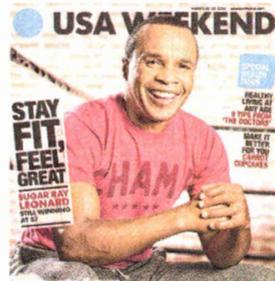


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## Chamber president heads to China

Wes Graff, president of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, will be among seven chamber executives from across Michigan who will embark on a 10-day tour of China beginning Tuesday.

The trip will feature stops in Beijing, Hangzhou, Suzhou and Shanghai and meetings with government and business leaders from each of those regions.

The seven will be representing their respective chambers of commerce and the Michigan Association of Chamber Professionals, with the aim

of building business relationships with their counterparts in China.

Graff said he hopes to develop Chinese contacts and spread the word about Michigan business opportunities.

"Like suppliers from around the world, I believe over the next 20 years we will see significant growth of Chinese companies locating facilities like automotive technology hubs in the Plymouth area. This trip will also provide me better insights to work with those companies as they integrate into our community,"

Graff wrote in an email.

Trip expenses are being covered by Citisync, a company that works to bring people in China and the U.S. together to do business.

Among those joining Graff from the Detroit area will be Fay Beydoun, executive director of the American Arab Chamber of Commerce, and Sandy Mull, president of the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber of Commerce. The other four are from chambers in outstate communities.

— By Matt Jachman



Wes Graff, president of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, leaves Tuesday on a 10-day trip to China. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## District gets IB World School status

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

Maren Wisniewski is a student who likes to be challenged—and now, she will be.

Wisniewski, a 15-year-old Plymouth High School sophomore, is a student in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' international academy. Until recently a pilot program, the P-CCS international program recently was awarded designation from The International Baccalaureate as an IB World School, beginning with the 2014-15 school year.

That's good news for Wisniewski and more than 300 students like her currently participating in IB-level courses at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"I wanted to join because (IB) gives you a lot better opportunities to get into more colleges, but there's more to it than that," Wisniewski said. "(IB) focuses a lot more on going deeper. You have two years to learn information, so you can focus on the process of learning it rather than just memorizing it. You can really and truly understand where it all comes from and why it all happens."

The IB World School designation means Plymouth-Canton can start offering an IB diploma program. According to Casey Swanson, an economics teacher and the district's IB coordinator, that gives the Plymouth-Canton curriculum an international flavor and a strength of programming that will draw more attention from colleges and universities.

Plymouth-Canton first applied for IB status in 2012, at least in part to recapture students that were seeking an IB education elsewhere. For instance, Swanson pointed out, "a busload" of students travels to Troy every day to take ad-

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The Huntington Booyah Beez outspelled 11 other teams Wednesday to win the Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council's 23rd annual spelling bee. The Beez are (from left) Peter Buchanan, Mallie Abdulhadi and Jen Harbowy. With them is team sponsor Wie Pan, owner of the Huntington Learning Center. PHOTOS BY CHRISTOPHER GUDECK

## TUTORS RETAKE LITERACY COUNCIL SPELLING CROWN

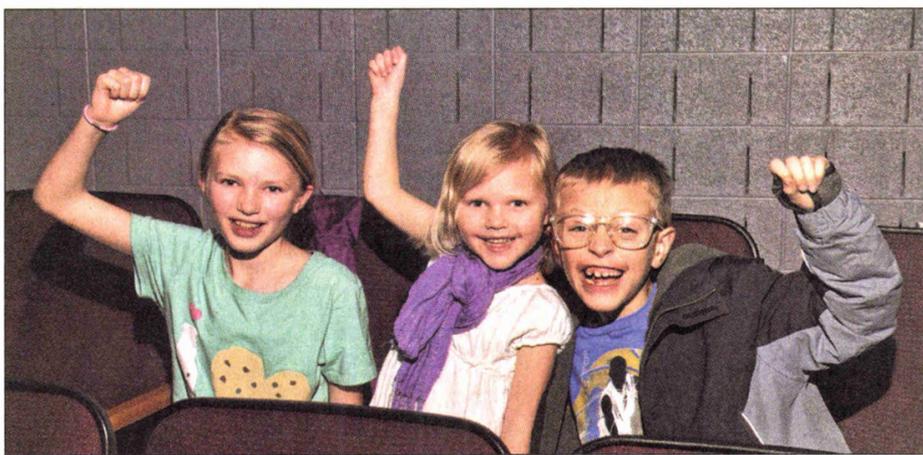
By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

A trio of tutors schooled the competition Wednesday to win honors as the area's top spellers, giving Canton Township's Huntington Learning Center its third spelling crown in the last four years.

The Huntington Booyah Beez outlasted 11 other teams, including five that made it to a bruising final round, during the Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council's 23rd annual spelling bee. The contest, a fundraiser for the Literacy Council, was at Canton High School.

The Beez — Huntington

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Annie (left), Rosie and Jack Benson of Canton Township cheer on The Parkway Pets during Wednesday's spelling bee. The Parkway Pets, from Parkway Veterinary Clinic, made it to the contest's final round before bowing out on the word "psyllium."

## P-CEP culinary team cooks up trip to national competition

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

The field was smaller this year, but that didn't mean it was any easier for the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park culinary team.

P-CEP chefs overcame the field to win the Michigan ProStart Competition in Lansing, earning themselves a third consecutive trip to the National ProStart culinary competition.

Culinary arts teacher Diana Woodward said fewer teams are competing in the actual cooking portion of the competition — only 13 teams competed this year — because of the financial challenges of fielding

a team. Despite the smaller field, she said, the competition was fierce.

"A lot of teams have decided it's too much work and stress ... there's so much equipment and so much fundraising you have to do," Woodward said. "It was only 13 teams, but they were the best 13 teams who continue to stick it out."

The team beat the competition with a three-course meal — an appetizer of scallops with cucumber and orange, an entrée of turkey breast with asparagus and root vegetables and a coconut and passion fruit dessert.

The turkey was the required protein for this year's

meal, one that presented its own challenges, Woodward said, because it called for a 10- to 12-pound turkey. That presented a couple of problems.

"First, turkey is relatively inexpensive, except when you have to buy one every day," Woodward said. "Then," she added, laughing, "what do you do with the other 11½ pounds?"

Her team figured it out (diners may have noticed more turkey specials in The Rock Cafe) and earned its third straight trip to the national competition. This year's National ProStart event takes place May 5-7 in Minneapolis, Minn. P-CEP's culinary team

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Plymouth-Canton culinary team members (from left) Abigail Lovelace, Zachary Bergquist, Zachary Chouinard, Kristen Maretti and Paul DiNicola celebrate the team's performance at the state competition in Lansing.



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tutors Peter Buchanan, Jen Harbowy and Malie Abdulhadi – correctly spelled “circumambient,” the word that knocked out the runners-up from the Plymouth District Library, and then spelled “shibboleth” to clinch the win.

Huntington, competing in just its fourth bee, also won the title in 2011 and 2012.

“It’s been fun,” tutoring center owner Wie Pan said, clutching the spelling trophy onstage at the DuBois Little Theater. “It’s great to get this back.”

The Beez and five other teams exhausted the Literacy Council’s second word list, so pronouncers moved to a third list – words that contestants hadn’t been given to study beforehand. In short order, five teams went out – on “psittacism,” “saponaceous,” “psyllium,” “mundungus” and “circumambient.”

“I did quite a bit of studying,” Huntington team member Harbowy said. But when it came to that final word list, “it was all Peter,” she said.

## Council fundraiser

The spelling bee, through sponsorships, raised about \$4,200 for the Literacy Council, which offers free tutoring to adults whose English skills are below a ninth-grade level.

The spelling bee’s traveling trophy was

named the Janet Campbell Memorial Spelling Bee Trophy in honor of the late Janet Campbell, a longtime Plymouth Township resident and a founder of the Literacy Council. Campbell, who died last year, was a former teacher, a member of the Plymouth District Library’s first board of directors and devoted to education.

“She was so dedicated and nobody ever said no,” Penny Joy, president of the Literacy Council’s board of directors, told the spelling bee audience. “She was a force of nature who possessed the amazing ability to get things done.”

Several of Campbell’s family members, including her husband David Campbell, a retired dentist, attended the spelling bee. David Campbell sponsored a spelling bee team, Campbell’s Collegians.

The judges for the contest were Carol Souchuck and Eva Davis, the directors, respectively, of the Plymouth District Library and the Canton Public Library. The pronouncers were Smith Elementary Principal Dana Jones and Schoolcraft College English instructor Deborah Taracuk, while the timekeeper was Ed Schulz, a certified public accountant. Tony Bruscato, director of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, was the master of ceremonies.

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Visitors to Comcast’s Plymouth Township facility pose with company executives and a City Year Detroit leader during a March 21 career day (front, from left): Tammy Golston of City Year, Mary Neal, Ayat Abyad, E’vangelia Evans and Kaja Graziel and (back, from left) Courtney Grady, Meghan Hanley of Comcast, Malorie Lakosky, Connie-Lyn Klein, Anne Latsko, Ben Bartelmay, Ashley Gratz and Maria Holmes of Comcast.

# Comcast hosts career event for City Year participants

Comcast’s regional headquarters in Plymouth Township recently hosted more than 60 young people for a career day aimed at improving their job-search and networking skills.

The visitors came from City Year Detroit, an education nonprofit that partners with public schools to provide help

for students who are the most at risk of dropping out. City Year puts young people, not long out of high school themselves, into high school and middle school classrooms to directly mentor at-risk students.

The March 21 event had Comcast executives and human resources employees sharing in-

sights on such topics as resume writing, interview preparation, social media and networking. Cultural differences and the inter-generational workplace were also discussed.

Comcast has long been a supporter of City Year; the company’s vice president, David L. Cohen, is vice chairman of

City Year’s national board and Comcast and the broadcast company NBC Universal, which it owns, have representation on City Year affiliate workplaces throughout the country.

Comcast’s involvement in City Year began in Detroit in 2001 with a leadership development program.

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vantage of that district’s IB program.

“We’re looking at keeping our kids in our buildings,” Swanson said. “It’s a valued curriculum that families have spoken up for. Universities perceive it as value.”

Clay Walker, an English professor at Wayne State University, said the challenge of the IB program – including an extended essay project Swanson likens to writing a college thesis and which Walker says “lies at the heart of the IB program” – is a different challenge than students get elsewhere.

The IB program, Walker said, forces students to “grapple with

information and ideas at a deeper level” than is required by learning systems that ask students to “regurgitate the information they’ve accumulated.”

“The IB program will fold students into a robustly interconnected curriculum that enables students to develop more personal learning connections to the material with which they engage,” Walker said. “It emphasizes a deeper kind of learning than you can capture with a standardized test. Students will leave with the set of skill sets necessary for success if they are interested in a college education.”

## More than schoolwork

One of the misconceptions of an IB program,

according to Swanson, is an idea that participating doesn’t allow for extracurricular activities, clubs or athletics.

Quite the contrary. “Students are expected to be involved,” Swanson said. “It’s part of the program.”

It’s open access, with no minimum requirement, no application process, no testing procedure. Any student can take part in the IB program; if they’re not comfortable in the diploma program, they can still take IB classes, which also earn some level of college credit.

“There are no placement tests, no obstacles,” Swanson said. “It’s beneficial for all students.”

The strength of Plymouth-Canton’s IB program, according to Swanson, is in its teachers.

Some 20 teachers have done training and attended workshops and conferences to teach IB programming in the classrooms.

“Teachers have signed up for extra time and extra work,” Swanson said. “That conveys the value; teachers see the intrinsic value in it.”

Swanson points out the IB program requires students to take advanced coursework in all academic disciplines. There’s a greater focus, he said, on written and oral communication.

“This focuses on being able to defend (a position) to your teachers and peers orally versus behind a keyboard or a Twitter account,” Swanson said. “We’re asking students to make their cases in an unemotional way, face-to-face.”

# About the Literacy Council

The Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council Inc. is a nonprofit working to improve the literacy skills of adults in the area who read or write at below a ninth-grade level. It was founded in 1985.

The council, headquartered in a portable building at Tonda Elementary School, offers one-on-one and small-group tutoring, conversation groups and book clubs and writing workshops for those looking to improve their English skills. The group is planning to add

citizenship classes.

The council draws clients from the Plymouth-Canton area and several other western Detroit suburbs, like Livonia and Farmington Hills. With between 30 and 50 volunteer tutors, it currently serves more than 100 clients, not including people who drop in for the twice-a-week conversation groups, which are each Thursday and Friday morning at the Canton Public Library.

For more information, visit [www.plymouthcantonliteracy.org](http://www.plymouthcantonliteracy.org).

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was second in the nation in 2012.

Students earned the trip with their performance in the cooking competition in Lansing, but it wasn’t the team’s only success. P-CEP finished second in the Management/Entrepreneurship Discipline and third in the Nutrition/Market-

ing Discipline.

Some 52 teams representing 18 organizations took part in the competition, sponsored by the Michigan Restaurant Association Education Support Foundation.

“The talent of these young people never fails to amaze,” said Ken Wasco, MRA ESF board chairman. “We’re so proud of all the teams in this year’s competition. They represent the brightest and best talent

from across the state and truly are tomorrow’s industry leaders. The winners will serve as ambassadors of the state of Michigan’s food service industry at the National Invitational and we are confident they will represent our state well.”

Woodward is confident her team will again represent the district well at the national competition.

“They were by far the most mature, most well-

spoken, most respectful team there,” Woodward said. “The judges just loved them. Even if some of the teams don’t win the competition, they’re going to get hired, they’re going to get more opportunities. It makes our district look amazing. We must be doing something right if every student we crank out is such an amazing person.”

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# CORRECTION

A story in the March 27 *Observer*, “Community comes out in droves for ex-coach,” should have identified soccer parent Karina Morley as speaking to the Board of Education.

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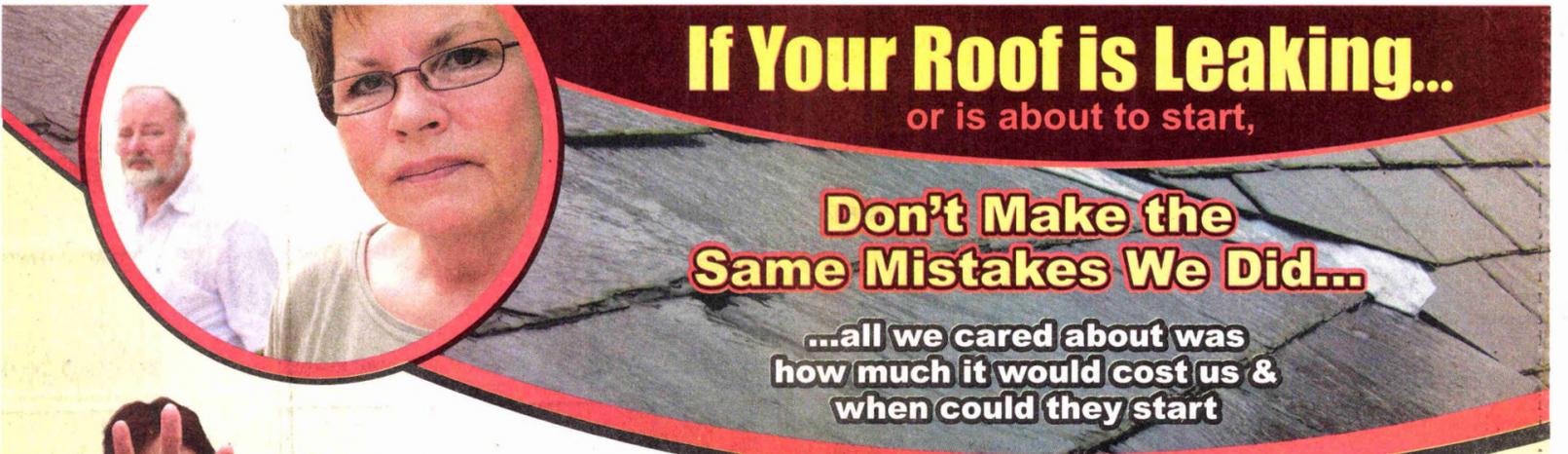
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Plymouth Christian Academy ninth-graders (from left) Grace Mahaffey, Hannah Schultz, Leah Cann and Alyssa Hood were among some 600 staff and students taking part in Project SHINE.

## PROJECT LETS PCA STUDENTS 'SHINE'

Each year, Plymouth Christian Academy students, staff, and parent volunteers embark on a week-long service initiative, Project SHINE.

Now in its fifth year, Project SHINE (Serving Him in Neighborhoods Everywhere) kept more than 600 staff and students very busy during the week of March 17-21.

School officials said Project SHINE serves several purposes for PCA, the most important being to "open the eyes of their students to the needs of others and then train them to step out and serve."

"PCA strives to produce students who will lead lives dedicated to learning, leadership and service," school Superintendent Caryn Huntsman said.

Project SHINE helps to fulfill this mission by educating students about the needs in their community and around the world and then having them perform age-appropriate service projects or volunteer work. PCA uses the scripture, Mark 10:45: "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" as the theme for the week.

Project SHINE also serves as a fundraiser for PCA. It works like any other fundraiser: friends and family support the participant's day of service by making a financial donation to the school.

This year, PCA students, staff and parent volunteers served the following organizations, either by donation of items that were collected



Plymouth Christian Academy teacher Deborah Hope and students (from left) Natalie Savino, Nico Bunda and Alcides Postma with a blanket made for foster children at the Judson Center.

and assembled or through a day of volunteer work on site: Big Family of Michigan, Detroit Rescue Mission, Plymouth Salvation Army, Ronald McDonald House of Ann Arbor, Judson Center, Mott Children's Hospital, Pregnancy Resource Center of Livonia, Voice of the Martyrs, American House Retirement Center of Westland, Penrickton Center for Blind Children, Gleaners of Detroit, Gleaners of Pontiac, Romulus Senior Center, World Medical Relief and Focus HOPE.

## Wine event benefits classroom grants

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

Anyone thinking about buying a car in the next 12 months or so might want to start first by buying a ticket to the Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation's annual wine-tasting.

That's where potential buyers will have the chance to pick up any of eight \$1,000 (or a couple of \$2,000) gift certificates from local auto dealers that can be used as down payment on the lease or purchase of a new car. The gift certificates are a highlight of one of the EEF's biggest fundraisers and can usually be picked up for a bargain.

"It's sort of like a mini car Groupon," event chairman Jim Harb said. "We usually get about \$600 or \$700 per certificate, so it's a great deal. We all know someone who's going to buy or lease a car in the next year, right? Why not spend \$600 to get a \$1,000 value? It's a great deal."

The certificates are offered by local car dealers, including Atchinson Ford, Dick Scott Dodge, Hines Park Lincoln, Jack Demmer Ford, Lou LaRiche Chevrolet, Victory Honda, Don Massey Cadillac and Blackwell Ford.

"It's good for our dealers," Harb said. "That's a pretty good deal (for buyers) and the dealers get some good exposure."

The wine-tasting, proceeds from which fund the EEF's annual teacher grant program, takes place 7-11 p.m. Friday, April 11, at the Fox Hills Banquet Center, which Harb says "has been a great partner" over the years.

The event is a wine-tasting, strolling dinner (featuring food tables from 15 local restaurants and food vendors) and a silent/live auction. The auction will feature "maybe 100" items, according

### WINE-TASTING EVENT

**What:** Fourth annual Educational Excellence Foundation wine-tasting and strolling dinner

**When:** 7-11 p.m. Friday, April 11

**Where:** Fox Hills Banquet Center, 8768 N. Territorial, in Plymouth Township

**Why:** To benefit the EEF's classroom teacher grant program

**Cost:** \$40; tickets available at Busch's locations, Plymouth Chamber of Commerce and Showroom of Elegance in Canton

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to Harb; that doesn't include the 200 items that were auctioned in an online auction that closed Friday. Last year's event raised some \$40,000.

This year's teacher grant program has already awarded some \$40,000 to classroom teachers, with one more grant period to come and a grant total expected to near \$60,000. That brings the total over the life of the grant program to an estimated \$500,000, according to Carole Kody, executive director of the EEF.

The idea is to put as much as possible back into the classrooms, where students can benefit from it. There are also other ways kids are benefiting, according to Harb.

Since Sysco Detroit donates the sushi for the event, Harb talked to Sysco officials, who hosted Plymouth-Canton culinary students and taught them how to roll sushi the last two years.

"My goal is always to include the kids as much as we can," Harb said. "If we can help the kids take things to the next level, that's what it's all about."

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# Long law enforcement career reaches new heights

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Patrick Sullivan was no older than 13 when a near-tragedy made him contemplate police work.

He was vacationing in Wisconsin with his parents and siblings when their car was run off the road by an aggressive driver, leaving the family shaken but intact.

Sullivan, a Canton police lieutenant, recalls how fear gave way to calm after a caring police officer arrived on the scene.

"He calmed everyone down," Sullivan said.

