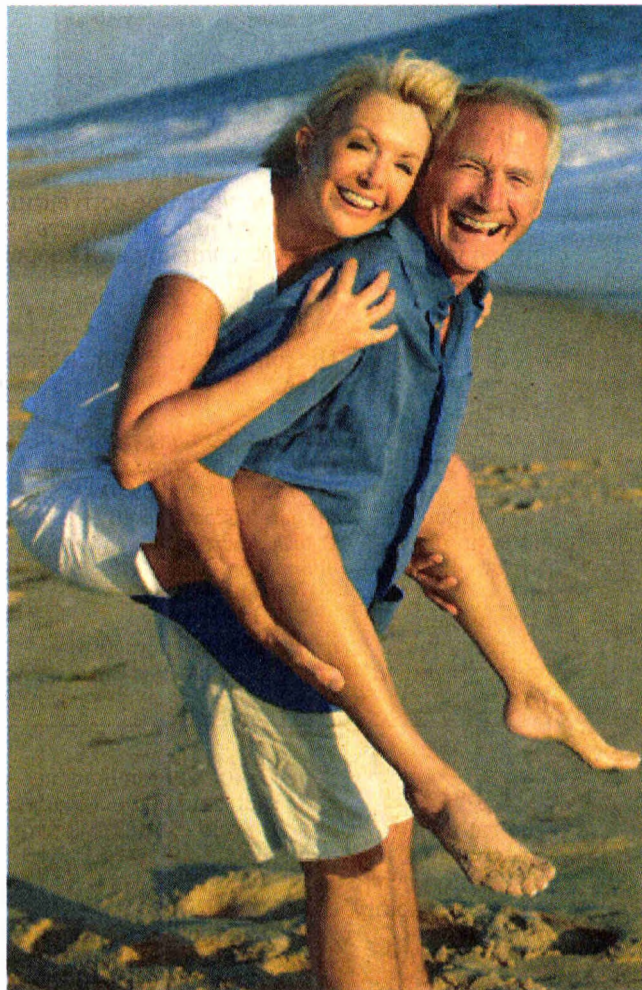
People often cover their pain by relying on prescription or even nonprescription pain pills. While this may work in the short term, the side effects can be alarming. How many people do you know are addicted to pain medications? How did the addiction start? The answer to this question is typically the same. Due to an injury, medications were prescribed which gave temporary relief and soon enough, the medication became necessary to function at all. Countless individuals have been innocently entangled with prescription pain pills while initially using them as prescribed.

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NFL Hall of Famer Goes From Wheelchair to Pain Free Without Surgery:

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Former Spartan delivers tale of hope

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

When Anthony Ianni was in middle school, he was bullied into sticking his tongue to a frozen pole by a fellow student who Ianni said made it his mission to be a bully.

Years later, as Ianni was leaving the Breslin Center – the home of the Michigan State Spartans, with whom Ianni won a pair of Big Ten championship rings – a man approached him with a basketball in hand and asked for his autograph.

The man? That same bully from middle school, providing Ianni with evidence that, despite life's challenges, he had made it to the top.

"Here was a guy who bullied me and now he was asking for my autograph," Ianni said. "I proved that bully wrong."

Ianni, now a motivational speaker working with the Autism Alliance of Michigan,

related that story to fifth-, sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders during an appearance Thursday at Canton's Achieve Charter Academy.

Diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder at the age of 4, Ianni was the victim of bullying as a child. He went on to graduate from Michigan State University and became the first known individual with autism to play college basketball. He has won a number of awards, including MSU's Tim Bograkovs Walk-On Award and the 2012 MSU Unsung Player Award and was named a 2013 Detroit Pistons Community Game Changer Finalist.

And he did it all while topping pretty much everyone's expectations.

"What I love about my story is that doctors told my parents I'd never do well in high school, never graduate college, never do well in sports," Ianni said. "My father always said, 'The harder you work,

the more you earn.' That quote helped me graduate from one of the toughest universities in the country."

Achieve Charter Academy Principal Jennifer Conley said Ianni's presentation fits in well with the school's curriculum.

"We spend a lot of time talking about our morals curriculum," Conley said. "Knowing (Ianni's) story felt like it would be an appropriate topic for the kids."

Ianni is on the "Relentless Tour," a first-of-its-kind anti-bullying initiative that will take Ianni to more than 650 schools this year. He points out that, like him, between 65 and 90 percent of individuals with autism become victims of bullying, "because they're easy targets," he said.

Ianni's purpose in being involved with the tour is to stop that. During his presentation, he tells his story, points out that celebrities like Emi-

nem have been victims of bullies and risen above it and urges kids to "have respect" for everyone in their lives – teachers, other students and family.

He also tells the story of the middle school student at his very first speaking engagement who apologized to the victim after hearing Ianni speak.

The message hit home with Achieve students like Ryan Henderson, a 14-year-old eighth-grader.

"It was inspiring," Ryan said. "I was bullied a lot in sixth grade. (Ianni) inspired me to live my dream."

That's the message Ianni hopes kids get from his presentation. The last five minutes or so of his speech focus on the letters "LYD" – Live Your Dreams.

"The message is simple: Never give up on anything or anybody in your life," he told the kids. "There's only one



Former Michigan State Spartan Anthony Ianni signs autographs and chats with students following his anti-bullying speech at Achieve Charter Academy in Canton.

person who can stop you – you."

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ON CAMPUS

Wilmington College

Canton resident Megan Ashlee Wieloch is the recipient of a \$14,000 Academic Achievement Scholarship to attend Wilmington College, where she plans to major in athletic training.

She will graduate in 2014 from Plymouth High School. Her main activities/honors include: lacrosse, basketball, track and field, National Honor Society, Link Crew/student ambassador and student athletic trainer.

Wieloch is the daughter of Jacob and Michelle Wieloch of Canton.

Benedictine University

Benedictine University announced that 846 students, including Christopher Kordick of Plymouth, were named to the Fall 2013 Dean's List. The Dean's List recognizes full-time students who achieve a 3.5 grade-point average or above.

Benedictine University is an independent Roman Catholic institution located in Lisle, Ill., 25 miles west of Chicago and has branch campuses in Springfield, Ill., and



Wieloch

Mesa, Ariz.

Benedictine University's M.B.A. program is listed by *Crain's Chicago Business* as the fifth largest in the Chicago area in 2013.

Lake Forest College

Allison Carter of Canton received a Presidential Scholarship to attend Lake Forest College this spring. Carter comes to Lake Forest from Adrian College.

Lake Forest College awards annual Presidential Scholarships of up to \$12,000, based on a student's application for admission, curriculum, transcript, interview, recommendations and standardized test scores. Lake Forest College is

a national liberal arts institution located 30 miles north of downtown Chicago. The college has 1,600 students representing 47 states and 81 countries. For more information, visit www.lakeforest.edu.

Detroit-Mercy

Canton resident Chase Zebari of the University of Detroit-Mercy will be heading to Chicago to participate in the university's alternative spring break program.

These experiences include manual labor such as rebuilding homes, learning about other's cultures, helping others in need and participating in daily prayer and reflection. Participants exemplify the Jesuit education goal, being "men and women for

others" and the Mercy tradition of "compassionate service to those in need," both part of UDM's mission as an institution of learning.

Southern Methodist

Reid Conlon, a resident of Canton and a first-year student at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, is listed on the honor roll. To be listed on the SMU honor roll, students must be in the top 15 percent of their school of record. SMU's Fall 2013 enrollment included 10,972 students.

SMU is a nationally ranked private university in Dallas founded 100 years ago. Today, SMU enrolls nearly 11,000 students who benefit from the academic opportunities and interna-

tional reach of seven degree-granting schools.

Miami University

Andrew Jonathan Terhaar of Canton was named to the Miami University dean's list. Also making the list were John Dooley, Leah Powers and Lauren Walker, all of Plymouth.

Miami University students who ranked in the top 20 percent of undergraduate students within each division for first semester 2013-14 have been named to the dean's list recognizing academic performance.

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Canton man among phony oil suspects

Attorney General Bill Schuette this week announced felony criminal charges against four Wayne County individuals for allegedly selling intentionally mislabeled motor oil products to retailers across the state.

Schuette charged Moussa Kaddouh, 58, of Dearborn; Ali Kaddouh, 34, of Dearborn; Joe Kdouh, 61, of Dearborn Heights; and Ayman Faraj, 36, of Canton, with felony charges for intentionally selling an improperly labeled commodity, as well as misdemeanors for possessing a non-certified measuring device to sell commodities.

"Michigan consumers deserve full confidence in the products they purchase," Schuette said. "We will continue to aggressive-

ly pursue anyone seeking to skirt the rules at the expense of hard-working families."

Faraj is charged with four counts of intentionally offering for sale an improperly labeled commodity, felonies punishable by up to five years in prison and/or a \$20,000 fine, and two counts of possession of an unsealed/uncertified measuring device used for the sale of a commodity, misdemeanors punishable by up to one year in prison and/or a \$10,000 fine.

Faraj was arraigned before Judge Millicent Sherman in Detroit's 36th District Court and was released on a \$5,000 personal bond. He is next due in court March 10 for a preliminary examination before Judge Joseph Baltimore.

Volunteers needed to listen for frogs and toads

Friends of the Rouge is recruiting volunteers that live within the Rouge River Watershed for the 17th annual Rouge Frog and Toad Survey.

Training workshops begin this week, with the first one taking place Tuesday, March 4, at Canton's Summit on the Park. Additional workshops are scheduled for the Livonia Civic Center Library and at the Northville Township Hall.

Volunteers need to attend the one workshop that fits their schedule.

The workshops provide participants with a background on the eight types of frogs and toads found in southeast Michigan and what their calls sound like. Surveyors are assigned their own survey area, which must be within the Rouge River watershed.

Surveys are conducted independently on warm spring evenings after dark from March (once it gets warm enough) through mid-May. Interested volunteers need to register for a work-



The American toad is one of the amphibians that will be surveyed during the Friends of Rouge's annual Frog and Toad Survey.

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Student leaders impress school board

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education heard a good deal about a new leadership program being implemented at Eriksson Elementary School, but the presentation came with a twist.

Instead of building leadership and staff making the presentation – although they were there, too – trustees heard directly from the people benefiting the most.

The students. Seven Eriksson students were among nine speakers as the board recognized the “Leader in Me” program being phased in at Eriksson (it’s also being taught at Miller and Smith elementaries, with equal success). They joined Eriksson Principal Kevin Learned and teacher Mike Mardeusz at the podium to talk about the program.

“Eriksson’s work on the ‘Leader in Me’ has been our response to your initiative of having a character education program in every building,” Learned said to board members.

Superintendent Mike Meisen said the program is part of setting the foundation for students at this stage of their academic careers.

“We know the foundation we build is critical to future educational success,” Meisen



Eriksson Elementary School students (from left) Tanner Younglas, Katie Montroy, Asmita Tuladhar, Tiona Johnson, Jackson Lehnis, Torrance Johnson and Dante Favor pose with the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education following their presentation Tuesday.

sen said. “At this stage, we have an awesome opportunity not only to educate young minds, but also help future leaders. There are young leaders everywhere. It’s very obvious the students own this initiative and they’re very engaged.”

The “Leader in Me” program is based, Learned explained, on the book *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* by Stephen Covey. The book, named by *Time* magazine in 2011 as one of the 25 most-influential business management books, presents an approach to being effective

in “attaining goals by aligning oneself” to what Covey calls “true north” principles of a character ethic.

Learned said the school’s leadership team has “been researching this for two years” and the plan for the first year is to train staff and students, then add the parents to the training in the spring “so that all areas of our school community are represented.”

“We did some book studies on it, we visited some neighborhood schools in the metro Detroit area to see how they were implementing it and saw

it was a really, really good fit for us,” Learned said.

According to Mardeusz, staff “came together” in the summer to go through the “Leader in Me” and *Seven Habits* training together “to internalize it before we could bring it into our school culture.”

“After we had time to digest what we had heard, we brainstormed and thought of ways to bring the instruction to children very explicitly at first and then how to weave that into daily lessons and the culture of our building as a whole,” Mardeusz said. “We’ve continued these discussions every month. We continue to go along this path and it’s been a good one.”

Learned talked about how the program is already having an impact school-wide. One building initiative was to see how clean kids could make the cafeteria following lunch periods. Statistics showed an average of 19 (out of 32) tables were left dirty after lunch. After a Dec. 2 assembly during which leaders outlined the goal of reducing it to six dirty tables, Learned said an even steeper drop was experienced.

“We showed them what a dirty table looked like ... and explained what the expectations are,” Learned said.

Learned also pointed to discipline data, which he said

has improved dramatically. For instance, he said, first-semester discipline referrals dropped by almost 60 percent and suspensions decreased by more than 30 percent, compared to data from the last two years.

“That’s all based on the tremendous work our staff is doing,” Learned said. “And we have a wonderful group of student leaders.”

Those leaders were on display Tuesday, following Learned to the podium to talk about the seven habits and how they’re working them into their own lives. It was an impressive display of leadership that wowed board members. When they were done, Learned took a moment to brag about them.

“Aren’t they great?” he asked board members. “And I get to spend every day with them.”

Board President Judy Mardigian noted it wasn’t often board members got to see students at their meetings.

“It means so much to all of us that you’ve put this initiative in your school. The principal and the staff are behind it,” Mardigian said. “More importantly, you are all working hard toward this phenomenal climate and culture you’re building.”

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YMCA hosts breakfast

By Linda Rose
Correspondent

With an emphasis on developing a strong healthy community, fostering healthy lifestyles and being accessible to every child, the Plymouth Family YMCA hosts a community appreciation breakfast 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, March 5, at the Red Olive Banquet Center in Plymouth.

"This breakfast serves a few purposes," said Sage Hedgal, the YMCA director. "It is an opportunity for everyone to hear firsthand how the Y strengthens our community, as well as providing a platform to kick off our 2014 annual campaign. We want the community to know the Y is very active with current youth and adult programs, but is also looking toward the future as we develop new programs to better serve the community."

Hedgal added that she

hopes some prospective board members attend the breakfast.

"We strive for diversity on the board, not only ethnically, but in terms of abilities," Hedgal said. "We hope to build a board which reflects the ethnic makeup of the communities we serve, including Plymouth, Northville, Canton and Belleville. We certainly can use members with expertise in accounting, government, real estate, law, health care or banking, but really all that is needed is a drive to help our community move forward and an understanding that this can only come from all of us working together to invest in our kids, our health and our neighbors."

Those who attend the community breakfast will hear stories of the positive impact the Y has on the area.

"Attendees will also

learn how donations to the annual campaign help us provide programs such as school age child care, youth sports, Girls on the Run, summer camp, Youth Volunteer Corps and more" Hedgal said. "Donations also provide scholarships to young people whose families cannot afford YMCA programs. For families who cannot afford child care or recreational programs in the summer, for example, YMCA scholarships cover the cost of summer camp for those in financial crisis. For many parents, these scholarships mean peace of mind, knowing that their child is in a safe and engaging environment."

To learn more about the community appreciation breakfast, Plymouth YMCA programs or board membership, visit the website at ymca-detroit.org/plymouth or call 734-453-2904.

Your tax liability on inheritance

Q: Dear Rick: Last year, I inherited a variety of things following the death of a relative. I need some help in determining what I have to pay taxes on. I inherited a little more than \$20,000 in an IRA. I cashed the IRA out last year and used the money to pay off my charge cards. In addition, I inherited outside the IRA seven stocks. I sold four of them and hung on to three. I also inherited some jewelry, which I'm going to keep. What is my tax situation?

A: The basic rule is that inherited property that acts alone does not create a tax liability.

Our tax laws are such that if there are any estate taxes, they are owed by the estate itself, not



Rick Bloom
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by the beneficiaries. Beneficiaries typically inherit property tax-free. It is when they dispose of the inherited assets that the tax liability occurs.

In reviewing your situation, you have to pay tax on the IRA that you cashed in. That money would be taxed at your ordinary income bracket. The one exception to this rule is if the IRA was a Roth IRA.

I believe you made the right decision to pay off your charge cards. The typical charge card interest is 18.5 percent, which is not tax-deduct-

ible. When you pay off a high-interest rate charge card, it is like getting an 18.5-percent return. I don't know of any investment that pays a rate of return that high.

With regard to the stocks, your basis with those is the fair market value as of the date of death. Therefore, there is no tax liability on the stocks that you did not sell.

There's always confusion when it comes to inheritances. Typically, there are no tax consequences when we inherit property.

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Fourth-grader is council's spelling champion

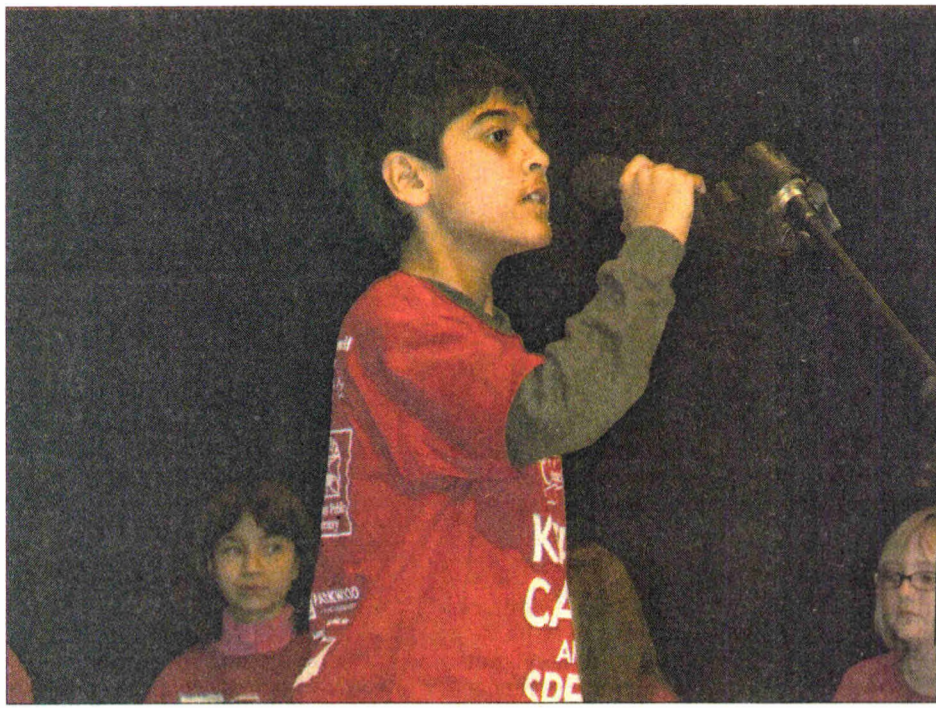
By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Nawfal Raza was the last speller standing Wednesday after the Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council's first youth spelling bee at Discovery Middle School.

