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Local officials see ups in 'tough' road decision

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Local officials reacted cautiously Friday to news that Michigan voters will be asked for a penny increase in the state's sales tax as part of a tax shift that would raise an estimated \$1.34 billion annually for transportation infrastructure, most of which would go toward roads.

The measure calling for a

May ballot proposal was approved by the Senate early Friday after a late-night session; the House had approved the plan on earlier. If voters agree, the proposal will raise the state's sales tax from 6 percent to 7 percent and eliminate the sales tax on gasoline, which would be replaced later by a wholesale fuel tax.

"They got something done and I hope it makes a difference in roads," said Canton

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy. "They needed to do something."

LaJoy said he would have preferred an earlier Senate plan for raising road revenue. But he and Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume were also against any plan that would endanger state revenues to local communities and public schools; the plan approved would actually increase money for schools and

communities.

"If the voters turn it down, we'll be back to square one," LaJoy said.

Reaume admitted the estimated \$94 million the plan earmarks for local governments won't go very far when stretched across the state.

"That will only help offset the \$700,000 less we received because of lower property values," he said.

Up to voters

Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer said he's happy that voters will have the final say.

"If it passes, we'll find some projects" that might be eligible for state funding, he said. It can't hurt to ask the people and see where it goes from there."

Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, said the legis-

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Canton High School seniors Monika Webster (from left), Sean Carey, Evan Childs and Kyle Webster show off the blanket they made together during Monday's National Honor Society blanket drive.

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Upgrades to Lilley planned in Plymouth

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Drivers can look forward to a smoother Lilley Road in the city of Plymouth late next summer, while residents and business owners along the stretch will benefit from improved underground utilities.

Plans to resurface a pothole-ridden Lilley between Ann Arbor Road and Ann Arbor Trail were recently expanded by Wayne County officials to include the entire stretch between Main and Ann Arbor Road, about a mile in length. Money for the project, estimated at around \$700,000, will come from the state's priority road fund, said Terry Spryszak, the county's public services director.

"You've got a lot of traffic on that road," Spryszak said. "It'll be a welcome relief to the folks who drive that daily."

Spryszak said county workers will mill off about one and a half inches of asphalt on Lilley and resurface it with about three inches of new asphalt. Drainage issues on the road will also be addressed, he said.

The project should take about four weeks, depending on the weather. Spryszak anticipated it will begin in July or August, and plans for it to be wrapped up by the time schools reopen for the fall.

Water and sewer

Before that, however, Plymouth officials plan to improve the water and sewer infrastructure there, with a water-main replacement and sanitary sewer repairs on the entire stretch. Spryszak said

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WARM THOUGHTS

Honor Society students embrace charity blanket drive

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Plymouth-Canton's National Honor Society students perform a variety of services in the name of community service.

This week, the NHS kids extended that reach.

Some 235 NHS volunteers filled the Plymouth High School cafeteria Monday, just as winter is beginning, to

make blankets that will not only benefit victims of domestic abuse in the Plymouth-Canton area, but will also help some nine million refugees across the globe.

The blankets, some 175 of them, will be donated to First Step, the domestic abuse shelter headquartered in Plymouth-Canton, and to Embrace Relief, a nonprofit organization that brings together teams of volunteers to collaborate on humanitarian aid and disaster relief efforts, in this case a state of emergency in Turkey.

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Salem High School's Taleen Alawadi makes an announcement.

District, PARC are still negotiating Central buy

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

For the last year, organizers of the Plymouth Area Recreation Complex – a group that wants to turn the soon-to-be-closed Central Middle School into a regional community center – have enjoyed exclusive negotiating rights with Plymouth-Canton Community

Schools officials over a potential selling price.

And, even though the board has rescinded the exclusive nature of the group's standings, the PARC still is in the driver's seat after a new board resolution passed Tuesday night.

While the new resolution, passed unanimously by the seven-member board, allows the district to entertain other

potential suitors, it also directed the administration to continue its conversation with PARC organizers.

The district had been negotiating only with PARC since the board passed its original resolution in December 2013. That resolution granted exclusive negotiating rights to the PARC team through Dec. 31, 2014.

With that deadline nearing with

no deal imminent, the board decided to make a new resolution.

The new order allows administration to negotiate with other buyers, if any materialize, but also directs the district to continue talks with the PARC. Michael Meissen, the district's superintendent, said

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PARC spokesman Don Soenen was pleased with Tuesday's resolution, but wasn't ready to talk about negotiations.



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Canton High School senior Jasmine Henry signs in the National Honor Society volunteers as they arrive for the blanket drive.

Now, road funding is up to voters

By Michigan.com staff

Gov. Rick Snyder has indicated he will sign a package of bills that could raise revenue for transportation, the majority of which would go to the state's roads. The key provision is a statewide vote in May that would raise Michigan's sales tax by one cent.

The Michigan Senate passed that provision with a 26-12 vote early Friday morning, barely getting the two-thirds majority needed; the House had approved that bill on Thursday with a 94-16 vote.

Highlights of the package include:

- » A statewide ballot proposal that would be put before voters in May that would increase the general sales and use taxes from 6 percent to 7 percent, raising an estimated \$1.34 billion a year. It would also eliminate the 6-percent sales tax on fuel, meaning a loss of some \$752 million yearly.

- » Phasing in a wholesale tax on motor fuels starting in October, generating an estimated \$1.2 billion a year by the third year, according to Snyder.

- » Increases in registration fees: \$45 million in revenue from vehicle owners and \$50 million from heavy trucks. The change will not result in an increase in vehicle registration fees; rather, it will end the 10-percent rollback that new car owners now get for three years after buying a new car.

- » Transportation-related reforms – requiring warranties and improved competitive bidding on road projects.

The resulting net revenue would be split as follows: \$1.2 billion for roads; \$112 million for transit and rail; \$300 million to schools; \$94 million to local units of government; and \$260 million toward fully restoring the Earned Income Tax Credit for low-wage workers.

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lative package meant "a very difficult and tough decision for everybody" and that no legislators came away completely happy. Heise's district includes Plymouth and Plymouth Township and part of Canton.

Heise voted yes on putting the sales-tax question to voters, which required a two-thirds majority in each chamber, though he voted against other components of the package.

He said he likes that community and public school revenues would be protected and increased under the plan, and that roads would have a stable funding

source, similar to other states, through the implementation of a wholesale fuel tax.

Heise said he trusts the voters.

"I think people are very smart. They know that we've had historically low funding for roads and bridge repair," Heise said. "I think they're willing to pay more if they know where the money is going."

Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, said he was "disappointed" that the Legislature "took a tax-increase approach to fixing our roads rather than a spending-reduction and prioritization approach."

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the new resolution allows the district to finalize a potential deal, if one can be reached.

"For me (the resolution) makes clear we recognize there has been an ongoing negotiation, and we don't want that momentum to stop," Meissen said. "If there's a deal to be done there, we want to do what we need to do to bring it to fruition."

The district will close Central Middle School at the close of the 2014-15 school year, and open a new middle school in its building at Canton Center and Cherry Hill in September. The Central property includes 4.25 acres occupied by the Plymouth Cultural Center, 1.15 acres for the

Miracle League of Plymouth special-needs baseball field, 9.79 acres of athletic fields and tennis courts and 6.41 acres for Central Middle School itself.

The cultural center and the Miracle League field likely won't be included in any potential sale, because their value to buyers would be diminished by long-term leases, appraisers have said. That leaves a little more than 17 acres accounted for in the appraisal.

Don Soenen, who has been the most visible of the PARC supporters, was pleased with the passage of the new resolution, but had no comment on the status of any negotiations.

"We aren't ready to talk about that," Soenen said.

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BLANKETS

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"We wanted to think globally and act locally," said NHS Secretary Nimra Hassan. "Embrace Relief is trying to collect 90,000 blankets (for Turkey). We chose First Step because we wanted to target domestic abuse, which is a problem close to home, and we felt the local charity deserved the help."

The blanket drive is one of four charity efforts NHS students are making around the holiday season. NHS volunteers recently helped out at the Plymouth Salvation Army Toy Town and visited Roberto Clemente Academy in Detroit to

host a Christmas party for the elementary school's students and elevate the holiday spirit. They'll soon host a Trivia Night to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

All four events were chosen by the NHS' executive board.

"Those kids are amazing leaders," said Becky Kraft, the faculty adviser to NHS.

The blanket drive was incredibly successful. The NHS board originally asked for 150 volunteers, and that list filled up quickly, Hassan said. They extended it to 175, then to 225 before finally cutting it off.

"We could have had more (volunteers)," Hassan said. "It was insane, but you can't really deny



Salem High School junior Amanda Jarrett was one of more than 200 National Honor Society volunteers who created nearly 200 blankets.

them, because they just want to help."

The volunteers took part in the blanket drive in an effort to give back to a community where the need exists.

"I really believe in helping others," Salem High School junior Amanda Jarrett said.

"Some people can't totally support themselves, and there's nothing wrong with getting some help. It's important for teenagers to get involved in the community."

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LILLEY

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that work needs to be done before the resurfacing can begin.

The utility work is estimated at about \$1.55 million; the city plans to sell bonds early next year to help pay for it. The bond sale was recently authorized by the Plymouth City Commission.

The commission on Monday unanimously approved a contract, not to exceed \$124,800, with the engineering firm Wade Trim for design services for the utility project. That stretch of Lilley is also called Mill Street in the city.

Spryszak said the traffic-control scheme for the Lilley resurfacing hasn't been completely worked out, but that he doesn't expect the entire stretch to be closed during the project. Lane closures should be expected, however, he said.

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Police play Santa Claus for township families

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Plymouth Township police officers, with major assistance from a local car dealership and two stores, brought a merrier Christmas last week to two families struggling to get back on their feet financially.