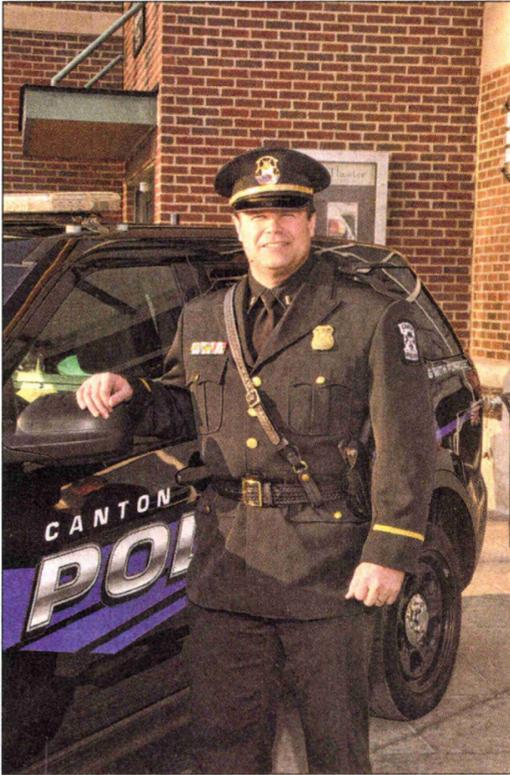
The incident made an impression on Sullivan, who has spent the last 23 years doing his part to keep Canton safe as he climbed the ranks from police officer to sergeant to lieutenant.

In a crowning achievement, Sullivan, 44, was chosen by Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler to receive the Director's Recognition Award during the police department's 28th annual awards ceremony Wednesday night at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Sullivan earned the award after a whirlwind year. He managed a shift of police officers while working tirelessly to ensure Canton remained the largest municipal police department in Michigan – and one of only eight across the state – accredited by international agency CALEA, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

Mutchler, giving Sullivan his award Wednesday night, lauded his "hard work, dedication and time."

Sullivan made sure the Canton department met more than 400 CALEA standards. His role



Lt. Patrick Sullivan earned the Director's Recognition Award during the police ceremony. CHRISTOPHER GUDECK

in a department budgeted for 86 sworn officers evolved from humble beginnings. Before he was hired by Canton in 1991, he served a brief stint as the only police officer for the village of Beulah, near Traverse City.

"I think my biggest case was a drunk driving case," Sullivan said.

That hasn't been true in Canton, where his duties also include overseeing the department's Accident Investigation Team, which has handled some gruesome crashes, including a five-fatality car-train collision in 2009.

One of his hardest assignments occurred in 2003, when he had to go to the scene where Gor-

don "Lew" Stevens, 52, became the only Canton officer ever killed in the line of duty after his patrol car was struck by another vehicle.

"That was one of the toughest," Sullivan said. Aside from his job, he spends time with wife Kristin and their four children: Patrick III, 19, Daniel, 18, Shannon, 10, and Megan, 9.

Mutchler said he has been able to rely on Sullivan for whatever tasks he has taken on. CALEA was among the most challenging.

"It was a great weight off my shoulders," Sullivan said. "It was well worth it."

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# Airport Ambassadors earn President's Awards

Sixty-three Airport Ambassadors at Detroit Metropolitan Airport have been honored with the President's Volunteer Service Award at a banquet luncheon held at the Westin Hotel at the airport.

One Ambassador, Bob FitzGerald of Westland, received gold for the first time in the history of the program. The president issues the award every year to volunteers as a way to thank and honor Americans for their volunteer service.

"The level of commitment demonstrated by our Airport Ambassadors is tremendous. We are extremely proud of all of our volunteers for the extraordinary service they provide to the travelers at the airport, many of whom are arriving into Detroit for the first time," Airport Authority CEO Tom Naughton said. "We're particularly honored to have Airport Ambassador Bob FitzGerald attain gold status for the first time in the program's history."



Canton's Cheryl Regnier with airport CEO Tom Naughton.



Plymouth's Don Green with airport CEO Tom Naughton.



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Metro Airport Ambassadors provide customer service at five locations throughout the airport in both terminals. Ambassadors can be identified by their blue vest or blue polo shirt answering questions or helping connect lost and stranded passengers with their families.

Each Airport Ambassador was presented with a bronze, silver or gold pin corresponding with the level of service reached in 2013, along with a certificate and letter from President Barack Obama.

At the top of the list

was FitzGerald with 585.75 volunteer hours. Also receiving pins were:

**Silver**

» Redford – Dianna Surowiec, 470 hours; Roy Brown, 274.25 hours;  
» Livonia – Joe Scafiero, 416.25 hours; Daniel Packer, 344 hours; Carla Chupac, 274 hours.

» Northville – Ben Miller, 341.25 hours; George Linker, 255.5 hours.

» Novi – Tom Beyersdorf, 298.75 hours.

» Plymouth – Donald Green, 270.75 hours



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**Bronze**

» Northville – Wes Henrickson, 242.75 hours; Jared Buckley, 188 hours; John Buckland, 157.5 hours; James Aaron, 141 hours.  
» Westland – Nelson Lowe, 111.75 hours.

» Farmington Hills – John Firment, 234.5 hours; Mike Roesch, 190 hours; Chuck Myers, 131.5 hours.

» Redford – Ruth Bumbar, 220.5 hours.

» Garden City – Daisy Lovain, 214.75 hours.

» Plymouth – Traci Sincock, 203.5 hours; Loretta Scappaticci, 108.5 hours.

» Canton – Cheryl Regnier, 188 hours; Mary Pannemann, 174.5 hours; Russ Haines, 144.5 hours; Lonnie Haines, 137.5 hours.

» Livonia – Flora Murray, 177 hours.

Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport welcomed more than 32 million passengers in

2013 and is one of the world's leading air transportation hubs. In 2010, Metro ranked highest in overall customer satisfaction among large airports in the J.D. Power and Associates North America Airport Satisfaction Study.

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# Teen's sentencing finishes Canton robbery case

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

A Canton teen – the last of four young men sentenced for robbing two Westland teens who police say went to a Canton party to buy drugs – will remain on probation for three years after he is released in April from the Wayne County Jail, according to court and jail sources.

Muhedin Danny Turkovic, 18, became the last teen sentenced for unarmed robbery for an incident that occurred

Nov. 2 inside an apartment at The Crossings, a large complex near I-275 and Joy Road on Canton's far north side.

Barring new developments, Turkovic should be freed from jail April 16, a jail spokesman said. Turkovic will remain on probation for three years, a Wayne County Circuit Court clerk said.

Turkovic, who had pleaded guilty to unarmed robbery in front of Judge Margie Braxton, could keep the charge off his record as



Turkovic, Shippey, Scott and Holland CANTON POLICE

long as he stays out of trouble and follows the court's orders.

Turkovic and three other teens were charged after Canton police say two Westland males, both 18, were robbed of money and a cellphone when they

went to a party at The Crossings to buy drugs. Police have said one victim was punched and kicked, while the other was struck in the face.

The four teens had initially faced additional charges of armed robbery, but those counts

had been dismissed in 35th District Court after a judge cited a lack of evidence linking the teens to a gun.

Prior to Turkovic's sentencing last week, three other teens already had been sentenced as follows after they pleaded guilty to unarmed robbery, a court clerk said:

» Alexander James Shippey, 22, of Livonia has been placed on probation for 18 months.

» Joseph Charles Holland, 18, of Canton has received a two-year

probation sentence.

» Clary Dejuan Scott Jr., 17, of Detroit has been placed on probation for three years.

All four defendants could have faced possible 15-year prison sentences for unarmed robbery, but authorities have said they accepted a plea deal that mostly focused on probation and certain court costs and fines.

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## Police warn local residents of IRS scam

The Canton Police Department has recently taken several reports from citizens saying they've received calls from someone representing themselves as an IRS agent.

The "agent" demands personal information and/or payments for taxes owed via unusual methods such as prepaid debit cards or wire transfers. The caller ID displays as IRS, Washington, D.C. If the citizen declines to participate in the conversation, the "agent" will begin to threaten him/her with police involvement.

On a few occasions, after the citizen had ended the phone call, a second call came in with Canton Police Department displayed on the caller ID.

Federal and local law enforcement officials are warning citizens about this large, fast-moving scam targeting taxpayers across the country. Victims are reporting threats of license suspension,

arrest and deportation unless they pay up.

"Criminals are altering caller ID displays to read out as IRS or Canton Police Department, bringing a believability factor to what citizens might otherwise recognize immediately as a scam phone call," Special Services Lt. Craig Wilsher said. "The most important thing to remember if you receive a phone call from someone representing themselves as IRS or local law enforcement is that neither would ask for your personal information over the phone.

Nor would they request a tax payment (or any payment) in the form of a wire transfer or prepaid debit card."

Law enforcement officials recommend anyone receiving one of these phone calls contact the local police department or the IRS directly. The IRS can be reached at 800-829-1040; the Canton Police Department at 734-394-5400.

## Tracking down pensions can take time

**Q: Dear Rick: I'm in my mid-60s and I just retired. I worked for nearly 20 years at the company I retired from and I receive a pension. Pension and Social Security cover my living expenses. I worked at another company and I have a pension. My strategy was to take one pension now and wait a few years to take the other. When I went to contact my old company, I could not locate it. After doing some searching, it appears to me that it is out of busi-**



Rick Bloom  
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ness. Can you help me? I hate to lose out on this money.

A: Your situation is quite common. With all the mergers and acquisitions and companies going out of business, it is not unusual today for people to lose track of their former employer.

I recommend contacting the Pension Benefit

Guarantee Corp. (www.pbgc.gov) The PBGC is a federal agency that guarantees pensions of bankrupt companies. It also maintains all sorts of information regarding pension plans that have been terminated.

Go to the PBGC website and search under "resources." If your old pension plan was covered by the PBGC, it can provide a wealth of information regarding the pension and on how to collect from it. Unfortunately, not all pensions are cov-

ered by the PBGC. If your company plan is not listed, then things get a little more difficult, but not impossible.

If your pension plan is not covered by the PBGC, I recommend contacting the the local chamber of commerce where the company was located. The chamber staff may be able to assist you in your search.

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

## W-W revises school calendar to make up snow days

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Wayne-Westland students will have their Memorial Day weekend shortened and their summer vacation delayed by one day in order to make up for two extra snow days this school year.

A full day of instruction is planned for Friday, May 23, and a half day Friday, June 13. The

changes will not affect seniors, whose school year will end Thursday, May 22.

"We worked in collaboration with the teachers association in working this out," district Superintendent Greg Baracy said. "The district is required to make up two of the days we lost this school year due to inclement weather. The two days are the

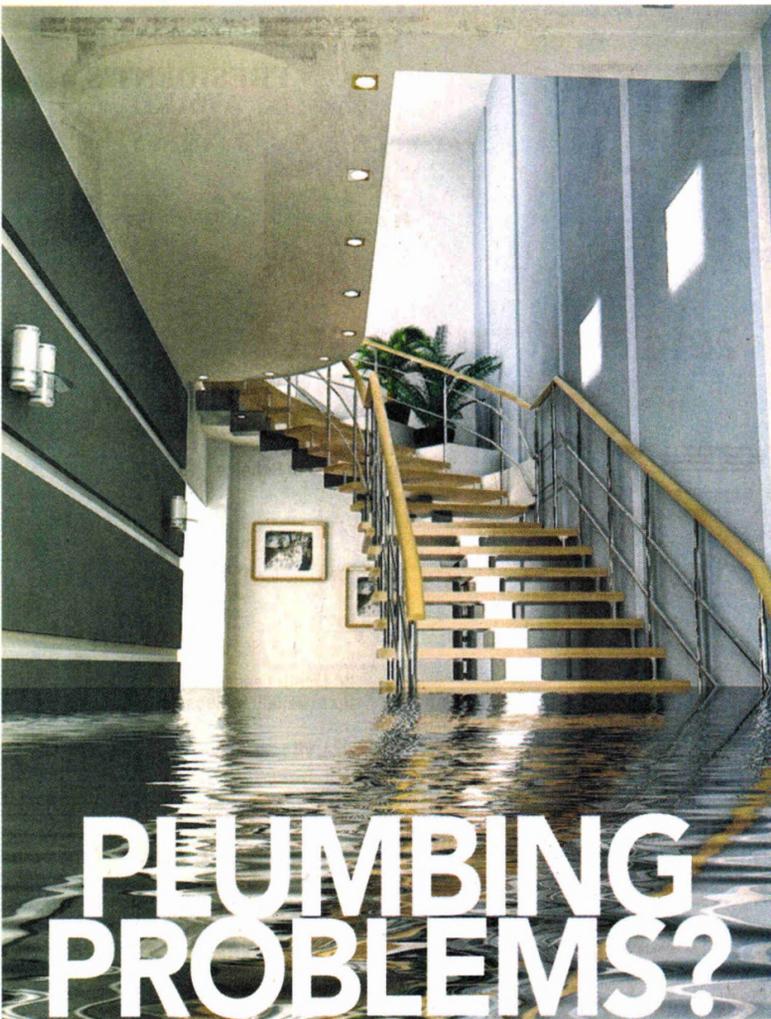
best situation for the instructional program."

The state of Michigan requires schools to provide at least 170 days and 1,098 hours of instruction per school year. State rules forgive the first six days off, but any days off after that are supposed to be made up.

Wayne-Westland was among many school districts that exceeded the

six days allowed due to severe weather. A majority of the days were in January, when the state was hit with a series of polar vortexes, dropping temperatures well below zero and the wind-chill values below minus-20 degrees.

The revised school calendar includes full days of instruction May 23 and June 10 and half days June 11-13.



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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Fair Housing month**

**Date/Time:** Thursday, April 10, 6-8 p.m.  
**Location:** Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton  
**Details:** As part of the Fair Housing Month celebration, Canton will be hosting a fair housing presentation led by Neighborhood Legal Services of Michigan and including topics like whether you're a landlord or a tenant, learn why it is important to know your rights and duties; discriminating when renting, buying or financing; and legal rights. Attorneys will also be on-site to offer free one-on-one legal consultations. The presentation is open to the public and refreshments will be provided.  
**Contact:** RSVP required to Mike Sheppard at 734-394-5225.

**Toledo open house**

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, April 2, 5-7:30 p.m.  
**Location:** VisTaTech Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia  
**Details:** Prospective students can learn about new education options in nursing, health information administration, communications and criminal justice through Schoolcraft College and the University of Toledo. Schoolcraft and University of Toledo advisers will be on hand.  
**Contact:** For more information visit [www.schoolcraft.edu/5CtoU](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/5CtoU) or call 734-462-4426.

**Crafters wanted**

**Date/Time:** Sept. 5-7  
**Location:** Plymouth Fall Festival, downtown Plymouth  
**Details:** The Plymouth Fall Festival has openings in the Craft Show, that runs during the festival. Applications are available on the Craft Show page at [www.plymouthfallfestival.com](http://www.plymouthfallfestival.com). Deadline for Jewelry booth applications is June 30. Deadline for all other craft applications is July 15th. More information can be found on the website.  
**Contact:** Email Colleen craft-show@plymouthfallfestival.com.

**Trivia night**

**Date/Time:** Friday, April 4, 7-9:30 p.m.; doors open at 6:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Koppnick Tech Center, 40525 Koppnick, Canton  
**Details:** The Plymouth-Canton American Association of University Women host its fourth

annual Trivia Night. Proceeds benefit college scholarships for women and girls in the community. Cash prizes for first and second place. Refreshments served. Cost is \$20 per person or \$100 per team (up to five people)  
**Contact:** Register: [www.aauw-pcmi.org](http://www.aauw-pcmi.org) Trivia Questions: email [AAUW\\_PlymouthCanton@yahoo.com](mailto:AAUW_PlymouthCanton@yahoo.com) or call 734-453-5009.

**Prom dress sale**

**Date/Time:** Saturday, April 5, 9 a.m. to noon.  
**Location:** Plymouth High School, 8400 Beck Road, Canton  
**Details:** The annual Prom Dress Sale features what organizers call "a wonderful collection" of new and used dresses, both long and short dresses, as well as some formal shoes and jewelry. No dress is priced over \$20. Dress donations are greatly appreciated and being accepted in the office at Plymouth High School.  
**Contact:** For more information, contact Lisa Benag-es@pccsmail.net

**Get out of debt**

**Date/Time:** Saturday, April 5, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
**Location:** St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton  
**Details:** The Financial Health Fair Corp. and St. Michael Lutheran Church present "How to Get Out of Debt in 5-7 Years - Including Mortgage" with Bob Marett. Admission to the event is free (additional materials will be available for purchase) and child care is provided. Bring a list of your creditors, balance, monthly payments and a calculator and leave with an idea of when you will be out of debt.  
**Contact:** Call 734-459-3333 to sign up and request your registration packet and personalized, confidential report.

**Montessori open house**

**Date/Time:** Sunday, April 6, 1-3 p.m.  
**Location:** Plymouth-Canton Montessori, 45245 Joy Road, Canton  
**Details:** Plymouth-Canton Montessori School hosts an open house for parents interested in enrolling children in preschool or kindergarten programs. Teachers and staff will be available to provide classroom tours of the school and light refreshments will be served.  
**Contact:** For additional information, call 734-459-1550 or

**Livonia Y presents 'Wizard of Oz'**



Follow the yellow brick road to the Livonia Family YMCA's Youth Production at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 10-11, of "The Wizard of Oz," adapted by Jeannette Jaquish and directed by Patsy Durbin Girnys. The production features 42 young actors, ages 4-16, from Livonia and surrounding areas. New this winter to the Livonia Y, the Stars On Stage drama program aims to provide children with performing arts opportunities in a fun, safe and encouraging environment through classes and full-length productions. "The Wizard of Oz" takes place at Holmes Middle School, 16200 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Tickets are available for sale at the door starting at 6:15 p.m. Adults are \$5, children are \$3 and ages 2 and younger are free.

visit [www.pcmontessori.org](http://www.pcmontessori.org).

**Air Force Band**

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, April 9, 7:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Pease Auditorium at Eastern Michigan University  
**Details:** The U.S. Air Force Band of Washington, D.C., will present a free public concert, featuring the U.S. Air Force Concert Band and Singing Sergeants. The concert is sponsored by Eastern Michigan University Bands and the EMU Department of Music & Dance. Tickets are not required for this event; however, patrons who obtain tickets will receive seating priority.  
**Contact:** To request free tickets by mail visit [emich.edu/music/bands](http://emich.edu/music/bands) and fill out a request form. Tickets can also be picked up in person at the EMU Department of Music & Dance main office, located at N101 Alexander Music Building in Ypsilanti.

**BNI meeting**

**Date/Time:** Each Thursday, 7-8:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Red Olive Restaurant, 1051 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.  
**Details:** The BNI Northville-The \$1 million Referral Chapter

meets every Thursday morning.  
**Contact:** For more information, visit [www.NorthvilleBNI.com](http://www.NorthvilleBNI.com)

**Ask a lawyer**

**Date/Time:** Thursday, April 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**Location:** 598 N. Mill, Plymouth  
**Details:** The Law Office of David C. Helm, PLLC, will host a free "Ask a Lawyer" event. Local attorneys will be on hand to meet with community members regarding a variety of legal issues in areas such as criminal offenses, employment law, real estate, probate matters, estate planning, personal injury and many more.  
**Contact:** Call David Helm at 248-679-8804.

**Good health**

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, April 2, 7:15 p.m.  
**Location:** Sunflower Clubhouse, 45800 Hanford, Canton  
**Details:** The public is invited to "Spring In To Good Health" at the Canton Newcomers and Neighbors adult general meeting. Dr. Robert Potter, Canton's well-respected primary natural health care provider, will be sharing information on diet,

exercise and nutrition and offering tips to implement this spring to see results by summer. Also on the evening's agenda: a charity raffle sponsored by Dave & Buster's to benefit Big Family of Michigan, sign-ups for interest groups, door prizes and more.  
**Contact:** To RSVP, email Noreen at [nrybar@yahoo.com](mailto:nrybar@yahoo.com) or call 734-981-0486.

**Coping with grief**

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, April 2, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth  
**Details:** Arbor Hospice offers "Coping With Grief" by Author, Ron Gries, who wrote during the last years of his wife's life and continued after she died. That writing, later, turned into a book, "Through Death to Life," that offers insight and support to those who grieve the loss of their spouse. All of Arbor Hospice's grief support programs are open to everyone, regardless of whether a loved one received services from Arbor Hospice.  
**Contact:** For more information or to register, contact Sara Swanson of Arbor Hospice's grief support services at 734-794-5469

or [sswanson@arborhospice.org](mailto:sswanson@arborhospice.org).

**Win a bike**

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, April 22, 6:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Max & Erma's of Canton, 2240 N. Canton, Center  
**Details:** Diners can join Max & Erma's each Tuesday through April 22 for "Kids Eat Free" and enter to win a bicycle and helmet. The drawing will take place 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 22. Donors can help Max & Erma's give bikes to everyone by dropping off used bikes April 5. Donors will get a coupon for a free hamburger, redeemable during May, which is National Hamburger Month.  
**Contact:** For more information, call 734-981-3370.

**Northville luncheon**

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, April 6, noon to 1:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Meadowbrook Country Club, 40941 W. Eight Mile, Northville  
**Details:** The Northville Chamber of Commerce host its annual State of the Community luncheon, sponsored by St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Featured speakers include state Rep. Kurt Heise, Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix, city of Northville Mayor Chris Johnson and school district Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher. Tickets are \$40 per person.  
**Contact:** Reservations may be made by contacting the Northville Chamber of Commerce at 248-349-7640 or by email at [traciniscock@northville.org](mailto:traciniscock@northville.org).