Nawfal, a fourth-grader at Miller Elementary in Canton Township, outspelled and outlasted 17 other fourth- and fifth-graders to take the trophy, correctly spelling "turquoise" after runner-up Aashna Kalyankar bowed out on the word "possess" in the 13th round.

"I feel awesome! Everybody's congratulating me," Nawfal, of Canton, said by phone Thursday evening. Classmates in teacher Matt Gold's room at Miller gave him a rousing "attaboy" when the news was announced in school Thursday, he said.

Nawfal, who studied a sixth-grade level word list to prepare for the



Fourth-grader Nawfal Raza won Wednesday's 13-round spelling bee at Discovery Middle School. He said support from classmates at Miller Elementary helped him.

bee, said he was nervous in the early going, but relaxed as the contest went on. It helped, he said, that the last three spellers on stage with

him were classmates. "At the start I was really nervous, but it got better and better," he said.

Nawfal's father, Syed

Raza, credited Nawfal's mother Waqar with helping their son study and his brother and sister for keeping quiet while he did so.

Dad said that during the contest, he thought Nawfal would trip on the word "saunter," which came up about three-quarters of the way through the bee. But Nawfal took his time, asked for it to be used in a sentence and spelled it right.

"I was really surprised. I didn't even know that word," the elder Raza said.

\$1,500 raised

The literacy council's first youth spelling bee raised money, through sponsorships, for its programs. The roughly \$1,500 raised will pay for training 37 new volunteer tutors and for renewing subscriptions to online magazines written specifically for people trying to improve their English literacy skills, council program coordinator Amy D'Urso said.

The council has long sponsored an annual adult spelling bee (this year's is 7 p.m. Wednes-

day, March 26, at Canton High School), but decided to also give kids a chance to shine this year, D'Urso said.

It's likely to become an annual event, she said. "We were very pleased with the outcome. The contestants seemed to have fun" and families were supportive, she said. The contestants should be proud of what they accomplished, D'Urso said.

The council used social media to encourage students to sign up for the bee and also distributed fliers through local schools.

Miller, with eight participants, was heavily represented in the contest, but other spellers came from Tonda, Farrant and Bentley elementaries, Plymouth Scholars Academy and Our Lady of Good Counsel.

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Aashna Kalyankar glances at the judges Wednesday after correctly spelling "accurate." Aashna was the runner-up in the 13-round contest.

About the literacy council

Founded in 1985, the Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council, Inc., is a nonprofit through which volunteer tutors help improve the literacy skills of adults in the area who read or write at below a ninth-grade level.

The council, headquartered in a portable building at Tonda Elementary School, offers one-on-one and small-group tutoring, conversation groups and book clubs for those learning English and writing workshops. The group is planning to add citizenship classes later this year.

The council draws clients from the Plymouth-Canton area and several other western Detroit suburbs, like Livonia and Farmington Hills, program coordinator Amy D'Urso said. With 48 tutors, it

currently serves about 130 clients, not including people who drop in casually at the twice-a-week conversation groups, which are each Thursday and Friday morning at the Canton Public Library, D'Urso said.

Many of the council's clients are studying English as a second language, D'Urso said, while some dropped out of school at a young age and want to continue their studies.

With money raised through Wednesday's spelling bee, the council plans to train 37 more tutors. The 12 hours of training are scheduled for three days in late April and early May.

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Bottom of the ninth for sports memorabilia store

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Mike Odatella has spent most of his adult life buying and selling sports memorabilia and collectibles, along with hats and apparel in recent years.

Now as he prepares to close his Westland store Play Ball after more than 25 years, Odatella said he isn't sure what he'll do next.

"I'm only 53, I wish I could retire," said Odatella, who cites a number of reasons for his decision to close his store. "Business has slowed down. The area has changed. There's the economy, online sales. It's a number of things, I guess."

It's hard to miss Play Ball on Warren Road opposite Westland Shopping Center — there's a giant Steve Yzerman likeness on the front of the building.

"I have nearly 35 years in the business. I started as a collector in the mid- to late '80s," said Odatella, a Canton



Rima Aneed folds shirts on display at Play Ball in Westland. With the store closing, she will be looking for work after 18 years. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

resident. "I started doing a few card things — I liked them. Then I did it as a side business."

Trading cards for an 'A'

Eventually, Odatella opened his first store — an approximately 1,000-square-foot trading card shop.

"I did \$10 in business the

first day. I thought, 'Oh my God, what did I do?' But it took off in a couple of months," Odatella said. "I'd say 80 percent of the customers then were little kids. For every 'A' on their report cards, we'd give them a pack of trading cards."

The original store was located on Warren Road next to

Goodyear and in 1990 moved to the current location. During the 1990s, Odatella said Play Ball was one of the first stores to bring in athletes to sign autographs.

Over time, Play Ball expanded to take over adjoining space that had housed a pizzeria and Dunkin' Donuts to a 7,500-square-foot store.

Unique items

Over the years, Odatella said a lot of unique items came through the store, including game-used baseball bats and items autographed by Babe Ruth.

One item was a hand-written note from Ruth, denying any problems with teammate Lou Gehrig.

"This lady brought it in. Her grandfather was the newest reporter, so he was at the end of the line when the note was passed along in the press box," Odatella said. "It was signed George Herman Ruth. She showed me the note."

Asked his favorite athlete

who visited the store, Odatella didn't hesitate in mentioning Ali. He recalls an older woman using a walker who Ali spotted waiting in line for an autograph.

"Ali stopped the line and walked over to her so she didn't have to walk to him. He (Ali) kissed her hand. It was very cool. He was the classiest," Odatella said. "Ali treated everyone like they were special."

As a group, Odatella said hockey players were the nicest and most approachable of the professional athletes.

With more 4,000 sports logo items in the store — ranging from caps, jerseys and shirts to flags, trash cans and mugs — Odatella is starting a clearance sale this week.

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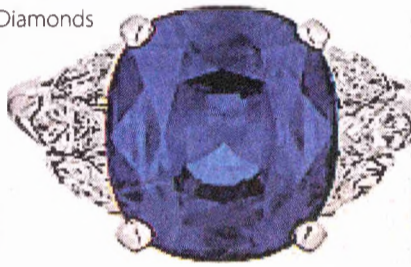
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Lutheran High Westland stages 'Annie'

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Little Orphan Annie, Daddy Warbucks and that nasty Miss Hannigan will come to life on the stage of Lutheran High School Westland next weekend as students present the musical *Annie* at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 7-8.

More than 65 students are involved in the production, which has Mara McMahon of Dearborn appearing in the title role of Annie. A sophomore, this is McMahon's first appearance in a play at the high school.

"I actually didn't try out for a specific role, it just worked out that I got to be Annie," McMahon said. "I really like the play."

McMahon has a lot stage experience, appearing in productions at Guardian Lutheran School in Dearborn. For

her first one at Lutheran High, she spent two weeks repeating the script "multiple times" to learn her lines.

"I've always liked to do plays and musicals are a lot of fun," she said. "That's why I decided to try out. It's going to be awesome when we get on stage. The hardest part now is saying the lines and seeing the people in the audience watching you."

Bryce Ingersoll of Livonia will play Daddy Warbucks, the billionaire industrialist who takes a liking to Annie and decides to adopt her. But it takes the help of the president and the FBI to foil a plan to kidnap Annie by: Miss Hannigan, played by Natalie Freeman of Livonia; Hannigan's brother Rooster, played by Matthew Parent of Dearborn; and his girlfriend Lily, played by Gwen Ulrey of Dearborn.



Emily Blasiola (from left) of Ann Arbor, Sarah Braden of Dearborn and Becky Pries of Dearborn Heights rehearse a scene from "Annie." SUE MASON

Musical experience

This is director Kate Ulrey's first experience with a musical. Her forte is Shakespeare. As the head of the high school's drama department, she has staged *A Midsummer's Night Dream* and *Romeo and Juliet*. She also was the director of the Backyard Shakespearean Players, a 30-member troupe that performed in outdoor settings like her back-

yard and Garden City Park.

This year's play was selected by musical director John Boonberg, who wanted to do a musical. He's been working with the cast and the pit orchestra in preparing for the production.

"We have approximately 50 students involved, including the pit and backstage," Ulrey said. "When we include younger siblings, it's about 65 people."

Rehearsals have been "intense" since they started in January and the production was hit hard with the loss of four days of school due to weather. Ulrey admits that it's "been crazy," but said the students have taken ownership of the production.

Seniors Jane Ulrey and Annalee Kuhr, both of Dearborn, have joined assistant director and choreographer Jeaneen Wyly in designing the dances, including the orphans dance. Stage manager Abby Schaffer of Romulus has been meticulous in keeping track of everything that happens and needs to be done, Kate Ulrey said.

Many roles

Some cast members shift between their stage roles and help with other aspects of the production like Parent, who also is in the pit.

The play has 11-12 scene changes. To accommodate that, it will have a minimalist set with pieces carried on and off stage. Volunteers Dick and Catherine Bradbury figured out what was needed in basic pieces "and then the kids took over," Ulrey said. They started building the walls last Monday and had them painted and in the beginning stages of being set in place.

For play goers, the treat will be intermission. The parents provide the snacks free of charge, Ulrey said.

"This has been one exceptional group," Ulrey said. "They always step forward and help. One student says they like doing costumes and they're doing what they say they'll do. I've had no worries."

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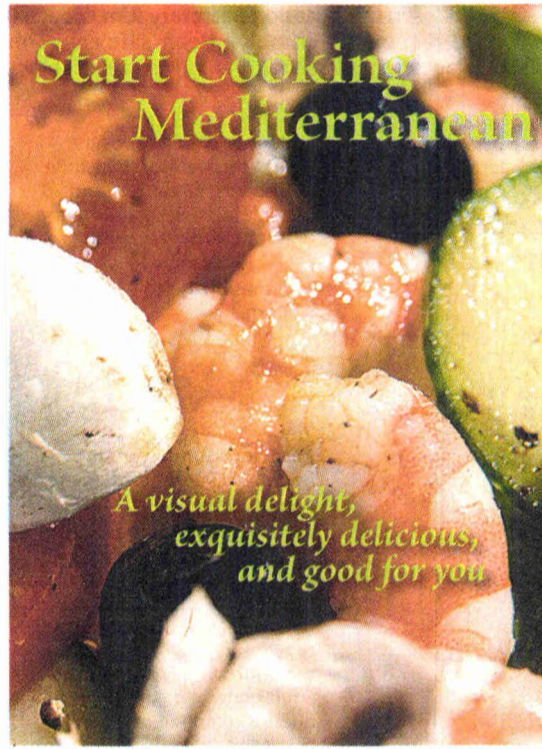
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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Rockettes hit clinic

Date/Time: Saturday, March 8, registration starts at 8:30 a.m.
Location: Salem High School Gym

Details: The Salem Pommel Poms Team hosts its annual "Junior Rockettes" clinic. The clinic is open to kindergarten through eighth grade. "Junior Rockettes" will learn skills and a routine and perform their routine at pick up. "Junior Rockettes" will be invited to perform April 11 at the Rockettes Variety Show. The cost is \$30 to preregister, \$35 at the door. Price includes a T-shirt, poms, snack and drink.
Contact: For more information and registration form, go to www.pompon.salemrockets.com

Mad Hatter Tea

Date/Time: Sunday, March 16, 2 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, corner of Main and Church, Plymouth

Details: The Plymouth Historical Museum's annual "Mad Hatter Tea" features Phyllis Barkey speaking on "Dining at J.L. Hudson's."

Barkey's presentation is divided into three parts: Joseph Lowthian Hudson and his magnificent store; dining at Hudson's;

shopping at the Grand Dame of Woodward Avenue. The presentation will follow a Victorian-style tea with a twist. We will be serving several items formerly served at Hudson's, including Maurice Salad and Cheese Bread, along with the Plymouth Historical Museum's signature tea, "Mary's Blend." Guests are encouraged to wear their craziest hat as there will be a door prize awarded. Tickets are \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members, if purchased by March 7; after that date, add \$5 to the price.
Contact: Tickets can be purchased at the museum during open hours or on the museum's website (www.plymouth-history.org) using Paypal.

Night of Hope

Date/Time: March 21, 6:30-11:45 p.m.

Location: The Dearborn Inn, 20301 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn

Details: Canton-based Our Hope Holds The Cure is hosting its second annual "A Night of Hope" formal charity gala, featuring a silent auction, dinner, live entertainment and cake auction officiated by Vic Faust of WXYZ-TV (Channel 7). Individual tickets are \$150 and tables are \$1,500. Proceeds go directly to the national HHT Foundation.
Contact: Register for tickets or sponsorships at ourhopeholdsthecure.org

Frog, toad training

Date/Time: Tuesday, March 4, 7-9 p.m.

Location: Canton Summit on the Park

Details: Frog and Toad Survey training sessions for those interested in monitoring the health of the Rouge River will be held during March. Each training session will focus on frog and toad identification skills in order to help volunteers determine different species out in the field. Training sessions are open to anyone, child or adult, who is concerned about the environment and wants to play an active role in monitoring its health. The sessions are free and registration is required.
Contact: To register, call the Friends of the Rouge at 313-



VIP treatment

Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Secretary Kim Crouch (left) helped honor members of the district's custodial staff for their efforts in keeping the schools a clean, safe environment. Custodial staff honored as VIPs at the meeting included Cheryl Haught, Canton High School; Paula McDaniels, Hoben Elementary School; and Jon Stamper, Isbister Elementary School.

792-9621 or email monitoring@therouge.org.

Venous screening

Date/Time: Friday, March 7, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: U-M Livonia Vein Center, 19900 Haggerty, Suite 105, Livonia

Details: U-M Vein Center in Livonia is offering free venous screening. March is DVT Awareness Month and U-M Vein Center in Livonia is taking part in the country's largest, most comprehensive national screening program for venous disease. The screening includes an ultrasound of leg veins and a medical exam.
Contact: Call 734-432-7662

United Way meeting

Date/Time: Friday, April 4, 7:30-9 a.m.

Location: Comcast, 41112 Concept Drive, Plymouth

Details: The Plymouth Community United Way holds its 2014 annual Meeting and Awards Presentation sponsored by Comcast. The public is welcome. The morning begins with networking and a continental breakfast followed by the meeting at 8 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to elect new board members and officers and includes reports on the organization's 2013 finances and programs.
Contact: To RSVP, call Cindy Bumgardner at 734-453-6879, ext. 2, or send email to cindy.bumgardner@pcuw.org by Monday, March 17.

Agent Orange town hall

Date/Time: Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (registration 8-9 a.m.).

Location: Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile, Northville

Details: Vietnam Veterans Chapter 528 sponsors an Agent Orange Town Hall to inform and register veterans, their families and community, that have been affected by Agent Orange and other dioxins used during the Vietnam War up to the present. The effects of these dioxins are carried in the DNA of the affected person for up to seven generations. The National Academy of Sciences and Veterans Administration has connected Agent Orange

and other dioxin exposure during this period, to include 12 diseases, 38 cancers and 20 birth defects. Reservations are required for this event.
Contact: To RSVP or for more information, go to www.VVA528.org.

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.canton-newcomersandneighbors.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, 2200 N. Canton Center Road, Ste 250, Canton

Details: United Home Health Services offers free individual counseling with a certified MMAPP counselor who will help you understand: Medicare/Medicaid eligibility, transitioning from employer coverage to Medicare, plan options, assistance programs, drug insurance and Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse identification and reporting. Medicare plan enrollment and subsidy application assistance also provided.
Contact: Call Heather Pinage at 734-727-2063 to schedule an appointment. For MMAPP information, visit www.mmappinc.org/pages/about.html

Schoolcraft open house

Time/date: 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12

Location: VisITech Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia

Details: Learn about your new education options in nursing, health information administration, communications and criminal justice through

Schoolcraft College and The University of Toledo. Talk with Schoolcraft and University of Toledo advisers in one location at one time.
Contact: www.schoolcraft.edu/SCto; 734-462-4426

Blood drives

Dates/Times/Locations:

» Sunday, March 9, 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, N. Territorial.

» Friday, March 14, 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main.

» Sunday, March 23, 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., St. Kenneth Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth.

» Monday, March 24, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., City of Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main.

» Tuesday, March 25, 1:30-7:15 p.m., St. Michael's Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton.

» Friday, March 28, 3:30-8 p.m., Dodson Elementary School, 205 Beck, Canton.

Details: The American Red Cross sponsors the above blood drives. All donors will be entered into a raffle for a two-year lease on a 2014 Ford Fusion, with a \$5,000 cash option. Donors will also be entered into a weekly raffle for a \$125 gas card. Walk-ins are welcome.
Contact: Donors can call Diane Risko at 313-549-7052 or email at Diane.Risko@redcross.org to set up an appointment.

Building bridges

Date/Time: Saturday, April 12, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: The Muslim Community of Western Suburbs (Canton Mosque), 40440 Palmer, Canton

Details: The Muslim Community of Western Suburbs hosts the annual "Building Bridges - A Family Fun Day," a free open house event, with the goal of meeting neighbors and fellow citizens to foster communication and build relationships. There will be fun activities, henna, calligraphy, information on Islam around the world and a variety of ethnic food.
Contact: For more information, contact mcwso-treach@gmail.com and RSVP at mcws.org/outreach.

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: 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 \$17 to \$19 and contain all the ingredients to bake pizza, bread, cookies 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.

Community conversation

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

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, 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 Irene-Lamanen@gmail.com

Charity Mom2Mom

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

Location: Summit on the Park, 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.

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.

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Regular Meeting dates in 2014: March 18, April 15, May 13 & 27, June 17, July 22, August 19, September 9 & 23, October 7 & 21, November 18 and December 9.

Special meetings, if any, will occur on Tuesdays, unless otherwise posted. The public is invited and encouraged to attend the Board of Trustees Meetings.

Nancy Conzelman
Township Clerk

Publish: March 2, 2014

CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE #2014-04

The City of Plymouth adopted Ordinance #2014-03 at their regular meeting held on Monday, February 17, 2014 as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 78, THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH PLYMOUTH ZONING ORDINANCE IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATING WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES.