A monetary donation and a call from Suburban Cadillac of Plymouth (formerly Don Massey Cadillac) got things rolling, and the township's Kmart and Busch's Fresh Food Market stores, where police spent the money on food, clothing and other necessities, plus a little something extra for under the families' trees, also chipped in.

Police officers delivered the gifts on Wednesday and Thursday.

"There was a ton of groceries and some Christmas presents, and it was very overwhelming how much people contributed," said Anne Howell, who, with husband Tim and their



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MARCY LINTON
A couple weeks' worth of food staples, plus the fixings for a Christmas dinner, were delivered by police to two Plymouth Township families, courtesy of Suburban Cadillac of Plymouth and Busch's Fresh Food Market. Kmart also chipped in toward clothing, necessities and presents that the dealership's donation purchased.

daughter received their packages on Wednesday.

The family is extremely grateful, she said.

"It's just a gift from God, really, because we're able to just not worry about groceries," Howell added. The family lost its home to foreclosure in another community about a year and

a half ago after months of financial difficulties, and is living in a mobile home in the township.

Anne and Tim Howell are both working now, but the donations will help them stretch their budget, she said. "It just is always tight, and just trying to make everything work is difficult," she said.



Officer Marcy Linton of the Plymouth Township Police Department delivers food, household good and presents to a family on Thursday evening.

Police made a second delivery Thursday evening to a newly divorced mother and her daughter and son at their township apartment.

Spirit of generosity

Officer Marcy Linton, who coordinated the project for the police, said the department plans to make the holiday giving an annual event, and help more families if possible.

"Our local businesses have been so incredibly

helpful and generous that I'm excited to do it again next year," Linton said.

Suburban Cadillac, ready with a donation, contacted the police department early this month to ask about finding a cause to assist, and the Plymouth Goodfellow's referred one family and Plymouth First United Methodist Church the other, Linton said.

Linton made contacts with the families to determine their needs, and the police went shopping.

"It was a little rushed, but we got it done," she said.

Busch's donated food for a Christmas feast for each family, in addition to the staples already purchased with the dealership's donation, and Kmart added an extra 10 percent over what was spent there on clothing, toys and household items.

"This has really been a great experience for us," Linton said. It's important to officers, she said, that police be a positive presence in the township.

"We don't want all of our contacts with the public to be negative or at a stressful moment in somebody's life," she said. "We really wanted to reach out to the community in a positive way."

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DeHoCo site bill sent to governor's desk

A former prison site in the middle of an emerging economic corridor could be on its way to gaining new life under a bill heading to Gov. Rick Snyder's desk.

The Michigan Legislature gave final approval to House Bill 5179, sponsored by state Rep. Kurt Heise. The bill would transfer the Detroit House of Corrections (DeHoCo) Prison site from the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget to the Michigan Land Bank.

"This site is an absolute eyesore in an area where new businesses and jobs are being cre-

ated in our growing community," said Heise, R-Plymouth Township. "DeHoCo is the center of the Five Mile corridor, where we are working to create new jobs and development. Transferring ownership from the Department of Technology, Management and Budget to the Michigan Land Bank Authority will put the property in the right hands to get it cleaned up and marketed to companies looking to invest and bring jobs to Plymouth and Northville."

The DeHoCo Prison site was formerly owned by the City of Detroit before it was purchased

by the state in 1979 as part of a regional prison reform effort. The site was closed by the state in 1986. A study done in 2004 confirmed substantial environmental contamination at the site, which will need to be cleaned up as part of or prior to a sale to a private developer taking place.

"The Michigan Land Bank Authority is an expert in working with troubled sites like DeHoCo that need to be cleaned before being sold," Heise said. "As someone who has been personally involved in the development of the Five Mile corridor and

the sale of the former Scott Prison site to Northville Township, I know the DeHoCo site will take more time to be turned around, but it can be done. Approving this transfer will put the best people in charge of leveraging grants and tax incentives to get the site cleaned up and marketable for companies looking to develop and bring jobs to the region. This bill does not guarantee an immediate sale or cleanup, but it's the most important first step in that process."

'Inspired' PCAC exhibit features local artists

More than 100 people attended the opening reception for "Inspired," the Plymouth Community Arts Council's first December open juried exhibit.

PCAC officials said the open show will become an annual December event. Artists 18 and older were invited to submit two-dimensional artwork with a subject that inspires the artist. Over 26 artists submitted 50 pieces of work that will be displayed at the PCAC through the end of December.

Regular gallery hours are Monday-Thursday, 9

a.m. to 4 p.m., during all public events and by appointment by emailing lisa@plymoutharts.com. The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon Road in Plymouth.

Artists from all over the southeast Michigan area responded to the Call For Entries with most from Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Livonia. A variety of media is represented in the collection, including pen & ink, pastels, watercolor, oil and acrylic.

Art in the exhibit, all original, is for sale ranging in price from \$50-\$4,000.



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Claire and Audrey Weś, Shivani Singh, Ava Moulton, and Erin Boyle-Levy challenged themselves to beat their record of making six blankets last year. They succeeded, making seven blankets this year for Angela Hospice patients.

Students fashion cozy gifts for Angela Hospice patients

Students from the National Junior Honor Society at West Middle School came together earlier this month to create fun and colorful fleece blankets.

The students chose their own colors and patterns, but they did not keep the blankets for themselves – they donated them to the patients of Angela Hospice.

This is the eighth year the group made blankets for the hospice, and it's a popular activity.

School counselor and NJHS adviser Val Swift said 148 students participated, making it the best-attended NJHS activity all year.

Together, they made 125 blankets.

"Both the guys and the girls love to do it," said Swift, "and it was fun to see how competitive they were with how many they could get done for hospice in an hour."

But the project is much more than a friendly competition for the students.

"I want them to learn the value of taking what you have – skills and abilities – and

sharing it with others," said Swift. "I also wanted them to experience the joy and satisfaction of coming together as a group to give something to people that we will never meet."

The hospice patients who receive the blankets experience joy and satisfaction as well, according to Angela Hospice's Business Development Manager Bob Alexander.

"I was really struck by all of the students' enthusiasm, and the selflessness with which they poured their energy into making the blankets," said Alexander.

"They knew they were making something that would reach into the lives of people who could use a little comfort and youthful TLC."

He said patients are especially touched when they realize the blankets were handmade for them by young people, and they certainly come in handy during the winter months.

For some patient families, the blankets even become a treasured keepsake for them after their loved one has died.



PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY PHOTOS

Susan Aikten, PCA secondary art teacher, and her gingerbread creation, An Elf Christmas Treehouse. Her creation was not part of the competition.

PCA gingerbread competition a big hit

Young and old alike "oohed" and "aahed" at the gingerbread houses submitted to the eighth annual Sugar & Spice Gingerbread Competition held at Plymouth Christian Academy last week.

Darren Vassel, an alumna of PCA as well as chef for Vassel's Catering of Canton, was the judge for the event.

First place winners of the Adult Division were alumna Andrew Aitken and Emily Beecher; in the Student Division, eighth-grader Sarah Fernandes took first place,

Matthew Pierce earned second place, and Keith Brown finished in third place.

Entries ranged from a barn and a manger scene to more traditional houses with snow scenes.

In addition to the gingerbread creations, the evening featured a full Christmas Festival of the Arts with secondary artwork on display and concert performances by PCA's bands, choirs, strings and theater students. The evening was capped off by a Christmas Cookie and Hot



PCA alum Andrew Aitken and Emily Beecher took first place in the adult category. Chocolate Bar.

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Salvation Army volunteers believe in giving back

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Ron Gutowski of Canton was glad to spend Thursday volunteering at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army.

"Last week, I was at Fish and Loaves (Community Food Pantry), which is next to Gleaners. Ford gives us two days a year to go and volunteer," said Gutowski, who works for the automaker in Global Messaging Operations in Dearborn.

"I was a shopper, taking people back (to choose toys for their children and grandchildren)," he said. "It's good to give back to the community and some people who need help."

Phyllis Johnson of Detroit and Linda Reed of Dearborn Heights were at the Wayne-Westland corps that day to volunteer, representing their Kingdom International Church of Dearborn.

"I volunteer because I like to do for others," said Johnson, who is retired from the former Kmart headquarters in Troy. "This is my first time with the Salvation Army."

Another church friend, who also volunteered, suggested the Salvation Army site, where toys and food for Christmas were distributed this past week.

"If I can help somebody in need, that's what I enjoy doing, especially this time of year," Reed said.

Reed, a General Motors retiree, got help from the Salvation Army as a girl.

"We were members of the east side congregation (of Detroit)," she recalled. She received clothes and toys.

"That was like 60 years ago," said Reed, who also remembers attending Salvation

Army services and the summer camp. "It was so nice. All types of activities," Reed said of camp.

"We volunteer at different organizations, sometimes as a group, sometimes individually," Johnson said of their church.

Rewarding work

Karen Calleja of Livonia, also a Ford Motor staffer, had earlier volunteered with the Salvation Army in Southfield for a prison gift ministry program. She's an IT project manager working in Dearborn.

"I find it rewarding," Calleja said of her days volunteering, including Dec. 18 at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army. "And I enjoy giving back to the community." She appreciates her employer's support of volunteer efforts.

She agreed some volunteers find the great needs of those they serve eye opening.

"I think for some it is," Calleja said. "I've been doing community service for many years now. That's why I continue to volunteer."

Phil Hull of Westland, volunteer coordinator for the Wayne-Westland corps, said, "We could not do what we do without volunteers." That ranges from taking Christmas need applications, he said, "all the way through our distribution. We've had a lot of support from Ford Motor Co. volunteers and Comerica Bank as well."