**Newcomers Mom2Mom**

**Date/Time:** Saturday, April 5, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
**Location:** Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton  
**Details:** The Newcomers and Neighbors invite the public to their charity 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 expects 40-plus tables selling new and gently used maternity, baby and child items including furniture and larger play equipment. Related local business vendors. Strollers welcome. Admission is \$1.  
**Contact:** For more information, including table rental information, call Carrie at 313-520-5626 or email [cpollaccia1975@yahoo.com](mailto:cpollaccia1975@yahoo.com).

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# Vet gets medal, 68 years later

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

It took almost 70 years, but Livonia resident Gene Andrews finally received the military accolades he earned serving in the Army during World War II.

Andrews, 87, was presented Monday with the World War II Victory Medal by U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow at his home. Anyone who served in the U.S. military during World War II is eligible for the medal, though somehow Andrews' medal fell through the cracks.

It wasn't until recently, when his son Chris Andrews stumbled across his father's discharge papers, that he saw his dad was eligible for the medal, but never received it.

"I looked at it and on the bottom it said something about a medal," he said. "I started researching it and saw it was for people who had served during World War II."

The medal was authorized by Congress in 1945.

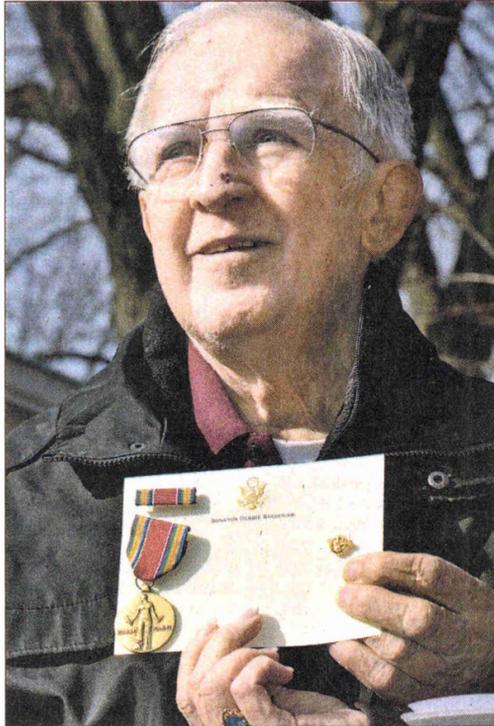
Gene Andrews received his medal during a short ceremony outside his home surrounded by family, neighbors and members of the VFW Post 3941 in Livonia.

"It's wonderful to have a chance to say 'thank you' to you and have a chance to share with your family," Stabenow said. "These are medals that are long overdue to get to you and I'm glad we can help make that happen."

Gene Andrews enlisted in 1946. He planned to enlist with a good friend of his, but was separated from him when the bus he got on did not have enough room. He did his basic training in Seattle before heading to Okinawa, where the former



Before the ceremony, Gene Andrews visits with Marine Sgt. Steve Skolnik and Marv Rons and Robert Schmidt, both of VFW Post 3941. Son Chris Andrews shows a scrapbook documenting his father's Honor Flight journey to the World War II memorial in Washington, D.C. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Gene Andrews shows his World War II medal.

surveyor for the city of Detroit began working in topography with the Army Corps of Engineers.

He spent most of his service time in Japan, working to help survey areas that had been devastated by war.

"We made maps," he said. "During the war, the island got blown up a lot and they were rebuilding and everything. So we had to re-survey the whole island."

While the war was considered over in 1945, President Harry Truman authorized the World War II Victory Medal be awarded to members of the military who served from Dec. 7, 1941, to Dec. 31, 1946, when hostilities were officially declared over, which made Andrews eligible for the decoration.

He received the medal, the ribbon and a lapel pin, all of which he plans on framing and hanging above the piano with a photo of himself in his uniform from the war.

Chris Andrews said he had heard it could take as long as three years before the medal could be awarded. But stopping at a restaurant in Salem about a month ago, he ran into Stabenow and asked if she could help him with the process of obtaining his father's medal.

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# Spotlight Players stage 'Drowsy Chaperone'

By Lia diBiasi  
Correspondent

One "cannoli" hope you are getting tickets to see Spotlight Players production of *The Drowsy Chaperone*, starring Anton Koyton of Westland and Cory Chambless of Plymouth as Gangster No. 1 and Gangster No. 2. This is the first time Koyton and Chambless take the stage at The Village Theater in Canton.

*The Drowsy Chaperone* opened in May 2006 at the Marquis Theatre in New York. Since its debut, this "musical parody of American musical comedies of the 1920s" has continued to make audiences laugh.

The show begins "with the house lights down, a man in a chair appears on stage and he puts on his favorite record: the cast recording of a fictitious 1928 musical." The recording comes to life and *The Drowsy Chaperone* begins as the man in the chair looks on. Mix in two lovers on the eve of their wedding, a bumbling best man, a desperate theater producer, a not-so-bright hostess, two gangsters posing as pastry chefs, a misguided Don Juan and an intoxicated chaperone and you've got "a show soup dense with delicious

delight!"

When asked about their characters, Koyton said, "The roles are one and the same. They are two gangsters in disguise as pastry chefs sent by a mysterious figure to stop the wedding."

"I am happy to have gotten this part because I feel like our characters get to have the most fun and I enjoy being able to make people laugh," Chambless said.

In addition to Koyton and Chambless, the production features director Nan Walters and co-producer Lia De Biasi of Plymouth, co-producer Paul Wingar of Canton, music director Paul Bowling of Ann Arbor and choreographer Amber Lawson of Livonia.

*The Drowsy Chaperone* takes the main stage for five performances April 10-13, with Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances at 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 to \$18 each. They can be purchased by calling the box office at 734-394-5300 or visiting [www.spotlightplayers-mi.org](http://www.spotlightplayers-mi.org).

Tickets are also available for purchase at the box office one hour prior to show time. The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.



Anton Koyton and Cory Chambless play gangsters in the Spotlight Players production of "The Drowsy Chaperone."

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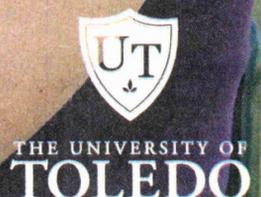
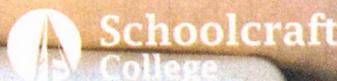
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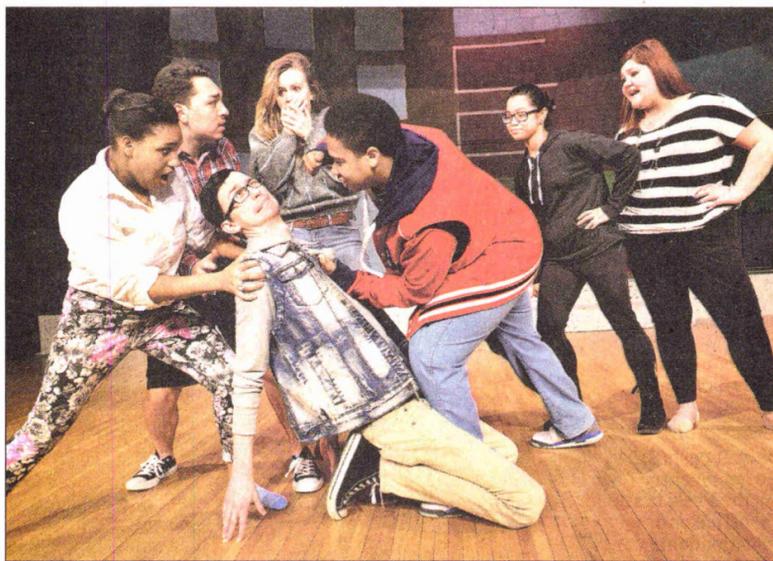
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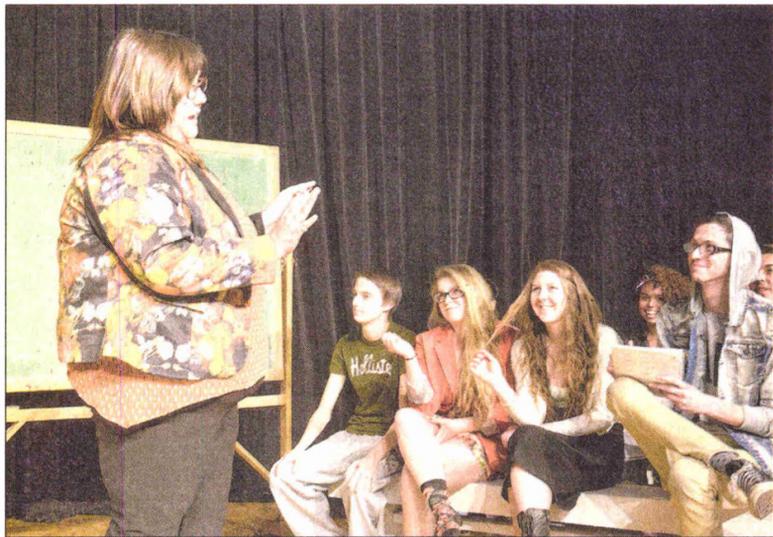
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# Glenn thespians stage 'Totally Awesome '80s'



Tyson (Thomas Cargle, wearing red) and his friends Orchid (Joanna Basco) and Petunia (Ryanne Hamill) nearly tangle with Geo (Steve Goldberg), Brenda (Summer Warren), Dempsey (Korey Corona) and Allie (Morgan Gratwick). BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Mrs. Keating (Asha Smith) teaches the class, including students Blane (Aaron Blanchard), Tiffany (Abbey Orzech), and Geo (Steve Goldberg). BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

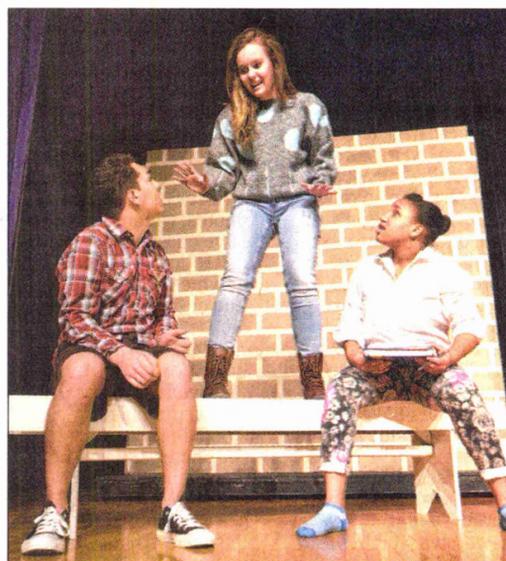
John Hughes had a lock on teen films in the 1980s, producing hits such as *The Breakfast Club*, *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* and *Pretty in Pink*.

Those films and the musical spirit of that era have been blended into *Totally Awesome '80s*, a musical being presented Thursday through Saturday, April 3-5, at John Glenn High School.

"Fourteen films are referenced in the play," director Kevin Gidley said. "It could be a plot line. A huge part of the plot is based on *Sixteen Candles*. There are three subplots going on in it. All of the original music is based on songs of the period. You hear a song and a part of it you think, 'What song was that?'"

The students began rehearsing in February and have preparing for opening night four days a week. School closings due to winter weather have had an impact and the cast is working hard to be prepared for when the curtain opens, Gidley said. That starts with a matinee performance Wednesday for senior citizens and students in the Wayne-Westland's Talented and Gifted Program.

The show has 23 students in the cast and eight students in the chorus. The size has Gidley commenting that "we went big on this one." Joining Gidley as director is Belinda Wala-konis Semak, who has



Allie (Morgan Gratwick) has discovered that Mrs. Keating will be fired and rallies the students, including Dempsey (Korey Corona) and Brenda (Summer Warren), to start a petition to protest the firing. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

been a part of plays at John Glenn for more than a decade.

The challenge was coming together on what the 1980s represented.

"That was the hardest, because we have our own ideas of what the '80s were," Semak said. "Once we were able to agree on what it was, we were able to move forward. It was a matter of finding our groove. Once we found it, everything else worked."

### Helping out

The production also has three main assistant directors, three trainees, a choreographer and an alumni director. Almost all choreography has

been done by students, including Olivia Junk.

"A couple of our alumni have come back, but Olivia has taken on the lion's share of choreography," Gidley said.

The student directors are also facing challenges. With so many people handling the production, they've had to work hard to get their point of view heard.

"I try to lead a lot by example and in giving directions," said senior Abbey Orzech, who also appears in the show as Stephanie, "the very typical high school mean girl, like Regina George of the '80s. The hardest part is the number of directors. We're all trying to have input and voice our opinions."

This is Orzech's final production. She's been involved in plays for her entire four years at Glenn. Freshman year she was in crew, but switched to the cast her sophomore year. She still goes back to help on crew.

Asha Smith is a junior and plays Mrs. Keating. Her love affair with theater started in eighth grade when she went on a field trip to see *Grease*. She thought it was the "coolest thing."

"I joined my freshman year here and this is what I've wanted to do," she said. "It's something I can use as an outlet to express myself. I really, really love doing this."

### What she wanted to do

Junior Morgan Gratwick is the third student director. Like Smith and Orzech, directing is something she wanted to do.

"Theater is a huge part of my life," she said. "I've been in the cast of three plays and I play Allie in this. She's one of the more important characters and has the most lines — 146. Of course, I already have them memorized. I have a really good memory. I read something and it sticks."

When she gets a break, she'll sit down and watch what's going on, even backstage. If someone is having a hard time, she makes sure to let them know they're "doing a great job."

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# Short on Words to highlight aspiring authors

**By Kurt Kuban**  
Staff Writer

Have you ever considered yourself a budding author? Or perhaps a poet at heart? Well, organizers of a local writing contest are looking to cast a spotlight on a few unknown writers who might just turn out to be the next J.K. Rowling or Suzanne Collins.

The third annual Short on Words poetry and short story contest is in need of entries from local authors, whether or not the authors have been published in the past. The contest is the brainchild of Denise Jenkins, who runs the office at Preservation Dental, located in downtown Northville at 371 E. Main.

Jenkins is an avid reader and believes it is important to find and encourage a new generation of writers. She com-

bined her love of the written word with William Demray's passion for photography. Demray owns Preservation Dental and is Jenkins' boss. In essence, those who enter the contest must write a short story or poem based on a series of Demray's photos, which the two have chosen from his vast collection of work, some of which has been exhibited at the Northville Art House.

"Dr. Demray has really supported this contest. He loves to take photos and writing is my passion," Jenkins said. "So the photos and written word must complement each other. It's so cool to see what interpretations the writers have of his photos."

There are two age groups in the contest: adult (18 and older) and young author (17 and under). There will be



"The Cook" is one of the photos authors can choose to base their short story or poem after. STEVE FECHT

three winners in each category, with first place getting \$100, second place \$50 and third place \$25.

Entries can be a poem or a short story no more than 1,500 words. Each entry must have a title and be typed, double-spaced and single-sided

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- » Entries can be a poem or a short story – maximum length is 1,500 words
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only. It costs \$10 to enter. To get an entry form, stop by the Preservation Dental office or visit [preservationdental.com](http://preservationdental.com). The photos are posted on the website and are also displayed at the Northville District Library.

The entry deadline is April 25.

Jenkins said she did a lot of research on other writing contests and ultimately modeled Short on Words after others from around the country that have been successful. And word of the contest seems to be growing. Last year, people from as far away as Grand Rapids

and Monroe entered. Jenkins, who is hoping to attract as many young authors as possible, said she has sent information packets to several local school districts, including Northville, Plymouth-Canton, Livonia and Wayne-Westland.

She is hoping to get at least 40 entries.

"Thirty entrants is usually my benchmark to make the contest a success and we've been over that both years," she said. "I would say 40 would be about perfect."

All entries will be assessed by a panel of judges, who range from school administrators to newspaper editors and published authors.

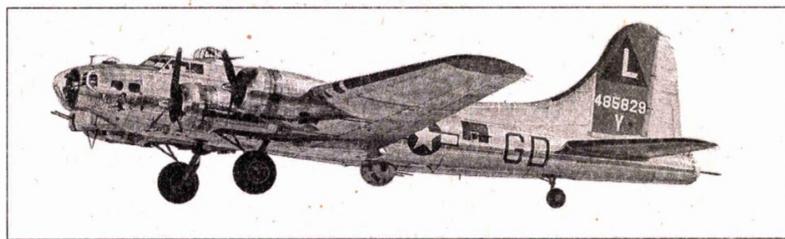
The winners will be announced during Northville's Arts and Acts Festival, a celebration of art, which takes place June 20-22 at various places throughout downtown.

# Yankee Air Museum offering high-gloss family event

The Yankee Air Museum is inviting everyone to its 19th annual Bomber Buffing Saturday, April 5.

The four-engine B-17 heavy bomber "Yankee Lady" and twin engine B-25 medium bomber "Yankee Warrior," located on the west side of Willow Run Airport, in Hangar 1, Bay 8, need their aluminum skin polished to a high gloss. Winter inspections and maintenance are complete and the planes have been washed. The polishing is the last step in preparing for the 2014 flying and air show season.

There is no cost to participate in this event, which runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 5. Fueling the event is a Hungry Howie's Pizza luncheon. People are



Volunteers will help put a shine on the aluminum skin of the "Yankee Lady."

encouraged to bring plenty of clean, soft rags. Mothers Polishes, Waxes and Cleaners Inc. has donated plenty of aluminum polish for people to use.

"The annual Bomber Buffing is one of the first sure signs of spring," said Ray Hunter, chairman of the YAM Board of Directors. "I'm always grateful to the large crowd that comes out every April to help us

and, as one of the B-17 pilots, I'm always anxious to get back into the cockpit and fly her again."

Hunter says the polishing party is a lot of fun for people of all ages and since the bombers fly regularly through the spring and summer this might be the only chance the general public has to get up close to the Boeing B-17G Flying Fortress and North American B-25

Mitchell.

Except for special occasions such as this event, the hangar where the bombers are maintained is not open to the public. The aircraft are never on display at the museum's Collections and Exhibits Building on the east side of Willow Run Airport. The bombers will be on display and available for rides during the annual Thunder Over Michigan air show Aug.

9-10 at Willow Run.

## 'Honors aviation'

"I'm excited to get back in touch with the people, our passengers and the enthusiasts who come to air shows and especially the World War II veterans," Hunter said. "Having the planes polished bright and the getting the details just right honors aviation history and its participants. This is why we exist as a living, flying museum."

Hunter said each year the number of airworthy B-17s and B-25s declines. He estimates only seven to nine B-17s and maybe eight to 10 B-25s will take to the skies in the United States this year. Hunter credits the work of the museum's chief mechanic and scores of highly skilled volunteers who

work together to keep the planes in pristine condition.

"We're very fortunate to have the resources to keep the planes in top flight condition," said Norm Ellickson, YAM's B-17 crew chief. "When we're done with the mechanicals, it sure is gratifying to see all these volunteers offer up their elbow grease to make the aircraft shine like new. Their labor makes a huge difference."

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**TIME OF HEARING:** 7:00 P.M.  
**PLACE OF HEARING:** Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a proposed petition to rezone parcel R-78-059-01-0021-000 from VP, Vehicular Parking District to ARC, Ann Arbor Road Corridor District.

**Application:** 2136-0314 **Location:** South of Ann Arbor Road, West of Main Street

**AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 016**  
Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R-78-059-01-0021-000.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N. Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-354-3270, ext. 5. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth Township, MI 48170.

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**HANDS THAT ACHE**

Aching hands are difficult to ignore; this winter has brought more patients to doctors' offices because of the problem. Likely the continued cold weather and added strain of putting gloves on and taking them off repeatedly with the need to pull boots on and off more than in past winters has added to the usual strain on fingers and hands.

Most of the concern people have with aching hands is the question: Am I coming down with arthritis? Physician's can answer that concern, first by asking questions on when the pain begins and what helps lessen it. In osteoarthritis, the most common arthritis, hands are stiff in the morning for 15-30 minutes and then become usable for the rest of the day until the evening. Heat such as running the hands under warm water decreases the duration of stiffness.

Second, examination of the hands for firm swellings about the knuckles called heberdon's nodes give the physician notice that osteoarthritis has or is developing. Third, in osteoarthritis, x-rays of the hands reveal changes in the bones that identify that this condition is present.

Other causes of aching hands are decreases in the blood flow to the digits and damage to the nerve endings in the hands. Carpal tunnel syndrome is not a cause as it gives numbness and tingling mostly at night, and when the body and hands are at rest.

A further clue that a nerve ending problem is the cause of hand discomfort is that warming the hands, instead of helping the pain, makes it worse.

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# Glenn students work on Korean War USO dance

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Last year, the cafeteria of John Glenn High School was transformed into a dance hall. The music and the dancing and even the honored guests came dressed for the occasion, a World War II USO-style dance.

The school will be doing that again this year, with history teacher Michele Anderson and her students remembering those who served in the Korean War. Dubbed as Remembering the Forgotten War, the dance will be 7-10 p.m. Wednesday, April 16.

"Last year's event turned out to be such a great project with the students and veterans coming together, you could see the bond," Anderson said. "The students came back with great feedback. They've stopped me in the hallway and asked if I'm doing the war dance.