Modify Article II, Section 78-21 Definitions
Modify "Essential Services" definition
Modify Article XII

ARTICLE XII. I-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS

Sec. #78-120 - Intent
Sec. #78-121 - Purposes
Sec. #78-122 - Principal uses permitted
Sec. 5 Modify Article XIII

ARTICLE XIII. 1-2 HEAVY INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS

Sec. #78-130 - Intent
Sec. #78-131 - Principal uses permitted
Sec. 6 Modify Article XVIII, Section 78-216 (Deletes current Section 78-2116 and replaces with new language)

Sec. #78-216 - Wireless Communication (Purpose & Intent)

This Ordinance was introduced on February 13, 2013, enacted on February 17, 2014, published 3/2/2014 and effective 3/3/2014.

The entire document can be viewed in the City Clerk's office during regular business hours at City Hall, 201 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170.

DANIEL DWYER
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LINDA LANGMESSER
CITY CLERK

Publish: Observer & Eccentric 3/2/2014

ADVERTISEMENT: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (PCCS) BID PACKAGE #5: "21ST CENTURY CLASSROOM PROJECT" PCCS BOARD OFFICES: 454 S. HARVEY ST., PLYMOUTH, MI 48170

Sealed responses to a Request for Proposal (RFP) will be accepted for the 21st Century Classroom Project at the PCCS Board Offices.

Bidders MUST comply with the Pre-Bid Process as prescribed below. Please refer to the full RFP documentation for additional deadlines.

Bid Publication available on or after February 21, 2014
RFP drawings and documentation will be available by contacting Russ Gill rgill@shwgroup.com or Dwayne Henderson dhenderson@shwgroup.com at SHW Group (email only). Site visitation shall be scheduled for February 27, 2014 at 2:00pm EST at Salem High School, 46181 Joy Rd, Canton, MI 48187. A second visitation will be scheduled for March 7, 2014 at 2:00pm EST (if required).

Pre-Bid Meeting, March 7, 2014, 1 PM EST
A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting shall be held at the PCCS Board Offices on March 7, 2014, 1:00 PM EST.

Bidder's Questions, March 11, 2014, 5 PM EST
All questions pertaining to this RFP shall be issued in writing (email) and directed to rgill@shwgroup.com by March 11, 2014, 5:00 PM EST. Responses to questions will be issued on an addendum and submitted through NewForma to the interested Vendors by March 12, 2014 by 11:00 AM EST.

Proposals Due, March 17, 2014, 1 PM EST
Proposals shall be delivered to PCCS Board Offices, ATTN: "Bid Package #5: 21st Century Classroom Project" by March 17, 2014, 1 PM EST. Late bids/proposals will be returned unopened. PCCS will not consider or accept a bid/proposal received after the deadline. PCCS reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Proposals and waive any informality or irregularities in any qualifications should PCCS consider it to be in its best interest. Bids/proposals shall be publicly opened and read at the PCCS Board Offices immediately following the submission deadline.

This project is authorized by Plymouth-Canton Community School's Board of Education Secretary Kimberley Crouch.

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Lawmakers get up-close look at career tech center

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

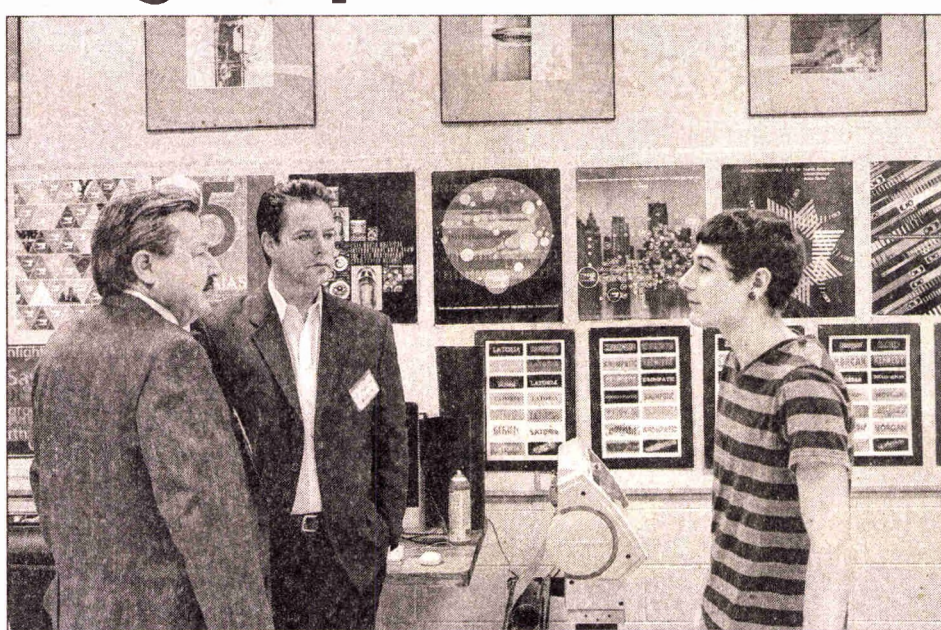
State Sen. Mike Kowall says he understands that not every student leaving high school is geared for a four-year college degree. He also has heard first-hand from businesses about their difficulty in finding skilled people to hire.

"That's one of the resounding things I hear — companies and manufacturers talking about the lack of skilled workers," said the White Lake Township resident who represents the 12th District. "Michigan has 65,000-75,000 unfilled jobs because of the lack of skilled people."

Kowall was among a group of state lawmakers and representatives from the Michigan Department of Economic Development who recently toured Wayne-Westland's William D. Ford Career Technical Center to see the training that's provided for students and adults.

Hosted by district Superintendent Greg Baracy, Principal Steve Kay and Assistant Principal Sue Wilk, the group included state Sens. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, and Hoon-Yung Hopgood, D-Taylor, as well as state Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, who received a tour of the facility courtesy of the students.

According to Anderson, the on-site visit stemmed from a conversation Kowall had



State Sen. Mike Kowall, R-White Lake (from left), and state Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, talk to a student in the graphic design class at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center in Westland.

with Baracy in Lansing. Kowall asked Anderson about the center "and I told him to come and see the amazing things they're doing there," Anderson said.

"They're doing training you see at the community colleges," he said. "The William D. Ford provides different levels of training for these folks. We have a need for skilled tradesmen. They're doing phenomenal things at the center."

18 training programs

Built in 1981, the career technical center offers 18 distinct technical training programs. Each program has state-of-the-art equipment, technology and instruc-

tion to prepare high school and adult learners to gain skills directly related to the goal of employment.

The tour highlighted some of the classes and technology being used. Michigan is a test site for automated motor vehicles and the students showed off their Innovative Vehicle Design that they showcased at the North American International Auto Show in January. Automated vehicles are able to sense their surroundings and navigate without human input.

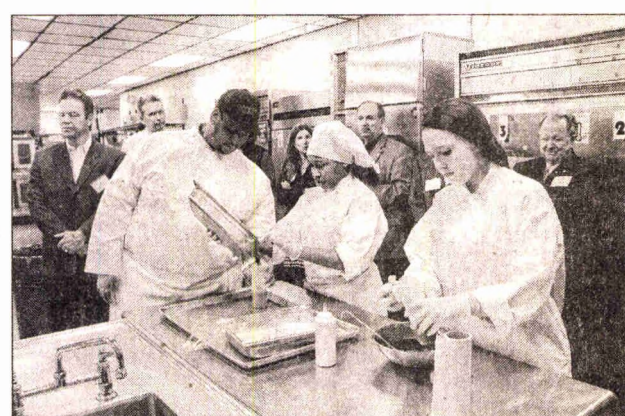
The center has competed in IVD competition through the Square One Education Network for more than 10 years. It has won state honors for an electric Thunderbolt

II vehicle students designed and built and was named a Center of Science and Engineering Excellence in 2007 by the Convergence Education Foundation.

"Michigan wants to become the hub for autonomous vehicles," Kowall said. "That's going to be \$1 billion for the auto industry — but they need the skilled workers."

Both Anderson and Kowall agree that not every student leaving high school is geared for four years of college. There is a need to encourage the students who aren't headed for college to move into other careers.

"It's terrific if they have a master's degree or a Ph.D., but who's



Students in the center's culinary arts program demonstrate their skills for the visiting state lawmakers.

going to build our buildings?" said Kowall, who is a cabinet maker by trade. "I have a friend who's a plumber and has done very well for himself. He makes over \$100,000 a year. By all intents and purposes, he's very successful."

Anderson pointed out that when support for adult education declined, it decimated that program at the center. The state's new rigorous high school curriculum also has had an impact. But the center has fine-tuned its programs, dropping some classes and adding others, like EMT training, to rebuild enrollment.

Underutilized

"The one thing about the career tech center, I think, is that it is underutilized by business," he said. "It could be used to train employees. There are definite different levels of education for these folks and using the center can minimize the cost. There are careers

that don't need a two-year college. The center can offer advanced training for some so they can move into a career."

Kowall was so impressed with the center that in a conversation with Anderson on the floor of the Senate he said that Gov. Rick Snyder and more folks from the MEDC need to visit it.

"The things they teach are things that need to be learned, that's why I went there to see it," he said. "I want to see what we can do as state government. I can't say enough good things about the center."

"I'm hopeful he'll do what he says," Anderson said of the governor visiting the center. "I hope he will get him down here. No worker can be left behind and as the governor said, career tech can do it quicker and for a lot less."

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Common Ground: Let's talk about mental health, suicide

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Her son's suicide not only left her with inconsolable grief, but it turned her family's life upside down, resulting in loss of employment and eventually their home.

"We didn't know what to do," said Terry Meerschaert, one of a number of speakers at the recent Crisis to Hope program, hosted by Farmington Suicide Awareness for Everyone.

The Farmington Hills program provided some 30 attendees with information about Common Ground, a crisis intervention agency in Bloomfield Hills that helps about 70,000 people annually.

Following her son's death, Meerschaert called her therapist — the one she used during her son's struggle with difficulties: "I was told that suicide is something different."

That led her to Common Ground, where she found not only acceptance, but help and people who allowed her to be vulnerable. She and her husband learned coping skills. "Common Ground

gave us a safe place. It gave us the tools to get our lives back together," she said.

The program's speakers spoke not only of their grief from suicide, but the grief that accompanies all of life's tragedies.

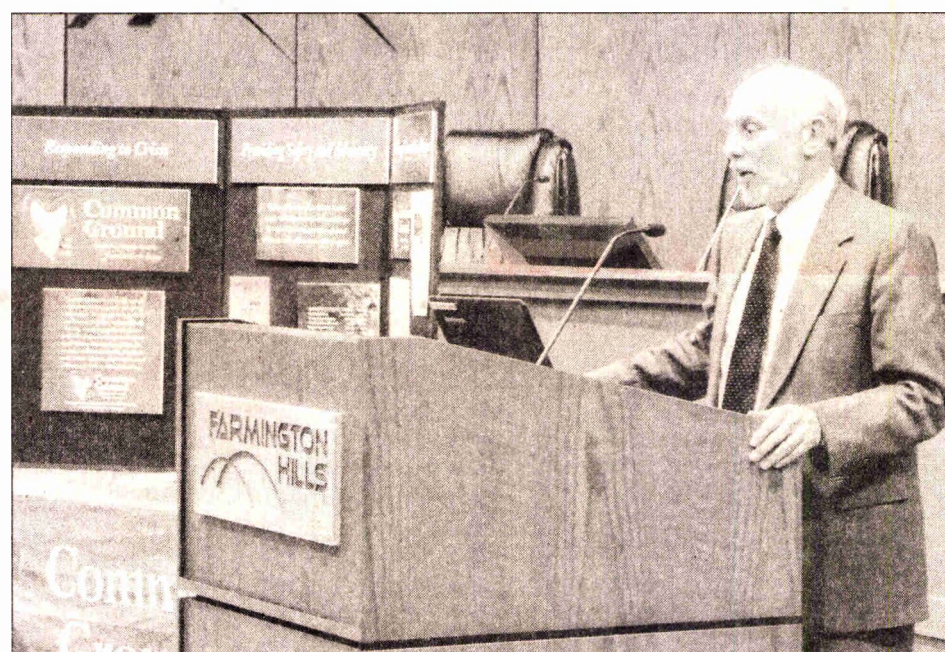
Key message

Tony Rothschild, Common Ground CEO, spoke of his father's suicide. But as is typical with mental and emotional problems, including suicide, Rothschild said no one wants to talk about it. And that was certainly true following his dad's first suicide attempt.

"We were shocked and dismayed," Rothschild said, recalling the family's reaction to his dad's first attempt. Still, as a college student, Rothschild was happy and satisfied when his dad promised he wouldn't do it again.

And he and the family never again spoke about it — until 1985, when his father's second attempt was successful.

The tendency for society to avoid talking about suicide is part of the problem, said Rothschild, who joined Com-



Tony Rothschild, CEO of Common Ground, spoke about the agency's plans at the Crisis to Hope program in Farmington Hills. PHOTOS BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI

mon Ground in 1990.

Like the Farmington area's SAFE program, Common Ground leaders and volunteers want to talk very publicly about mental and emotional illness and how far too often it leads to suicide.

Suicide and attempted suicides are far more common than most people would think. In Farmington Hills in 2013, six people committed sui-

cide, compared to seven in 2012 and 10 in 2011, according to information provided by Farmington Hills Police Chief Chuck Nebus.

In 2013, suicide threats topped 77, compared to 56 in 2012 and 57 in 2011. But in 2013, 60 people attempted suicide, a decrease from the 79 in 2012 and 52 in 2011.

Psychiatric services

Mental health problems and suicide are becoming such a problem that approximately 58 percent of what Common Ground addresses and provides are psychi-

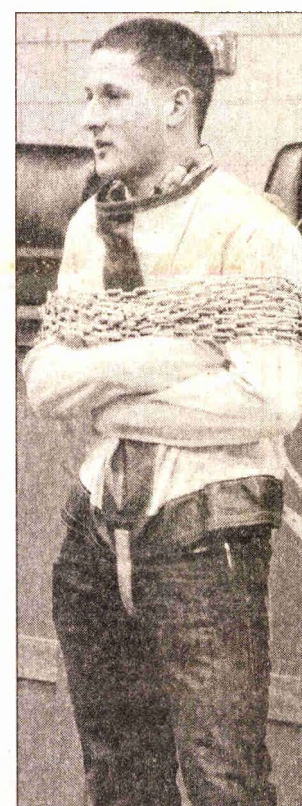
atric services, followed by crisis services. The agency's three distinct areas of impact include:

- » Responding to crisis with a 24-hour telephone hotline, crisis intervention, 24-hour psychiatric emergency screening services and free legal services. Common Ground's 24-hour crisis line is 800-231-1127.
- » Safety and advocacy: Providing shelter and graduate apartment supports for runaways and homeless youths, intervention for victims of crime and street outreach for youths living on the streets.
- » Building communities of support: Providing support groups and education for survivors of suicide and homicide, adolescent sexual assault survivors and victims of domestic violence.

There's plenty more that Rothschild wants to do with Common Ground. First, he wants the agency to continue to grow. That can be achieved by collaborating with community partners, he said.

Secondly, Common Ground wants to ensure that no one dies because they don't feel safe telling others of their problems or are afraid to ask for mental health help. The plan is to continue training volunteers to work with those who need help.

Thirdly, Rothschild wants to add programs, such as art therapy, to help those in need move



Magician Tony Grupido literally showed how he felt following a brain injury that turned his life's plans upside down. He was among a number of speakers at the Crisis to Hope program, hosted by Farmington Suicide Awareness for Everyone.

from crisis to hope and turn their lives around.

"We have a model. We have a building. We have a mission," said Cheryl Rossman, Common Ground director of advancement and donor relations.

Reggie Harrison, Common Ground development specialist, said that the agency keeps current with various ways to communicate, including texts. The agency's chat and text program is 248-809-5550 and is available 4-10 p.m. Monday through Friday.

As a testament to the help he received when his life was at its lowest point and struggling with bipolar disorder, Keith Arbenowske said Common Ground saved his life and his future.

"I watched broken people be positive," he said. "It helped strengthen my faith in the process (at Common Ground). Now my life is fantastic. I don't want the days to end."

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INVITATION TO BID BID NO. 8 - MIDDLE SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR PLYMOUTH CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The Plymouth Canton Community Schools Board of Education ("Owner") will receive firm, sealed Bid Proposals for all labor, materials, equipment and all other services to complete the Technology Infrastructure bid package.

Bid Documents can be obtained on or after March 4, 2014 from ARC (1009 W. Maple Road Clawson, Michigan 48017, phone: 248.288.5600), and will only be available through electronic downloads. Bidders will be responsible for all costs including download and printing.

Bid documents will be available to view only free of charge from the PlanWell Enterprise System on-line by accessing the website at: https://order.e-arc.com/arcEOC/PWELL_Main.asp?mem=72.

Three complete copies of your Bid Proposal (including the Familial Disclosure form, bid bond, and other attachments), marked "BID PACKAGE 8 - Middle School Technology Infrastructure", noting the category that your Proposal is for, must be delivered no later than 2PM, Tuesday, March 25, 2014, to: Brodie Killian, Deputy Superintendent of Business & Operations, E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S Harvey St, Plymouth MI, 48170. All Bid Proposals received on or before the Due Date will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately thereafter in the Board Room, in order of category number. Bid Proposals received after the due date will not be considered or accepted.

A pre-bid meeting has been scheduled for March 10 at 1:00PM at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S Harvey St, Plymouth MI, 48170. This pre-bid meeting is not mandatory, but is highly recommended.

All Bidders must provide a Familial Disclosure Form, Iran Sanctions Act Form, and a bid bond and attach this information to the Bid Proposal. The District will not accept a bid proposal that does not include this information.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bid Proposals, either in whole or in part; to award the Contract to other than the low Bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the Owner.