The hard-working volunteers took a brief lunch break for pizza at noon, with Kevin Zurek of Livonia saying "Because it's awesome," as his reason to volunteer.

"I volunteer because it's good helping people. Giving back is good," said Zurek, an IT business analyst working for Ford in Allen Park. "Yes, it's an eye opener."



Ford Motor Co. volunteers Dec. 18 at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army included (left to right) Karen Calleja of Livonia, Kermala Dudley of Franklin, Sally Fernandez of Brownstown, Ron Gutowski of Canton, Alyssa Hauler of Livonia, and Kevin Zurek of Livonia.

PHOTOS BY JULIE BROWN



Margaret Churchman of Westland was glad to volunteer with toy and food distribution Dec. 18 at the Wayne-Westland corps of the Salvation Army.



Phyllis Johnson (left) of Detroit and Linda Reed of Dearborn Heights were among Kingdom International Church volunteers Thursday, Dec. 18, at the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army.

He also likes work that's different from IT. Zurek has volunteered through Ford at Life Remodeled, Gleaners and Forgotten Harvest, all this year.

'Such a need'

Margaret Churchman of Westland, who is on disability, cooks for the after-school program kids at the Wayne-West-

land Salvation Army. She also pitched in for the toy and food distribution.

"Because there's such a need," said Churchman, who was awaiting her afternoon assignment and has done many volunteer jobs for Christmas at the corps. "Knowing that we've helped a child have a Christmas is what matters to her. It just breaks my heart

when I do the intake information."

Churchman and her family cut back on their own gifts this year to give more at the Salvation Army.

"We don't need anything," she said. "We decided we'd give less presents to each other."

"I think everyone should volunteer," she added. "I would do more

if physically I could do it. I think it's our responsibility to take care of other people."

Fellow volunteer Gutowski agreed.

"Everybody needs help at some time," he said. "It's always in the back of everybody's mind, at least mine."

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Canton's Partnership for the Arts and Humanities was the recent recipient of a \$21,000 Heartland Fund grant from the Jeffris Family Foundation, an organization dedicated to Midwestern historic preservation in Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri and Ohio. The grant from the Jeffris Heartland Fund will fund 50-percent of the cost of a Historic Structure Report for The

Village Arts Factory, a 14-acre site currently being developed by the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities. The Historic Structure Report will provide written documentation about The Village Arts Factory's current structural conditions, which will be an effective tool in preservation planning and will also address goals for the future use of the building. In addition, the report will provide insights into the

people and historic context with which the site is associated. Located on the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads in Canton, The Village Arts Factory site was acquired in 2012 by the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities. Current site plans include the development of a future regional arts and culture destination that will support and encourage arts, education, historic preservation, and environmental conserva-

tion. "We are truly grateful to the Jeffris Family Foundation for providing us with this generous grant," said Jill Engel, Partnership for the Arts and Humanities director. "This report will help with all future decision-making regarding design and space usage and will help us in the preservation and restoration of the this historic site." Founded in 1979 and based in Janesville, Wis., the Jeffris Family Founda-

tion is dedicated to preserving regionally and nationally important historic buildings and decorative arts projects for future generations. The Jeffris Heartland Fund supports quality planning for restoration projects leading to capital campaigns for restoration work throughout the region. The Village Arts Factory site is currently listed on the National Historic Register as part of the Cherry Hill Histor-

ic District. Development of this site will include preservation and restoration of the Henry Ford Village, as well as educating future generations to come. For more information about The Village Arts Factory or the Heartland Fund grant from the Jeffris Family Foundation, visit www.partnershipforarts.org or call 734-765-7061.

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 Jan. 5, 12:30-6:15 p.m., St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth.
 Jan. 8, 2:30-8:15 p.m., Bird Elementary School, 220 N. Sheldon, Plymouth.
 Jan. 11, 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth.
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Harmala has plan to move Wayne-Westland forward

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

After more than three months on the job, Superintendent Michele Harmala has a clear understanding of Wayne-Westland Community Schools and the framework of a plan to move the district forward.

Harmala has come up with 10 recommendations for a long-term strategic plan to address topics such as the district's continued declining enrollment, ways to increase student achievement, and determining the most effective and efficient use of resources.

"Providing great service to students is what our staff does every day and we are providing results, but we also have areas where we can improve," she said.

Harmala laid out her assessment in her 100-Day Report, a 34-page document she presented to the school board earlier this month. She looked at the district's vision, its approach to instruction and how it is set up to ensure personnel can complete their work and how resources are allocated to ensure the appropriate outcomes.

At the top of her list of recommendations is the issue of declining enrollment. Harmala said the district has demonstrated success in student achievement and believes Wayne-Westland needs plans for a smaller student population and to ensure the district has the highest enrollment possible.

"Unfortunately, we're continuing to see declining enrollment, a majority of which is due to fewer births and a smaller student population," she said. "It's not unique to Wayne-Westland, and even though schools of



Harmala

choice have brought in students, we are still seeing a decline in our student population."

Student achievement

In her review, Harmala found that student achievement is the focus of schools and departments. The district is in the process of aligning its curriculum to the Common Core Standards, and while students have demonstrated success in many areas, "assessment proficiencies in graduation rates and other success indicators have to increase to demonstrate students are achieving the required targets" established by the state.

She added that the district has been responsive to state requirements and as needs have changed, additional programs have been added.

Harmala also believes that, in light of declining enrollment, the development of a long-range facilities plan would be beneficial to the district. Looking at the use and the age of the facilities, she said such a plan would be aligned with the needs of the district and provide for the best utilization of vacant property and closed or unused facilities.

Her recommendations also include looking at:

- » The use of a program and service evaluation

tion to determine the most effective and efficient use of resources.

- » The long-term and comprehensive planning for the start of initiatives prior to implementation.

- » The purposes and effectiveness of committees and the ways personnel provide input and feedback into the ongoing success of the district.

- » The coherence among all departments and their alignment with the attainment of the district's goals.

- » The use of a budgeting methodology, such as zero-based budgeting, that allows for flexible annual planning and the alignment of resources to the district's goals.

- » The enhancement of the hiring process and development of a comprehensive talent development system.

- » The review of technology and its uses.

Harmala told the board that she is continuing to collect information on the strengths and challenges of the school district and plans to create a superintendent's steering committee that will provide guidance for district and feedback on the priorities for improvement. The steering committee will be the first group to analyze and prioritize the data that's being collected.

"A long-range strategic plan would assist us in the successful implementation of programs and interventions designed to increase student achievement," she said. "Overall, this district has many effective practices in place; this is a quality school district and I am thrilled to be here."

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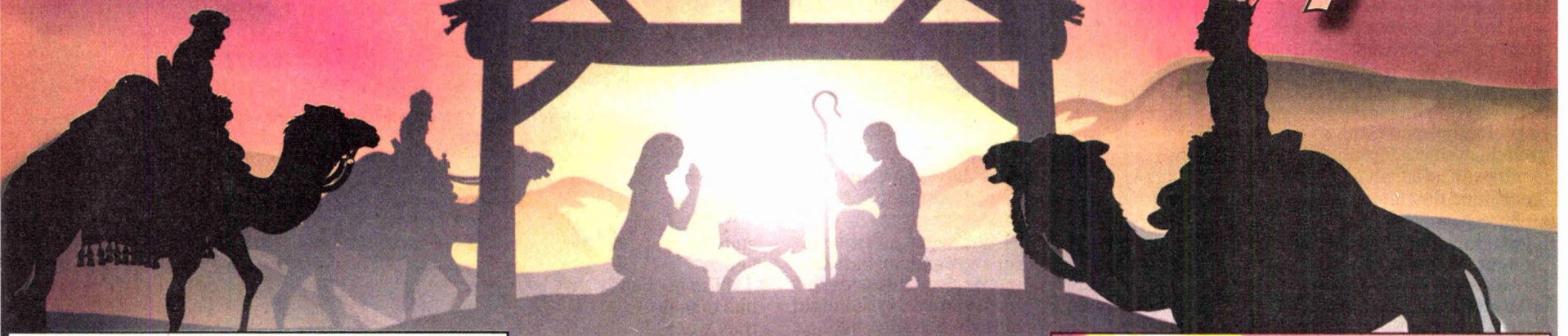
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As term wraps up, Walsh reflects on time in state House

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

When state Rep. John Walsh was elected to the Legislature in 2008, his thoughts focused on statewide issues and his constituents in Livonia, the only city he represented. Little did he know he'd spend many months working on legislation that affected the state's largest city, just two miles away from his district, starting on "little bills" and culminating with the "grand bargain."

"Detroit was not on any of our minds," he said of when he entered the Legislature. "We never thought it was so bad or had gotten so bad. It had been hidden for so long."

But Walsh, a Republican, became a statewide name when working on the so-called grand bargain, a legislative package that sent \$195 million to the City of Detroit from the state after pensions were cut, and the Detroit Institute of Arts collection was spun off into a charitable trust.

"Never in my wildest dreams did I expect to spend six months of my life working on getting (Detroit) out of bankruptcy," he said. "But it's six months I'll never, ever forget."

It's that plan, he said, that could leave his mark on the Legislature as he departs his post later this month.

Walsh won three consecutive terms to the state house after being elected to the now-19th District by most of the residents of Livonia, and served as speaker pro tempore the past four years. He is term-limited and cannot run again. The district, made up of most of Livonia, will be represented by Republican Laura Cox beginning in January.

Livonia mayor Jack Kirksey, a former state representative whom Walsh worked for as an intern, said he's had routine phone calls with Walsh over the past six years on issues in the city. He said Walsh showed much political leadership, something that led him to second-in-command in the state House and working with a range of other state leaders both Democrat and Republican.

But he's also stepped up and worked with city officials whenever the state could assist. One of the most recent examples, Kirksey said, is the securing of funds to help repair Sears Drive, scheduled for work next year.