"Even the feedback

from the community has been positive," she added.

Students are doing oral histories with Korean War veterans and producing posters about the veterans and war effort that will be displayed outside the dance hall. They have already completed eight to nine interviews and Anderson believes that by the time the dance takes place they will have spoken to 10-12 veterans. The problem is getting the veterans to call back.

## Finding veterans

The students lined up their contacts at last year's dance. Veterans who came to the dance last year were asked to sign in, indicating which conflict they were in and if they would be interested in being interviewed. If they answered yes, they were asked to supply a phone number.

One of the veterans Anderson is waiting to hear from is Dottie Witt

of Westland, who came dressed as a Rosie the Riveter although her service was during the Korean War.

Last year, Anderson used a \$6,545 grant from the Michigan Humanities Council to fund the project. This year, she has gotten support from VFW posts in Northville, Redford, Lincoln Park, Detroit and Carleton. John Glenn Principal David Ingham also is helping in covering the cost of the event.

Sandra Borioe of Westland, a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Detroit VFW Post 4553, has again helped get the word out to veterans group about the project which brought Anderson several accolades. She was the VFW Teacher of the Year for Post 4553 and District 4 in 2013 and won the Gov. John B. Swainson Award from the Michigan Historical Commission for outstanding contributions to preserving Michigan's



Working on propaganda posters were (from left) Austin Parsons, Norman's Market; Steven Gray, Bray's Hamburgers; and Kristina Browder, a victory garden.



Michael Tadjewski (left) and Xavier Edwards did posters focusing on industry during the war, including the Warren tank plant.



James Emerson (left) displays a poster created by Haley Arai, while Jeanel Fuller holds the poster she created for Walter Dowdy, a Korean War veteran.

mance for guests and there will even be Bob Hope and Elvis impersonators. Last year's swing dancers also are brushing up on 1950s dance steps.

"They already know their stuff," Anderson said. "They've already contacted me to see if it's OK to come back. They will probably be wearing their parents' uniforms."

## Looking ahead

Anderson said veterans from around the tri-county area plan on attending, including folks from Detroit, Southfield, Lincoln Park, Northville and Carleton. Many are from the posts that have helped fund the event.

Anderson has already talked to Ingham about next year.

"If this one goes as well as last year, we'll do one for Vietnam veterans next year," she said. "I've actually putting the paperwork for another grant that could get us \$2,000 in the first round and an opportunity for more if passed on for further consideration."

Korean veterans interested in being part of the oral history project can call Anderson at 734-419-2300 and leave her a message or send her an email at andersonm@wwcsd.net.

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

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

### New Cherry Hill Middle School-BD 109 Roofing / Sheetmetal

will be received at the office of Mr. Brodie Killian, Deputy Superintendent of Business & Operations, Plymouth Canton Community Schools, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 until **1:30 P.M., local time on Thursday April 3, 2014** at which time they will be opened and read publicly at Plymouth Canton Community School, E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170.

Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened.

**Faxed or e-mailed proposals will not be accepted.**

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

### 109: Roofing and Sheetmetal

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

Bid Documents will be available beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Friday March 21, 2014 via the following:

- Bidders may obtain one (1) set of 1/2 size bidding documents for a refundable \$75.00 deposit, beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 11, 2014, by contacting the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, at (248) 427-8400. Deposit checks should be payable to Plymouth Canton Community Schools. Deposit will be refunded upon return of complete documents in good condition to McCarthy & Smith, Inc. no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the bid opening.
- Bidders may download bid documents from [Gradebeam.com](http://Gradebeam.com) free of charge by contacting the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, at (248) 427-8400 to obtain log in information for access to the project documents.

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

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

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security, in either the form of a bid bond or certified bank check, in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Plymouth Canton Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the school district is secured from loss or damage by reason of the withdrawal of the bid or failure of the bidder to enter a contract for performance, further, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract.

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond. Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding.

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

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## LEGAL NOTICE 1954 PA 188 PROCEEDINGS NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING Charter Township of Plymouth Wayne County, Michigan

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of Petitions of property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose front footage constitutes more than 50% of the total front footage of the hereinafter described Special Assessment District and the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth proposes a road paving project in the Woodlore South Subdivision and to create a Special Assessment for the recovery of the cost thereof by Special Assessment against the properties benefited therein.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth has tentatively declared its intention to make the hereinafter described improvement:

The proposed improvements to the existing two-lane concrete roadway shall consist of complete and/or partial concrete pavement replacement, subbase and subgrade preparation, and miscellaneous driveway and drainage work, which may be needed to facilitate the replacement of the concrete road pavement. The project commences at the east right-of-way line of Timberwood Drive and proceeds eastward on Timberwood Drive approximately 985 to its point of termination at Marisa Court, proceeds eastward on Marisa Court approximately 250 feet where it turns into Woodlore South Drive, proceeds southward and westward along Woodlore South Drive approximately 1,240 feet, and southward on Woodlore South Drive approximately 240 feet to the north right-of-way line of Joy Road. The project also includes Marisa Court commencing at the intersection with Timberwood Drive and proceeding westward approximately 750 feet to its point of termination, Corey Court commencing at the intersection with Timberwood Drive and proceeding eastward approximately 190 feet to its point of termination, Rockledge Drive commencing at the intersection with Marisa Court and Woodlore South Drive and proceeding eastward approximately 275 feet, and Tania Court commencing at the intersection with Woodlore South Drive and proceeding westward approximately 525 feet to its point of termination.

That it has further been tentatively determined that the following described lots and parcels of land will specially benefit from said improvements and will constitute a Special Assessment District against which the cost of said improvement shall be assessed:

The district limit for frontage along Timberwood Dr., Corey Ct., Marisa Ct., Rockledge Dr., Woodlore South Dr. and Tania Ct. consists of Lots 1 through 63 of Woodlore South Subdivision, located in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 33, T1S, R.8E, of Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall meet on **Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, Michigan 48170**, for the purpose of reviewing said proposed Special Assessment District, and hearing objections to the improvement, creation of the Special Assessment District, and the assessment thereon. All persons may then and there appear and make any objections they may have to such improvement and assessment. Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount, if any, of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal. An owner or party in interest, or agent thereof, may appear in person at the hearing, or may file an appearance or protest by letter. All parties or agents appearing in person at the hearing for purposes of protest should request the appearance be entered into the record of the meeting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the plans, specifications, estimates of cost and recommendations of the engineer for said proposed Special Assessment District have been filed with the Township and are available for public examination at the office of the Township Clerk. The estimate of costs of such construction is in the approximate amount of \$278,206.20.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that periodic redetermination of costs for the proposed Special Assessment District may be necessary and may be made without further notice to the record owners or parties in interest in the property.

Nancy Conzelman  
Charter Township of Plymouth  
9955 North Haggerty Road  
Plymouth, Michigan 48170  
(734) 354-3224

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## PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a proposal for **Assignment of rights to a Wireless Telecommunication lease, Sale of tower and/or Tower management agreement**. Specifications of the Request for Proposals (RFP) are available by contacting Tiffany Brindza, Purchasing and General Ledger Associate, Plymouth Canton Community Schools at [tiffany.brindza@pccsmail.net](mailto:tiffany.brindza@pccsmail.net) or (734) 416-2975. Technical questions should also be directed to Brodie Killian, Deputy Superintendent of Business & Operations at [brodie.killian@pccsmail.net](mailto:brodie.killian@pccsmail.net) or (734) 416-2740. Sealed proposals are due to the PCCS - E.J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI on or before **1:00 p.m., Thursday, April 17, 2014**. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education  
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools  
Kimberley Crouch, Secretary

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## Northville Public Schools

### Request for Proposal March 26, 2014

The Northville Public Schools (also referred to as the District or NPS in these documents) will accept sealed bids for:

#### Window Replacements - Amerman and Moraine Elementary Schools

There will be a pre-bid meeting on April 2, 2014 at 4:30 PM. Meeting will start at Moraine Elementary School 46811 8 Mile Road we will then go to Amerman Elementary School. The drawings, specifications and bidding documents will be made available on line at: [www.bid4michigan.com](http://www.bid4michigan.com) or [www.northville.k12.mi.us](http://www.northville.k12.mi.us).

Sealed bids should be submitted to Mike Zopf, Assistant Superintendent Northville Public Schools, 501 W. Main Street, Northville MI 48167. Bids are to be submitted no later than **12:00PM on Wednesday April 9, 2014**. The District will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for bid submission. Bids will be publicly opened immediately following the close of receiving bids. No oral, email, telephonic or telegraphic proposals shall be considered.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in whole or in part; or, for reasons of establishing uniformity, delivery time or preference, to award the contract to other than the low bidder.

The contents of RFP and Bidder's (also referred to as Contractor in these documents) Proposal will become contractual obligations, if a contract ensues. Failure of the Bidder to accept these obligations will result in cancellation of the award. Award of a contract by the District is subject to the Contractor executing a Contract, which shall incorporate the contents of this RFP and the Contractor's Proposal and final approval if the same by the District's legal counsel.

In compliance with MCL 380.1267, the bid shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the board, or the superintendent of the school district. The Board shall not accept a bid that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

Certified check or Bid Bond must accompany each proposal by an approved surety company in an amount not less than 5% of the proposal amount. All bids shall be firm for at least sixty (60) days from the date of opening of bids. Length of time required for completion shall be specified in the bid. All bids submitted must meet or exceed all specifications herein.

Bids are to be submitted on the District's Bid Proposal Form, signed by the Bidder, in a sealed envelope and clearly marked. Two (2) copies of the Bid Proposal Form should be addressed to the attention of:

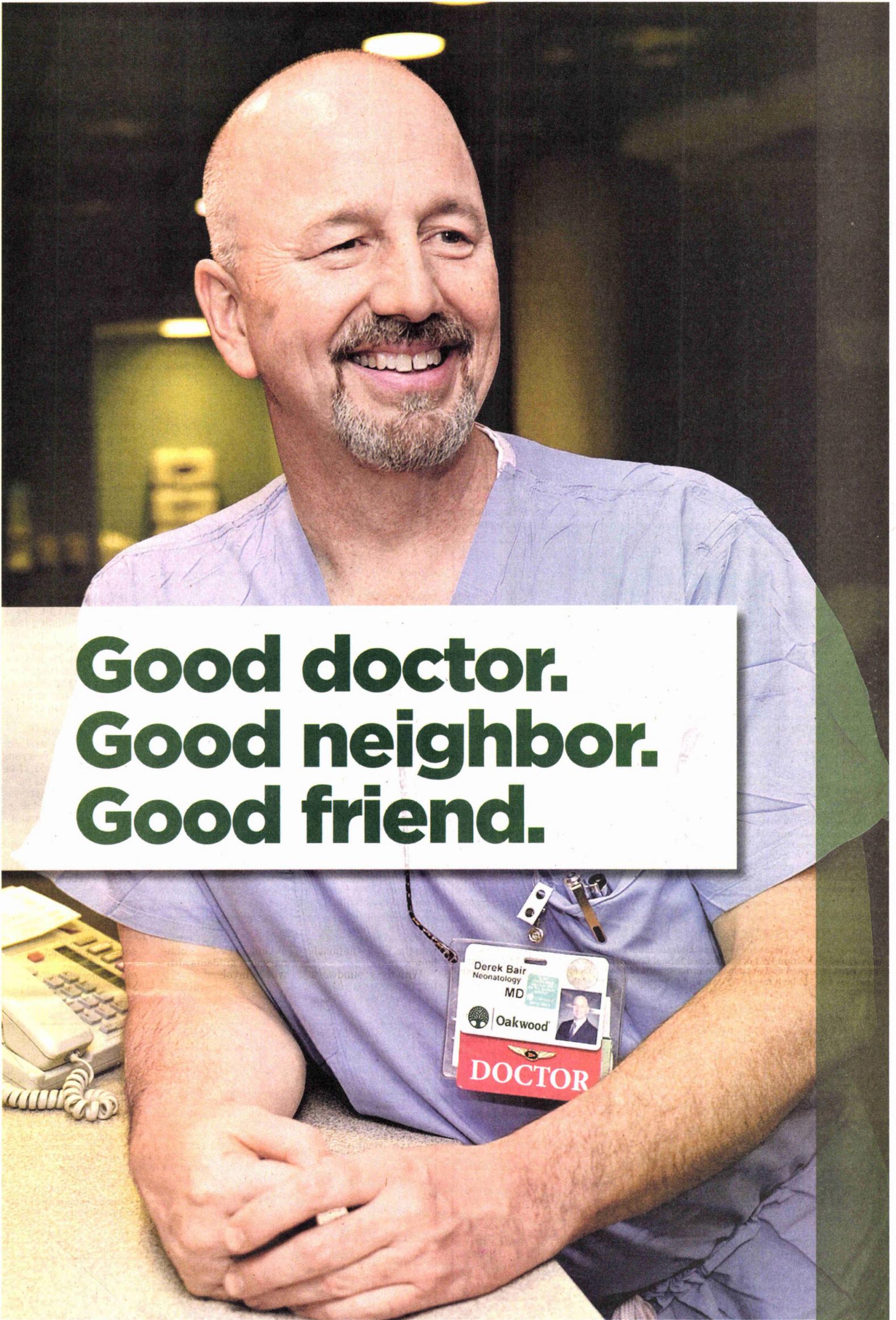
Mike Zopf, Assistant Superintendent  
Northville Public Schools  
501 W. Main Street  
Northville, MI 48167

#### "Window Replacements Amerman and Moraine Elementary Schools - BID"

One (1) copy of the bid form should be retained for your files. Any questions regarding the construction documents should be referred to David Mielock (248) 349 - 2708 if you have other questions contact Michelle Kerns (248) 921 - 3929.

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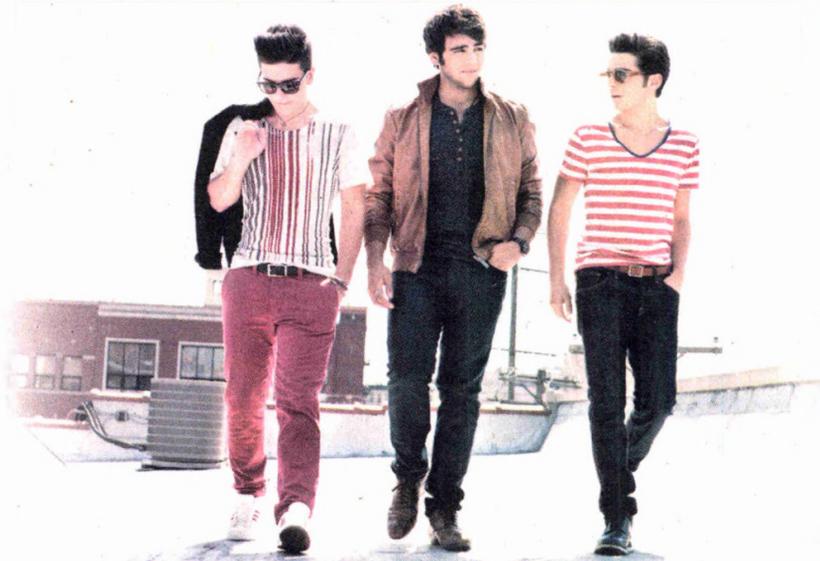
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## Duhl's firing 'tremendous disappointment'

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

The firing of Scott Duhl as Salem's varsity girls soccer coach took his longtime mentor Ed McCarthy by surprise. And McCarthy noted that it is the soccer community's loss that one apparent verbal exchange was all it took to lead to Duhl's unceremonious dismissal less than two weeks ago. "It was a tremendous disappointment for me to hear that Scott Duhl was removed as coach of the girls program at Salem," stressed McCarthy in an email to the *Observer*. "It



McCarthy

is clear that he no longer had the support of the administration. Proper support by the school is one of the most critical elements of any successful program. "It is a great loss for the players and community as he is regarded as one of the top young coaches in the state. He is highly effective at developing a strong rapport with his players." Duhl apparently got into trouble stemming from a team

meeting, during which he allegedly used a slang term for a male body part that one player did not appreciate hearing. That player told her parents about Duhl's choice of language and the matter escalated to the point where a third-party contractor (used to fill non-faculty coaching positions) fired the coach. According to some, it was a rush to judgment. More than 100 people jammed their way into Tuesday's school board meeting, on hand to vouch for Duhl and urge his reinstatement. Following the meeting, it

*"From afar, it appears the level of support for coaches has diminished recently."*

ED MCCARTHY, former Salem soccer coach

was announced via press release that the Salem girls team will be coached for the rest of the 2014 season by George Kithas (who coaches boys soccer at Livonia Churchill).

### Support waning

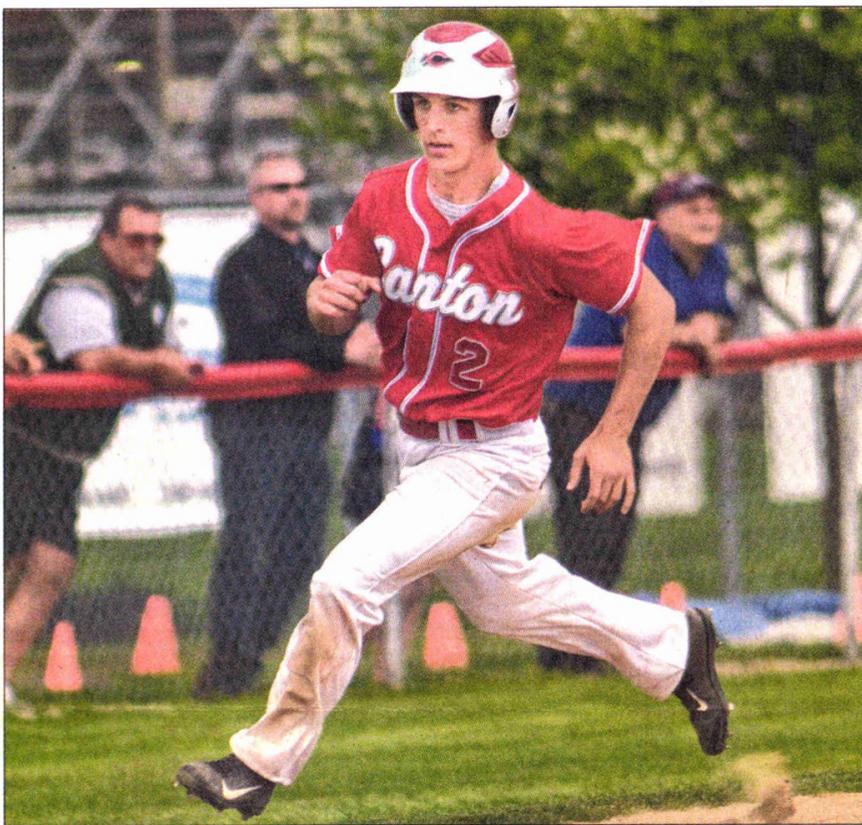
McCarthy wasn't at that meeting, because he was out of

town. But he weighed in on Wednesday, still trying to figure out how such a highly respected coach could be so quickly let go. He looked back on his own coaching career with Salem's varsity boys program, when

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### PREP BASEBALL PREVIEW - PART 1

## HIT PARADE ON DECK



Weston Price rounds third base on the way to scoring a Canton run in 2013. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

### Deep-and-talented Chiefs figure to be force yet again in KLA

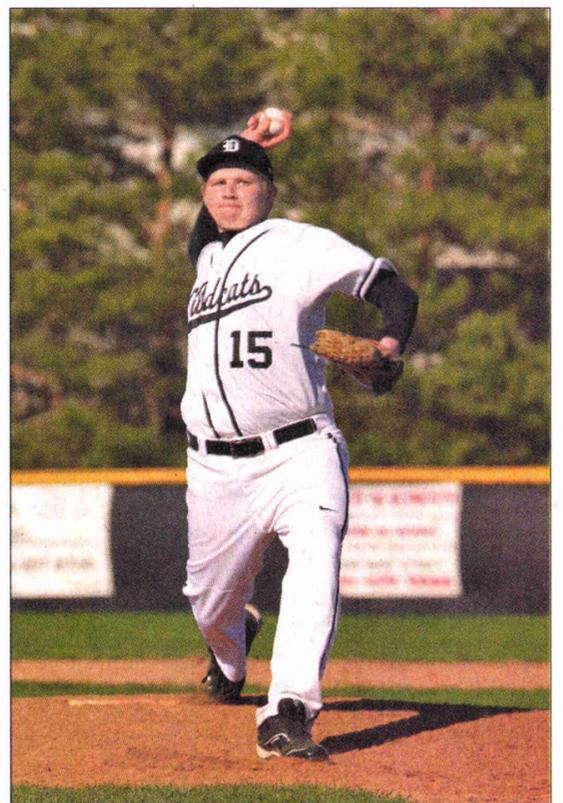
By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Whenever the weather breaks enough for the 2014 high school baseball season to begin, maybe even this week, the Canton Chiefs will be primed to hit the soggy ground running. And for their rivals in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, it will sting even more than hitting a ball on the handle

during a chilly April day to learn that the 2013 team that went 25-11 has an even deeper arsenal. "We will be able to hit and play defense as good as anyone on our schedule," said Canton head coach Mark Blomshield. "Pitching depth is really our only question and there will be significant opportunities for our younger pitchers to break into the rotation.