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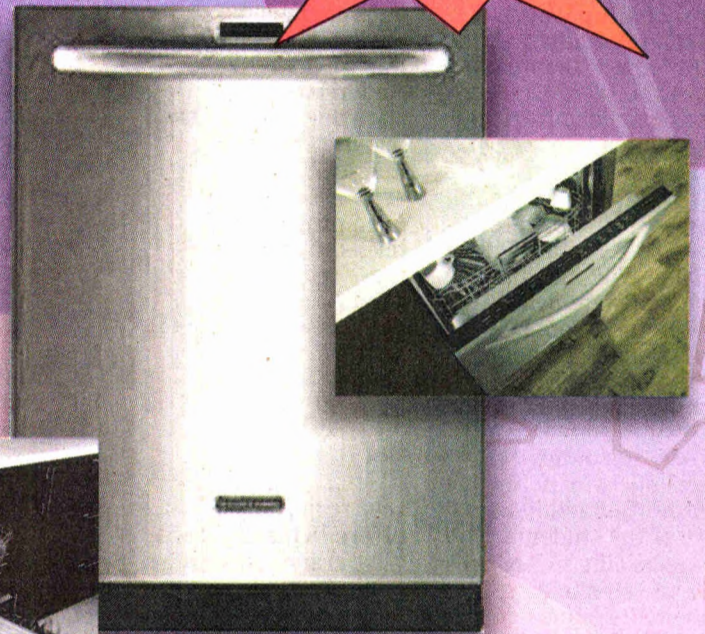
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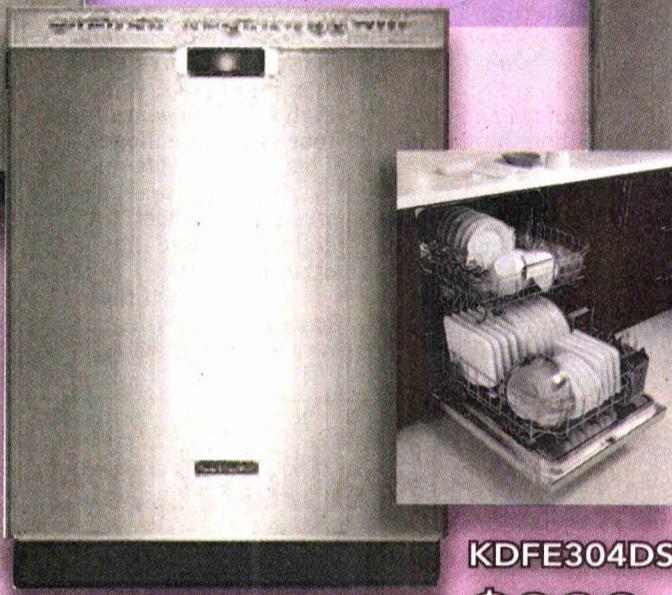
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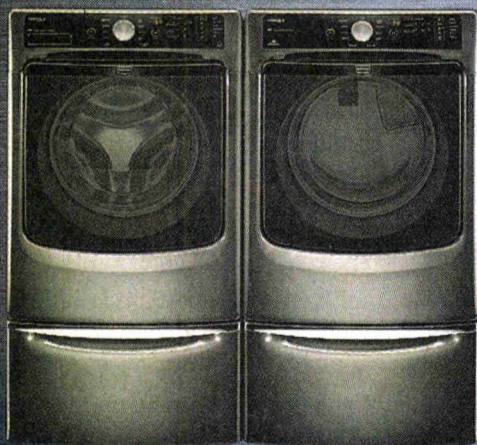
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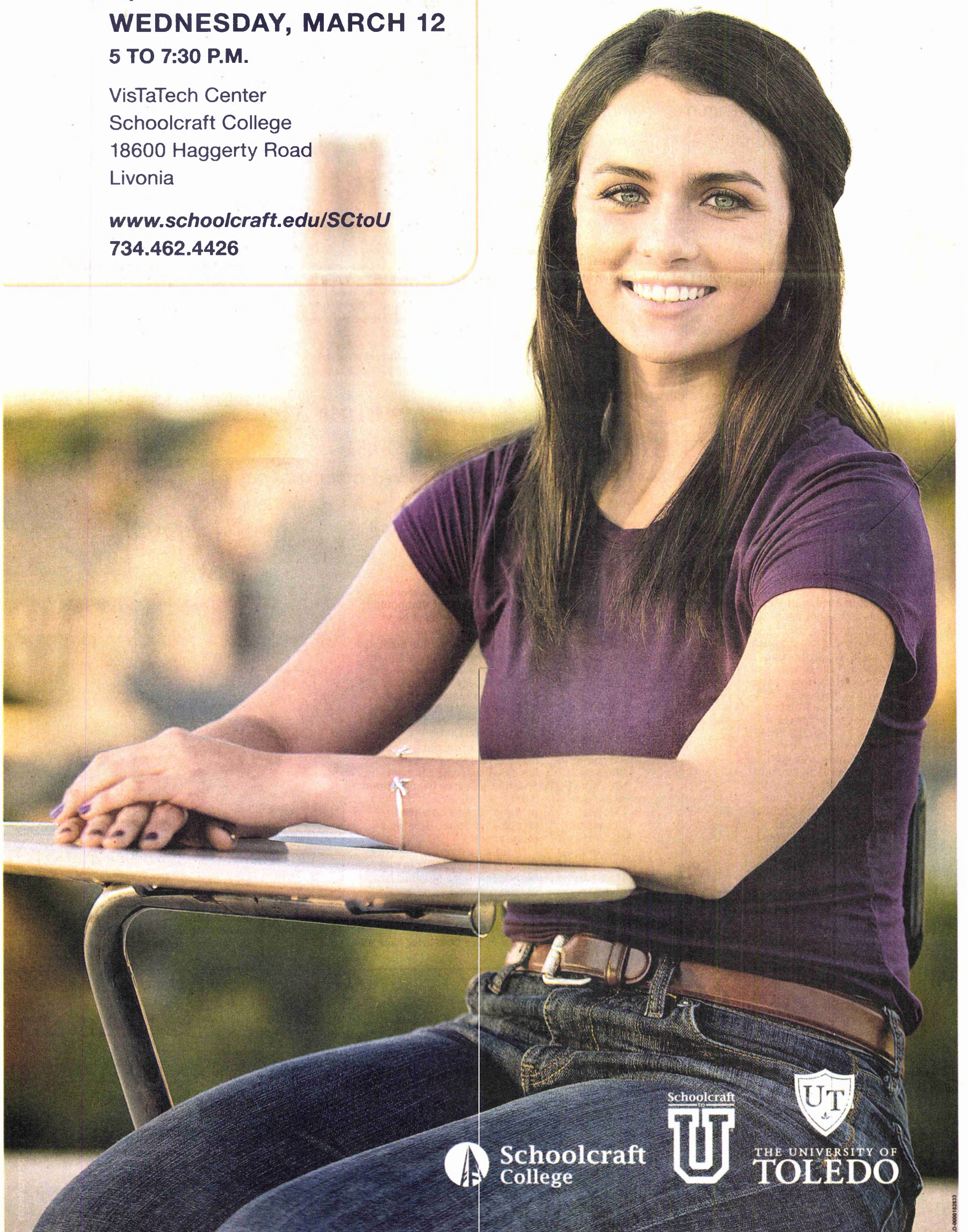
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Front and center during Canton's district title celebration are seniors Taylor Hunley and Rachel Winters (No. 10). PHOTOS BY ANN ESPINOSA

Canton vets throttle 'Cats

Senior Chiefs lead team past Plymouth to win their third district in four years

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Friday night's showdown for the Class A girls basketball district title at Northville featured campus rivals who played two ferociously tight games earlier this season.

Not the case this time. Canton's experienced tourney team — led by seniors Paige Aresco, Taylor Hunley, Rachel Winters and Shannon Perry — put their collective foot on the gas early to the tune of a 16-2 lead over rival Plymouth after one quarter.

After that, the outcome was

all but decided as the Chiefs won 48-34 for their third district championship in the senior quartet's four-year careers.

"Plymouth's a great team. I thought our kids came in really focused and ready to roll," said Canton head coach Brian Samulski, who has helmed all three title teams. "The first quarter we got off to a great start and that's what propelled us through the game."

"Our four seniors, they've been outstanding all year. They don't get talked about a whole lot. ... They've got a lot of big-game experience. They were huge tonight."



Canton (18-4) will move on to the West Bloomfield regional, against the winner of the Fenton-Holly district final. The Chiefs will tip off at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

"We really wanted to get Plymouth, they're a huge rival," Aresco said. "It's our

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Vying for a rebound Friday night are Canton's Taylor Hunley (left) and Plymouth's Shelby Cheston.

BOYS HOCKEY PRE-REGIONAL

'Cats again break Salem hockey hearts

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

A bounce, a blast and a mob scene along the glass at is how Wednesday's thrilling Division 1 pre-regional final boys hockey game ended at Plymouth Cultural Center.

Just like in 2013, the Plymouth Wildcats were doing the celebrating while the Salem Rocks could only watch — stunned and silent at the other end of the rink.

And for the second straight postseason, it was a goal in double overtime that crushed the Rocks. This time, Plymouth senior forward John VanDenBeurgeury scored the winner at 2:02 of the second OT for the 3-2 victory.

The Wildcats will play 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Dearborn Ice Skating Center in the final of the Dearborn Edsel Ford regional. Plymouth will face the winner of Thursday's Edsel Ford-Woodhaven contest.

"Unbelievable, I can't put it in words," said VanDenBeurgeury about his winning goal. "I don't know what to say. It just all came together, a team effort out there. A bounce went our way and it just all came together. It's just unbelievable, I feel great right now."

"A gift from the hockey gods I guess you could say. It just happened."

The puck was chipped into the neutral zone by senior forward Charlie Supernois and it hopped over a Salem defenseman's stick.

VanDenBeurgeury took control of the puck, skated in on Rocks senior goalie Parker Godfrey and buried his shot into the top-right corner.

"Bergy's got great wheels and he got a head of steam and he buried it," said Plymouth head coach Gerry Vento, whose team improved to 14-10-2. "He's been playing great the last month and it's a fitting end for him."

Victory and defeat

The winner sparked a happy celebration that started in a pile of players in the middle of the Salem zone. It then shifted over to the boards, where they wanted to share the win with their student fans.

Players slammed their gloves against the inside of the glass while fans reciprocated by pounding away at the outside of it.

Conversely, after reality sunk in that Salem's ship was sunk once again by their campus rivals, the Rocks (11-15-1) could only sit in agony on the ice or along the top of the boards by their bench.

"I thought this year was a little different (than the 2013 loss to Plymouth)," Salem head coach Ryan Ossennmacher said. "We carried the play in both overtimes. Last year I think they carried the play a little bit."

"But it's never easy. You lose in regulation, you lose in overtime, it still ends your season. I feel bad for these guys, they deserve better,

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She's just getting started

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Ninth graders don't often win an individual bowling regional.

But Canton freshman Meghan Macunovich is not your typical ninth grader.

The 15-year-old Macunovich already has a work ethic and desire to be an elite bowler that some prep bowlers never have.

Her efforts were rewarded on Feb. 22 when she finished first out of 64 participants at the Division 1 individual girls bowling regional hosted by Super Bowl Lanes in Canton.

"It's a big accomplishment, but I don't feel like it is because it's not states," said Macunovich, before Thursday's practice at Super Bowl (home for all P-CEP teams). "To me, states is more important and it will probably feel like a bigger accomplishment."

Macunovich said she expects to be in the mix at the D1 individual finals Saturday at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights. That kind of confi-

dence also isn't what one might expect from a freshman.

She couldn't believe all the hoopla in the crowd last weekend when she was announced as the champion with a six-game total of 1,282 pins.

Cheering her on

"When I went up to get my medal and they announced me, everybody cheered," Macunovich recalled. "I was kind of taken aback by that. Even people who aren't from Plymouth-Canton schools were cheering for me and I was kind of astounded."

She rolled four 200 games at the individual regionals, including a 255 score in Game 5. That nearly matched her season's best game of 256; her average is a very impressive 204.

"Really I was trying to at least make the cut," said Macunovich, recalling her mindset last week. "After the first game, I shot 201, and I knew I was in the cut somewhere. And I just had to make sure I followed through with my arm

and my form was perfect, and that I hit my mark."

"I just kept striking. My biggest thing was picking up my spares when I left a pin. My fifth game I shot 255, so I was pretty confident at that point that I would be at least in first by the fifth game."

Macunovich started bowling when she was 4 years old in the Strike Force Youth Bowling Club at Super Bowl and has been sharpening her strikes and spares since fourth grade in the Western Wayne Youth Travel Classic.

Helping to encourage and inspire her right from the start have been parents Michael and Suzanne Macunovich of Canton (who are both serious bowlers, too) and various bowling instructors at Super Bowl and other venues.

Another avenue to improve that she happily takes is the Michigan Junior Masters Association, where a lot of good bowlers congregate once a month. They want to bowl well

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Canton freshman bowler Meghan Macunovich loves the sport and wants to turn pro someday. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

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Kenrick's college decision in the Cards

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Alex Kenrick loved being part of National Signing Day last month with other college-bound athletes from Salem High School.

The senior had his picture taken, congratulated the big day with his friends and enjoyed the refreshments immediately after the ceremonies were over.

It's just that he had to wait a little longer to officially announce where he would be kicking field goals at the collegiate level.

Kenrick, 18, was all set to sign with Division II Saginaw Valley State University until a late opportunity came his way from the U.S. Naval Academy football team that he had to seriously consider.

After weighing his options, Kenrick said

thank you very much to Navy but opted to go to SVSU.

"Navy was amazing, the coaches were great," said Kenrick, explaining his choice. "It's just such a huge commitment, I wasn't sure if I was ready in my life to make a choice like that, to sign and be in the Navy."

"I don't come from a military background or family, so when they offered it was definitely a new thing for me."

Kenrick took the question he had to answer from another angle. "I thought, 'Would I enlist right now?' If not then I shouldn't attend the academy."

SVSU's better fit

Navy's loss will be Saginaw Valley State's gain. It was officially announced in mid-February by Cardinals head coach Jim Collins that Kenrick was part of the

program's 27-player recruiting class of 2014.

"SVSU is a great school, with amazing facilities," Kenrick noted. "(It's) one of the top D-II programs in the country. It just really fits me. The coaching staff is great there, huge commitment there to the players, to success. Coaching staff at SVSU just really sold me."

"I will be kicking field goals. And competing as a freshman to start at the punting job."

Kenrick, also a varsity soccer and basketball player during his high school years, carries a 3.38 grade-point average and is considering business as his college major. The Plymouth resident's parents are Kathryn and Lawrence Kenrick.

The kicker said things started rolling late as far as being recruited was concerned. He also had a chance to be a preferred



Salem's Alex Kenrick ultimately decided he wanted to be a kicker at Saginaw Valley State University. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

school, Austin Peay University-bound tight end Michael Hoover — was like a dream come true for Kenrick.

"It was awesome to see all the different places we were going," Kenrick added.

Plenty of hard work went into all of those opportunities, and Kenrick knows he will have to keep plugging away at SVSU.

"I believe I have the ability to make a huge impact on an already great football team and program," Kenrick said. "I think throughout my time there I can help the team win, whether it's (getting good) field position during a game or just being a leader."

"I believe that I work hard, and have the ability and talent to really have a positive impact in college."

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Finishing a career



Salem alum Brett de Bear, pictured from earlier this season, concluded her stellar women's basketball career at Albion College with a 29-point game Feb. 22 against Saint Mary's College. She moved up to second in career scoring for the Lady Britons, with a total of 1,249 points (450 this season). LOWELL MCGINNIS | ALBION COLLEGE

New-look Naubert sparks MU playoff victory

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Bobby Naubert was willing to try anything to keep his basketball season alive.

The 5-foot-10 Madonna University senior point-guard, who has been nursing a sore hip, decided to change things up going into Wednesday's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoff opener against visiting Aquinas College.

Sporting a new haircut, the Livonia Stevenson High grad scored 19 points and dished out 11 assists as the Crusaders notched their 20th win of the season with a 76-66 victory over the Saints.

"We lost the last couple of games and everything had been going downhill so I decided to switch it up — got a Mo-

hawk today — hopefully get the win, and it worked out," Naubert said. "It was my roommate (Derek) Lennen, not a trained professional as you can see. But he does the job."

MU (20-11) was tied 35-all with 17:24 left in the second half before going on a 10-0 run to take control capped by Tyler Stewart's triple to make it 45-35 with 13:56 left.

"I think we started moving the ball and Tyler Stewart hit some big shots, some huge shots," said Naubert, who hit 7-of-14 shots from the field. "He (Stewart) played a really good game."

The Crusaders led by as many as 15 with 7:30 left, 61-46, on a layup by

senior Derek Lennen. Aquinas (15-16) cut the deficit to four, 63-59, on a pair of free throws by Jake Bullock, but could get no closer.

Stewart, a sophomore guard from Salem, tallied a career-high 14 points.

"It's great," MU coach Noel Emenhiser said. "Anytime you get a contribution like that off the bench ... step out and hit four 'threes.' That really changed the way they had to play us on ball screens. Getting a contribution like that is great."

Junior center Donald Owens contributed 14 points and nine rebounds, while Lennen, a senior forward, finished with 13 points.

After being tied 28-all

at halftime, the Crusaders shot a blistering 65 percent (13-of-20) in the second half.

"Our senior class has meant a lot to us over the past couple of years," MU coach Noel Emenhiser said. "Their passion and energy really carried us through. Guys stepped up and made plays when they had to. Things you can't draw up on the chalkboard."

MU advances to the WHAC semifinals beginning at 3 p.m. Saturday in Grand Rapids against WHAC regular season champion and top seed Cornerstone (27-4). The Golden Eagles are ranked No. 5 in the latest NAIA Division II coaches poll.

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HOCKEY

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especially the seniors."

Salem might have enjoyed the taste of victory if not for clutch goalkeeping by Plymouth junior Jared Maddock, who stopped 38 of 40 shots.

Maddock really came up big in the first overtime, getting a shoulder on a blazing shot from the low slot by Salem senior forward Jake Sealy.

Ossenmacher then concurred with the assessment that their might not be a more-entertaining game the rest of the state tournament.

"I don't expect so," Ossenmacher said. "It was pretty fast, up and down, lots of opportunities both ways. That's why there were 500 people here."

"That's the type of game they want to see and that's what high school hockey's all about. Unfortunately, somebody's got to lose the game and that was us."

Plot twists

Before the dramatic conclusion to the contest, there were plenty of twists and turns, spectacular goal-tending (Salem senior Parker Godfrey also was excellent, with 36

saves) and a disallowed Plymouth goal in the second period.

It was apparent to many in the crowd that the shot by junior forward Josh Smith beat Godfrey, which at the time would have snapped a 1-1 tie with over 13 minutes to go in the frame.

But a referee waved the goal off because he thought the netminder had the puck covered.