"It's not that we haven't been wanting to do Sears Drive, it just couldn't be done with the amount of money we're getting," Kirksey said. "John has also been very helpful to make sure that the city got any and all of the potential dollars."



DAVID VESELENAK

State Rep. John Walsh, left center, gives Livonia senior center director Karl Peters a check for \$10,000 as Livonia residents Josie Smith and Mae Yeomans look on. The money, raised from the Western Wayne County Senior Celebration Day, will most likely go toward purchasing a new bus, Peters said.

When Walsh first ran for the position, budgeting was a main concern for him. It was the height of the recession and Walsh remembers the state asking for more funds to help cover a deficit. Then, Walsh said the state increased spending, something he disagreed with.

"Up until 2011, we were still spending money like we had it," he said. "We had more money, but we didn't put it toward the deficit. We just increased spending."

It's been a dramatic change since Walsh was in Lansing during the second state shutdown in 2009 to this year, where the budget was approved around Memorial Day, even though many have voiced disagreements with some cuts to the

state budget over the years.

"I'm not happy that we had to make cuts, but they were absolutely necessary," he said. "One of the biggest and most important things for me was to be direct and live within our means."

Four-year community college degrees

While keeping Detroit moving forward was a major piece of legislation, other issues Walsh took personally also made their way to Gov. Rick Snyder's desk. One of those pieces included expansion of four-year degrees in certain programs at community colleges in Michigan. After several years of tabling it, the state ap-

proved legislation that allows some community colleges to offer bachelor's degrees in several very specific areas, including concrete technology and culinary arts. A longtime administrator at Schoolcraft College, Walsh said it was important to him to allow for some programs to have expanded offerings at traditional two-year colleges.

Conway Jeffress, president of Schoolcraft College, said being able to offer a bachelor's degree in culinary arts, something the Livonia-based college is on the verge of offering, has increased the political presence of the state's two-year colleges.

"I think, in a larger sense, what John helped do was raise the profile of community colleges," he said. "Community colleges have seen the light. We are more politically active. There is a recognition that you have to have a voice in Lansing."

The future

No official decision has yet been made on what Walsh will do after the lame duck term is complete. He said he has received multiple offers from both private and

public interests, and is hoping to make a decision soon, though he doesn't expect to run for elective office right now.

"Within the next week or two weeks, I'll make a final decision that's best for me and my family," he said.

He said he's been very reflective in the past few weeks as final events take place in his term.

"I think of it in a positive way, because I never planned for more than six years," he said. "I never say never, but I didn't plan for more than six years. Maybe there's something else, maybe there isn't."

"I enjoyed the time."

His work continues, at least for the next week: the House has at least three more days of session to work through, and Walsh is hopeful some key legislation, including a solution to fix Michigan roads, is able to land on Snyder's desk before Christmas.

"The issues remain the same, and I'll keep working up until Dec. 31," he said. "Even if that work is turning over my office keys to Laura and giving her the draft bills I couldn't finish."

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In the normal knee, fluid that lubricates the joint comes from cells lining the joint cavity; knee replacement removes most but not all of these lining cells. The knee joint includes crevices and posterior angles that precludes stripping the joint of all its lining cells. Enough cells remain, that when irritated, can produce from 5-50 cc of fluid.

One cause of irritation is shards. A replacement knee has a metal component that appears uniformly smooth, but at the microscopic level, it is possible to see flakes of metal coming off the metal and moving into the surrounding tissue. If a shard enters a lining cell, the cell senses the shard as an irritant; fluid from the cell follows much as a cinder causes the eye to tear.

A similar cycle of events occurs if the replacement knee loosens. Metal rubbing against the nearby bone initiates a stream of particles into the surrounding tissues. These particles, if taken up by lining cells will also set off a fluid response.

Another cause for fluid into a replacement knee is infection. In this instance the irritant is a bacteria; the cell's response of fluid is the way the body washes away and dilutes infection. If a physician suspects that infection is a possibility then the treatment of choice is immediate aspiration and culture of the fluid.

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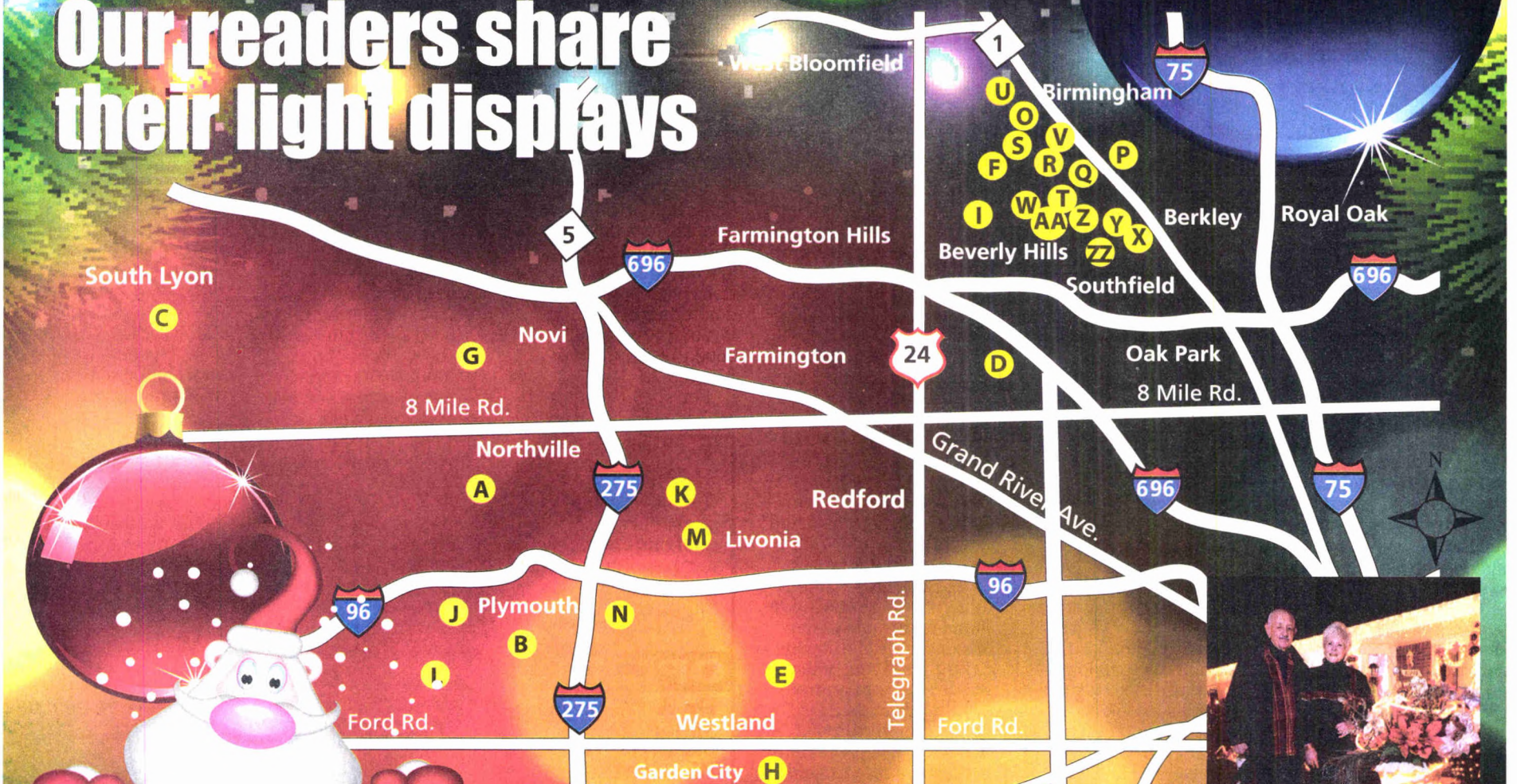
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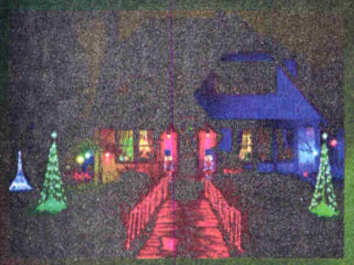
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H.E.A.T. offers 10 holiday safety tips

Holiday shoppers are often easy targets for vehicle thieves and carjackers. Help Eliminate Auto Thefts (H.E.A.T.), Michigan's statewide auto theft prevention program and tip line, urges shoppers to consider a few simple safety tips to protect themselves and their property during the holidays:

» Be alert. Always be aware of your surroundings. As you approach your vehicle, avoid talking or texting on cell phones, digging for keys or juggling multiple packages.

» Parking. If you can, avoid shopping alone after dark. But if you must, park in a well-lit area with pedestrian traffic or in a lot with an attendant. If possible, avoid parking near objects that block your view of the surrounding area, such as dumpsters, bushes and large vans or trucks. Also avoid parking next to cars with tinted windows that you cannot see through.

» Remember where your car is parked. Walk directly to your car and do not spend unnecessary time wandering around the parking lot. Walk confidently and with purpose.

» Always ask. If you're alone and don't feel comfortable walking to your car, don't hesitate to ask retail security personnel for an escort.

» Place items in trunk. If you must leave something in your vehicle, lock it in the trunk or place items out of sight. Do not leave packages on the seat of your car.

» Move your car. Move to another area of the parking lot if you return to your car in the middle of a shopping

trip, even if it means giving up a prime spot. This will deter a thief who may have been watching you unload your purchases.

» Use common sense. Even if you are just going into a store for a quick errand, never leave your car unlocked or your vehicle running unattended.

» Keep passengers safe. Criminals are not timid about approaching people in their driveways. Take children and the elderly into the house first, then immediately unload all purchases from your car. Never leave vulnerable loved ones alone in a vehicle, even if you will only be gone "for a minute."