"The weather has been frustrating, but we have a solid game plan and will take advantage of our indoor opportunities. Everyone's in the same boat." The defending KLA champions are well stocked with six senior starting position players, undoubtedly spelling trouble for opponents in the KLA South Division and

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Plymouth pitcher Derek Ebeling gets set to fire the ball toward the plate during this 2013 game. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

## 'We are family'

Wildcats to stress camaraderie, competitiveness

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Jason Crain can't wait to get his rookie season as Plymouth Wildcats varsity coach in full swing. Plymouth (13-9 last year) is scheduled to open the 2014 season Wednesday against Holt, but nothing is guaranteed to begin on time with lingering cold weather.

Whenever it does, Crain

and the Wildcats expect to play sound, blue-collar baseball with a focus on fundamentals and compete level. The team will be looking to put last season behind it. In 2013, then-head coach Bryan Boyd was placed on administrative leave and eventually resigned. "We have tons of new-

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### MAHA SENIOR B WOMEN'S HOCKEY

## Victory Honda primes for USA nationals in Boston

Plymouth-based 19-and-over squad repeats as MAHA champion

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Once again Victory Honda's 19-and-over women's travel hockey team lived up to its name. The ice squad recently captured the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association state

championship in its age bracket for the second consecutive season. Victory Honda, led by head coach Brad Johnson (longtime assistant coach for the Division 2 state champion Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins

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The victorious Victory Honda 19-and-over women's travel hockey team again won the MAHA state tournament. The team is headed this week to Boston for nationals. Pictured in the front row (from left) are Lexie Glen, Brittany Zeches, Kyle Tripp, Mary Beth Smith, captain Stephanie Gierada, Stacey Hochkins, Kristen Schwan and Jenna Leone. In the back row (from left) are assistant coach DJ Loney, Becky Sonn, Bethany Croskey, Jenna Donnelly, Justine Cigna, Alexis Bohlinger, Stephanie Voigt, Kelly Gittelman, Emily Nelson, Lauren Lobert, Tricia MacLeod, Nikki Betz, Tatum MacLeod and head coach Brad Johnson. Not pictured is Erin Cahill.

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# Another spin on the coaching carousel

## District needs to back beleaguered coaches



Tim Smith

It's becoming an epidemic at the Park.

Coach A cuts a player. Parent A throws a fit and makes enough of a stink that Coach A gets bounced out of a job.

Coach B doesn't run a team exactly how some might envision. Soon enough, a frenzy is whipped up — hello, social media — and another coach is shown the gymnasium door.

And what about Coach C? Well, former Salem girls soccer coach Scott Duhl is still wondering what the heck happened. He uttered slang for a male body party that a young player reported to her parents. That player was demoted from the varsity. Soon enough, Duhl was unceremoniously fired.

Connect the dots if you want.

By the way, all three of those situations have happened at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park over the past 12 months.

It's getting to the point that nobody is going to want to run these teams. Would you?

Those who do sign up get the chance to look over their shoulder at whichever player's mom and dad might be ticked off for something said in the heat of a pressure-packed game or serious prac-

tice session.

Then they wonder if those appalled folks might take their beef to the principal, administration or school board.

And if Coach D (whoever that is) reduces a student-athlete's playing time or (gulp) bumps him or her down to the junior varsity or freshman team? Good luck, pal.

### Doesn't take much

You're next, unless the district reverses course and starts to actually back the men and women who devote so much of their lives to young athletes for months on end, year after year. Many coaches are almost themselves like family members to these kids.

It shouldn't matter if a shunned athlete's parent is a high-powered attorney or stock broker.

The only power trips should be off baseball bats, hockey sticks or golf clubs.

But that's asking too much in this litigious, politically correct world. After all, just at P-CEP over the last year, the scoreboard is Angry Parents 3, Coaches 0.

Yep, one cuss word or crude phrase can be twisted around and used as ammunition by empowered parents who have some crazy notion



Morgan Siterlit paints a pro-Duhl message on her car window.

that their son or daughter will miss out on that full-ride athletic scholarship if a high school coach gets in the way.

Or worse, they might wind up in therapy over what might have been.

Pardon me while I shake my head. Only about 10 percent (that is a generous estimate) of all high school athletes play any kind of sports at the collegiate level, community colleges included.

What about NCAA Division I, you say? Try something like 2 percent.

And out of that tiny number who compete on D-I college teams, only a select few play professionally. Think about that the next time you want to rip Justin Abdelkader or Brandon Smith.

But too many parents think their high school athlete is "the one" who will buck the odds and cash in.

Coaches such as Duhl had better not get in the way,

right?

Hopefully, Plymouth-Canton district administrators and board members got a much-needed wake-up call Tuesday night.

### Missed opportunity

More than 100 people who showed up at the board meeting (many of them Duhl's players) came to the defense of the coach — a standout soccer player for Salem back in the 1990s and a longtime assistant coach for the Rocks during the long tenure of Ed McCarthy before taking over the helm in 2013.

The passion was palpable. Yet nothing was done to reverse the firing. A chance to discourage a troublesome trend came and went.

It was explained away by P-CCS Superintendent Dr. Michael Meissen that the Duhl decision was pretty much cast in stone, regardless of the many testimonials

on the popular coach's behalf.

That's because, Meissen emphasized, the hiring and firing of coaches who do not work in the district during the school day (such as Duhl) is handled by a third-party contractor called Coach Easy.

Considering Duhl's stellar track record over the past couple of decades he's been involved with Salem soccer and with the travel boys and girls teams of the Michigan Hawks/Wolves (Duhl and McCarthy both coach in that organization), shouldn't he instead have received a slap on the wrist?

Perhaps Coach Easy needs some hard oversight in the future. It shouldn't have the final word.

Unless something changes soon, the drama is going to unfold again and again. The precedent has been established. Too quickly, an unfortunate choice of language or a tough coaching decision (whether tactical or in finalizing a roster) goes from rubbing someone the wrong way into a full-blown anti-coach campaign.

And now, the number of coaches thrown under the bus is at three and counting.

Coaches fully dedicated to helping student-athletes succeed should not have to worry about what "injustice" might cause them to be next.

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sticky situations were handled with care.

"In my 22 years at Salem I was always properly supported and (I) appreciated the efforts from the school as they were needed from time to time," McCarthy noted. "From afar, it

appears the level of support for coaches has diminished recently.

"This has been combined with an ever-increasing role of the highly vocal and organized parent determined to remove a coach."

McCarthy continued that coaches "are required to make countless difficult decisions on who makes the team, playing time, positions and strategy.

For every decision that someone likes there is typically someone else who doesn't like it. This is where support is critical."

The McCarthy-Duhl connection goes back to the mid-1990s, when Duhl joined the Salem varsity team as a talented player.

Duhl sparked the Rocks to the state finals in 1997 and 1999 with Duhl also being a first-

team all-stater.

After Duhl went on to play college soccer at Western Michigan University, he returned to Salem as an assistant coach for McCarthy in 2004 and eventually took over for his mentor last fall.

Duhl also succeeded Joe Nora as coach of Salem's girls team, taking over in spring 2013.

Despite his firing from the

girls team, Duhl remains head coach of the Rocks' varsity boys squad.

Both McCarthy and Duhl also coach for the Michigan Wolves/Hawks Soccer Club, comprised of elite boys and girls travel teams.

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## WILDCATS

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comers who are highly talented," said Crain, who played high school baseball at Canton. "The future of the Wildcat program is strong and I'm sure you will see it on the field for years to come as we build the structure and fundamentals which will create an atmosphere of consistent competitiveness.

"A quiet offseason is exactly what was needed to begin to bring the 'Wildcat Family' back together and that's exactly what happened. We trained, we hit, we threw and we built a family atmosphere around the program."

Plymouth's pitching staff will be spearheaded by senior Derek Ebeling and junior Kevin Anthony. Crain said Ebeling "will be one of our top pitchers, bringing power in both his pitching and hitting."

When Anthony isn't on the mound, he will be an infield starter.

Also in the middle infield will be junior Andrew Hejka while junior Cameron Anness is slated to handle catching duties (along with

spot duty at first base).

Senior Nick Foster, junior Seth Hubbard and sophomore Cameron Stella are expected to start in the outfield.

Crain said Hubbard brings a "smooth left-handed swing to knock in runs" while Stella "will roam the outfield along with pitching, on top of using his strong bat."

"We have several additional upperclassmen who promise to bring experience and production to our lineup," Crain added.

### On board

Crain's coaching staff includes Beau Adams, Scott Niemiec, Nick Posa and Kevin Learned, who "have put in many hours to build the strong foundation we have established."

Helping out with conditioning is new junior varsity coach Steve Boyle, who helped players with their off-season throwing programs. Also joining the Plymouth coaching ranks is freshman head coach Ryan Noack.

"The energy in the program is extremely strong and I look forward to a very successful season," Crain added.

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## CHIEFS

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throughout the circuit.

### College-bound trio

Among those six are senior lefthanded pitcher/first baseman Nick Hazergian, senior outfielder James Hall and righty pitcher Brent Mattson.

Those three have signed national letters of intent, too.

Hazergian, who went 6-1 with a 1.95 earned run average and helped the offense with a .375 batting average and 47 runs batted in, will play college baseball at Saginaw Valley State University. He had an all-star season in 2013, earning selection to the all-KLAA, all-district and all-region squads.

Fleet-footed Hall batted .270 in 2013 and swiped 13 bags; he is slated to go to Spring Arbor University.

And then there's Easter Michigan-bound Mattson, who is an X-factor for the 2014 Chiefs. He pitched just twice last year due to an injury, but struck out 22 batters in 11 innings.

"He can get his fastball into the upper 80s with a split finger that will be tough to



Diving back to first base during a 2013 contest is Canton's James Hall. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

hit," Blomshield said.

But wait, there's more talent in the Canton lineup.

Senior all-conference centerfielder Weston Price is back with his outstanding all-around game. Price batted .380 with 27 stolen bases last season. Colleges are looking to bring him into the fold for 2015.

Another all-conference player is senior outfielder Jake Boucher, who sported a .418 average along with three triples and 19 stolen bases last season.

The team's sixth key senior is second baseman Nick Schnur. He played smooth defense at the keystone while registering a .286 batting average.

Other seniors in the mix are utility players Chris Ferrill, Jake Raymo and pitchers Ty Robinson and Drew Mis-

enko, who the coach said "look to contribute as both starters and out of the bullpen."

They will throw to junior returning catchers Nick Romanowski and Tommy Kiddle, who divided duties behind the dish in 2013 and each collected more than 50 at bats.

Blomshield noted three promising newcomers who could make an impact.

Those include junior pitcher/infielder Grant Slomkowski, junior shortstop Robert Guajardo and sophomore pitcher/infielder Noah Spencer.

Rounding out the impressive roster are juniors Colin Elgas (pitcher), Andrew Loehnis and Nick Durocher (outfielders) and infielder Scott Bazner.

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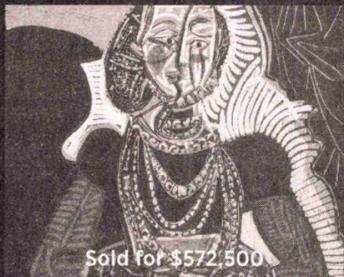
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ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Area lady hoopsters rule the courts

**FIRST TEAM**

**Paige Aresco, Sr., Canton:** There is no denying how much of an impact the senior forward and co-captain made on the Chiefs throughout her prep career, which was capped off with this season's march to the Class A final.

Aresco averaged just under 15 points and five rebounds per game as she sparked the Chiefs to a 22-5 record.

For her four-year Canton career, she registered 942 points, pushing her into the top five in school history. She was named an Associated Press Class A all-state honorable mention.

"Every night we played a game our opponents came in trying to stop Paige and she still found a way to get to the rim and score," coach Brian Samulski said. "The fact she was able to come in and score double figures 22 out of 27 games is phenomenal."

"Paige's outstanding play will be missed but more importantly her leadership and character will be missed. It has been a pleasure to get to know her and watch her grow as a player and an outstanding young lady the past four years."

**Candice Leatherwood, Sr., Mercy:** The senior point guard was the leader on a well-balanced team that went 25-2 and reached the Class A state semifinals. She was a four-year varsity starter and is a four-time, all-area selection.

Leatherwood, who scored 1,005 career points, averaged 11.4 this season to go with two assists, two rebounds and two steals. She will play next season for Liberty University, an NCAA Division I school in Lynchburg, Va.

She has the ability to take over a game with her defense and scoring, especially with her dynamic drives to the basket. In some big games, she almost willed the Marlins to win.

"Candice improved her game every year," coach Gary Morris said. "The thing I noticed right away about Candice was her basketball intelligence. She has a great feel for the game, just what you want from a point guard."

"In her freshman year, she scored most of her points driving to the basket. As her career went on, she developed a mid-range shot, and she got to the point where she was a pretty good 3-point shooter this year."

"The other thing is she's ultra competitive. That really showed itself in the Catholic League playoffs and right through the state tournament."

**Rachel Winters, Sr., Canton:** Whenever Canton needed a big-time defensive play or a clutch jumper from long range, the senior point guard and co-captain obliged.

Winters' individual statistics could have been much more impressive than 8.4 points, 3.1 rebounds and 3.2 steals per game if not for the fact she played such a strong two-way game for Samulski and the Chiefs.

The all-conference selection connected on 27 treys this season and 55 for her four-year career (both good for top-four in Canton history). Her 36 percent success clip from beyond the three-point arc also put her at the top of the school record best (top three).

"Rach had a terrific senior season and a very good four-year career at Canton," Samulski said. "The past three years Rach has been our defensive leader and playing in a program that stresses defense first that is a huge accomplishment."

"She took it upon herself this year to want to score more and I think she did a great job with that. All the extremely hard work she put into shooting the ball in the spring, summer, and fall really paid off."

Samulski said the "outstanding player and even



Paige Aresco  
Canton



Candice Leatherwood  
Mercy



Rachel Winters  
Canton



Taylor Jones  
Mercy



Kyla Roland  
Harrison



Kristen Nelson  
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John Glenn



Taylor Hunley  
Canton



Megan Carter  
N. Farm.



Amber Stephens  
Harrison



Gary Morris  
Mercy coach



Brian Samulski  
Canton coach

better person" will be missed by the Canton program.

**Taylor Jones, Jr., Mercy:** Jones was the perfect complement to Leatherwood at the two guard, both offensively and defensively. A two-time, all-area selection, she was a major reason the No. 3-ranked Marlins had the season they did.

Jones made the biggest play of the season in the Catholic League final. She stole an inbound pass under the Marian basket and scored as time expired to give Mercy a 55-54 win.

Jones was Mercy's leading scorer with 356 points and an average of 13.2. She also led the team in steals, averaging two per game as well as two rebounds. Jones excelled in the open court at finishing fast breaks and applying defensive pressure.

"Taylor is what I would call a slasher type of player with the ability to get to the basket," Morris said. "She's a good on-ball defender with the potential to get even better defensively."

"She continues to improve her outside game and, by next year, will be an effective 3-point shooter, which will make her a tougher player to guard. "She's very creative around the basket and has the ability to get herself in position to make the shot. She's only about 5-7 but is a lot longer than that, and it helped her to finish on offense and to pressure the ball on defense."

**Kyla Roland, Jr., Harrison:** The 6-foot-1 junior center complements her team's talent on the perimeter with consistent and solid play in the post. She is the inside force that helped the Hawks capture the OAA Red Division crown.

Roland is athletic and agile for her size and has a good, all-round game. She was the leading rebounder with 8.5 per game and she's an effective scorer, averaging 10 points on a balanced team. A three-year varsity starter, she also had 2.4 steals and 1.5 blocks per game.

"Kyla is an irreplaceable player who was counted on to score inside and also be the anchor in the middle of our defense," coach Tim Micklash said. "She's a vocal leader and works extremely hard to get better every day."

"In my opinion, Kyla is one of the better post players in the state and impacted the game in so many ways, whether it was scoring, rebounding, blocking or changing shots. Opposing coaches focused their game plans around trying to slow her down, which opened up opportunities for other players."

"Kyla is a big reason we've had the success we have over the past two years, and there's no doubt teams had to play differently when she was on the floor."

**Kristen Nelson, Soph., Harrison:** Nelson does a little of everything and does it well for the Hawks, who are 40-6 the past two seasons. She is a two-year starter who helped Harrison (17-4) win the OAA White Division last year and the higher-level Red this year.

The 5-foot-8 sophomore moved from the two guard to the point and helped the Hawks in so many ways, averaging 11 points, four assists, 3.5 rebounds, 3.5 steals and 1.6 blocks.

Nelson can take the ball to the basket off the dribble, shoot the three and play aggressive defense, too.

"Kristen is our primary ball handler and decision maker," Micklash said. "Her court vision and unselfishness is unlike any player I have coached. She is an extremely talented

player who has such a high ceiling in basketball.

"Kristen is also one of the most versatile players in the area, leading our team in steals, assists, blocked shots, charges taken and free throw percentage. She also was among our leaders in points and rebounds."

"Kristen has been a huge part of our success the past two seasons and no doubt will be a big part of the future of our program."

**SECOND TEAM**

**Ayanna Buckley, Sr., Clarendonville:** The 6-foot senior, who has signed with Ferris State University for volleyball, finished her basketball career by averaging 16.9 points, 13.1 rebounds, 5.7 blocks, 2.8 steals per game as a senior.

Buckley was able to bounce back from a mid-season ankle injury which kept her out of three games.

"Ayanna had a terrific season leading our team in scoring and rebounding," coach Brady Gustafson said. "She was able to score in transition, inside and outside. In addition to her offensive output, Ayanna had a dominating defensive year. She anchored our zone and was our leader in steals and blocks. In addition to her skills on the court, she is an excellent student and a three-sport athlete."

**Shelby Cheston, Sr., Plymouth:** The Wildcats enjoyed a turnaround season (18-5) under first-year head coach Nick Brandon and the outstanding play by 6-4 post player Cheston was a major reason why.

Cheston averaged 12.2 points, 8.1 rebounds and 2.9 blocks per game, often registering double-doubles to spark Plymouth to another big game. She started all 23 games and led the team in scoring and rebounds.

Her efforts earned her several team awards, including Defensive Player of the Year and the 2013-14 Legacy Award.

"Shelby changed the way teams attacked us on both sides of the floor," said Brandon about the unity captain and all-KLAA selection. "Offensively, her size and impressive touch at the rim forced teams to account for her, often with a double-team, which opened up the floor for many of our other scorers."

"Defensively she was a dominant force in the paint with great timing as a shot blocker, stopping not only opposing post players but also those who tried to get the paint with dribble-drives. Above all Shelby was a great leader for us on and off the floor."

Cheston is being pursued by several colleges at the D-I and D-II levels and has yet to make a decision, but she does plan to play college basketball.

**Kaira Barnes, Sr., John Glenn:** The 5-foot-4 senior point-guard, bound for Olivet Nazarene University (Ill.), was a four-year varsity player who averaged 15 points and six assists per game as a senior.

"She was a leader off the court by maintaining her 4.0 grade-point average in class as well as assisting with organizing the younger players during this rebuilding year for our team," Glenn coach Derrick Jordan said. "She was a leader on the court by always maintaining a poised demeanor in which every other player fed off

of during challenging times this season."

The all-KLAA selection bounced back in December after suffering a torn knee ligament at the end of her junior year which kept her out of the Class A state semifinals and quarterfinals.

"When I look at Kaira, she is what every coach talks about having," Jordan said. "A player who works hard, she's very coachable and she is extremely dedicated on the court and in class. Kaira was a joy for me to coach and her talents and leadership will surely be missed. I expect her to have a wonderful collegiate basketball and academic career."

**Taylor Hunley, Sr., Canton:** The 6-1 senior center and assistant captain was a force to be reckoned with around the basket — and at the charity stripe — for the Class A finalists in 2013-14.

The third-year player averaged 10 points and 7.2 rebounds per outing and collected 32 blocks. That gave her 73 career blocks, which put her into the top four in school history.

Hunley also rarely missed when sent to the free throw line. She made 79 percent of her chances, Canton's best accuracy rate ever. Her field goal percentage wasn't too shabby either (48 percent).

"She has had an amazing senior season and a great career," Samulski said. "The fact that T averaged closed to a double double is very impressive. ... She gave us a post threat inside and she also did a great job guarding players in the area."

Samulski said Hunley and the team enjoyed the payoff of her outstanding work ethic.

"All her hard work she put in this past offseason really paid off and she was able to see the benefits of that hard work on the basketball floor this year," he said. "I've really enjoyed watching Taylor grow into the great player that she has become and the terrific person that she is."

**Megan Carter, Jr., N. Farmington:** The junior guard can do it all on the basketball court and did. A three-year starter, she has made not one but two comebacks from ACL injuries and continues to excel at the game.

Carter was one of the top scorers in the area with an average of 16.7 points. She scored in double figures in all but one game.

She can do much more than score. Carter has an impressive all-round game that includes 5.6 rebounds, 3.0 assists and 3.2 steals per game while playing the point.

The Raiders were fourth in the OAA Red Division behind Harrison, Lathrup and Clarkston, and they were finalists in the district tournament at Marian.