"We thought a couple calls went the wrong way on us, but that's the way it goes sometimes," Vento said. "We had to battle, we knew it was going to be tough tonight and it was."

Salem got their fans into it first, however.

At the midway point of the first period, senior forward Nick Danis walked the puck out of the left corner and surprised Maddock with a low shot inside the far post to make it 1-0.

Setting up the marker were junior forward Noah Willer and senior defenseman Cam Clark.

Plymouth scored the equalizer two minutes into the second period.

Sophomore forward Alex Bump batted in Josh Smith's cross-crease feed, with senior forward Mike Schultz also assisting.

Then came the disallowed goal. Yet that didn't deter the Wildcats, as they continued with strong fore-

checking that drew several penalties.

With 8:20 remaining in the period, Smith scored one that did count. He backhanded the rebound of senior forward Kyle Melnick's slapshot over Godfrey.

Crazy good

That lead held for quite a while, thanks to efficient penalty killing by Plymouth and timely stops by Maddock when called upon.

"They got a dynamite power play," Vento said. "We had a plan that we tried to execute against them and it worked. It paid dividends."

Salem did score as a Wildcats penalty elapsed with 5:46 to play in regulation, knotting up the game at 2-2.

Junior winger Liam Walker's shot from the right circle was turned aside by Maddock. But the puck slid over to senior forward Jason Newel near the left post and he found the range.

All of that merely set the stage for a wild finish.

"It's unbelievable, these games are crazy, whether they're playoff, regular season," Vento said. "It's always a one-goal game and this time we came out on top."

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Plymouth girls win Battle of the 'Cats

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

In a game of huge ramifications, the "little things" can mean the difference between winning and losing.

Plymouth varsity girls basketball coach Nick Brandon saw plenty of evidence of that out of his players in Wednesday's 48-43 win over Novi in a Class A district semifinal at Northville.

Such as junior wing Kendall Rose following up her own missed free throw to get into a scrum and force a jump ball, enabling the Wildcats to keep the ball leading 46-43 with 19 seconds on the clock.

That was a key sequence simply with the way Novi senior point guard Kerri McMahan was feeling it in the fourth — she scored all 10 of her team's points in that frame and finished with 28 for the game.

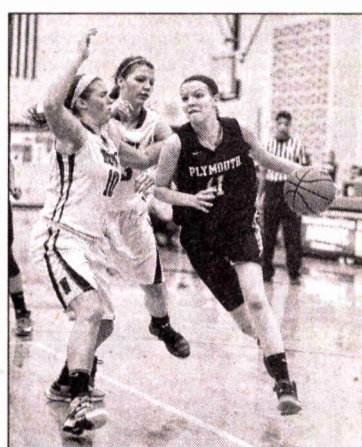
"Kendall Rose does all the little things that a lot of people that watch games don't notice," Brandon said. "I thought that was finally her opportunity to do a little thing on a big stage at a big moment."

Rose's refusal to lose the rebound then turned into a putback by Plymouth standout senior center Shelby Cheston (21 points, 15 rebounds) that put the game away.

Inside dominance

"We couldn't stop the girl inside (Cheston)," Novi coach Bill Kelp said. "... Credit goes to that girl. She dominated the game."

So did McMahan, the spectacular fourth-year player



Plymouth's Kendall Rose (No. 11) drives around Novi defenders Taylor Pavlika (No. 10) and Alexandria Felice (No. 33). JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

who galloped into the lane for numerous buckets to keep Novi in the game.

And it was a see-saw game of runs throughout.

Plymouth opened on a 9-0 tear, which Rose got going with a trey from the left corner. She finished with eight points.

"That kind of got my mind-set going, knowing that I could knock a few down later," said Rose, about that early triple.

Cheston scored the next three baskets, on inside layups, making it a nine-point lead with 3:30 left in the first.

Kelp called a full timeout and his team responded by tallying the next 10 points to take a 10-9 lead after one.

Scoring on a putback at the buzzer was senior forward Kristen Schubring.

McMahan took it from there in the second, scoring nine of Novi's 10 points in the

quarter and scooting into the paint for a field goal to put her team in front 20-18 at halftime.

Reason to worry

"I've been worried about her (McMahan) for 48 hours, she's that kind of player," Brandon said. "We certainly didn't stop her."

The second half opened similarly to how the game started, to Kelp's chagrin.

"We didn't come out," Kelp lamented. "That puts you behind the 8-ball."

Plymouth went on a 7-0 run, with Rose connecting on her second 3-ball of the contest.

Back came Novi, with a 15-5 rally that stretched into the fourth, to go in front 35-30 following a backdoor layup by McMahan.

Following that was another Plymouth surge of seven points, with senior point guard Kylie Robb's layup-and-one giving Brandon's team a 37-35 advantage. Robb scored six points.

Novi (15-6) would not lead the rest of the way.

A three-point trip by Cheston put Plymouth in front to stay at 42-39, with three minutes remaining.

Registering eight points for Plymouth was senior post Jada Woody.

Novi senior forward Taylor Pavlika scored eight, the team's second best output.

That fact alone underscored Novi's inability to have a balanced attack.

In the end, the headband-wearing McMahan could not do it all.

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Chiefs glide into district finals

By Evan Paputa
Correspondent

Canton's girls basketball team took easy street Wednesday en route to a 41-25 Class A district semifinal over host Northville.

The Chiefs' victory was due in large part to their suffocating defense and ability to extend possessions with offensive rebounds, according to head coach Brian Samulski.

"Our defense has been the staple of what we have been trying to do all year. I think that carried us," Samulski said. "Our rebounding was solid. Defensively and offensively; being able to get some second shots."

After an offensively slow first quarter, the Chiefs scored 14 points in the second quarter and outscored the Mustangs by nine points to take a 19-8 halftime lead.

Canton's offense picked up in the second half as they opened the third quarter on a 9-0 run in the first five minutes.

"We were able to get some stuff off of our defense and I thought we were pretty good at attacking their zone," Samulski said.

Canton continued to play the game at their pace in the fourth quarter outscoring the Mustangs 11-9.

"We got a big enough lead where our defense allowed us to go ahead and plug away," Samulski said.

Paige Aresco and Taylor Hunley led the Chiefs with 14 and 13 points respectively.

Rachel Winters helped the cause with eight points and



Canton's Jordan Church (No. 21) dribbles against Northville defender Christina Minna during Wednesday's district semifinal. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Shannon Perry chipped in with four points.

As a team, Canton shot 13-13 from the free throw line.

Friday night the Chiefs will play for the district championship against cross-campus foe Plymouth.

If the first two meetings are any guide, the Chiefs and Wildcats will duel in another tight game.

"We expect it to be another battle like the first two were. Plymouth is a very good team," Samulski said.

"They're solid all around. They have some pieces offensively. It will be a good game."

Friday night's district final is set to tip off at 7 p.m. at Northville High School.

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senior year, we definitely wanted to get the district one last time. It turned out really well, it was a great game."

Early juggernaut

The fast start meant the Wildcats' first season under head coach Nick Brandon would not make the second round. Plymouth did set a new school mark for wins (finishing 18-5).

"Canton's always prepared," Brandon said. "They're very well-coached, they've been doing what they do for a very long time and they looked really fresh to-night."

"I thought Canton came out easily with more energy and fresher legs. They competed harder early in the game. And against Canton, you just can't give up that kind of lead early."

Two of the seniors instrumental to the victory, Aresco (18 points, three assists) and Hunley (eight points, nine rebounds, three blocks), both said it was important to neutralize Plymouth's 6-foot-4 senior center Shelby Cheston, who was the catalyst in the Wildcats' semifinal win over Novi.

"We tried to pull their big defenders away from the rim so we would have a better chance at finishing," Aresco said. "Taylor did a really good job of playing in the high post area and opening up the rim for us."

Hunley also helped spread out the Plymouth defense, draining a pair of jumpers from the top of the key midway through the first to open up a 7-2 lead and really get the Chiefs rolling.

"We were practicing me coming a little bit higher to open up the lane a little bit for more driving, more movement," Hunley said. "My teammates gave me confidence to go ahead and shoot



With the ball up for grabs, Canton's Rachel Winters (No. 10) is surrounded by Plymouth's Brooke Senkbeil (No. 12), Leah Klizinski (No. 33) and Kendall Rose (No. 11). ANN ESPINOSA

when I was open."

Samulski said Hunley "did a great job on (Cheston) and then we tried to get help from the opposite side, so when she turned, she turned into doubles."

Canton's other seniors also made their mark. Winters scored 10 points, including a huge triple in the second.

Answer time

The Wildcats were down 22-6 when senior wing Brooke Senkbeil (six points) buried a trey, clapping her hands trying to get her team to respond.

That spark didn't last, as Winters quickly answered with her own triple to make it 25-9 with 2:50 to go in the first half.

Perry made some key contributions in the first half, scoring seven points. She missed the 2013 tournament after suffering a knee injury and also was sidelined for

part of this season.

"She's just a real resilient kid," Samulski said about Perry. "She hung in there, kept battling. I thought she had a huge game tonight and was a big factor why (Canton) won."

Another factor was how relatively few mistakes the Chiefs made, in a pressure-packed game. Canton committed only four turnovers; Plymouth made 13.

The Chiefs were up 25-11 at halftime and expected the Wildcats to come out stronger in the second half. They were right, as Senkbeil hit her second triple of the night just 1:45 into the third quarter, slicing Canton's lead to 27-15.

But Plymouth could not gain any traction and managed to score just one free throw the rest of the quarter.

Not in time

Plymouth's outside shooting came to life in the fourth,

but it was a case of too little, too late.

Junior point guard Paige Slominski, junior wing Kendall Rose and senior wing Jada Woody all hit treys in the fourth. Woody actually hit a pair of triples for her only points of the night.

"We continued to make a couple big shots here and there, we just wanted to get into single digits and chip away," Brandon said. "But again, a lot of credit to Canton, they're so good. Canton's been on this stage, not just once before, many times before."

"They looked very comfortable in this pressure situation. As a program, that's where we want to get."

Senior point guard Kylie Robb led Plymouth with seven points, while Cheston was held to five points along with four rebounds.

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Plymouth, Canton drop district tuneups

A 25-point performance by Brighton's Dylan Bennett Thursday night keyed his team's 65-57 overtime win over host Plymouth in a KLAAs tournament consolation boys basketball game.

Nearly matching Bennett for the Wildcats (9-10) was junior Josh Reynolds, who tallied 17 points along with nine rebounds. Junior Deji Adebisi contributed 11 points along with six boards.

Junior Randall Aikins and sophomore Brent Davis each scored nine points for Plymouth, while sophomore Chris Walls chipped in with eight points and seven rebounds.

Plymouth will look to quickly bounce back. Coach Mike Soukup's squad will visit Canton 7 p.m. Monday in a Class A district opener.

Canton falls

Speaking of Plymouth's campus rival Chiefs, they also were defeated Thursday night in a consolation contest, 57-48 by visiting Grand Blanc.

Canton senior forward Javon Taylor had another outstanding game, however, with 22 points — hitting 10 of 12 from the floor. Taylor grabbed seven rebounds.

Also in double figures for Canton (13-7) was junior point guard Greg Williams. He collected 10 points. Senior forward Shaine Keyandwy hit all four of his field goal tries to finish with eight points.

WLC 68, SALEM 53: Host Salem (15-5) dropped the regular season finale Thursday against Walled Lake Central.

The Rocks now are idle until Wednesday, having received a first-round bye in the Class A districts at Canton. Salem will play the 5 p.m. game against the winner of Monday's Northville-Nowi game.

PCA 52, FRANKEL 44: Plymouth Christian Academy Tuesday defeated Frankel Jewish Academy. Leading the Eagles were Daniel Jipping, who tallied 13 points along with 13 rebounds and seven assists. Evan Horne chipped in with 11 points.

Eagles fly from start to finish to win district championship

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

There apparently was no stopping Plymouth Christian Academy Friday night, not with a Class D title on the line.

PCA led 13-6 after one quarter and proceeded to build an insurmountable 26-13 halftime lead against district host Taylor Baptist Park, going on to a 48-34 victory.

The Eagles now move on to the Class D regionals begin-

ning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes. PCA will face Rudolf Steiner in the match-up.

Senior Rachel Smith again was a powerhouse for PCA, scoring 18 points.

Also coming up big for the Eagles were senior center Jen Malcolm (10 points, nine rebounds), senior guard Martha Mullett (nine points, six rebounds) and senior guard Rachael Fuller (six points, five boards).

"Toughness on both the offensive and defensive play made the difference tonight," PCA head coach Rod Windle said. "Rachael Fuller especially worked hard tonight to slow down and bother their point guard (and) Jen Malcolm did a great job establishing herself in the post."

"When our guards are hitting threes, we are a tough team to defend. Rachel Smith and Martha Mullett both hit big shots from deep tonight. This

was a good team win tonight."

Freshman guard Aliyah Pries was strong on the glass, with 10 rebounds to lead the team.

"Aliyah came up big off the bench tonight. Her rebounds and tough defense was a big lift to our team," Windle added.

PCA 43, INTER-CITY BAPTIST 37: Plymouth Christian Academy's girls basketball team defeated Allen Park Inter-City Baptist Wednesday night, in a Class D semifinal at Taylor Baptist Park.

The Eagles watched a 20-10 halftime lead evaporate in the third, with a 13-3 run by the Chargers tying the contest at 23-23, but PCA regained a 25-23 edge entering the fourth on two free throws by

Rachel Smith (22 points, 10 rebounds, five steals). Martha Mullett (nine points, four steals) connected on two triples to stretch the lead to eight with 4:45 remaining before Inter-City Baptist hit a trey to make it a three-point game.

Smith came through again, however, answering with a triple to help PCA close out the win. Jen Malcolm contributed five rebounds, four points and four steals.

SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 45, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 25: Amelia Denison scored 17 points and Charity Godbold added 14 to lift Southfield Christian (12-8) to a convincing Class D district triumph Wednesday at Lutheran High Westland (10-10).

The Warriors, minus senior center Leah Refenes, the team's leading scorer and rebounder out with a knee injury, fell behind 24-15 at halftime and were outscored 14-10 in the third quarter.

Claire Gordon scored six points for the Warriors, who shot only 28.6 percent from the floor (10-of-35).

MU softball program changing gears

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Madonna University women's softball is undergoing somewhat of a makeover.

Gone is 15-year coach Al White, who resigned last May and has returned to the high school ranks (Canton).

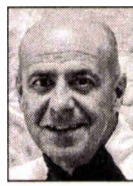
Meanwhile, back is NAIA Hall of Fame volleyball coach Jerry Abraham, who coached the Crusaders from 1994-98 while posting a 157-89 record, which included one trip to the NAIA Nationals.

Abraham has an NA-

IA-best 1,005 career wins as a volleyball coach and he hopes the transition back over to the softball program will piggyback to even more success.

Eleven players return from last year's team that finished 32-18 overall and 11-5 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Promising newcomers include 2013 Plymouth High School alums Bri Giordano and Kayla Reban.

Abraham has decided to go with two pitchers as junior right-hander Bree Crampton (Anchor Bay) will get the nod as the team's number one



Abraham

"I think I've got two talented pitchers ... two starters," Abraham said. "Bree had a good year for them last year. She's improved. She's mixing up her pitches really well, throws hard. We're really trying to work on developing a good rise ball and a screw ball right now."

Senior Kristen Drabek (Monroe Catholic Central), an honorable

backed up by freshman right-hander Erin Combs (Imlay City).

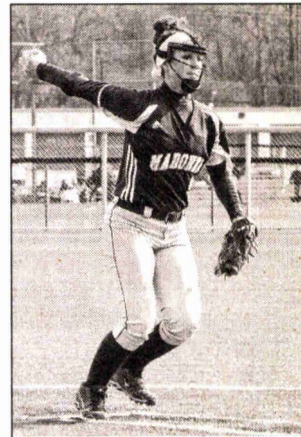
mention All-WHAC selection, returns to catch after hitting .328 last year. The infield is led by senior first baseman Erin Mayes (Ida), who made first-team All-Conference after hitting a team-best .331 with seven homers and 40 RBI. She is currently tied for first on the school's career home run list with 19.

Sophomore Emma Cook (Marysville) returns at second base. She hit .281 with 12 doubles and 30 RBI en route to honorable mention All-WHAC honors. Freshman Nicole Sal-

loun (Livonia Churchill) takes over at shortstop, while junior Katie Fenech (Northville/Eastern Michigan University) and senior Carlee Meek (White Lake Lakeland) will share the third base duties to start the season.

The outfield appears set with the return of junior right fielder Kasey Trierweiler (Grand Ledge) and junior center fielder Karleigh Creighton (North Farmington), the latter whom hit .304.

Freshman Myklan Kish (Allen Park) will slide into the left field position, while senior Caitlyn Keuvelaar (Es-



Junior Bree Crampton, who went 18-13 last year, will toe the mound again for Madonna University.

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sexville-Garber), who hit .273 with 35 RBI last season, will be the designated hitter.

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enough on Saturdays to return for the Sunday action.

Big goals

"My ultimate goal is to go pro," noted Macunovich, with an excited laugh.

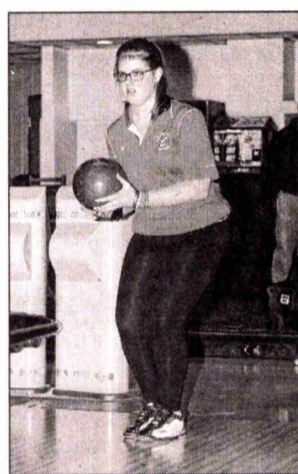
Bowling at the collegiate level is another top goal, which is why she was glad to put the individual title on her resume already — with three more seasons to add to it.

"When colleges look at that they'll say 'Oh, she knows what she's doing, we want her,'" Macunovich continued, smiling.

Canton boys bowling coach Karl Brubaker said it is rare for a ninth grader to pull off what Macunovich did. He mentioned Plymouth senior Caitlyn Webb as another Park bowler to win a girls regional as a freshman.

Webb also qualified for this year's finals by finishing ninth with 1,091 pins.

Brubaker cited an example of Macunovich's all-consuming hunger to



Canton's Meghan Macunovich practices Thursday at Super Bowl, two days before she takes part in the D1 individual state finals. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

improve, undoubtedly a big reason for her early success.