» Don't argue. If a carjacker wants your vehicle, let him have it. A vehicle isn't worth your life. According to Terri Miller, executive director of H.E.A.T., most carjackings involve a weapon. So don't resist or argue, instead get a good look at the carjacker and what he or she is wearing.

» Call the police immediately. If you witness an auto theft or carjacking, call 911 immediately. After you have informed local law enforcement, call H.E.A.T.'s 24/7 confidential tip reward line (1-800-242-HEAT) if you have any information regarding auto theft, insurance fraud or carjackings.

H.E.A.T. works with Michigan law enforcement agencies to follow-up on tips. Tipsters are awarded up to \$1,000, if the tip leads to the arrest of or issuance of a warrant for a suspected car thief or a person suspected of auto theft-related insurance fraud.

Leaders: John Glenn High School seeks Distinguished Alumnus nominations

John Glenn High School has begun its search for a former student who has gone on to achieve excellence. Each year, as part of its commencement ceremony, the high school awards a former graduate its Distinguished Alumnus Award.

The Faculty Council at John Glenn High School is seeking nominations

for the award, which has become one of the highlights of the graduation ceremony.

The council feels "that successful graduates, such as these, could have a positive motivational effect on the graduating seniors as well as the school community and the faculty."

The council is looking for nominations of John

Glenn graduates who have earned distinction in their field of endeavor following graduation.

The nomination should include the nominee's and nominator's name, address, phone number and email address, the year the nominee graduated from John Glenn and the reasons why he or she is deserving of the Distinguished Alumnus

Award. Nominations can be sent to Karen Duhl, counseling secretary, at John Glenn High School, 36105 Marquette, Westland, MI 48185 by Jan. 16, or faxed to 734-419-2337. For more information, call 734-419-2332.

The Faculty Council will review all applications and select the nominee to be honored.

Salvation Army Thrift Stores welcome year-end donations

As the new year approaches, The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan Adult Rehabilitation Center is seeking year-end donations at the nonprofit's 34 metro Detroit family thrift stores. Now through Dec. 31, patrons are invited to drop off their gently used clothing, linens, home goods and more to receive a 2014 tax receipt.

"As we reflect upon the year, many of us will be seeking ways to give back to the community," said Merle Miller, administrator of The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan ARC. "By donating your gently-used goods to The Salvation Army family thrift stores, you're helping provide hope to men and women struggling with substance abuse."

Completely self-funded, the ARC operates two voluntary, 6-month residential rehabilitation centers for men and women that draw their working budgets from the revenue of the nonprofit's 34 thrift stores.

"Donating at The Salvation Army thrift stores is super easy," said Jacquelyn Idzior, director of operations at The Salvation Army Southeast Michigan ARC.

Contributions of gent-

ly used clothing, linen, household appliances, furniture, toys, shoes, purses and house wares are accepted at all Salvation Army thrift store donation centers. There is a store in Livonia at 3600 Plymouth Road, 734-425-7573.

For specific hours of

local Salvation Army thrift store donation center, visit www.salarmythrift.com.

Community members will also have the option of donating to the ARC at multiple remote drop-off locations in partnership with Gardner-White Furniture. Dona-

tions will be accepted at each of Gardner-White's metro Detroit locations during normal business hours, now through the end of the year. Gardner-White Furniture has a store at 39453 Ford, Canton, 734-844-3190. For more information, visit www.gardner-white.com.

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Stevenson students send holiday cards to troops

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Jerry Barrett decided the best way to let his sister know he was home on leave was to surprise her in class at Stevenson Middle School in Westland.

He did, and his visit to Shayla Weston's English set off a chain of events that has 400 airmen in South Dakota getting holiday wishes from Stevenson students.

"The students had made the cards and I was thinking of giving them to a VFW to get them to the troops when Jerry walked in. I thought the better way was to give them to a soldier to distribute," Weston said. "He said it would be good for the soldiers who are away from home for the first time at Christmas."

Barrett was home on a one-week leave and had been staying at his grandmother's home. He'd stopped by the school on Monday, Dec. 8, but Leah wasn't there, so he came back the next day.

"My desk faces the door and I saw him walking down the hall," Leah said. "I got up and ran to him when he got in the classroom and Mrs. West-



Jerry Barrett surprised his sister Leah while she was in class at Stevenson Middle School.

ton asked what I was doing. She looked and put it together."

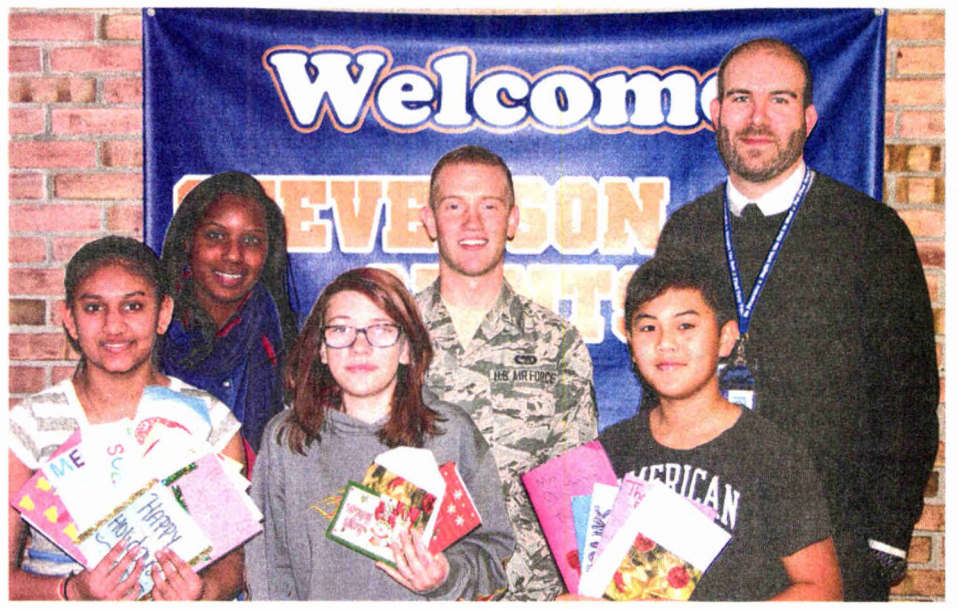
Weston has had her students making cards for troops since she was a teacher at Marshall Upper Elementary. This year the effort was coordinated by the Student Advisory Board, which invited about 400 students who had had a successful Positive Behavior Support month in November.

"The Student Leadership Board plans events, they're leaders in the school," advisor Trish

Barnes said. "They did an award for PBIS on Veterans Day and invited the students to make cards for the soldiers. Their goal is to develop a dream school and the card making is part of it."

"We wanted to give them the opportunity to make cards to give to the people who are doing something to save our school," Tulsii Patel said. "The cards were very beautiful."

"We ended up with 400 cards; each student made a card," fellow board



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Trish Barne (back row, from left), student leadership board adviser, Jerry Barrett, Stevenson Middle School Principal Adam Martin, Tulsii Patel (front row, from left), Leah Ouellette-Barrett and Joseph Vinuya show off handmade Christmas cards Barrett is taking back to South Dakota, where is stationed as a member of the U.S. Air Force.

member Joseph Vinuya said. "Mrs. Weston and Mrs. Barnes got the stuff together to make the cards and we invited students to come during their advisory period at lunch time). We had a good turnout."

While Leah didn't get to have special time with her 21-year-old brother, he did spend three hours with her at school, going

to her classes and having lunch with her. It was the first time he had been home in six months.

"It was nice to see him even if we didn't get to do something special," she said.

When Barrett was ready to return to South Dakota, the students presented their cards to him. They managed to fit all 400 cards in a paper

bag, according to Vinuya.

"Some students wrote happy holiday and even though you can't be home we wish you a happy Christmas," he said. "They were beautiful."

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids up until 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 14, 2015. The bid opening will be at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 14, 2015 for the following:

PURCHASE OF PICNIC TABLES
Belson Outdoors Model PC-HWA, Quantity -15

PURCHASE OF EVENT TABLES and TABLE CARTS
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Mity-Lite Table Cart - Model CRTRTUBLK2 - Qty 4

Specifications and bid documents are available at the city hall during normal business hours. You may also download a copy of the documentation from the City's web site at: <http://hwww.ci.plymouth.mi.us>.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk
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Plymouth Charter Township, Wayne County, Michigan

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE SUBMITTAL

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following proposed Ordinance was introduced for second reading by the Plymouth Charter Township Board at its

December 9, 2014 meeting:

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH AMENDMENT 13 to ORDINANCE NO. 1016

CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY GAS FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways, and other public places, and to do a local gas business in the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. TERM. The CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, hereby grants to the Consumers Energy Company, a Michigan corporation, its successors and assigns, hereinafter called the "Grantee," the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways, and other public places, and to do a local gas business in the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

SECTION 2. CONSIDERATION. In consideration of the rights, power and authority hereby granted, said Grantee shall faithfully perform all things required by the terms hereof.

SECTION 3. CONDITIONS. No highway, street, alley, bridge, waterway or other public place used by said Grantee shall be obstructed longer than necessary during the work of construction or repair, and shall be restored to the same order and condition as when said work was commenced. All of Grantee's pipes and mains shall be so placed in the highways and other public places as not to unnecessarily interfere with the use thereof for highway purposes.

SECTION 4. HOLD HARMLESS. Said Grantee shall at all times keep and save the Charter Township free and harmless from all loss, costs and expense to which it may be subject by reason of the negligent construction and maintenance of the structures and equipment hereby authorized. In case any action is commenced against the Charter Township on account of the permission herein given, said Grantee shall, upon notice, defend the Charter Township and save it free and harmless from all loss, cost and damage arising out of such negligent construction and maintenance.