"She has the ability to get to the rim and score," coach Tim Carruthers said, adding Carter also has a good outside shot. "One of her great assets is her ability to see the floor and get her teammates involved. She has a great feel for the game."

"The talent has always been there. With the injuries putting her behind, this was her breakout year, showing people what she can do. She is well

rounded and a good defensive player, too."

**Amber Stephens, Soph., Harrison:** Stephens is another two-year starter who led the OAA Red Division champs in scoring with 14 points per game. She excels in the open court, scoring in transition and forcing turnovers as the lead player on the press.

A two-time, all-area selection, Stephens also has a well-rounded game like Kristen Nelson that includes three assists, four rebounds and 3.3 steals per game.

"Amber built on her great freshman season and had another outstanding year," Micklash said. "She was one of our key players on the offensive and defensive sides of the ball."

"She led our team in scoring for a second year and is on pace to set multiple scoring records in the next two years."

"Amber has an extremely high basketball IQ and finishes around the basket better than any player I have coached. Like Kristen and Kyla, she has played a major role in the success of our program."

**CO-COACHES OF YEAR**

**Brian Samulski, Canton:** In nine seasons as head coach of the Canton Chiefs varsity girls basketball team, Samulski has compiled a record of 166-49 with numerous division, conference, district and regional championships along the way.

This year's team made it to the Class A state final for the first time in school history while going 22-5. The Chiefs played two games at the Breslin Center, defeating Grand Ledge in the semifinals and losing to Bloomfield Hills Marian in the final.

Despite that long list of personal coaching achievements — the latest is his selection as Observer Co-Coach of the Year — Samulski is humble and all about the team. He always gives full credit to his players — usually not even going out on the floor for championship trophy photo shoots.

Samulski routinely praises his team (including members who don't see a lot of playing time) and coaching staff, which includes Bob Blohm, Lauren Delapaz, Rob Heitmeyer and Kevin Palmer.

Samulski's teams always play shut-down defense and are very disciplined, minimizing turnovers and fouls in the process.

"It's a honor to share the award with Gary (Morris) from Mercy who I think is an outstanding coach," Samulski said. "I really feel getting Coach of the Year is a reflection of the program. This honor wouldn't be possible without the 10 players on the team: Rach, Paige, T, Shan (senior assistant captain Shannon Perry), Lan (Alanna Brown), (Jordan) Church, Alexa (Lagola), Nat (Winters), Arch (Madison Archibald), and Erin (Hult)."

"This also wouldn't be possible without my staff: Bob, Del (Delapaz), Rob, and Kevin, they did a great job all year. Without my players and my staff, we wouldn't have done what we did on the basketball court this year."

**Gary Morris, Mercy:** The Marlins expected to have a very good season with every player back from a successful previ-

ous campaign — and they did!

Mercy went 25-2 with both losses to Class A state champion Marian. The teams split four games, and the Marlins won the Catholic League title over their rivals, 55-54.

The Marlins tied a school record for single-season victories and won their first regional championship since 1991 when they were the state runners-up.

Mercy knocked off No. 2 Grosse Pointe South and No. 1 Detroit King in the regional tournament, and it also counted a win over defending Class B champ Goodrich in the regular season.

The postseason run ended with a state semifinal loss to Marian at the Breslin Center.

For the job he did in leading the Marlins to their best season in nearly a quarter century, Gary Morris was named Co-Coach of the Year.

"The award is way more about the players and my coaching staff than me," Morris said, adding he is honored to share it with Canton's Brian Samulski, whom he knows well and for whom he has great respect.

Morris cited assistant coaches Jim Lovat, Dennis Janer and Kristin Porubsky, who played two seasons for Morris at Mercy.

"Once it became apparent we were having a special season, I would be asked about goals, getting to Breslin or winning a state championship," Morris said.

"I kept saying to the kids, 'Don't get so hung up on what we have to do for it to be a success. Enjoy the journey.'"

"I think a lot of that came out at the banquet. I would have liked to win two more games, absolutely. Short of that, it was still a very special season."

The Marlins did it with a team full of guards, too. No starter was taller than 5-foot-7.

"Our theme for the year was, 'It's not how big we are; it's how big we play,'" Morris said. "They certainly did play big. Those kids played with a lot of heart and were driven to succeed."

Morris, who teaches social studies at Mercy, earned his 300th career victory with the regional win over South.

His 10-year record as the Mercy coach is 164-74, and he is 302-126 overall, which includes seven seasons at Madison Heights Bishop Foley and one at Detroit Dominican.

**ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS BASKETBALL**

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Paige Aresco, Sr., G. Canton  
Rachel Winters, Sr., G. Canton  
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Taylor Jones, Jr., G. Mercy  
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Kristen Nelson, Soph., G. Harrison

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Ayanna Buckley, Sr., C. Liv. Cville  
Shelby Cheston, Sr., G. Plymouth  
Kaira Barnes, Sr., G. John Glenn

Taylor Hunley, Sr., C. Canton  
Megan Carter, Jr., G. N. Farmington  
Amber Stephens, Soph., G. Harrison

**THIRD TEAM**

Rachel Smith, Sr., G. Ply. Christian  
Sam Bauer, Sr., G. Mercy  
Kylie Robb, Sr., G. Plymouth

Allie Gorcyca, Sr., G. Mercy  
Rachel Wilkinson, Sr., G. Stevenson  
Shara Long, Jr., F. Salem

**FOURTH TEAM**

Abby Joseph, Jr., G. Garden City  
Charlesann Roy, Sr., F. Stevenson  
Jada Woody, Sr., F. Plymouth

Jen Malcolm, Sr., F. Ply. Christian  
Bri Durrough, Sr., G. N. Farmington  
R'Mani Garrard, Sr., C. John Glenn

**FIFTH TEAM**

Tyler Parlor, Sr., G. Mercy  
Sierra LaGrande, Sr., G. Mercy  
Ashley Sandelin, Sr., G. Red. Union

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**CO-COACHES OF YEAR**

Brian Samulski, Canton  
Gary Morris, Farm. Hills Mercy

**HONORABLE MENTION**

Churchill: Natalie Spala,  
Hannah Purnmill; Franklin: Sarah  
Cramton, Tyonna Tate; Stevenson:  
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Thurston: Megan Abela;  
Redford Union: Renee Reed.

OHL PLAYOFFS GAME 4

# Bubble bursts for Whalers

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

On Tuesday night, Plymouth Whalers goalie Alex Nedeljkovic stopped 52 Guelph shots and pretty much stole a playoff win from the top-seeded Storm.

Compuware Arena fans thought they were about to see the same thing happen in Wednesday's Game 4 of the OHL Western Conference first-round series, with Nedeljkovic holding the fort and his teammates getting him a lead in the second period.

But Guelph — who had been trailing 2-1 more than midway through the frame while being outshot 24-10 — broke through with three goals in just over four minutes to go up 4-2 after 40 minutes.

Plymouth's standout net-minder gave up another one to Tyler Bertuzzi in the first couple minutes of the third and there was no rallying from that. The Whalers wound up falling 7-2 before 2,253 fans.

The best four-of-seven series shifted to Guelph for Friday's Game 5. Plymouth needed to win on the road to force Game 6 on Sunday back at Compuware, but the Storm prevailed 8-3 to clinch the series.

Jason Dickinson led Guelph with two goals and an assist as the Storm took a commanding 3-1 series lead. Also finding the back of the Whalers cage were Nick Ebert, Justin Auger, Pius Suter and Zack Mitchell, who also tallied three assists.

The Whalers opened the scoring with 8:15 left in the opening stanza when Bryce Yetman sent a shot into the top corner behind Guelph net-minder Justin Nichols (40 saves).

Setting up the goal were Josh Wesley and Mitch Jones.



Francesco Vilardi (No. 7) of the Plymouth Whalers is tripped up Wednesday by Guelph's Phil Baltisberger (No. 6). RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS

## GUELPH TAKES SERIES IN FIVE

The Plymouth Whalers were eliminated from the Ontario Hockey League playoffs with Friday's 8-3 loss in Game 5 of their Western Conference first-round series against Guelph.

Plymouth trailed 3-1 after two periods, but then the Storm broke through with five goals in the third to win going away, capturing the Western Conference first-round series four games to one.

Scoring two goals for the Whalers was Zach Lorentz, with Connor Chatham also scoring. Ryan Hartman picked up two assists for Plymouth.

Nedeljkovic kept his team in front through 20 minutes despite Plymouth being outshot 14-6.

Guelph knotted things up at 1-1 just 58 seconds into the second period, however. Dickinson found the range on a play set up by Mitchell and Scott Kosmachuk.

At the 7:09 mark, the Whalers went back in front when Connor Chatham tapped in linemate Matt Mistele's perfect crossing feed.

Mistele skated down the right wing and cut into the middle of the ice before threading the puck to Chatham near the left post.

A big stop by Nichols on a Zach Lorentz backhand kept the score at 2-1 and Ebert, with Guelph on the power play,

ripped a shot off the post and in with 6:36 left to tie the game.

Just over a minute later, the Storm went in front for good when Mitchell scored an unassisted marker.

In the third, goals by Bertuzzi and Suter opened up a 6-2 advantage and at that point Whalers coach Mike Vellucci took Nedeljkovic (34 saves) out in favor of rookie Zack Bowman.

Guelph's Dickinson victimized Bowman less than two minutes later to cap the scoring.

**SERIES NOTEBOOK:** Plymouth defenseman and team captain Nick Malysa is out for the rest of the series (and season, should the Whalers advance), due to a lower leg injury sustained Tuesday night.

Expected back for Friday's Game 5 is forward Carter Sandiak, suspended four games after being assessed a match penalty for slashing in the opening game. Also in Game 1, Whalers defenseman Yannick Rathgeb hit a Guelph player from behind and was slapped with a 10-game suspension.



Salem's Jenna Carter (No. 11) carries the ball Wednesday against Dexter, with support from teammates Bridget Kerwin (No. 6) and Rose Krasofsky (No. 96). JEFF CARTER

# Salem hangs on for second win

Make it 2-for-2 for the Salem Rocks.

After routing Ann Arbor Fr. Gabriel Richard 15-5 on Monday, the Salem varsity girls lacrosse team improved to 2-0 on the young season with Wednesday's 7-6 victory over Dexter.

Freshman goaltender Maddie Johnson went the distance for the victory and Salem head coach Dave Medley credited her with a strong performance to keep the Draughtnaughts in check — withstanding one last push by Dexter for the equalizer.

On the offensive end, seniors Jenna Carter, Rose Krasofsky and Bridget Kerwin took care of business. Carter and Krasofsky each scored three goals with Kerwin adding the seventh.

"I think there are going to be many a team in trouble facing the tenacity of the Dexter Draughtnaughts," Medley noted. "We were really

stuck taking what Dexter would give us versus how we wanted to play, their defense took away just about everything and anything as coach that I wanted to do."

Holding Dexter to three first-half goals was one of the keys to the victory, he continued.

"This was one of those defensive struggles where the goalies on each end were heroes," Medley added. "Once again, make no mistake, it took a real team effort to win this game led by our seniors."

**SALEM 15, GABRIEL RICHARD 5:** Salem's varsity girls lacrosse team opened the season Monday with an offensive surge. Leading the Rocks with four goals each were Rose Krasofsky (also one assist) and Bridget Kerwin, while Jenna Carter contributed three goals and three assists. Also finding the mark three times in the contest was Joslyn Lange, who added an assist.

Salem's other goal was scored by freshman Leah Tardiff. The Rocks outshot Gabriel Richard 24-12 and took a 9-4 halftime lead. Splitting time in goal for Salem were freshman Maddie Johnson (first half), junior Samantha Howell and sophomore Celine Pilon (first varsity action).

## PREP BOYS LACROSSE PREVIEW

# Youthful 'Cats have room to grow

Team defense could catapult Plymouth into contention

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

The defense won't rest this season for Plymouth's varsity boys lacrosse team, and that's a good thing according to head coach Brian Walsh.

After going 8-10 in 2013, the Wildcats plan on having a strong and active defensive core to help the team compete as younger players get up to speed with the varsity game.

"Defense will be our strong point while the youth jells together," Walsh said.

So far, Plymouth is off to a 1-1 start entering Saturday's contest against Ann Arbor Huron at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"Overall, I'm very excited about our team this season," Walsh said. "We are going to be very young but full of potential. On paper, this could be the best Plymouth team ever. They just need to develop as we compete for the KLAA."

With only six returning seniors (defensemen Phil



Putting the defensive squeeze on an opponent are Plymouth's Kyle Robertson (No. 22) and Ben Riley (No. 18).

Avromoski, Jordan Edwards, Shane Parks, midfielders Connor Browne, Cam Smith and attacker Evan Bridge), the Wildcats will feature a young roster.

It helps having those seniors back, not to mention junior defenseman Ben Stover — who Walsh said is mulling over multiple Division I college overtures.

Sophomore goaltender Trevor McManus is another important piece to the puzzle for the Wildcats.

The long list of solid defenders includes juniors Ben Riley, Grant Koppelberger and sophomore Hunter Lindeman.

They will be helped out by sophomore long-stick midfielder Andrew Withers, de-

scribed by Walsh as a "defensive weapon from the mid-field."

Browne and Smith also will shore up the midfield. So will juniors Kyle Robertson, Brendan Linford, Shatti Saati; sophomores Austin Currier and Mitch Gonzalez; freshmen Nolan Ouellette and Jack Balch.

"The attack will need some time to jell early on, but will be prolific as the season progresses," Walsh said.

In addition to Bridge, players who could help the offense include juniors Justin Brodzik, Grant Beauchamp, sophomore Nate Gozдор and freshman Zach Callaher.

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# Chiefs off to rousing start

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Second-year Canton varsity boys lacrosse coach Hank Lewandowski is optimistic the Chiefs will bounce back from last spring's 6-10 record.

The squad remains relatively young, although key seniors Kyle Topper, Jake Evavold and Collin Smith are among the top all-around players in the division.

All have signed on with college lacrosse programs, too. Attacker Topper will play next year with Davenport University while defender Evavold (Indiana Tech) and goaltender Smith (Wheeling Jesuit) also look forward to careers after high school.

That trio came through for the Chiefs in Wednesday's season-opening 14-8 win over Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Topper scored six goals in the victory while Smith turned aside 14 of 22 shots for the victory, coming up with several key stops. Evavold played a steady game, with three takeaways playing in tandem with sophomore Ryan Schlieger (2 takeaways).

"Our players participated in a great deal of off-season leagues and tournaments,"

Lewandowski said. "My expectations for this season remain high as we will improve as our underclassmen continue to gain game experience."

"Our team leadership is also critical to our success this season with all players committed to team goals supporting each other both on the field and off."

Another plus, he continued, is having a new varsity assistant and defensive coordinator in Jeff Sebastion.

In addition to Topper, Evavold and Smith, the Chiefs will be banking on improving play from junior midfielders Gerald Belanger, Brockton Baechler and "a number of potentially talented underclassmen."

Junior Jay Krebs is among them, joining Belanger and Baechler in the midfield. Krebs tallied two goals and two assists in the opening win.

The Chiefs also feature sophomore forwards Carson Pakula (3 goals, 1 assist Wednesday), Lukas Pashigan (1 goal Wednesday), senior forward Max Kwiecien (1 goal, 1 assist Wednesday) and junior forward Nolan Gilo, who tallied a goal in the opener.

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# NATIONALS

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girls team) and assistant coach DJ Loney, leaves Sunday for the USA Hockey Nationals in Boston, Mass.

The team (20-6-4) — which is based out of Plymouth's Arctic Pond — will compete in the Women's Tier 1 Senior B tournament from Thursday through Sunday, April 6 at the New England Sports Center.

According to Johnson, a key factor in the team's continuing success is the fact players are familiar with and like their teammates. He said 12 out of 20 players have been together for at least four years.

"Some of them, have played together even longer," Johnson noted. "Although we are always tweaking on-ice chemistry with different line options, this team simply plays very well together."

Johnson cited a few additions to the 2013-14 team, all who made a difference.

"This year we added a new goaltender in Brittany Zeches (an All American at Adrian College), Stacey Hochkins (Holy Cross) and Becky Sonn

(Wayne State University)," he continued. "These new faces among a few others have meshed perfectly with our returning team members and have significantly improved upon the team that won states last year."

## Balanced lineup

Strong balance throughout the lineup also is a plus.

"Our two goaltenders, Mary Beth (Smith) and Zeches, are both capable of winning every time they are between the pipes," Johnson added. "I have three forward lines that can score at any time. And, I have three sets of defense that can be as equally dangerous offensively as sound as they are defensively."

Members of the team (listed alphabetically) include Nikki Betz, Alexis Bohlinger, Erin Cahill, Justine Cigna, Bethany Croskey, Jenna Donnelly, Stephanie Gierada, Kelly Gittleman, Lexie Glen, Hochkins, Jenna Leone, Lauren Lobert, Tatum MacLeod, Tricia MacLeod, Emily Nelson, Kristen Schwan, Smith, Sonn, Kyle Tripp, Stephanie Voigt and Zeches.

Gierada is team captain, with Lobert, Tricia MacLeod

and Schwan the assistant captains.

Entering the games in Boston, Hochkins and Glenn were the top scorers. Hochkins has 28 goals and 11 assists for 39 points while Glenn's stat line is 18-14-32.

Augmenting them are Sonn (12-11-23) and Nelson, a former assistant coach with the PCS Penguins who has eight goals and six assists.

Handling the goalkeeping duties were Zeches (1.64 average in 28 games and 11-5-1 record) and Smith (2.16, 8-1-3). Winning one game as a substitute goalie was Nicolette Franck.

## MAHA recap

After Victory Honda knocked off three opponents in pool play on Feb. 28 and March 1, it was on to the semifinals Sunday, March 2 against the Cougars.

Zeches turned aside 35 of 36 shots as Victory Honda won 3-1.

That afternoon, Zeches (23 saves) backstopped Victory Honda to a 3-2 win over Honeybaked in the state championship game.

Lobert and Tripp put Victory Honda up 2-0, with both

goals assisted by Hochkins.

After Honeybaked cut the lead to 2-1 midway through the second, Victory Honda restored the two-goal lead when Croskey set up Nelson.

That 3-1 lead held up for most of the third period, until Honeybaked made it 3-2 on a tally by Kim Shaw.

Zeches and her teammates held the fort for the final two minutes to clinch the victory.

Going into the championship game, Johnson knew that it was going to be a tough contest.

"Honeybaked was the only Senior B team that beat us all season," Johnson said. "They added an outstanding player in Chelsea Jones who played at the University of Minnesota that was very effective against us all year."

"We feel we have a much more balanced roster than they have, but as soon as you forget about Jones, she can make you pay. Even though the score was 3-2, I really felt like we were in control most of that game."

The big guns during the tournament were Glenn (5 goals, 4 assists), Hochkins (4 goals, 4 assists) and Nelson (4 goals, 1 assists).

Both Zeches and Smith

allowed less than one goal per contest in securing the five wins that culminated in the state championship with Smith also recording a shutout.

## Ready for Boston

They are going to take this experience with them to Boston.

Johnson is no stranger to coaching in National Championship tournament play as this will be his seventh national championship tournament.

He coached in three ACHA Women's Division I College Hockey national championships at Western Michigan University and this is his fourth USA Hockey Women's Senior B championship tournament.

"We are very excited to be, again, representing Michigan women's hockey at USA Hockey Nationals and know that we are as capable of winning it all as any team that will be there," Johnson said. "We are going to have to work as hard as we have all season and anything can happen in any game, but our goal is, obviously, to bring home a national championship."

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HAPPILY EVER AFTER

## Greenmead marries modern reception with vintage gowns

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Greenmead, Livonia's historical village, threw a wedding reception last week that came complete with a towering cake, hors d'oeuvres, and a champagne toast.

Its historic Newburg Church was decked out in flowers and filled with the sounds of familiar love songs played on the organ.

There was no bride and no groom, unless you count the cake toppers on display, but photographs of just-married couples were everywhere — grouped into collections, exhibited next to vintage gowns in the Alexander Blue House, and even hung on the walls in the church restroom.

"It's my personal goal to make wallpaper out of old wedding photos," joked Maureen Casey, recreation supervisor, as she addressed guests seated inside the church. "Part of our photo display is downstairs in the restroom."

The fourth annual "Happily Ever After" program drew approximately 80 supporters, mostly women, to view the village's collection of wedding artifacts, photos and gowns in a setting that mirrored a real wedding reception.

"It was an idea we kicked around ... it evolved and snowballed," Casey said. "It's kind of a ladies' evening out. And some gentlemen come. We love it."

### Dresses, accessories

Some of the 18 gowns on display were on loan from Greenmead staff members, including Casey, and volunteers, such as Linda Trewin, a Livonia Historical Commission member.

"We try to get at least one from each decade," said Trewin, adding that approximately 70 percent of the dress exhibit is different each year. Some



Joanne Camiller, a Greenmead volunteer, holds a photograph of herself while standing next to her wedding gown. PHOTOS BY JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Photographs show weddings through the years.



Pat Bastine, (left) of Livonia and Sally Bettes of Northville admire a wedding gown.