"With Meghan, we were here Friday and after bowling five games I saw her taking her equipment out and practicing again," Brubaker said. "She said her timing was bad and she wanted to work on her game. She did, and obviously it helped her tremendously."

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CYO champions!



The St. John Neumann varsity boys No. 1 basketball team went 10-0 to capture first place in their division of the Catholic Youth Organization basketball league. The team now will participate in the 32-team CYO playoffs which will begin on March 1. This also marks the fourth straight division championship for head coach Mike Marek, along with a program record 39 straight division wins, spanning four seasons. Front row (from left) are Aaron Garbarino, Justin Polce, Jonathan Michalak and Danny Lanava. Back Row (from left), head coach Mike Marek, statistician Nick Aresco, Adam Pitcole, Derek Greening, AJ Neal, Matt Breda, Ryan Young, Jack Heineman, assistant coach Angelo Lanava and athletic director Walt Marek. St. John Neumann is located in Canton.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Rocks baseball clinic

The Salem Rocks Dugout Club announced the annual varsity baseball clinic is Saturday, March 29, in the Salem High School gymnasium. Session 1 (players ages

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

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

Whalers lose in shootout, 2-1

Another spectacular game by Plymouth Whalers goalie Alex Nedeljkovic Friday night enabled the OHL team to get through regulation and overtime tied 1-1 against Barrie at Compuware Arena.

But the magic did not continue into the shootout, as the Colts pulled out the 2-1 win before almost 2,300 fans.

Nedeljkovic blanked Barrie through two periods, facing 34 shots during that span, and Plymouth forward Zach Lorentz gave him a 1-0 lead with a goal at 6:04 of the second. Assisting on the power-play goal were Ryan Hartman and Gianluca Curcuruto.

Barrie finally got on the board at 5:20 of the third, when Andreas Athanasiou scored an unassisted goal.

Both teams played an even overtime, with the Colts holding a 4-3 advantage in shots. Also strong in goal was Barrie's Mackenzie Blackwood, who stopped 35 of 36 shots.

The shootout loss gave the Whalers 55 points, with a record of 24-30-0-7.

PLYMOUTH 4, KITCHENER 2: Zach Lorentz, Cullen Mercer, Victor Crus Rydberg and Carter Sandiak scored Tuesday for the visiting Plymouth Whalers. The win was a big one for Plymouth (24-30-0-6, 54 points), the eighth seed in the OHL Western Conference, because it came against their closest challenger for the final playoff spot in seventh-place Kitchener (22-35-2-1, 47 points).

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THREE GENERATIONS

Painters show 'sustainable patterns' in upcoming exhibit

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Ellen Moucoulis of Livonia will exhibit her work this month with two of her favorite artists — Ellen Wilt of Ann Arbor and Natalie Estep of Canton.

"It's something I've had in the back of my mind," said Moucoulis, who organized the monthlong exhibit at Northville Art House. "Ellen not only was my professor, but has been a friend of mine for over 30 years. I've followed in her path, teaching and working as an exhibiting artist."

"I had a special student, Natalie, who had all the ingredients for success. It was the perfect storm of ingredients — raw talent, a willingness to work hard, tenacity. She was very special. I thought, why not get the three of us together? I went to Natalie and she was enthusiastic. Ellen took it on full force."

Wilt, who is in her 90s, taught Moucoulis at Eastern Michigan University from 1983-86 and Estep, 27, took classes from Moucoulis at Schoolcraft College from 2004-07. They and Moucoulis chose "human biology" as a theme for their show, "Sustainable Patterns: Three Generations of Women Painters."

It runs 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, March 7-29 at Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady, Northville. The opening reception is 6-9 p.m. Friday, March 7. Admission is free.

Exploring anatomy

"We've been working on it for a year now and we've met a number of times to show our work and discuss it and distill the idea. We are focusing on sustained patterns and using the vehicle of human biology to express that," Moucoulis said. "Biologically we're from three generations and we have patterns in our own lives reflected in each other."

"When we went to Ellen's in Ann Arbor, she put out her hand and said, 'I'm ancient.' We all put our hands out. They were in different stages of aging. Ellen pulled the skin back on her hand and it looked just like Natalie's. It was something we wanted to explore, with the appreciation that there are so many patterns within anatomy and birth and gestation."

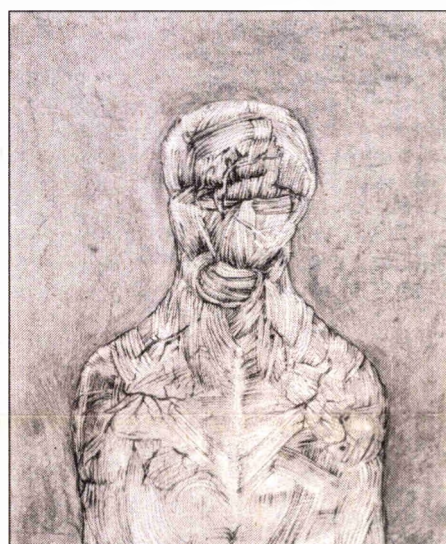
Wilt's paintings depict human anatomy and have examined working parts coming together. Moucoulis, who painted in acrylic both on wood and canvas, used her grandson's birth as inspiration for her works. Estep researched C-sections, the manner in which she was born, and painted her birth story. She also created a necklace that represents the umbilical cord.

"Usually for me, my painting comes from a feeling, emotion or an idea close to me," said Estep, who works as an assistant curator at the Janice Charach Gallery, on the campus of the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit in West Bloomfield. She also designs and paints sets for the Berman Center for the Performing Arts, located on the JCC campus.

"For me, being the youngest, I automatically thought of the need to look



Ellen Wilt, (left) Natalie Estep and Ellen Moucoulis discuss their exhibit, "Sustainable Patterns: Three Generations of Women Painters."



Muscle torso by Ellen Wilt of Ann Arbor

back to my beginnings. I had to look at my baby story. I was breech with the cord around my neck," she said, adding that her pieces depict birth from the baby's viewpoint.

Art school

After graduating from Salem High School, Estep planned to major in biomedical technology at Schoolcraft College. She dreamed about making life-like prostheses but evolved into an art student after taking two art classes with Moucoulis. She switched to graphic arts and with Moucoulis' help, landed a scholarship to the College for Creative Studies in Detroit.



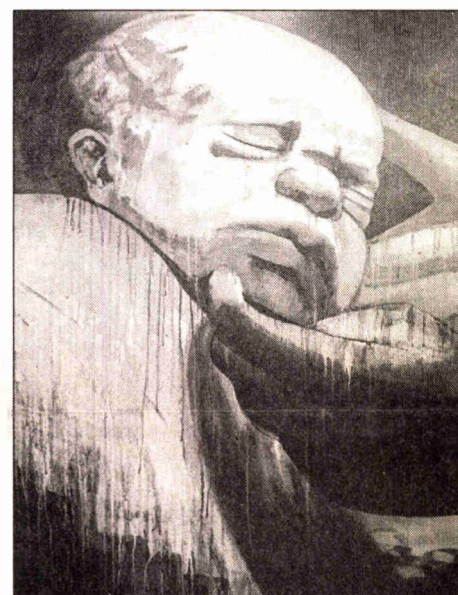
It's a Boy is an image from a polyptych by Ellen Moucoulis of Livonia.

"She had admissions people come to Schoolcraft and look at the work I was doing. It was a cool surprise to me," Estep said.

She returned to Schoolcraft and finished her work for an associate's degree in graphic arts after graduating from CCS with a bachelor of fine arts degree.

Moucoulis credits Wilt for making "a big difference" in her life.

Moucoulis's grandmother and mother both taught and her father worked in the architectural field. She initially took art classes at Michigan State University, but worried that she couldn't make a living with her work. She ended up working in mechanical drafting at general motors, but soon went back to



Revealed, a painting by Natalie Estep of Canton

school at Eastern.

"I took a watercolor class with Ellen and fell in love with it. She was so generous. She did everything to help me get through school at the time and I had two little kids at home and was taking years to finish up," Moucoulis said.

"She is very innovative and has no fear about trying new things. She never does the same thing twice. She's my hero."

For more information about the exhibit, visit northvillearthouse.org or call 248-344-0497.

Four-time cancer survivor shares experiences through her blog



Lorie Brady of Canton shows off her lavender hair, meant to raise awareness of cancer.

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Blondes may have more fun but "lavenders" make a stronger statement. In Lorie Brady's case, her new light purple hair aims to shout "cancer awareness."

"I've always been a blonde," said Brady, a Canton resident and cancer survivor. "So, going from blonde to lavender is interesting, but it's all for a good cause."

She asked readers of her blog website and Facebook page — both are called "Breast Cancer Sucks" — recently to vote on a new hair color that would help start conversations about the disease. Lavender won and Brady headed to Steven Michael's Hair Studio in Canton last Tuesday for a free color makeover.

Brady, 56, created a blog 10 years ago after being diagnosed with breast cancer, but stopped writing after developing other medical problems unrelated to cancer. After a stint in the hospital last December for pneumonia, her second hospitalization in one year, she decided it was time to revisit the site to detail her cancer experiences. She hopes others will find support and information on its pages, along with hope.

"The first (bout with pneu-

monia) shocked me and by the second one I thought it's time to get a move on and get my story out there," she said. "I was in the medical ICU and it wasn't looking good. Fortunately I came out of that."

"My sweetheart, Larry (White) kept telling me 'you have a story and a voice and can help others by finishing your blog.'"

Brady said a young acquaintance she knew from vacationing at Torch Lake also motivated her to resume writing. The child's mother called Brady at Christmas to tell her the girl had written a "Jesus Christmas letter" praying for Brady to get well.

"It solidified that I had a voice and that maybe I could help others. This 8-year-old girl gave me a push, so I started writing again."

Cancer experiences

She started a separate Facebook page and a Twitter account in conjunction with the blog. The stories on breastcancersucks.com recount her experiences with Hodgkin's lymphoma at age 17, treatment for two different kinds of skin cancers years later and her breast cancer diagnosis, mastectomies and treatment in 2004 — just a few months before she and White had planned to marry.

Brady said she included the



Lorie Brady takes a last look at her blonde tresses while awaiting a color change at Steven Michael's Hair Studio in Canton.

words "breast cancer" in her website title because it was the "most ominous" diagnosis she had received over the years.

"It was the toughest journey I went through," she said, adding that she hopes readers understand the importance of breast self-exams. "I found the tumor by a self-exam."

Brady, who grew up in Los Altos, Calif., was treated for Hodgkin's while in high school, finishing treatment at

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Fundraiser, raffle benefits child advocacy group



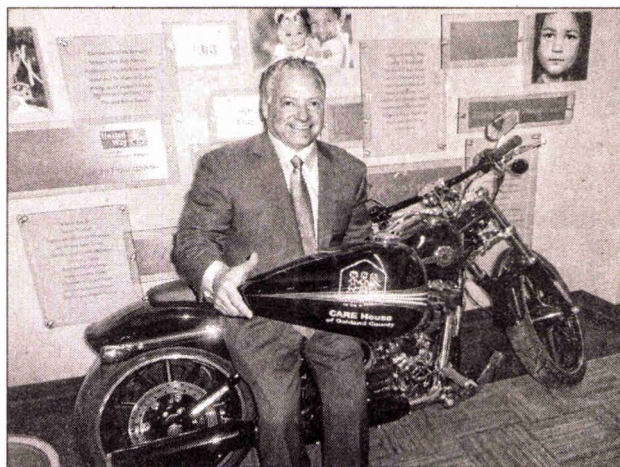
Julie Yolles
SOCIAL SCENE
COLUMNIST

The 18th annual Circle of Friends fundraiser was held over two days. First, the Preview Party, which was attended by 130 Patrons and sponsored by the Roberts Restaurant Group and Celani Family Vineyards, was held at CARE House in Pontiac, the charity recipient. The next day, child advocate and keynote speaker John Walsh spoke to a sold-out crowd of more than 350 at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.

Walsh, who hosted and created the television show *America's Most Wanted* for 25 years helped in capturing more than 1,200 wanted criminals worldwide.

"It's your job to 'parent up' and open the lines of communication with your children," Walsh urged. "If your child is on Facebook, then friend him or her. The Internet is a private hunting ground and can become a very dangerous place.

"It's a whole different world out there today,"



Tom Celani shows the 2014 Harley Davidson Softail Breakout motorcycle that he and his wife, Vicki, donated from their Motor City Harley-Davidson store in Farmington Hills. It is being raffled to benefit CARE House.

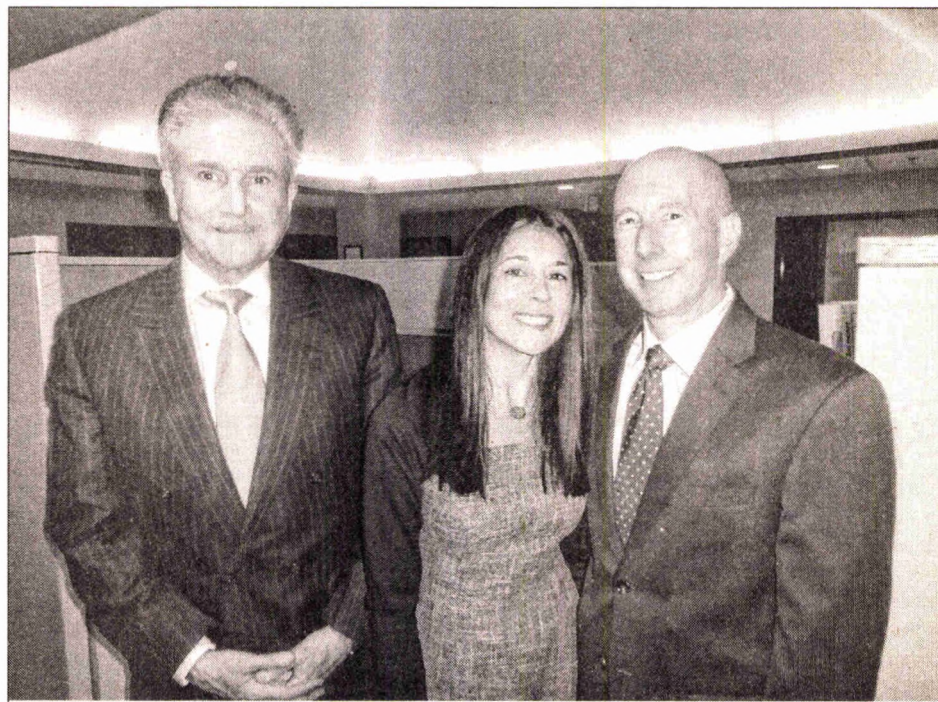
he added. "You have to talk to your kids."

CARE House's mission is to prevent child abuse and neglect and protect children through advocacy, education, intervention, research and treatment, in collaboration with the community.

CARE House Board President Vicki Celani and her husband, Tom, of Bloomfield Hills, established the Celani Child Advocacy Center at CARE House a few years ago. Celani's store, Motor City Harley-Davidson in Farmington Hills, was the event presenting

sponsor. It also donated a 2014 Harley Davidson Softail Breakout motorcycle and a customized CARE House gas tank for a raffle. Tickets are \$25 and available through Aug. 16 when the winner will be drawn during a Dream Cruise fundraising event at CARE House. Go Hog Wild for Kids and call 248-332-7173 to purchase tickets.

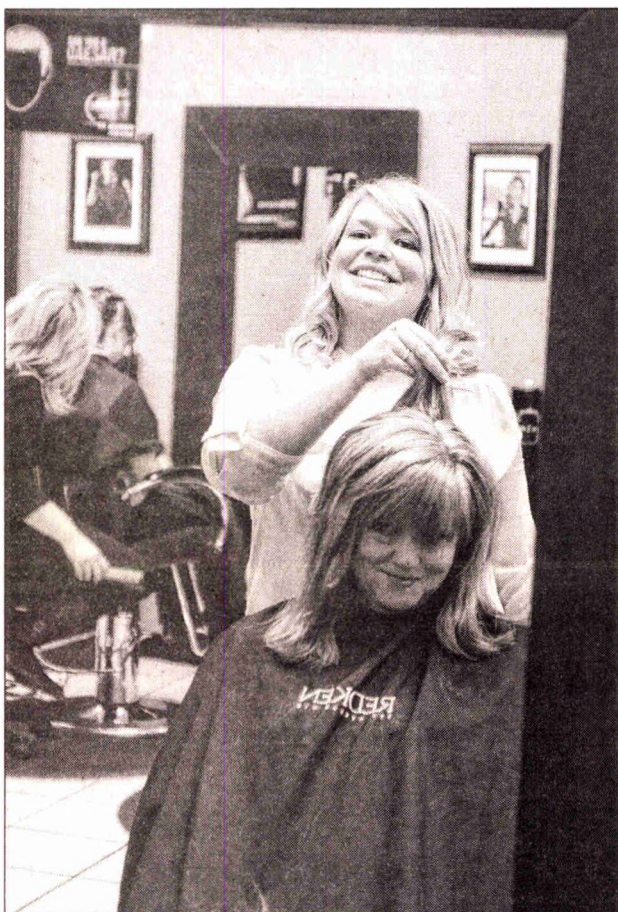
Contact Julie Yolles at socialscenejulie@gmail.com or leave a message at 248-642-9465.



Bob Sloan (left) of Farmington Hills and Laura and Scott Goldstein of West Bloomfield enjoy the CARE House fundraiser. PHOTOS BY JULIE YOLLES, SOCIAL SCENE COLUMNIST



Livonia resident Julie Borg, owner of Bee Waxed Salon in Livonia, is revved up to buy raffle tickets for this 2014 Harley Davidson Softail Breakout motorcycle, complete with a customized CARE House gas tank.



Jennifer Kowal styles Lorie Brady's lavender hair.

CANCER

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the end of April in her senior year. She recalls that two classmates lifted her to the podium to receive her diploma before her classmates threw their hats into the air in a sign of support.

Jobs in health care recruiting and a dental office followed, as Brady married, gave birth to a son, and subsequently divorced. During that time, she moved from California to Florida to Georgia before coming to Michigan in 2000. She and White have been sweethearts since meeting online.

Boyfriend and advocate

"He is the best patient advocate I could ever hope for. He has picked up the slack when I was sick. As tough as it is to go through an illness, I think it's even tougher for the caregiver. I give him a lot of props. He could have said adios."

Brady said she has been treated for various skin cancers through the years, both before and after meeting White.

Some have been removed from her face.