SECTION 5. EXTENSIONS. Said Grantee shall construct and extend its gas distribution system within said Charter Township and shall furnish gas to applicants residing therein in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 6. FRANCHISE NOT EXCLUSIVE. The rights, power and authority herein granted, are not exclusive. Either manufactured or natural gas may be furnished hereunder.

SECTION 7. RATES. Said Grantee shall be entitled to charge the inhabitants of said Charter Township for gas furnished therein, the rates as approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission, to which Commission or its successors authority and jurisdiction to fix and regulate gas rates and rules regulating such service in said Charter Township, are hereby granted for the term of this franchise. Such rates and rules shall be subject to review and change at any time upon petition therefor being made by either said Charter Township, acting by its Charter Township Board, or by said Grantee.

SECTION 8. REVOCATION. The franchise granted by this ordinance is subject to revocation upon sixty (60) days written notice by the party desiring such revocation.

SECTION 9. MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JURISDICTION. Said Grantee shall, as to all other conditions and elements of service not herein fixed, be and remain subject to the rules and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission or its successors, applicable to gas service in said Charter Township. Nothing herein shall be construed as limiting the legal right of Grantee to challenge, contest or appeal any order, rule or regulation of the Michigan Public Service Commission.

SECTION 10. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS. Grantee shall comply with all applicable laws, statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations regarding the installation, maintenance or operation of its gas system, whether federal, state or local, now in force or which hereafter may be promulgated; however, nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver by Grantee of any of its existing or future rights under state or Federal law.

SECTION 11. REPEALER. This ordinance, when accepted by grantee and published as herein provided, shall repeal and supersede the provisions of a gas ordinance adopted by the Charter Township Board on December 14, 1971 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, and other public places, and to do a local gas business in the TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

and amendments, if any, to such ordinance whereby a gas franchise was granted to Consumers Energy Company.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect upon the day after the date of publication thereof; provided, however, it shall cease and be of no effect after thirty days from its adoption unless within said period the Grantee shall accept the same in writing filed with the Charter Township Clerk. Upon acceptance and publication hereof, this ordinance shall constitute a contract between said Charter Township and said Grantee.

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Lawyer in festive mood

Farmington Hills attorney joins parade clown corps

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

The awe and delight in kids' eyes was enough to cement Farmington Hills resident Barry Goodman's decision to continue clowning.

"I will try to convince my friends to do this, too," said attorney Goodman of Goodman Aker P.C. on Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills.

For the first time in his life, Goodman served as a clown, one of some 160 members of the Detroit-based Distinguished Clown Corps, a tradition of America's Thanksgiving Parade in November.

The clowns are a group of corporate and community leaders who contribute for the opportunity to trade their business suits for clown suits to make the grand march down Woodward Avenue in downtown Detroit.

More than 2,000 clowns have made annual appearances. The Distinguished Clown Corps, supported by the Junior Jesters, has come to be not only a tradition, but an important component of the annual Thanksgiving parade.

Admittedly, being a clown was not something Goodman had previously considered. But the year before his law partner, Gerald Aker, had attended a pancake breakfast for the popular parade.

"When he came back, he said, 'We're going to be clowns next year!'" Goodman recalled.

Sure enough, Good-

man was eager. But for a number of reasons, Aker this year declined. "I made a call and was told to come for a fitting," said Goodman, who was among 20 rookies.

That was just the beginning. He didn't have a set training program but talked with other experienced clowns so he knew what to do. The main task — smile.

Because Goodman is in his first year as a clown, he received a one-piece outfit, which he will wear for the first five years of his volunteer career. After five years, clowns with the Distinguished Clown Corps can wear two-piece outfits, Goodman said.

His suit, with a ruffle around the neck, was half white. Goodman also had his choice of tall hats.

"They make sure no two are the same," he said.

Other clowns recommended that he take the pull-up suit to a tailor and have a zipper added for ease. Then came the professional make up artists who give each member their clown personality.

Joining the Distinguished Clown Corps costs each member \$1,000, which is used to help pay for the Detroit Thanksgiving parade and fireworks for July 4, Goodman said.

The clown corps also has its own float, this year sponsored by UHY Advisors, that leads the clowns — walking behind — down Woodward Avenue on Thanksgiving Day. The parade's clowns

are known for passing out candy, lots of smiles and beads.

"Because of the beads, that gave us the ability to mingle," Goodman said.

Though a chilly day, Goodman said he didn't need any warmer clothing. Walking the parade route and stopping to delight kids and families meant that it was easy to fall behind the moving clown float. "You get out of your (parade walking) beat. You end up being a good half-block behind."

He was warned to forgo a clown's standard floppy shoes because of tripping. Goodman went out and bought a new pair of regular shoes just for the parade. Unfortunately, he didn't break them in — until he walked the 3.5-mile parade route.

Still, Goodman wouldn't trade the experience of his first parade as a clown.

By the time the parade ended, clowns handed out some 300,000 strands of beads, met kids and families and made the event that much more fun.

Goodman figures he posed for at least 15 photographs with kids and families along the parade route. "The looks on the children's faces was priceless. There were tens of thousands of kids. You couldn't pay enough for that privilege."

Giving and helping, Goodman said, is something he enjoys and something his law firm embraces. As personal injury attorneys, Goodman said he and his colleagues believe in help-



GOODMAN AKER P.C.

Barry Goodman as a clown greets families lined up for the annual Thanksgiving parade in downtown Detroit.

ing those in need. "You have to care about the people you represent. You help them get back on their feet."

Goodman said he feels the same about what he witnessed in Detroit

during the parade, including the start of the M-1 rail and abandoned buildings transformed into lofts.

While walking the parade, Goodman said he was struck with the

changes. "There is a renaissance going on in Detroit. I want to be a part of that."

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS THURSDAY JANUARY 8, 2015 6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, January 8, 2015 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

- Application 1523, 51100 N Territorial, R-1-E zoning district, requesting two variances to construct a detached garage:
 - First variance; the proposed garage is 19 feet in height; the maximum allowed is 12 feet in height. *The variance requested is 7 feet in height.*
 - Second variance; the square footage of the residence is 4,270 and the combined square footage of the existing garage and new garage is 4,940. *The variance requested is 670 square feet.*
- Application 1524, 9433 Ball ST, R-1 zoning district, requesting two variances to complete a subdivision lot split in Palmer's Acres:
 - First variance; the ordinance requires that no lot shall be split less than 80% of the original lot. The original lot is 131 feet therefore the split would have to be: Parcel A 104.8 and Parcel B 104.8, neither lot can meet this requirement, so the variance requested is Parcel A 42.8 feet and Parcel B 35.8 feet. This split configuration meets the R-1 zoning district lot width requirements.
 - Second variance; the ordinance requires that the new lot must be consistent with the average two adjacent lots this split does not meet this, the adjacent corner lot is 106 feet, the new lot is only 62 feet therefore the variance requested is 25.5 feet in lot width.

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

For further information contact Plymouth Township Building Department 734 354-3210.

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INVITATION TO BID COOKE SCHOOL - VOCATIONAL KITCHEN RENOVATION NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Board of Education of Northville Public Schools is accepting Prime Contractor firm bids for all labor, materials, equipment and all other services to the Vocational Kitchen Renovation Work at the above referenced school; located in the Northville Public Schools.

Plans and specifications as prepared by the Mielock Associates may be downloaded via PlanWell and are available for review at the office of the George W. Auch Company, 735 S. Paddock Street, Pontiac, MI 48341 248.334.2000, on or after December 19, 2014. Bid Package consists of Instruction to Bidders, Proposal Forms, General and Supplementary Conditions, drawings and pertinent trade specifications. Contact Scott Oswald or Shawn Debo for download instructions.

Your proposal marked "Vocational Kitchen Renovation" will be accepted **NO LATER THAN 1:00PM, JANUARY 5, 2014 TO: NORTHVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION-ROOM 307, 501 WEST MAIN STREET, NORTHVILLE, MI 48167. (Note: The Board of Education building will be closed for holiday break through January 4, 2015, and will re-open at 8:00 am on Monday, January 5, 2015.)** Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 1:00 P.M., January 5, 2014 at the Northville Board of Education-Room 104, 501 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

A pre-bid walk through is scheduled for December 30, 2014 @ 11:00 am at 21200 Taft Road, Northville, MI 48167. Please meet in the Cooke School main entrance. This meeting is not mandatory.

All contracts to be entered into by the Northville Public Schools must and will comply with the equal opportunity laws of the State of Michigan.

All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet.

All bidders must provide familial disclosure in compliance with MCL 380.1267 and attach this information to the bid proposal. The bid proposal will 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 Northville Public Schools, Board of Education or the Northville Public Schools, Superintendent. The District will not accept a bid proposal that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

Proposals must include a Treasury listed bid bond or certified check made payable to Northville Public Schools for not less than five percent (5%) of the contract for each proposal over \$23,126 and must be submitted on the bid proposal form furnished with the specifications. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of sixty (60) days.

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

Cynthia Jankowski, Secretary
Northville Public Schools, Board of Education

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools' Construction Bid Package 5B, consisting of:

- Canton High School Science Lab Remodeling Project
- Salem High School Dance Studio Remodeling Project

will be received at the office of Mr. Patrick Briggs, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations, Plymouth Canton Community Schools, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 until 1:30 P.M., local time on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at which time they will be opened, read publicly and tabulated.