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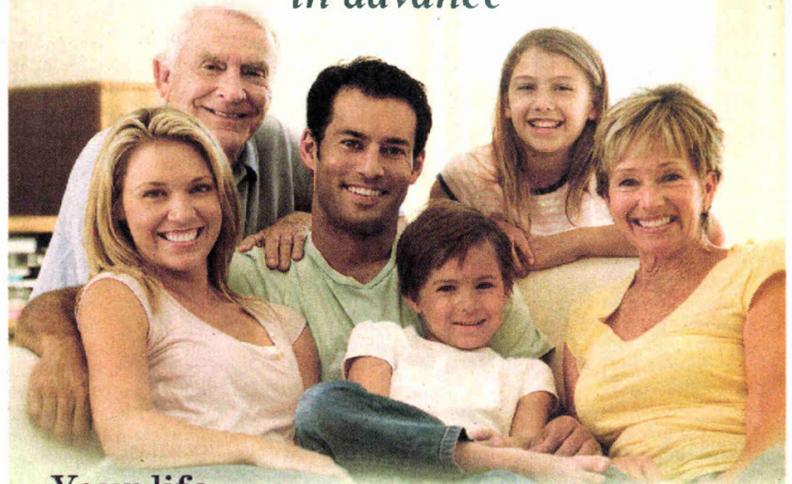
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# Opera supporters celebrate Easter with concert in Novi

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

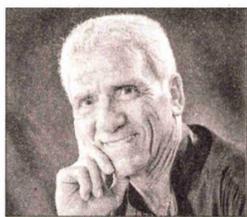
Enrica Piccirilli Di Vico will carry on a family tradition when Friends of the Opera of Michigan presents "Easter Celebration in Music Resurrection" April 6 at St. James Catholic Church in Novi.

"We like to do free concerts in the churches. We do them at Christmas and Easter," said Piccirilli, who co-founded Friends with her husband, Quinto Milito, a baritone.

"We formed the group in honor of my father, Fausto Di Vico. He wasn't a singer. He just loved music and he was a member of a group in Italy that was bringing concerts to the town he lived in. Once he passed, we decided to form a



Amy Blevins, soprano, will sing in the Easter Celebration in Music Resurrection at St. James Catholic Church, Novi.



Quinto Milito, baritone, is one of the founding members of Friends of the Opera of Michigan, in Livonia.



Pianist Jeanne Marie Laframboise of Livonia will accompany singers at Friends of the Opera of Michigan's Easter concert.

group here."

The Livonia couple founded the organization in 1988 and it has presented annual concerts ever since.

Some are ticketed events, like *The Most Happy Fella*, which Milito produced in 2012 at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center in Dearborn. In April 2013, the organization

teamed up with the Oakland Choral Society, and the Jackson Chorale to present Verdi's *Requiem* and Milito's composition, *Kyrie*.

The upcoming concert is free, although donations will be accepted. It starts at 4 p.m. at the church, 46325 10 Mile. A show also will be held at 4 p.m. April 27 at St. Barbara's Parish, 13534

Gioacchino Rossini Conservatory of Music in Italy. She is a soprano, but traded a singing career for family life, raising the couple's four children. He was a two-time winner of the Metropolitan Opera Regional Audition, and made his debut at the Spoleto Festival in Italy. Milito, who is the artistic director of Friends of the Opera in Michigan, has sung in Europe and throughout the United States, including with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. He also performed and recorded live in *The Three Tenors*, at Orchestra Hall in Detroit.

Blevins, a graduate of Oakland University, has appeared with members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings, Cantata Academy Cho-

rale, Oakland Symphony Orchestra, and Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra. She teaches private voice lessons and is a member of the National Association of Teachers of Singing.

"My husband loves to sing *Ave Maria*. It's going to be many different styles of music," Piccirilli described the concert in Novi. "Easter is the greatest Christian feast. So I know a lot of people will celebrate and go to church, and we want to bring music to it. There are so many beautiful pieces of music to be sung for this time of year. I think people will enjoy it."

For more about the Friends of the Opera of Michigan, visit its Facebook page. Or email [foto@twmi.rr.com](mailto:foto@twmi.rr.com).

## Rescues offer comedy show, feral cat info

Laugh with the Angels

Just a few days are left to get tickets in advance for Guardian Angel Animal Rescue's comedy show at Joey's Comedy Club. Seating will begin at 7:30 p.m., with the show starting at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 3, at the club, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Advance tickets are \$15 or pay \$20 at the door.

Matt McClowry is the headline act. He was diagnosed at an early age with Asperger's syndrome, a mild form of autism characterized by intense, unrelenting focus. McClowry channels that focus into his act by constantly building on his repertoire of material. According to Joey's website, he's a "wordsmith with a perceptive eye" and a "refreshingly honest and brutally fun-

ny" show.

Get tickets from Sandy at 734-788-6857 or Pete at 734-716-8743. All proceeds benefit GAAR, a no-kill, foster-based, volunteer-run animal rescue in Livonia.

### Feral cat workshop

The Michigan Humane Society will hold a feral cat workshop for individuals who want to help reduce the number of homeless cats and give feral cats the care they need, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 5, at the MHS Berman Center for Animal Care, 900 N. Newburgh, Westland.

The workshop is required for those interested in becoming a feral cat colony caretaker. Individuals will learn how to humanely trap feral cats, before bringing them to the Michigan Humane Society for veterinary care. Caretakers release the cats back to their habitat.

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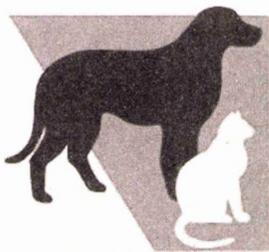
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### Be prepared

The Farmington Hills/Farmington Emergency Preparedness Commission will present a free seminar on Preparing Your Pets for Emergencies and Disasters, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, at the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile.

Local veterinarian Christian Ast will talk about how pets have fared in recent disasters and will identify the steps that pet owners can take to increase their furry friend's chances of survival.

The program is free. For more information, call Tim Tutak at 248-417-0930 or email [tutakt@live.com](mailto:tutakt@live.com).



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### Livonia Garden Club

Larry Turowski, retired general manager of the floral division at English Gardens, will give tips on flower arranging and will create several floral arrangements at the next meeting of the Livonia Garden Club, 7 p.m. April 1, at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. For more information, call Ruth Moline at 734-525 3167 or visit [livoniagardenclub.org](http://livoniagardenclub.org).

### Maple sugar

Maybury Farm in Northville holds its Maple Sugar Experience at 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday



A youngster checks out a maple tree at Maybury Farm in Northville.

through April 13. Participants take a hayride to the sugar bush to see how trees are tapped and then watch it turn into syrup in the sugar shack. Michigan maple syrup will be sold in the welcome center. Admission for the tour is \$6 per person; children 2 and under are

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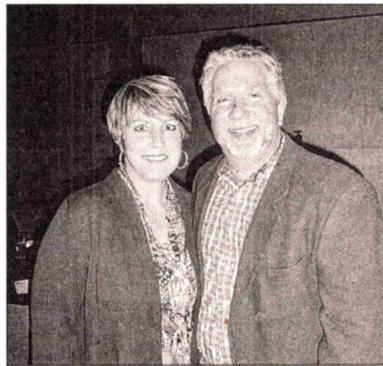
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Carol Brichford of Farmington Hills shows off a Victorian wedding purse. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Farmington Hills residents Lori and Bob Blumenfeld, CFO of The Children's Center in Detroit, enjoy FAR Conservatory's karaoke fundraiser. Bob was one of the karaoke singers at the event.



FAR Conservatory of Therapeutic and Performing Arts music therapists Patty Karle of Clarkston (left) and Kelsey Juett of Farmington Hills.

## MARRIES

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gowns come complete with accessories. Some accessories are displayed with photographs or other items.

"My neighbor got married in 1940 and she found her veil. She said, can you use this. I said absolutely. I got a picture, got her handwritten invitation and got her veil," Trewin said. "You'll see it on display."

Trewin's original wedding photo was exhibited with her gown, which she said she'll donate to Greenmead in the future. Trewin was married in the village's historical Newburg church and the photo was a reminder to guests that both the church and Alexander Blue House are available for rental.

"We do weddings. We've done baptisms and memorial services," Casey noted. "It's truly an intimate setting."

**Brides-to-be**

Soon-to-be sisters-in-law, Alena Krone of Livonia and Miriam Walrath of Plymouth posed next to a 1940s gown while Krone's

## WEDDING TRADITIONS

Carol Brichford, a Farmington Hills resident and a member of the Frederick M. Warner Questers, kicked off Happily Ever After, with a talk about wedding traditions. A few of her observations:

» "The wedding cake goes back to Roman times. It wasn't that soft white cake we're familiar with. It was more like a cracker. They broke it over the bride's head. The crumbs were picked up by the guests as souvenirs of the wedding."

» "The filmy veil started with Nelly Custis, who was engaged to be married to Gen. George Washington's aide. He came to see her one day before they were married and she was looking out the window through a lacy curtain. He said, 'you look beautiful behind that curtain.' She decided that for her wedding, she would wear a filmy veil over her face and that's where we get the veil."

» "The traditional, white wedding gown came about through Queen Victoria. She was a real trend-setter throughout the 19th century. The white has a significance of its own: purity, joyous celebration and it wards off evil spirits."

» "The engagement ring. It's a diamond. The diamond is the hardest material. It's not going to crack or break. It lasts forever and it's indicative of love."

mother, Suzette, snapped their photo.

Krone plans to marry Walrath's brother, Joel, in May. Walrath's wedding to Jeff Brooks of Flint is set for mid-August, with a reception planned at the Alexander Blue House.

"This is another way to check (the venue) out," Walrath said, explaining why she attend-

ed Happily Ever After. For Robin Nyeste of Livonia and her daughter, Shea, 24, Happily Ever After was a fun way to spend time together.

"Since she has been interesting wedding stuff, I thought it would be fun for her," Robin Nyeste said.



Farmington Hills residents Jim and Linda Kidder. PHOTOS BY JULIE YOLLES



FAR Conservatory of Therapeutic and Performing Arts music therapists Steve Fidler of Plymouth and Kirsten Kyle of Madison Heights.

## Listen up: Karaoke fundraiser ends on high note

"Sing out, Louise," Mama Rose, the classic stage mom, would yell out to her daughter in the musical, Gypsy.

If there was any yelling going on at the FAR Conservatory of Therapeutic and Performing Arts' "Sing Out 4 Kids" fundraiser at the Emagine Theatre in Royal Oak, it was for more songs and higher bids of auction items.

Radio personality Jay Towers from 100.3 FM emceed a fun night of local celebrities — including Fox 2's Monica Gayle, former Detroit Tiger

Scott Lusader and his daughter, Alexa, folk singer Josh White Jr., and others — who took the Emagine stage to sing out.

Also in the audience was Hockey Hall of Famer Ted Lindsay who is a huge supporter of FAR as well as the Founder of the Ted Lindsay Foundation for Autism.

The sold-out event raised more than \$300,000 for FAR, based in Birmingham, and will go toward providing art, music, dance, recreation and sports therapy to children with special needs. Go to [www.farconservatory.org](http://www.farconservatory.org) for more information.

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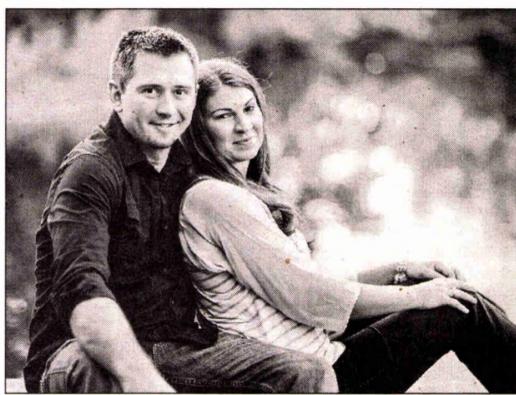
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# MILESTONES

## GEICK-BOYER

Amy Geick and Andrew Boyer announce their engagement. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Paul and Trish Geick of Canton. Amy graduated from Western Michigan University with a degree in early childhood education and then completed her master of arts degree in teaching with a focus on autism spectrum disorders from Madonna University. Amy is a special education teacher in the Plymouth-Canton district. Her fiancé is the son of Howard and Sue Boyer, also of Canton.



Andrew Boyer and Amy Geick

Andrew graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in applied engineering. He works as a technical sales manager. They plan a July 2014 wedding in Grand Haven.

## ROTHERT-HAGERMAN

Joseph Rothert and Daniel Hagerman of Los Angeles, Calif., along with their family and friends are pleased to announce their engagement. Joseph, the son of Gary Rothert of Dearborn and Barbara Rothert of Plymouth, is a 2005 graduate of Salem High School. In 2009, Joseph received a bachelor's degree in advertising with a specialization in public relations from Michigan State University.

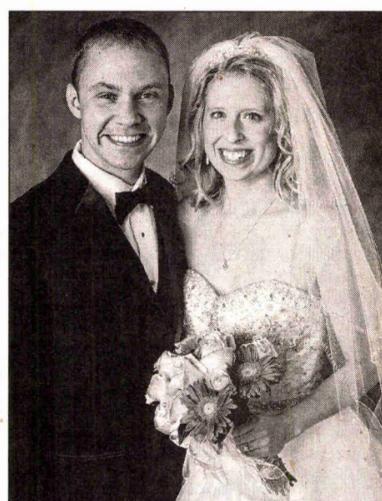


Joe Rothert (left) and Daniel Hagerman

Daniel, the son of Angela Hagerman of Grayling, is a 2005 graduate of Grayling High School. In 2008, Daniel received a bachelor's degree in accounting from Michigan Technological University. In 2010, he received a master's degree in taxation from Wayne State University. He is employed by Deloitte Tax, LLP nationally as a senior tax consultant. The couple plans a fall 2015 wedding in southeastern Michigan. He currently is pursuing a career in film.

## GEHRKE-BAKER

Heather Gehrke and Gregory Baker were married Sept. 1, 2013, at Antioch Lutheran Church, Farmington Hills. The Rev. David Vinciguerra officiated. The bride, daughter of Arlin and Judy Gehrke of Farmington Hills, is a graduate of North Farmington High School. She received a B.S. degree in nursing from the University of Michigan and graduated from Michigan State University's nurse anesthetist master's degree program. She is employed as a certified registered nurse anesthetist at ProMedica Toledo Hospital. The groom, son of Hugh and Monica Baker of New Boston, graduated from Huron High School in New Boston. He received a B.S. degree in informatics from the University of Michigan, where he is employed by the IT Department in the College of Engineering. The maid of honor was Lauren Sundquist. Bridesmaids were Amanda Gehrke Ryder, sister of the bride; and LeeAnn Baker, sister of the groom. The best man was Kevin Dumont. Groomsmen were Luke Gehrke, brother of the bride; and Steven Baker, brother of the groom.

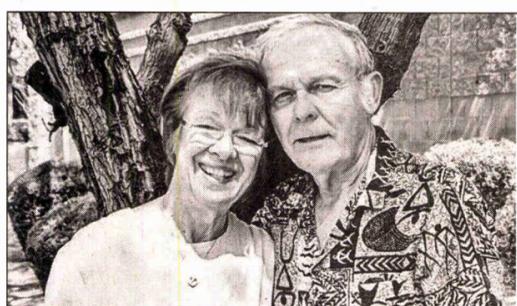


Gregory Baker and Heather Gehrke on their wedding day

A reception was held at Arnaldo's Banquet Center in Riverview. The couple took an Alaskan cruise for their honeymoon. They live in New Boston.

## CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

Bob and Nancy (Barnum) Langeneckert of Canton marked their 50th wedding anniversary on March 28. The couple married in 1964 at First Baptist Church, Ypsilanti. They met at Eastern Michigan University where both were studying to become teachers. Bob and Nancy have two daughters, Sandra Upham (Brad) of Chicago, Ill., and Sharon Mafara (Alan) of Chandler, Ariz., and three grandchildren. The couple lived in Westland for 23 years before moving to Canton 23 years ago. Bob taught chemistry at Cherry Hill High School for 19 years. After Cherry Hill merged with Wayne-Westland, he moved to John Glenn High School where he



Nancy and Bob Langeneckert of Canton

taught science and later became a guidance counselor. He retired in 2001 after 34 years in education. Nancy stayed home with their daughters for 10 years. She substitute taught and then taught elementary school in Wayne-Westland, retiring in 1999. Nancy has attended the same fitness class for "older adults" in Ann Arbor for nearly eight years. Both love the outdoors and vacationing in the West, with repeat trips to Colorado, Arizona and California. They also enjoy visiting with friends and family and are active at their church, Friends of Unity in Plymouth. They celebrated their anniversary with a two-week trip to Hawaii last month. They also had a dinner party with a few lifelong friends.

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## BATTEY, PAUL MAXWELL

Age 54, of Madison Heights, MI passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, March 24th, 2014. Paul loved his parents Eva Pauline Maxwell Battey and Leslie James Battey, Jr., who both preceded him in death. He was a devoted helper to both of them in their later years, visiting his mother in Florida at her condominium and living with his father when he was widowed. Paul was the loving brother of five siblings Barbara Curtis, Jim Battey, Karen (Alan) Machcinski, Alice (Kevin) Yash, and David (Aleksandra Yudin) Battey. Paul was a devoted stepson of Rose Marie Thomadsen Battey and loving step-brother to Kaarli (John Welsh) Thomadsen-Welsh, Kimberly (Evan) Kleber and Kristin (Laurence) Grey. Most importantly of all, Paul was the adored zany uncle of 18 nieces and nephews and 5 great nieces and nephews. Paul was born July 21st, 1959 in Richland, Washington. In his youth, Paul was an active Boy Scout. He was a graduate of Bloomfield Hills Andover High School and Northern Michigan University. He enjoyed skiing while living in the Upper Peninsula. He loved nature, wilderness camping and rock climbing. He was an avid rock hound, an interest shared with his mother. He was a salt water aquarium enthusiast and maintained a beautiful one for years. Paul was also active in serving his community. He frequently donated his time at soup kitchens and local pet shelters. He had a long career in the food service industry and worked for a while as a financial advisor while doing graduate studies in Business at Oakland University. He found his true calling when he began working for Checkers/Rally's restaurants. His favorite part of his job was training employees and mentoring them as they built their careers in the business. Paul found this work fulfilling and his team at work was truly his second family. Services will be held Saturday, April 5th, 6:30 p.m. at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304 with a reception afterwards at the church. There will be an Open House at home on Sunday, April 6th from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Madison Heights; contact the family for further details.

## JORGENSEN KATHRYN (BIRRELL)

Kathryn "Kathi," 56, passed away unexpectedly at her home in Palmdale, CA, on Sunday, March 23, 2014. Kathi was born on June 2, 1957 in Garden City, Michigan and was the second of five children born to James and Dorothea Birrell. She married David Jorgensen of Detroit, Michigan on May 16, 1981. Kathi and David moved to Norwalk, CA in 1981, and then resided in La Mirada, CA from 1987 until 2004. Her life was dedicated to raising their two children, Shannon Jorgensen (30) and Shaun Jorgensen (27). In 2004, Kathi moved with her husband, David, to Palmdale, CA as part of his 33 years of employment with Northrop Grumman Corporation. Kathi is a graduate of Antelope Valley Community College and has been employed for 6 years as an accountant for the Palmdale School District, Child Nutrition Department. During the last 25 years, she was actively involved with the Los Angeles Public School System, first by dedicating her time volunteering for the PTA and numerous assignments with the Norwalk-La Mirada School District and continuing with her employment with the Palmdale School District. Over the last 10 years she has enjoyed watching her children grow into adulthood and celebrated their many accomplishments. In July 2012, she was blessed by the birth of her granddaughter, Sofia. It has been a great joy to her, in recent years, to have her children and granddaughter close to her in Palmdale. Since 2006, Kathi has been an avid supporter of members of the United States Armed Forces and has volunteered and participated in many activities of the Antelope Valley Blue Star Moms and the United Services Organization, Inc. (USO). She enjoyed camping, reading, and most of all spending time with her friends and family. She is also survived by two sisters, Kelly Benson of Lakewood, CA and Karen Shaffer of Wayne, MI as well as her brother Kenneth Birrell of Westland, MI. She is preceded in death by her cherished mother and father, Dorothea Birrell and James Birrell; and her beloved older brother, Kevin Birrell. She leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins, as well as many close family friends. Live well, laugh often, and love much were the hallmarks of Kathi's life. She will be missed by many. Visitation will be Wednesday, April 2nd beginning at 3:00 pm for family and open to the public from 4:00 - 8:00 pm at Joshua Memorial Park & Mortuary at 808 E. Lancaster Blvd, Lancaster, CA 93535. Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 pm on Thursday, April 3rd at the Joshua Memorial Park & Mortuary. For additional information and to share your personal thoughts please visit the Digital Guestbook for Kathryn Jorgensen at www.joshuamortuary.com. Donations can be made in Kathi's honor to the United Services Organization (USO) through their website at www.uso.org/donate.

## KAYFES, CAROL J., PLYMOUTH, MI

Age 80, passed away Saturday, March 22, 2014, with her loving husband by her side. She was born March 26, 1933, to William and Bessie Goldsworthy, and grew up in Lake Linden. On June 23, 1951, she married Thomas Kayfes of Ahmeek. She was known for her kindness to others, including sharing her faith in the Bible's promises. She was a member of the Plymouth Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. She also is survived by her daughters, Judy (David) Bonga, Gloria (Alan) Arndt, and Donna (Robert) Reimer; six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and five nephews. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, April 5, at 5:30 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall, 47343 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI.