"I looked terrible. I couldn't look at myself in the mirror," Brady said, explaining why she agreed to be a guest on Sally Jessy Raphael's television show in 2001. The plan was to get a makeover on the show. "I never got the makeover, but I got a proposal from a white knight."

White proposed to her on the show, but had to cancel wedding plans three years later because of Brady's breast cancer diagnosis.

Now that she has distanced herself from that diagnosis by 10 years, she is looking forward to throwing a "big party" this year. She hopes her experiences will help other cancer patients and survivors stay positive and optimistic.

"It's not about me. It's about others. Through my posts and messages, I'm hoping someone gets this, that cancer is not a death sentence. I'm still here and so you will be too."

Visit her Breast Cancer Sucks blog site at www.breastcancersucks.com. Connect with her on the Breast Cancer Sucks Facebook page.

GARDEN & NATURE

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

Maple sugaring

» Maple Sugaring in Your Own Backyard runs 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 9 and 23, at Heritage Park, 24914 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The cost for each class is \$7 per person or \$21 per family of four. All materials are provided, as well as take-home resources. Dress for the weather — a portion of the program is outdoors. Pre-registration is required online at <https://re-creg.fhgov.com> or at the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. For more information, call 248-477-1135 or email asmith@fhgov.com.

» "Maple's Sweet Story," runs noon-3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday through March at Kensington Metropark Farm Center near Milford/Brighton. Take a guided walk through the farm's sugar bush to learn the secrets of tapping a tree. Watch sap being boiled down into maple syrup at the sugar shack. Maple syrup products will be available for sale and to sample. The fee is \$5 for adults; \$3 for seniors and children, 3-12; children under 3 are free. For more information call Kensington Metropark at 248-684-8632.

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.

English Gardens

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

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MYOFASCIAL PAIN SYNDROME

Many people are aware of Fibromyalgia, the pain condition that involves the whole body and which is often accompanied by headaches, fatigue, difficulty sleeping and sensitivity to even small doses of medication.

But far fewer people know about a companion condition, Myofascial Pain Syndrome. People with Myofascial Pain Syndrome do not experience widespread pain, but note specific areas that ache daily; the most common site is about the neck and shoulders. People with Myofascial Pain Syndrome think that they have arthritis of the neck or that they have a shoulder problem such as a rotator cuff tear.

However, on examining the patient and asking where the pain is worse, a doctor can discern that the problem is with the trapezius muscle. It originates in the scapula and inserts in the back of the skull; the muscle layers over the shoulders and over the neck. It is not difficult for a person to believe that the pain is coming from the cervical spine and the shoulder joint rather than from the muscle overlaying these bones.

Treatment for Myofascial Pain Syndrome is similar to what physicians prescribe for Fibromyalgia. A number of medicines meant to act as muscle relaxers work no better in Myofascial pain than they do in Fibromyalgia. Daily exercise, heat and massage, and knowledge that the muscle pain will not spread or lead to impairment are the only therapies that have proved useful over time.

In Fibromyalgia, the cause appears to be a midbrain pain center that is set at too sensitive a level for daily living. Investigators have not found a comparable center or site to explain why Myofascial Pain Syndrome has its own particular pattern of pain.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

MARCH

ASH WEDNESDAY

Time/Date: 7-8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 5
Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: The Rev. Linda M. Golden and the Rev. Michelle Y. Werner will offer ashes in the morning by drive-thru in the front driveway of the church; ashes distributed in the evening inside the church. The outdoor ashes distribution is part of a movement called "Ashes to Go." For more information, visit ashestogo.org
Contact: htlc@holylivonia.org; 734-464-0211

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

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

EXERCISE CLASS

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Monday, March 10 through April 14
Location: St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Road, Canton
Details: Joe Mason, certified personal fitness trainer leads a class that includes aerobic movements for warm-up, balance and strength training, high repetitions with light hand weights, followed by yoga-oriented strength and stretch work, abdominal and back exercises and final cool down. \$42 for six weeks
Contact: 734-455-5910

FILM

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m., Friday, March 14
Location: Fireside Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Premiere of the new VeggieTales movie, *Veggies in Space, The Fennel Frontier*. Admission is free, snacks and an activity page included. Each family will receive a \$2 off coupon towards the purchase of the DVD at stores. Register at www.firesidehog.org or call the office
Contact: 734-464-0990

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, non-denominational 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."
Contact: 313-274-4500 for more information

LENTE 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

SERMON, BIBLE SERIES

Time/Date: 8 a.m. traditional, 11 a.m. traditional and contemporary services, beginning March 2
Location: St. Matthew, 5885 N. Venoy, north of Warren Road, Westland
Details: Six-week sermon series and Bible study, "40 Days in the Word"
Contact: 734-425-0260

SEVEN DEADLY SINS

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Thursday, from March 6 through April 10
Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: The Siena Heights University Campus Ministry team will lead this series for teens. The series is based on the Rev. Robert Barron's new video series that focuses on the way pride, envy, anger, sloth, gluttony, greed, and lust may affect a person's life and relationships with God and others. Includes suggestions for "curing" each sin. Registration is required; cost is \$12.95 for accompanying study guide
Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 207; www.livoniaistmichael.org

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 stu-

dents 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 Five's 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 car-pool 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: jjilbo@wowway.com; sborke@wowway.com for more information

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

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

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

OUR LADY OF LORETTO

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township
Details: Scripture study

St. Michael the Archangel

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

Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays
Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township
Details: Learner's Bible study is held
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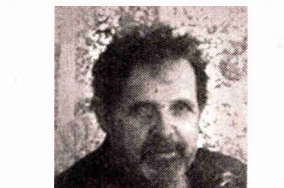
Of Wakefield, Massachusetts, formerly of Simsbury, Connecticut, and Birmingham, Michigan. February 21. Wife of the late John N. Calvin. Mother of Lucy C. Skeldon and husband Michael J. Skeldon of Wakefield, MA, and Nathaniel Calvin of Sunnyvale, California. Sister of Linda Loomis of Ithaca, New York, and Peter Burr Loomis, IV, of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. Also survived by her three grandchildren, Kathryn, Christopher, and Alexander Skeldon. A Memorial Service will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Wakefield, 326 Main St., Wakefield, MA, on Monday, April 12, at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Marcia's name to the Memorial Fund of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Wakefield, P.O. Box 529, Wakefield, MA 01880. For obit, directions, and guestbook, visit www.mcdonaldfs.com.

MARTINI, LUIGI

Long-time resident of Farmington Hills, joined our Father in heaven on February 9 after 93 wonderful years of life... filled with hard work, laughter, and endless love and support to his extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his cherished wife, Christine, in 2009, after 68 years of marriage, and his sister, Mary Collica, of Royal Oak. He is survived by his daughter, Jeanette, son Ronald (Beckie), six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Luigi was born on August 24, 1920 in Castelliri, Italy, to Emilio and Veneranda Martini. His family immigrated to the United States and settled in the Detroit area when he was 7-years-old. A graduate of Cass Technical High School, Luigi proudly served his country in the U.S. Army from 1945-1947, as part of the Army Medical Corps, 100th Infantry, Battle of Bulge, European theater. Family was Luigi's life and he worked so hard to provide for them. He spent 35-plus years working for Ford Motor Company at the Rouge River complex while also owning a party store. Luigi could fix just about anything, and after retiring, even spent several years as a "Maintenance Manager" of a local office building. Luigi was a founding member of St. Fabian's Catholic Church, as well as an avid dancer, traveler, and member of the 9-hole Friday morning club up until last year. He loved getting the entire family together, whether it be to cruise the Caribbean or make his homemade linguine or gnocchi! The loving legacy of Luigi Martini will live on in every life he touched. A Memorial Service in celebration of Luigi's life will be held March 15 at St. Fabian's Catholic Church in Farmington Hills. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Mercy Home Care & Hospice, 1111 W. Long Lake Rd, Troy, MI 48098.

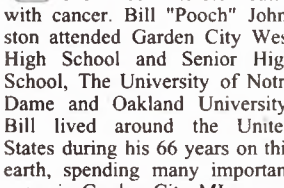
DRITSAS, JAMES B.

A Bloomfield Hills business attorney for 55 years, died February 26, 2014 in Sacramento, California from complications from pneumonia. He was 82. James ("Jim") B. Dritisas was born in Detroit on April 18, 1931, to Basil and Aspasia, his Greek immigrant parents. He attended the University of Detroit where he received his Bachelor of Philosophy (PhB) in 1953 and, as with his father, the University of Detroit School of Law where he received his Juris Doctorate (JD) in 1956. After graduating law school, he practiced law with his father for 15 years. In 1972, he and his partners formed the Vestevich, Dritisas, Evans and Vestevich law firm in Bloomfield Hills. He practiced there through 2012. He leaves to cherish and forever hold dear his memories, his loving wife, Carolyn, his five children, William, Jane (Lehman), David, Susan (Steve) and Elizabeth (John), his sisters Silvia (Michael) and Catherine (Paula), ten grandchildren and a host of dear family and friends. In October 2012, Jim and his wife, Carolyn, moved to California to be closer to their children. Jim enjoyed his work, and was a popular and trusted advisor throughout his career. Professionally, as well as personally, Jim sought to be conciliatory, and his integrity was beyond reproach. Many of his clients became his close friends, and he serviced some for over 40 years. Jim and Carolyn loved to travel, and they toured extensively throughout Europe, including his parents' native homeland Greece (where he had many relatives), Australia, New Zealand and much of the US. An avid Detroit sports fan, he also was a patron of the arts, and enjoyed jazz, live theater in Stratford, Ontario and opera at the Detroit Opera House. As the patriarch of his extended family, Jim was loved and admired by all for his generosity, kindness, wisdom, humor, charisma and intelligence. He touched and enriched in precious ways the lives of his sisters, children and grandchildren. His legacy is filled with many charitable donations. He died peacefully with his five children at his side. He will be deeply missed. In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to either the National Fragile X Foundation or the National Stroke Association. Condolences can be sent Carolyn Dritisas at 672 6th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95818. A Memorial will be held at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills on April 26 at 11:00 am.



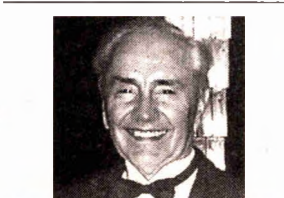
JOHNSTON, WILLIAM PATRICK

Feb. 14, 1948 - Feb. 25, 2014. A former resident of Garden City MI, died in his home in New York City after a short but heroic battle with cancer. Bill "Pooch" Johnston attended Garden City West High School and Senior High School, The University of Notre Dame and Oakland University. Bill lived around the United States during his 66 years on this earth, spending many important years in Garden City MI as well as the past 10 years in New York City, NY. Bill worked as a respected and well known private and insurance fraud investigator. Bill leaves behind sad friends and loved ones, but would want that we remember him with joy and celebrate his life.



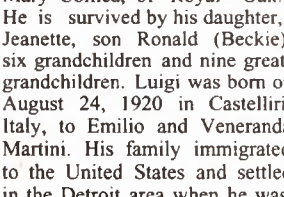
REILLY, JAMES "JERRY"

Age 74. February 25, 2014. Loving husband of Frances for over 52 years. Beloved father of James Jr. (Karen), Lisa (David) Hayes, and Robert (Laura). Cherished grandfather of Grace, Emma Rose, Kayla Hayes, Lily Hayes, Delaney, and Payton. Also survived by dear siblings Nonie (Robert) April, Mary Lou, Helen Ann (Leo) McMaster, Charles Patrick, and Margaret Jane Harris, and many loving nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by siblings William, John "Jack", and Shirley Thomas. Jerry retired from Detroit Diesel after 32 years. A memorial service will be held for him at a later date.



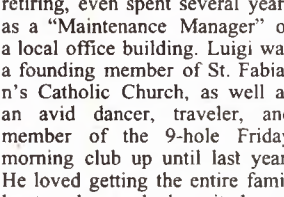
VELLER, ROBERT N.

Age 93, who has looked forward to joining his beloved wife Kathleen, passed away peacefully February 23, 2014. He was born and raised in Toledo, OH, a long time resident of Beverly Hills, MI and recently of Rogers, MN. Robert was a proud veteran of WWII where he served as a pilot in the United States Army Air Corp. He was an Art Director and Vice President of Meldrum and Fewsmith. His children Patricia (John) Olive, Donald, and James (Shari) survive him. The memory of his love and commitment to his family will be cherished in their hearts forever. A memorial service with Military Honors will be held at Toledo Memorial Park in the spring.



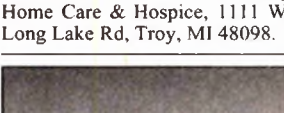
WEAVER, MARGARET E.

Age 94, died at Estabrooks Havencrest in White Lake, MI, on January 29, 2014, after a long illness. Beloved mother of Kathryn (Marlborough, MA) and William (Milford, MI), she was a long time resident of Farmington Hills, MI, where she substitute taught at Farmington's High schools and Jr. high schools for over 20 years (1961 to 1985). Born Margaret Estelle Wolfinger in Hagerstown, MD, May 18, 1919, she was the daughter of D. Angle Wolfinger, past District Attorney, Washington County, MD, and Edna (Shilling) Wolfinger, a homemaker. Margaret graduated from the University of Maryland, (B.S. in Physical Education), where she met her husband of 56 years, Harry B. Weaver, (B.S. Engineering). Harry passed away in 2002. Margaret taught PE in Silver Springs and Baltimore, MD school systems for 13 years, and especially loved coaching girls' basketball and field hockey. Margaret was an avid golfer, gardener and enjoyed traveling with her husband. She had many other hobbies including bridge, sewing and playing piano. In addition to her two children, Kathryn and Bill (Wanda), she is survived by grandchildren Allison Weaver Atkinson, Troy Weaver, Dana Weaver and three great-grandchildren. A memorial service is planned at Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 W. 13 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334, on March 8, 2014, at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to any of the following: Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Church (Youth Ministry), 33360 W. 13 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334; Detroit Public Television, <http://www.dptv.org>; Gentiva Hospice 25925 Telegraph Road, Suite 102 Southfield, MI 48033



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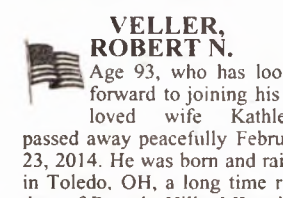
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WILSON, JOYCE McCORMICK

A life well lived. Joyce Wilson, beloved wife of Charles Erwin Wilson, Jr., left this earth on February 21, 2014. Daughter of the late John and Ella McCormick, and daughter-in-law of Charles E. Wilson, president of General Motors and Secretary of Defense under President Eisenhower. Joyce was a tiny dynamo-woman who loved adventure, never met a party she didn't want to attend, or a piano bar she didn't want to sing with. She travelled the world with Erwin over their 47 year marriage, seeing places most of us only read in National Geographic; met maharajas, the Dalai Lama, hunted in terrible conditions, as well as beautiful ones. She never hesitated when it came to venturing some place new, and always enjoyed every country she visited. She was Erwin's constant companion and best friend. They loved running the Sportsman in Birmingham together for many years; they shared a love few of us were blessed with. Joyce is survived with her three children: Kate Long (Mike), Sally Aldrich (Lyman), and Gunnar Klarr (Louise), along with her step-children Linda Gamage-Wilson (Peter), Peggy Wilson (Dick), Charles Wilson III (Deb), Robert (Sandra), and Jeffrey. She was proud to have 19 grandchildren and soon-to-be 6 great grandchildren. One of Joyce and Erwin's favorite places to go was their home on Walloon Lake, Teljer Lodge. She spent many summers enjoying the lake, her flower garden, and her tennis group, along with her wonderful friends. Winters, she and Erwin loved their place outside of Naples - their dog Jenny was a constant and beloved companion. Her humor, her sense of energy, and her sense of style will long be remembered by those who loved her and she will be so very missed. A Memorial Service was held Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills. In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorial tributes to the charity of donor's choice. View obituary and share memories at: DesmondFuneralHome.com



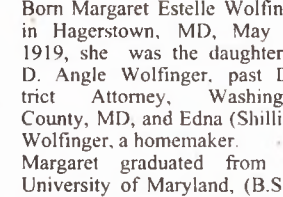
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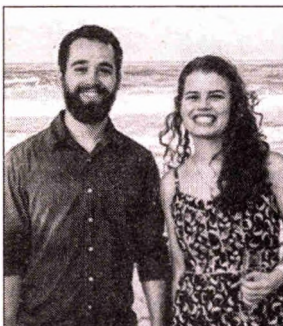
ROSAHY HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1974
 A meet & greet is planned for 7 p.m. May 9 at Doc's in Livonia. Other arrangements are pending for the reunion on May 10. Contact Beth Macdonald at 248-766-9531 or email [beth.macdonald@gmail.com](mailto:beth.macdonald.sinacola@gmail.com).

ENGAGEMENT

KUHN-FRICK

Amy Kuhn and Brandon Frick announce their engagement. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Larry and Sue Kuhn of Redford and her fiancé is the son of Randy and Marty Frick of Fenton. A May 2015 wedding is planned in Chelsea.



Brandon Frick and Amy Kuhn

Help your kids get sufficient, quality sleep

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Celebrate National Sleep Awareness Week, March 2-9, by practicing good sleep habits with your family.

"Relax before bedtime. An hour before bedtime turn off all electronics, including TV. TV is not something you should have on right before bedtime. Electronics stimulate the brain with light, which tells the brain to stay up," said Nancy Maxwell, executive director of Sweet Dreamzzz, the Farmington Hills-based organization that educates parents and youngsters about the importance of sleep.

For a bedtime snack, Maxwell suggests "a light carbohydrate, nothing heavy and not a lot of sugar."

Routine is the key to making good sleep preparation into a habit. If 8 p.m. is bedtime, start preparing by 7 p.m. Include washing and brushing teeth as a part of the routine. The darker the bedroom the better.

"A small, dim nightlight is OK, but even that is a dim stimulant to the brain," Maxwell noted. "Keep temperatures low at night. As the body temperature goes down, it's a signal for it to fall asleep. A higher temperature may be harder for kids to fall asleep and stay asleep."

She suggests dialing the thermostat to 68 or less.

Sleep education

The National Sleep Foundation presents National Sleep Awareness Week annually the week leading up to daylight

saving time, when most Americans lose one hour of sleep. Maxwell said some youngsters routinely get inadequate or interrupted sleep.