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:

- 103: Selective Demolition 108: Carpentry / General Trades
- 114: Glass & Glazing 115: Metal Studs / Drywall
- 117: Acoustical Treatment 118: Resilient Flooring
- 120: Painting 124: Wood Flooring
- 129: Science Casework & Equipment 140: Plumbing
- 142: HVAC 143: Electrical

Bidding documents prepared by TMP Architecture, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the Dodge Plan Room, Construction Association of Michigan (CAM), Reed Construction Data, and Builders Exchange, Bid Documents will be available beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Wednesday, December 17, 2014 via the following:

- Bidders may obtain one (1) set of 1/2 size bidding documents beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Wednesday,
- Bidders may download bid documents from Gradebeam.com by contacting the Construction

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

There will be a pre-bid meeting held on Tuesday, December 23, 2014 at 1:30 P.M. at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, located at 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the project, schedule and to answer any questions that bidders may have. All Bidders are encouraged to attend.

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

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

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

December 17, 2014, by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., at (248) 427-Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., at (248) 427-8400 to obtain log in information for access to the

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Ex-Wayne County hospital employees hold annual reunion

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Debbie Kowalske remembers when Wayne County General Hospital-Eloise closed in 1976. She was among the employees who worked there.

Recruited while attending Garden City West High School, she worked in D, M and N buildings and after Eloise closed moved over to the general hospital.

"I loved working at Eloise," said Kowalske, who lives in Belleville. "I was 17 years old when they came into West and recruited. I took the civil service test in the school library. I had to go downtown for the physical."

Kowalske, who worked at the hospital for 18 years, was among the retirees who showed up for a reunion last week to mark the 30th anniversary of the closing of Wayne County General Hospital. Joining her were friends Cheryl Morris of Garden City and Trudy Daberko of Brighton.

The trio grew up in Garden City and worked together at the hospital. They lost touch 23 years ago, but reconnected earlier this year.

"We got together on Facebook," Morris said. "When the hospital closed, I was with the health department and Deb and Trudy went downtown."

"The people were great, we were a close-knit group," she added. "We spent more time with each other than our families. Our co-workers became our extended family."



PHOTOS BY SUE MASON
Debbie Kowalske of Belleville, Cheryl Morris of Garden City and Trudy Daberko of Brighton recalled being recruited to work at Wayne County General Hospital-Eloise while in high school.



John Sailor of Inkster worked in security and was the union president, while Dennis Abraham of Westland worked in in-patient billing.



John Sebastian talks with Nancy Roggerio of Westland at the reunion.



Sue Bubnelis (from left) of Livonia shares a laugh with fellow Wayne County General Hospital retirees Debbie Kowalske of Belleville, John Sebastian and Dennis Abraham, both of Westland.

The women shared stories about their years at the hospital, everything from how old the buildings were and spraying for roaches — "big ones" — to the men's and women's softball teams. They teased Calvin Sailor of Inkster about his uniform.

Sailor started at Eloise in 1960 and worked as a hospital orderly until being drafted. He served two years in the U.S. Army Airborne before returning to work as an assistant ward supervi-

sor at Eloise. He also was an in-house licensed practical attendant nurse, which he left to go into hospital security and eventually became union president, representing the 1,500 employees at the hospital and health department up until 1983.

"I negotiated a real good retirement benefit and I took it," Sailor said. "It was a great place."

Sailor had the option of going to the hospital or the sheriff's department and tested for both. He had a year to make up his

mind and turned down the sheriff.

"I enjoyed helping people and working with the patients," he said. "Security and union president was fine, but I enjoyed working with the patients more."

Calvin was known for the black book he carried. It wasn't filled with telephone numbers, it was his lottery numbers. A nurse on 4 South needed help, so he gave her five numbers and told her she'll win once, if she played them every day. She did and won on the

five day.

"She had five kids and didn't have enough money to last until pay day," Sailor said. "She bet \$1 and won \$500. I was so happy for her."

Among the retirees at the reunion was Sue Boneless of Livonia who spent her time as a technician doing brain wave testing in electroencephalogram unit, and Beth McClure of Milford who was a nurse in the pediatrics unit across the hall.

McClure started at the hospital in 1968 after graduating from the

Borgess School of Nursing in Kalamazoo. She had 16 years in when the hospital closed.

"I was the youngest retiree — they weren't certain what to do," she said. "I borrowed \$6,000 from my parents and bought out those four years so I could retire."

McClure went on to work for the Visiting Nurses and eventually finished out her nursing career with the Oakland County Public Health Department.

Dennis Abraham started at the hospital in 1968 and worked there for "23 1/2 years," handling in-patient billing. He also worked in the commissary doing the food orders. That was his favorite job.

Like many of the other retirees, Abraham stayed with the county after the hospital was closed. He ended up in the treasurer's office handling accounts payable and receivable until he retired in 1991.

John Sebastian bought a house in 1975 for \$25,000 and ended up living about a block from the hospital. That didn't matter; he still drove his car to work every day.

Sebastian worked at the hospital from 1967 to its closing in 1984. From there, he went to work with the Wayne County Soldiers and Sailors Relief for four years before landing at the sheriff's department, where he worked until he retired in 1994.

"I did drug and alcohol rehabilitation and worked with the ladies who need reprogram," he said. "My fondest memories, though, are of helping the Medicaid patients. They needed help and I could do it, but it took teamwork. We had a great crew of people to work with and it was my co-workers that would make my day."

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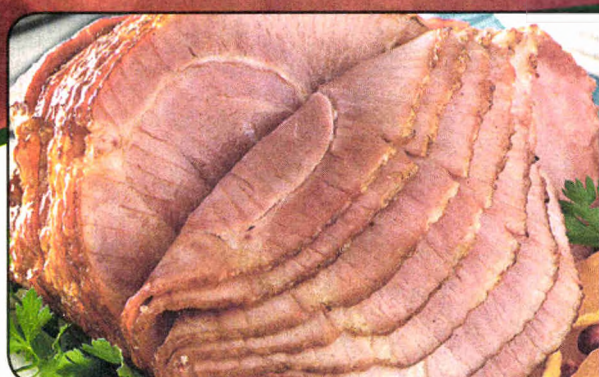
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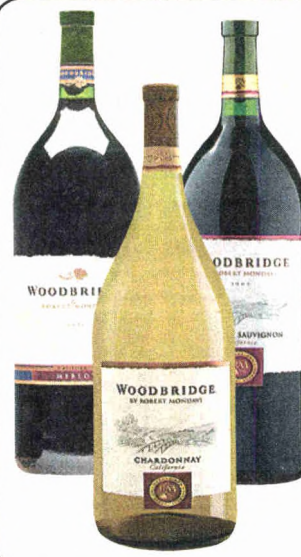
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PLYMOUTH'S HOCKEY PALS



Taking a moment together recently at Compuware Arena are Plymouth Whalers head coach Don Elland (left) and Plymouth high school coach Gerry Vento.



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Salem's Jon Swift (No. 11), shown from last season, helped spark the Rocks to Thursday's win.

BOYS BASKETBALL
Salem grit stymies Rockets

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

During the first half Thursday night, Westland John Glenn's imposing post lineup led by 6-10 senior center Mike Edwards threatened to blow host Salem right out of their own gym.

The Rocks managed to "weather the storm" and trailed just 40-34 at halftime of the Kensington Conference crossover varsity boys basketball matchup.

And then Salem head coach Bob Brodie challenged his guys to force their way into the dirty areas of the floor and come away with crucial rebounds.

The Rocks outscored Edwards and the Rockets 39-26 in the second half and came away with a hard-fought 73-66 victory.

"They killed us first half, they out-rebounded us 13-to-2 in the first half," said Brodie, whose team improved to 2-1. "So we had to keep them off the glass and stop their transition baskets, which we did a pretty good job of tonight."

"Defensively, we're happy with what we saw. Even though they scored a lot of points, that's an explosive team out there."

See GRIT, Page B4

BUDDY SYSTEM

Elland, Vento enjoy friendship, fun, coaching young hockey players to become best they can be

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Call Don Elland and Gerry Vento two peas in Plymouth's hockey pod, if you want.

They would snap their heads back and laugh heartily.

It's all about hockey, laughs and friendship for Elland and Vento, both longtime coaches in the Compuware Youth Hockey program before branching out — Elland to the Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers, Vento to the local high school circuit.

"I don't think I could go two or three days without talking to Gerry," said Elland,

a Plymouth resident. "It's not just that we're coaching buddies — we're buddies."

Concurring is Vento, a 46-year-old Livonian who is in his fourth season as head coach of the Plymouth Wildcats' varsity high school team.

"Donnie is just fun to be around," Vento said. "We just have a good time, whatever we do."

Keeping tabs

One more thing, both also possess a passion for helping develop youngsters into the best hockey players they can

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COACHES' CORNER

DON ELLAND: The 50-year-old Elland is in his first season as head coach of the Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers. The Plymouth resident spent the previous four seasons as a Whalers assistant coach.

Before his coaching days, Elland played two seasons for the Paddock Pool Saints, a Great Lakes Junior Hockey League team (U.S. Junior A), scoring 51 goals over two seasons (1981-83).

He started coaching in the Compuware Youth Hockey Program in 1995 and continued there until 2002. After briefly moving out of state, he returned to coach Compuware's midget major team before joining the Whalers.

GERRY VENTO: A Livonia resident, the 46-year-old Vento attended Detroit Catholic Central when it was located in Redford Twp., playing on the Shamrocks' junior varsity hockey team.

Vento became an assistant coach in 1998 on Elland's staff with the Compuware AAA bantams, comprised of players born in 1984. He continued there until 2003. After spending time coaching at Livonia Stevenson, he became head coach of the Plymouth Wildcats varsity boys hockey team in 2011.

SOCCER TOUR OF CHAMPIONS

National honor icing on cake for Chiefs

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Over a month ago, the Canton varsity boys soccer team streamed onto the pitch at Brighton High School and hoisted a trophy.

That victory, a 1-0 blanking of Rochester Adams, was unopposed last week by an unprecedented national honor.