## SPUNG, SHEILA MARIE (MCGINNIS)

Age 80, wife of Albert H. Spung of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, died March 17, 2014. The family and friends of Sheila Spung are invited to a service at 11:00 a.m. on April 3, 2014 at J. HENRY STUHR, INC., MOUNT PLEASANT CHAPEL. Sheila was born September 3, 1933 in Cleveland, Ohio, daughter of Francis J. McGinnis and Mary Coyle McGinnis. She grew up and lived most of her life in Birmingham, Michigan. Sheila graduated from Northwestern University with a degree in elementary education and was a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority. She was also employed as a personnel consultant and worked as a corporate recruiter for Verizon. Sheila and Albert retired to Mt. Pleasant in 1996 & made many wonderful friends and memories here. Sheila will always be remembered for her warm smile, sincere kindness, ready wit and humor. She is dearly missed. Sheila is survived by: her husband Albert; two sons Peter A. Spung and wife Lisa of Wilton, Connecticut; John L. Spung and wife Valerie of Park City, Utah; daughter Mimi Bradley and husband Donald Bradley of Hinsdale, Illinois; and four grandchildren Jessica and Laura Spung, Leah and Cullen Bradley. She is also survived by three sisters: Mrs. Fred Eckhout of Cheboygan, Michigan; Mrs. Vincent Hayes and Mrs. Maureen Cook of Birmingham, Michigan and her brother FJ McGinnis of San Diego, California. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Roper St. Francis Hospice of Charleston, SC. 843-402-3260. A memorial message may be sent to the family by visiting our website at www.jhenrystuhr.com

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

May you find comfort in family and friends

## RELIGION CALENDAR

### MARCH CONCERT

**Time/Date:** 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 30  
**Location:** St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Detroit Lutheran Singers perform works by Bach, along with *Create in Me*, by K. Lee Scott, which was commissioned by the Singers in honor of retired director, Eric Freudigman. Tickets are \$15 general admission and \$10 for seniors and students, 12 and over. Children under 12 free  
**Contact:** detroitlutheransingers.com

### LENTEN VESPERS

**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. Sunday, March 30  
**Location:** St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 760 W. Wattles, Troy  
**Details:** The Very Rev. Roman Star, pastor of St. Innocent of Irkutsk Orthodox Church, Redford, will preside at this fourth of five Lenten services.  
**Coming up:** The remaining vespers service will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday, April 6 at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, Detroit, 2407 Carpenter, Detroit  
**Contact:** 734-422-0278; pascha-books@sbcglobal.net

### APRIL ANOINTING OF THE SICK

## GARDEN

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free. The farm is at 50165 Eight Mile, west of Beck.

### Plymouth Nursery

Grow an Easter centerpiece, a children's workshop, will be held 1-1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at Plymouth Nursery, 9900 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Fee is \$5. Aimed at kids 4-12. They'll grow a wheat-grass centerpiece and will have a snack. 734-453-5500

### Farmington Garden Club

Learn how to use colorful pot-painting techniques at a pot painting therapy workshop, April 7, at the Spicer House in Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Bring a pot, sponges, rags and an apron. The

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 1

**Location:** Ss. Simon and Jude Catholic Community, 32500 Palmer, Westland

**Details:** Anointing of the Sick is a sacrament of healing and is not only for the seriously ill, but also for the elderly, infirm, the mentally ill, or for those facing surgery. A light lunch will be served after the service. RSVP to the church office  
**Contact:** 734-722-1343

### EASTER FUN DAY

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 12

**Location:** St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, located on Five Mile one block west of Inkster Road, Livonia

**Details:** Crafts, stories, an Easter egg hunt, games and more for children, 3-12. The church also seeks donations of white socks, Chapstick, chewing gum, individually-wrapped hand wipes, snack bars, pocket Bibles and pocket-sized tissue packs for Comfort Kits for the homeless.  
**Contact:** 734-422-1470

### EGG HUNT

**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 19

**Location:** First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of 8 Mile, Northville

**Details:** Children hunt for more than 15,000 eggs in five different age groups. Hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks will be

served; pictures available with the Easter Bunny; games, prizes, music and "eggcellent egg-speriments" with Madam Scientist. Bring an Easter basket to collect eggs. Get a gift for bringing a friend. Registration is required at dfcnazarene.org. Closes after 6:00 children sign up or on April 16, whichever comes first  
**Contact:** 248-348-7600

### EGG HUNT

**Time/Date:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 19

**Location:** Plumb Line Community Church, 9435 Henry Ruff, Livonia

**Details:** Games, crafts, face painting, prizes, lunch and photos with the Easter Bunny; for ages 12 and under  
**Contact:** Shirley Stephan at 734-522-7916

### FAMILY EASTER CELEBRATION

**Time/Date:** Register at 12:45 p.m. Saturday, April 12

**Location:** Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merri-man, Livonia

**Details:** Family Easter celebration includes an egg hunt, games and crafts for children, 10 and under, along with the Easter story. Bring a basket to collect eggs  
**Contact:** Melissa at 734-466-8694

guided hike, art projects and nature games. Cost is \$5 per child or \$10 per family.

Register for the programs at <http://recreg.fhgov.com>. Heritage Park is located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Call 248-477-1135 or email [asmith@fhgov.com](mailto:asmith@fhgov.com) for more information.

### English Gardens

» Garden Party weekend runs April 5-6, with presentations at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., Sunday.

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

### Heritage Park

Explore Nature Day, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, is for all ages and will include a

## Study: TV watching worse than video games for unhealthy snacking

Middle school kids who watch television for at least two hours daily are more likely to eat junk food and have risk factors for cardiovascular disease than kids who spend equal time on the computer or playing video games, according to research presented at the American College of Cardiology's 63rd annual Scientific Session.

"While too much of both types of screen time encourages sedentary behavior, our study suggests high TV time in particular is associated with poorer food choices and increased cardiovascular risk," said study senior author Dr. Elizabeth Jackson, M.D., and a cardiologist at the University of Michigan Frankel Cardiovascular Center.

Sixth-graders who watch two-six hours of television daily are more likely to have higher body mass index, elevated systolic and diastolic blood pressure and slower recovery heart rate compared with kids who had comparable computer or video game use.

This is the first time researchers have looked at the impact of screen time in relation to snacking habits and physiological measures associated with heart health, according to the study authors.

The study included 1,003 sixth-graders from 24 middle schools participating in Project Healthy Schools across five diverse communities in Southeast Michigan.

The research found that kids who spent more time in

front of a screen — regardless of the type — snack more frequently and are more likely to choose less healthy snacks. Kids who spent two-six hours and computer/video game users both reported eating roughly 3.5 snacks a day — one full snack more than kids who had minimal exposure to these technologies.

But children who watched two to six hours a day of TV were more likely than the high computer/video game group to eat high-fat foods such as french fries and chips.

### Mindless snacking

Jackson said that's likely because television commercials bombard viewers and tend to reinforce less healthy foods that often are higher in

sugar, salt and fats. In addition, kids tend to have free hands while watching television, which provides more opportunity for mindless snacking. Earlier studies also have shown that children tend to eat more when they watch TV.

"Snacks are important, and choosing a piece of fruit rather than a bag of chips can make a really big difference for one's health," Jackson said. "Parents need to monitor their kids' activities. Our results offer even more reason to limit the amount of TV time kids have and are right in line with current recommendations."

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends limiting entertainment screen time to less than one or two hours per day. But children

actually spend seven hours or more on entertainment media each day, four and a half of which are spent watching television. Excessive media use has also been linked to obesity, attention problems, school difficulties and sleep and eating disorders.

"The wealth of studies now show a significant link between being overweight in childhood and continuing that trend into adulthood," Jackson said. "The more we can change behavior early on to promote healthy weight and dietary habits, the more likely we will be able to reduce adult-related problems including heart disease, diabetes and high blood pressure."

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### UPCOMING

#### Cancer screenings

Henry Ford Health System will offer free head and neck cancer screenings Wednesday, April 23, as a part of Oral, Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Week.

» 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Henry Ford Hospital, 2799 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit

» 1-4 p.m., Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane, 19401 Hubbard, Dearborn

» 9 a.m. to noon, Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, 6777 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Head and neck cancer symptoms can be vague, but warning signs include hoarseness, persistent throat and ear pain for more than four weeks, mouth sores that won't heal and a lump in the neck. Make a screening appointment by calling 313-916-3275 or visit [www.headandneck.org](http://www.headandneck.org).

#### Celiac support

Pam King from The Center for Celiac Research is the speaker at the Tri County Celiac Support Group, 7 p.m. April 7, at The First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington

Road, Farmington Hills. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. [tccsg.net](http://tccsg.net)

#### Childbirth education

Learn about the stages of labor, managing methods, the partner's role in labor and delivery, medications and anesthesia, C-section and more in classes that meet 7-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17 and 24 at Botsford Hospital, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Register at 248-888-2500 or visit [www.botsford.org](http://www.botsford.org).

#### Dental care

The University of Michigan School of Dentistry will offer free dental services to the first 100 children, ages 5-14, preferably those without dental insurance, on April 5, at the school, 1011 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor. Registration will start at 8:30 a.m. Services include dental cleaning, X-rays, sealants, fillings and extractions. Visit [umgivekidsasmile.org](http://umgivekidsasmile.org).

#### Drug series

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

Ypsilanti:

» **Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do** is a two-part series targeted primarily to parents and caretakers of teens. The first part runs 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, and will offer information on understanding substance abuse problems and recognizing when a young person may be involved with drugs or alcohol. Part two, 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, offers suggestions on what to do when a teen substance abuse problem is suspected. Call 734-485-8725 for more information.

#### Lunch workshop

Learn about nutritionally-balanced lunches in an interactive workshop led by a registered dietitian from Botsford Hospital, 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, at Busch's Fresh Food Market, 33300 W. 14 Mile, West Bloomfield. Cost is \$5, which includes recipes, samples, nutritional advice, and a \$5 Busch's coupon. Tickets available from Busch's Guest Services Counter or by phoning 248-539-4581. Registration required.

#### Project Healthy Living

United Health Organization, a nonprofit organization, will offer health screenings, including tests for fitness, obesity, hypertension, vision, hearing, gluten, food and seasonal allergies at locations throughout southeastern Michigan when it kicks off its "Project Healthy Living" program this month. Most basic screenings are free; blood tests are offered for a fee. Local sites are:

» 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Southfield Municipal Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield

» 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 4, Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

» 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Lahser Ambulatory Surgery Center, 27207 Lahser, Southfield

» Noon to 6 p.m. May 10, Northland Shopping Center, 21500 Northwestern Highway, Southfield

For more information, call 313-531-9100 or visit [projecthealthyliving.net](http://projecthealthyliving.net).

#### Walk with a Doc

Matteo Valenti, a board-certified internal medicine

specialist, will discuss living longer and aging better, at noon Thursday, April 17, at Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Walks are held rain or shine. Register by calling 877-477-DoCl, option #1.

### ONGOING

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The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch and 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch. To join or for more information, visit [www.ymcadetroit.org](http://www.ymcadetroit.org).

#### Breast cancer support

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



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### Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



Dr. Edge  
Internal Medicine

Ever find yourself forgetting where you left your keys or where you parked? Don't fret! Mild memory problems are common. Causes for memory loss can range from sleep and nutritional deficiencies to age or stress. Health Expert, Dr. Judith Edge, specializes in internal and geriatric medicine at Garden City Hospital, and is Clinical Director for United Home Health Services. In this article, Dr. Edge provides tips for staying sharp and improving your memory.

Attention is a major component of memory. In order for information to move from short-term memory into long-term memory, you need to actively pay attention. Distractions, such as television, music and multitasking make retention harder, which leads to mistakes and other issues. A strong memory depends on the health and vitality of your brain. Here are three simple rules to improve yours.

1. **Get plenty of sleep and exercise.** Just as an athlete relies on sleep to perform his or her best, your ability to remember increases when you nurture your brain with good rest and other healthy habits. Treating your body well can enhance your ability to process and recall information. Physical exertion increases oxygen to your brain and reduces the risk for disorders that lead to memory loss. Exercise also enhances the production of helpful brain chemicals that protect brain cells. When you're sleep deprived, your brain can't operate at full capacity. Creativity, problem-solving abilities, and critical thinking skills are compromised. Whether you're studying, working, or trying to juggle life's many demands, sleep deprivation is a recipe for disaster.
2. **Eat a brain-boosting diet.** You probably already know that a diet based on fruits, vegetables, whole grains, "healthy" fats (such as olive oil, nuts, fish) and lean protein will provide lots of health benefits, but such a diet can also improve memory. For brain health, it's not just what you eat, it's also what you don't eat. Incorporate plenty of Omega-3s and DHA, along with more fruits and vegetables into your diet, while limiting calories and saturated fat.
3. **Keep your stress in check.** Stress, along with depression and anxiety, is one of the brain's worst enemies. Over time, if left unchecked, chronic stress destroys brain cells and damages the hippocampus, the region of the brain involved in the formation of new memories and the retrieval of old ones. Meditation can improve many different types of conditions, including depression, anxiety, chronic pain, diabetes, and high blood pressure. Meditation also can improve focus, concentration, creativity, and learning and reasoning skills.

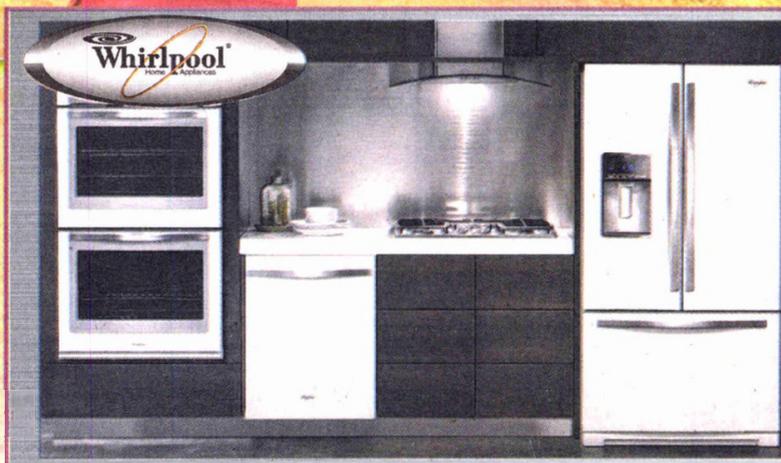
Read more on memory improvement in the upcoming Spring issue of Garden City Hospital's Healthy Generations Magazine.

Join **Garden City Hospital** on Saturday, May 3 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. for "Healthy Aging, Healthy You," a FREE community event featuring board certified physicians discussing what's normal, and what's not as you age. Guests will enjoy health screenings, Q&A, lunch and raffle prizes. Space is limited. Call 734.458.4259 to RSVP.

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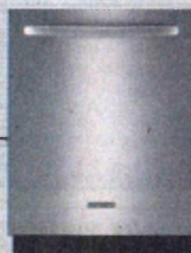
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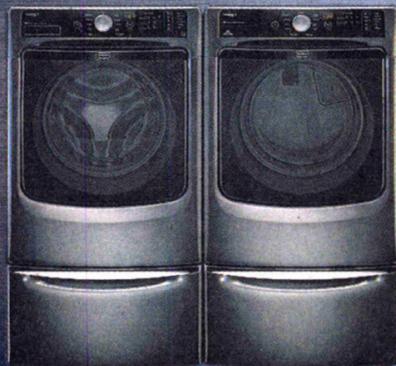
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## 8 health-care jobs for people who don't want to be a doctor

Debra Auerbach  
CareerBuilder Writer

When you ask children what they want to be when they grow up, a common answer is "doctor." When those children do eventually grow up, their job dreams may have shifted, but for those who still aspire to work in health care, doctor is just one of the many career paths to take.

The population of elderly people in the U.S. is growing, and the health-care field is growing along with it. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the health-care and social assistance sector is projected to gain more jobs than any other sector between 2010 and 2020.

If you're interested in health care and medicine, but becoming a doctor just isn't for you, consider one of these nine health-care occupation alternatives:

### 1. Cardiovascular technologists and technicians and vascular technologists\*

**What they do:** Cardiovascular technologists perform tests via imaging technology on the heart and vascular system to help physicians detect and diagnose heart and blood-vessel conditions in patients. Most workers who enter this field receive an associate degree. Some technologists and technicians get on-the-job training, but many employers also require professional certification.

Projected job growth between 2010-20: 29 percent (much faster than average)  
**Median annual pay:** \$49,410

### 2. Clinical and medical laboratory technicians and technologists

**What they do:** These technicians and technologists perform various tasks in a clinical lab, such as collecting samples

and performing tests to analyze body fluids, tissue and other substances. In 2010, 52 percent of medical laboratory technologists and technicians worked in hospitals.

Projected job growth between 2010-20: 13 percent (about as fast as average)

**Median annual pay:** \$46,680

### 3. Dental assistants

**What they do:** Dental assistants help dentists with patients in a variety of ways. Tasks include making patients comfortable before procedures, sterilizing equipment, teaching patients about proper dental hygiene and scheduling appointments. Almost all dental assistants work in dental offices.

Projected job growth between 2010-20: 31 percent (much faster than average)  
**Median annual pay:** \$33,470

### 4. Dietitians and nutritionists

**What they do:** As food and nutrition experts, dietitians and nutritionists advise patients on what to eat in order to lead a healthy lifestyle or reach certain weight goals. Most workers in this field have a bachelor's degree and have participated in supervised on-the-job training. Many states require dietitians and nutritionists to be licensed.

Projected job growth between 2010-20: 20 percent (faster than average)  
**Median annual pay:** \$53,250

### 5. Dispensing opticians

**What they do:** Dispensing opticians fit patients with eyeglasses and contact lenses. Opticians typically have a high-school diploma or equivalent and some form of on-the-job training. Training may include technical



instruction and sales and office management practices. Twenty-three states require opticians to be licensed. Depending on the state, opticians may also need to pass a state written exam, a state practical exam and/or certification exams.

Projected job growth between 2010-20: 29 percent (much faster than average)  
**Median annual pay:** \$32,940

### 6. Health information and medical records technicians

**What they do:** The responsibilities of health information and medical records technicians include collecting and organizing health data, updating national cancer registries and coding medical bills for insurance reimbursement. The job outlook for this occupation is strong, given that more hospitals are transitioning to electronic health records.

Projected job growth between 2010-20: 21 percent (faster than average)  
**Median annual pay:** \$32,350

### 7. Home health and personal care aides

**What they do:** As the elderly population grows, the need for home health and personal care aides increases. These workers special-

ly help elderly, disabled or ill patients who aren't able to care for themselves independently. They help with everything from bathing and dressing to light housekeeping to dispensing medication. While most aides work in a client's home, others may work in group homes or care communities.

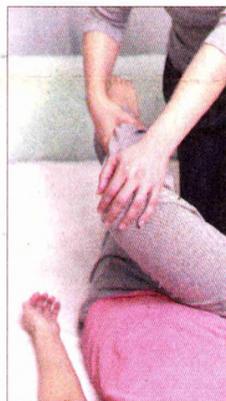
Projected job growth between 2010-20: 70 percent (much faster than average)  
**Median annual pay:** \$20,170

### 8. Pharmacy technicians

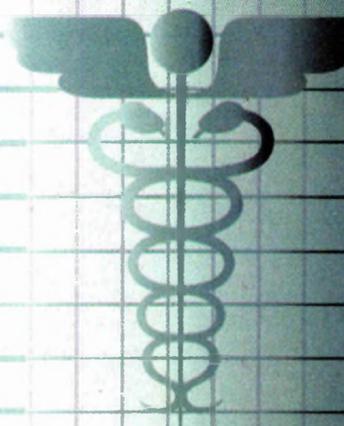
**What they do:** Pharmacy technicians help licensed pharmacists dispense prescription medication. They also perform administrative tasks in pharmacies. While most technicians hold a high-school diploma or equivalent, some states require that they complete a formal training program and pass an exam. These technicians may work either full or part time in grocery or drugstore pharmacies or in hospitals.

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\*Job descriptions, projected growth and median annual pay from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.



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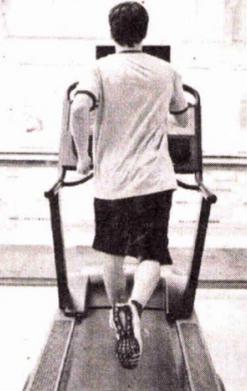
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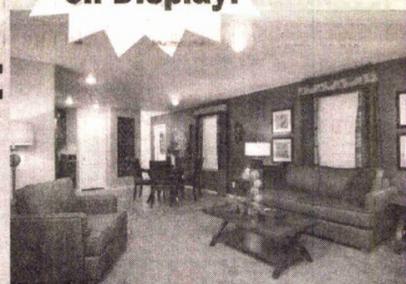
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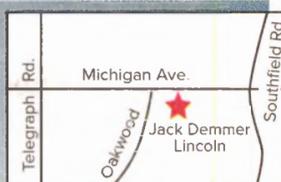
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