That can lead to poor school performance, weight gain, impaired growth, problem behaviors and diabetes development, according to Dr. Ronald Chervin, M.D., professor of neurology and director of the University of Michigan Sleep Disorders Center. Chervin's also a member of the Sweet Dreamzzz Advisory Council.

"In some of these cases, simple, low-cost education of

children and parents about the importance of sleep is likely to have a dramatic impact," he said.

Sweet Dreamzzz will take its sleep education programs to children at the St. Vincent Sarah Fisher Center in Detroit March 3-4 and the Detroit International Academy on March 7 and will give each child a sleep kit with a sleeping bag, tote, nightshirt, toothbrush and toothpaste. Maxwell said a sleeping bag gives a child a personal sleeping environment.

"We have families where

there are multiple children in a bed. It's not an effective sleeping environment if the covers get pulled," Maxwell said. "We might not be able to give them their own bed, but we can at least give them their own environment."

How much sleep?

Children, 3-5, need 11 to 13 hours of continuous sleep. Elementary school students need at least nine hours, Maxwell said. Through its educational programs, Sweet Dreamzzz has encountered many parents who believe

eight hours of sleep is sufficient for preschoolers.

"It's not that they don't want the best for their children, it's that they don't know," Maxwell said. "And we have families doing split shifts. One mother with six children would get in at 4 a.m. and the kids would wake up through the night waiting for her to get home."

"We had one father getting home at 11 p.m. and he would wake his child up because he hadn't seen her all day. How about a phone call instead at 8 p.m. to talk to daddy? Our goal is if we can move closer to the recommended number of hours (of sleep), then you're truly supporting children."

Sweet Dreamzzz asks schools and businesses to celebrate Sweet Dreamzzz Pajama Day on Friday March 7, by allowing students to wear their pajamas and employees to wear blue jeans. The event can be held in conjunction with a collection to buy sleep kits for economically disadvantaged youth. Maxwell said Our Lady of Sorrows School in Farmington Hills turned a donation drive into a contest between classrooms and raised enough money to buy sleeping bags for an entire elementary school.

"Have your own pajama day at home. Give us feed back on our Facebook page and tell us how you celebrate (Sleep Week) in your own home," she added.

For more about Sweet Dreamzzz, visit www.sweetdreamzzz.org. For more on National Sleep Awareness Week, see sleepfoundation.org.



Oakwood hospital system changes facilities' names

Oakwood Healthcare is changing the name of its four acute-care hospitals to reflect the Oakwood brand.

Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center has become Oak-

wood Hospital-Dearborn and Oakwood Heritage Hospital has been changed to Oakwood Hospital-Taylor. Later this year Oakwood Annapolis Hospital will become Oakwood

Hospital-Wayne and Oakwood Southshore Medical Center will be renamed Oakwood Hospital-Southshore.

"Oakwood is well known for providing uniquely personal-

ized patient care at all of our facilities," stated Brian M. Connolly, Oakwood's president and CEO. "When someone steps into any Oakwood hospital, clinic or facility, they can

be assured of receiving the same great experience no matter where they go. The new hospital names confirm that commitment to system-wide quality and service."

Gestational Diabetes Testing ...It's a big deal for your little one

Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



Dr. Farhat
Obstetrics/Gynecology

While gestational diabetes occurs in nearly 18% of all pregnancies, chances are if you haven't had a baby yet, you probably never heard of it. Caused by a temporary result of high blood sugar levels during pregnancy, Obstetrician and GCH Health Expert, Dr. Ibrahim Farhat, from the GCH Center for Women's Health, explains why every expectant mother is tested for gestational diabetes, and what to expect if your tests come back positive.

Q: What causes gestational diabetes?

A: We don't know the exact cause, but we have some clues. The placenta supports the baby as it grows. Hormones from the placenta help the baby develop. But these hormones also block the action of the mother's insulin in her body. This problem is called insulin resistance, which makes it hard for the mother's body to use insulin. Thus, she may require up to three times the amount of insulin she normally would.

Q: How can gestational diabetes affect my baby?

A: Gestational diabetes affects the mother in late pregnancy, after the baby's body has been formed, but while the baby is busy growing. Because of this, gestational diabetes does not cause the kinds of birth defects sometimes seen in babies whose mothers had diabetes prior to pregnancy.

However, untreated or poorly controlled gestational diabetes can hurt your baby. When you have gestational diabetes, your pancreas works overtime to produce insulin, but the insulin does not lower your blood glucose levels. Although insulin does not cross the placenta, glucose and other nutrients do. So, extra blood glucose goes through the placenta, giving the baby high blood glucose levels. This causes the baby's pancreas to make extra insulin to get rid of the blood glucose. Since the baby is getting more energy than it needs to grow and develop, the extra energy is stored as fat.

This can lead to fetal macrosomia, or a baby who's significantly larger than average at birth. Babies with macrosomia can face health risks, including damage to their shoulders during birth. Because of the extra insulin made by the baby's pancreas, newborns may have very low blood glucose levels at birth and are also at higher risk for breathing problems. Babies with excess insulin become children who are at risk for obesity and adults who are at risk for Type 2 diabetes.

If you would like to read more about Gestational Diabetes from Dr. Farhat, look for his article in the upcoming Spring issue of Garden City Hospital's Healthy Generations Magazine.

Are you trying to get pregnant or already expecting? Then you don't want to miss GCH's "What to Expect, When You're Expecting" event on Saturday, March 15 at Westland Mall. Come hear OB-GYN, Dr. Chadi Haddad and certified nurse midwives, Kelly Summerfield and Mary Ann Abass, as they discuss everything from pre-conception to postpartum depression. The event is free and starts at 1 p.m., and includes lunch.

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By Robert Half International

We've all heard that a résumé shouldn't be longer than a single page. And that "It never hurts to apply," even to jobs that are a long shot. It seems as if everyone has at least a small nugget of job search wisdom to pass along.

But rather than helping you, some of the advice you receive could be harming your chances of finding a new position. Job search myths -- like the "rule" about the one-page résumé -- have a habit of sticking around even though they're not true. Here are several that have been debunked:

You should keep your résumé to one page.

This job search myth is perhaps the oldest of the bunch. Even if it were true at some point, it certainly isn't now. Hiring managers are much more interested in getting a true sense of your skills and experience than counting the number of pages you use. Although you don't want to ramble on unnecessarily, don't worry about going past the single-page mark if you need more space to list all of your professional accomplishments.

You shouldn't bother to send a cover letter.

Many job candidates think the cover letter is a thing of the past, especially since the vast majority of applications today are submitted online. But most hiring managers appreciate the introduction a cover letter provides. It also offers you an opportunity to expand upon one or two key points from your résumé, thereby strengthening your case for the job. Since fewer and fewer applicants are submitting a cover letter, a well-written one can help you stand out. If you are submitting your résumé as an attachment or uploading it to a database, use the email message as your cover letter.

You should consider only full-time employment opportunities.

It's a mistake to overlook temporary positions. These assignments can last for weeks or even months, providing a source of income and a chance to network and build new skills. In addition, an increasing number of employers are viewing temporary engagements as on-the-job auditions, evaluating a potential hire's fit for the role prior to extending a full-time offer.

You should apply for as many jobs as possible.

It's true you shouldn't pass up an opportunity you feel is right for you. But applying for openings that you have little true interest in or that have requirements you clearly cannot meet is a waste of time -- for both you and the hiring manager. Focus on positions that spark your interest and match your qualifications. Then, customize your application materials to show why you deserve to be considered.

You shouldn't bother looking for work during the summer.

Sure, people are on vacation during these times of year. But as we all know, business never stops. Companies hire year-round -- even at the end of the year and during the summer. Don't put your job search on hold. Instead, realize that there's less competition from other job seekers, increasing the likelihood you're the one called in for an interview.

You shouldn't send an application unless a company has posted a job ad.

Every job seeker dreads hearing that his résumé will be "kept on file." So it's understandable that you want to be sure a company is hiring before putting in the time and effort necessary to submit a résumé and cover letter. Use your professional network to uncover opportunities that haven't been announced yet.

You should just cross your fingers after submitting a résumé.

Once you've sent in your résumé, the ball is completely in the hiring manager's court, right? Not necessarily. Don't be afraid to contact the employer after you've applied to reaffirm your interest in the position and explain why you're a good fit for the role. Employers sometimes need to be reminded of your qualifications. In fact, 81 percent of managers polled by Robert Half said job candidates should follow up within two weeks of applying for a job.

You should take the first job offer you get.

In a tough job market, this is one myth that is partially, but not entirely, true. Take a step back before rushing to sign on the dotted line. If your situation allows, it could pay to be selective. Ask yourself if the opportunity fits your long-term career goals. Will it give you opportunities for advancement and professional development? If not, taking the job could mean missing out on one that does offer this potential.

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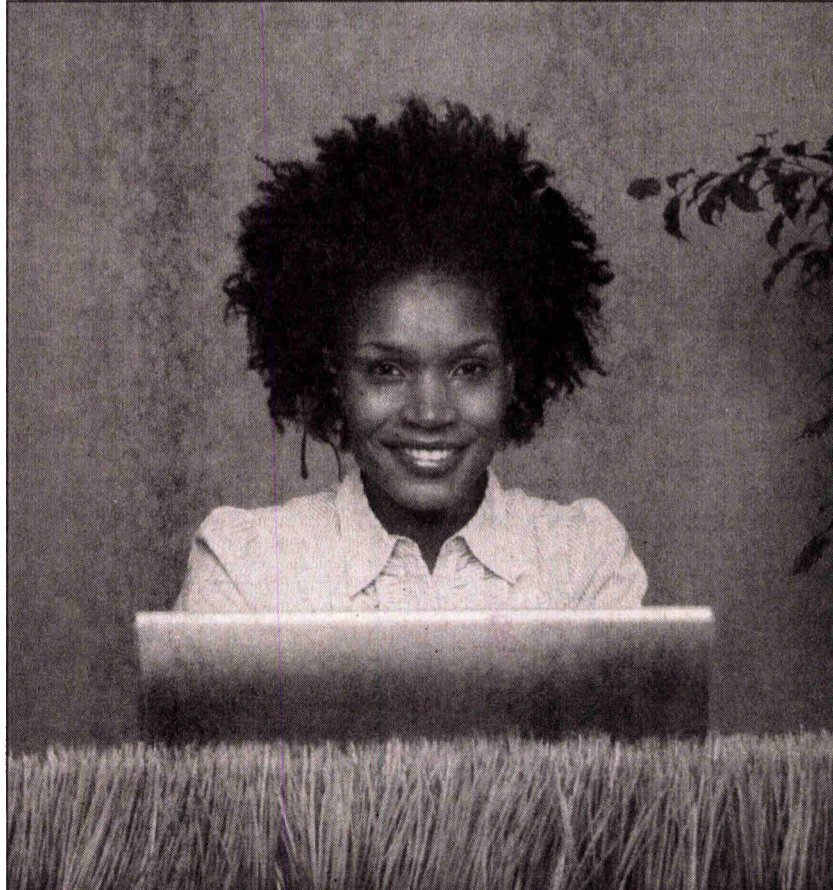


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 - 16 Adorns richly
 - 18 Unlucky gamblers
 - 20 Writer Harper —
 - 21 Make lace
 - 22 Meadow feature
 - 26 Had a hunch
 - 28 Strauss of denim fame
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 - 32 Corn intro
 - 33 Gives a hand
 - 34 Prefix for cycle
 - 35 Festive night
 - 36 He gave us a lift
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 - 53 "Norma —"
 - 54 Tense
 - 55 Lot, to a builder
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 - 11 Metro RRs
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 - 19 Absorb, as costs
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 - 24 Vaccines
 - 25 Gill opening
 - 26 Energy source
 - 27 Greed's cousin
 - 28 Sanctioned
 - 29 New Haven student
 - 30 CEO aides
 - 33 Shade-loving plant
 - 37 Kind of agent
 - 39 At sunup
 - 40 Watusi or frug
 - 42 They need a PIN
 - 43 Nearly all
 - 44 Jacob tricked him
 - 45 Smell awful
 - 46 — Busch of old movies
 - 47 Gary's st.
 - 48 Band's booking
 - 49 Sundial numeral

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D	I	V	A	F	L	A	B	S	P	I	Y
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3	1								9
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	5			1					
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T	A	Y	N	T	C	J	H	V	O	C	G	B	E	A	S	K	B	T	D
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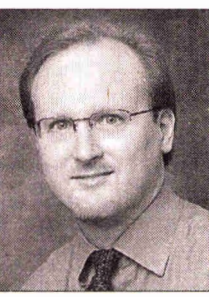
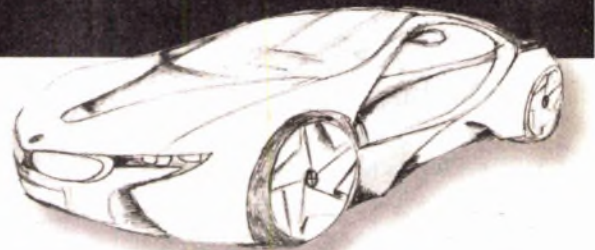
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Cadillac Bursts On Electromobility Scene with High Hopes for ELR



By Dale Buss

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Cadillac is selling its new ELR plug-in hybrid only by the dozens at this point rather than by the thousands, because it's only been available at dealers for a few weeks. But if Cadillac CMO Uwe Ellinghaus has his way, ELR will become a high-volume flagship for the brand in the way that its sibling, the Chevrolet Volt, never has achieved that hope for Chevy.

The 2014 Cadillac ELR luxury coupe blends dramatic design and industry-leading extended-range technology to deliver a driving experience that is both sport and environmentally friendly. It represents the first application of plug-in technology by a full-line luxury auto brand, as distinguished from the all-electric Model S that is making Tesla a household name.

The car provides a driving range of 340 miles, and most daily commutes will

require zero gasoline with zero emissions. Longer-range trips are free of the "range anxiety" that has tripped up mainstream all-electrics and has been a hindrance for Model S as well.

ELR also represents yet another branch on the rugged tree of the Cadillac design language that has helped turn around the brand over the last decade. Vertical headlamp and taillamp elements create a Cadillac design signature for ELR.

Meanwhile, Ellinghaus is betting the early days of his tenure as the brand's new CMO on getting luxury-car buyers worldwide to appreciate the new ELR. That's why he made one big decision about the aggressively American "Poolside" ad that debuted on NBC during the Sochi Olympics.

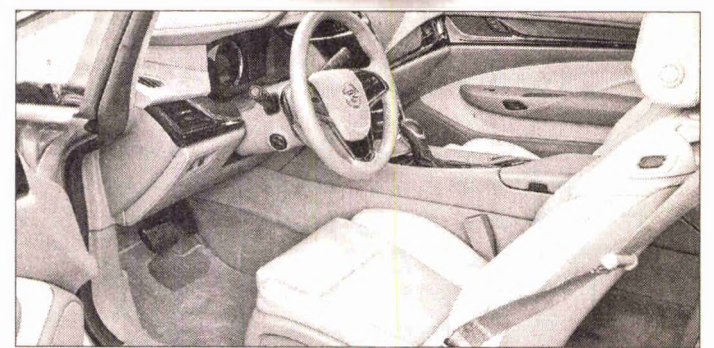
The ad already was essentially in the can when Ellinghaus came aboard at Cadillac a few months ago,

but he decided to have the ad tout the new ELR rather than another model he declined to identify.

The timing of the sales launch of the car would coincide perfectly with the brand's Sochi sponsorship and the debut of the commercial, he concluded. And besides, what better chance to get traction for his repositioning of the Cadillac brand than to underscore its most technologically advanced and adventurous product to date?

"It's the most progressive statement Cadillac has in the market," Ellinghaus told me. "So I said, why don't we use this 'Poolside' commercial for ELR?" During tentpole events such as the Olympics, he said, "You have a reach that you have on very few other occasions during the year." As long as the brand was "going to reach so many people," Ellinghaus figured "it would be lovely to reach all of them positively with a car they might not expect from Cadillac — and still may not know we have it."

In his few months at Cadillac after coming over from BMW marketing and brand strategy, Cadillac has posted a 22 percent increase in 2013 sales over 2012, and has garnered kudos for its new ATS and CTS.



Inside, ELR's appointments make it unique in the electric-car segment.

But Ellinghaus has determined that "we need to build desirability for Cadillac and surprise people positively in ways they've never seen Cadillac before."

He also wanted to make sure that, in this era when the all-electric Tesla Model S is finding strong appeal for electromobility among luxury-car buyers, there was no mistaking in "Poolside" that Cadillac was promoting its own electrified vehicle.

"I thought it would be a nice surprise effect if it featured the car that was visibly recognizable as one with an electric drivetrain," Ellinghaus explained. "So [actor Neal McDonough] unplugs it" in the ad.

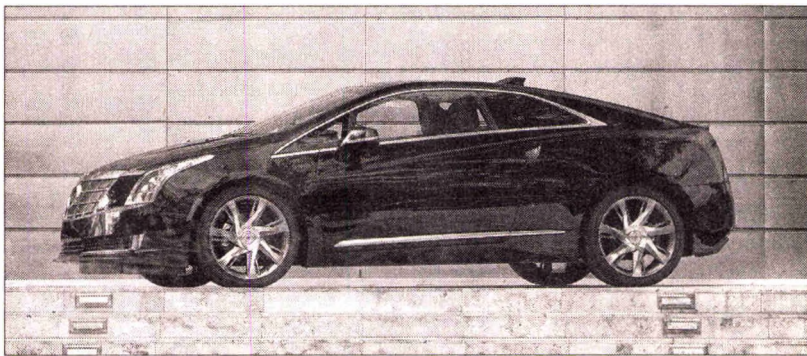
Ellinghaus credits Tesla with throwing down the gauntlet to the traditional luxury-car business "so that we realize electromobility can work and we can be successful with it. There's a good business case

for all of us to realize there is demand even for sports cars — with the performance and design and prestigious aspects that they've always had — with an electric drivetrain, and that these cars may rescue driving pleasure for the entire industry.

"That's why we're proud of ELR — it's not a 'rolling declaration' but rather a premium car with an electric drivetrain."

The success of Tesla, the debut of ELR and the imminent arrival of BMW's i8 plug-in hybrid, Ellinghaus said, disprove the early theory about EVs that "if they worked, it would be at the bottom end of the market. This was why the initial EVs weren't premium at all. This was flawed."

By contrast, he said, the industry is finding that "customers interested in electromobility are educated human beings and make good money and don't want to give up the joy of driving" for being green.



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