Canton players and their coaches once again stepped out together, in triumph, this time onto the basketball court at halftime of Tuesday's Canton-Novu game to celebrate winning the Division 1 championship.

The team, state champs for the second time in four years, was presented with the Army National Guard national ranking trophy in front of cheering Canton fans and family members. The honor is part of the fourth annual MaxPreps Soccer Tour of Champions.

"On behalf of the Michigan Army National Guard, I'd like to present Canton High School's men's soccer team with this trophy," said Staff Sgt. Zachary Hein, talking into a microphone at half court. "I just want to say that I'm honored to be here and to see such young men working together, the leadership, the skill set that's all put together, to focus and win, it's awesome."

Sgt. Hein then handed the mic over to Canton head coach Mark Zemanski for brief comments, and soon the prestigious trophy was in the hands of players — posing for photos



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Canton's state championship varsity boys soccer team was honored with the Army National Guard national ranking trophy at halftime of Tuesday's Canton-Novu boys basketball game. Holding the trophy is Chiefs senior co-captain Carter Schenk.

amid banners proclaiming them state champions and MaxPrep award winners.

Unexpected honor

"It's pretty awesome, I didn't even think about this when we

were playing," said senior co-captain Carter Schenk, the first player to grab hold of the latest trophy. "We were always just playing for the state championship, and to get this is extra special. It's kind of cool."

Coach Zemanski, following the ceremony, called it a "well-deserved" honor.

"They're a good group of boys," Zemanski said. "They

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PREP BOWLING PREVIEW

Rocks start with strong showing at tourney

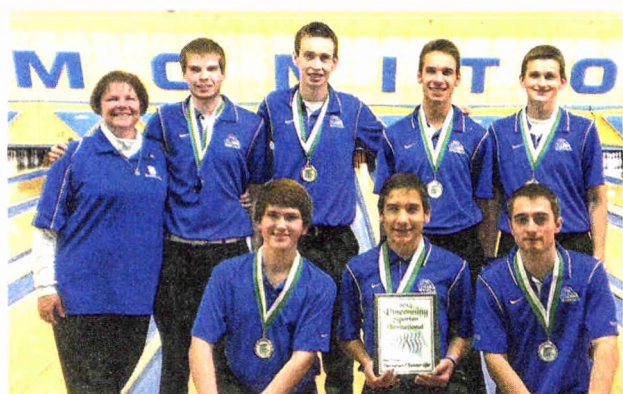
Canton keglers also look ready to make noise

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

This is the season for Salem's bowling program where last year's understudies get to show what they have.

Salem head coach Kathie Hahn said there is only one returning varsity bowler on the boys team — senior Tyler Ridgeway. The girls varsity returns four of six bowlers.

"Salem's boys varsity is going to be a strong team this year," Hahn noted, in an email to the Observer. "We only have one returning varsity player, Tyler Ridgeway, but I had a very strong junior varsity last season and have brought up several of them. It's going



Salem bowling coach Kathie Hahn (far left) and her varsity boys team pose after the squad placed second at last Saturday's tournament in Bay City.

to be a great season."

Joining Ridgeway are senior Tony Przytulski, junior Zach Gonyea and sophomores Ryan Gonyea, Mitchell Rusinek and Shane Rusinek.

The Rocks got off to a promising start, finishing second at the Pinconning-sponsored tournament in Bay City. Hahn said Sa-

lem needed to defeat campus rivals Plymouth and Canton in order to place in the runner-up spot.

Hahn's optimism extends to what the 2014-15 girls varsity squad can achieve.

"Salem's girls varsity is also going to be a stronger team this year,"

she said. "We finally have six girls, so we have some wiggle room this year. Four of the six are returning teammates."

The girls lineup includes juniors Rachel Lopez, Katherine Kehoe, Brynna Samuels, sophomores Leah Boucha, Olivia Harkins and freshman Alaina Langen.

Canton preview

One of Salem's closest rivals, the Canton Chiefs, also are off to a promising start this season.

Canton's boys bowlers won a tournament and finished within the top four in another, compiling a 4-0 record, including a come-from-behind win over South Lyon.

"We look forward to continuing on this pace and looking for a division championship," coach Karl Brubaker said.

Leading the Chiefs will be returning players Mitchell Zelenak (junior) and Aaron Madsen (senior). Others with some varsity experience include seniors Josh Criscenti, Jacob Peltz and junior Tyler Pozan. Added to the mix are senior Teddy Lang and sophomore Dominic Dimaya.

On the girls side, the Chiefs placed second in a tournament and made the cut in their subsequent tourney. Brubaker expects the squad to battle for the top of the KLAA South Division against Wayne and Westland John Glenn.

Sophomore Meghan Macunovich and seniors Megan Plave and Maranda McMaster lead the roster, with others filling in to round out the team.



Madsen



Macunovich

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Park teams turn strong defense into wins

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity girls basketball teams are on the defensive and it's a good thing.

On Thursday night, strong defense and just enough timely offense enabled Canton, Plymouth and Salem to all garner victories in their respective Kensington Conference crossover games. Host Canton frustrated Livonia Stevenson, defeating the Spartans 41-25 to improve to 2-2. Junior forward Rio Santo led the Chiefs with 12 points, while sophomore guard Erin Hult chipped in with 11. Adding four was junior guard Madison Archibald.

"The girls played really, really well defensively," Canton head coach Kevin Palmer said. "We held them to 25

points, only five points in the second half.

"... This was the best we've played defensively all year. We really took care of the basketball and didn't have many turnovers tonight."

PLYMOUTH 52, S. LYON 33: Plymouth won for the second straight game, earning a 52-33 win over visiting South Lyon. The Wildcats (3-2) were led by senior wing Kendall Rose, who registered 13 points. With all 12 Plymouth players seeing court time, the Wildcats defensively stifled the Lions (1-4) and enjoyed a balanced offensive attack when called upon. Scoring nine points and leading the team with 11 rebounds was senior post Leah Klizinski.

Helping the cause with eight points was senior post Patti Bogoske, while senior point guard Courtney LaVallee added six. Chipping in with four points each were junior wing Bailey Brown, senior point guard Paige Slominski and junior wing Cassidy Lewis.

"It was a good team win for us," Plymouth head coach Nick Brandon said. "But we have a lot to work on heading into (January's) division play."

SALEM 40, JOHN GLENN 30: Senior forward Shara Long had a big night Thursday for visiting Salem, scoring 19 points and grabbing 10 rebounds, as the Rocks defeated Westland John Glenn, 40-30. Contributing 14 points and seven boards for Salem (2-3) was senior forward Maranda Armstead.

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work hard together, they play as a team and it's nice to be rewarded for your hard effort all year long."

Canton is one of 10 boys soccer programs being honored, having finished ranked No. 6 in the country by MaxPreps (which ranks more than 15,000 teams nationally).

"For the past decade, MaxPreps, in partnership with the Army National Guard, has honored the top high school sports teams in the nation," said Andy Beal, president and founder of MaxPreps, in a press release. "Canton High School is one of a very select and elite group of soccer teams to be hon-

ored this year. "We congratulate the coach, players and the Canton High School community for earning the Army National Guard national ranking trophy."

According to a press release about the honor, MaxPreps uses an intricate compute program to determine team rank.

Prior season history, school size and comments on message boards are not considered in the MaxPreps rankings.

Although the system generally assigns a higher ranking to teams with more victories, it takes into account strength of schedule and quality wins.

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Ratings spike when area's top players hit the court

FIRST TEAM

Jenna Lerg, Mercy: The senior all-star was a four-year varsity starter for the Marlins, and she makes her third consecutive appearance on the All-Observer first team.

Lerg played every position but middle hitter at Mercy. She started as a libero, moved to setter and back to libero — the position she plays for her club team and will play next year at the University of Michigan. Lerg was an outside hitter this year, filling a need for help on the attack, and was one of the Mercy leaders in kills.

"She has great vision on the court and a very good understanding of the game," coach Loretta Vogel said of Lerg last season. "She's just a special athlete. You only get so many of them."

"She does everything. She can be an outside hitter, and she can set when we need her to do that. Jenna has had a defensive role on our team since she was a freshman. That's pretty impressive, especially for a Class A player."

Kayla March, Ladywood: The 6-foot junior outside hitter recorded a team-best 554 total kills to go with 438 digs, 96 blocks and 112 aces en route to Class B third-team, all-state honors.

"She was our primary offensive weapon, but a lot of people don't realize she's our best individual on serve reception with the highest percentage on serve receive," Ladywood coach Peter Lau said of the all-region and all-Catholic League selection. "She's just a great all-around player offensively and defensively."

Haley Moores, Ladywood: The 5-8 junior outside hitter earned a Class B all-state honorable mention, as well as all-region and all-league honors after racking up 431 kills, 164 aces, 469 digs and 76 solo blocks for the district champs.

"She's not only a great offensive player, but what is deceptive about her is that she's our primary server," Lau said. "She also attacks well from the back row. She's an offensive weapon whether she's in the front row or the back row."

Madison Dest, Huron Valley Lutheran: The senior closed her four-year varsity career in style as she piled up 719 kills and 467 digs while anchoring the Hawks' defense to the tune of a 97-percent

receive rate. After racking up 30-plus kills in three conference matches and 40 kills in the Hawks' Class D regional semifinal loss to PCA, she earned several accolades, including team MVP, conference MVP, all-region and third-team all-state honors.

"Madison's volleyball IQ is what makes her such an awesome player to watch and coach," said HVL coach Mike Dest, Madison's father. "She's been our team leader in most categories for the last three years. Offensively, she rarely gets stopped. She sees the block and court as good as anybody I've coached, and defensively she's among the best passers

we've ever had. I couldn't be more proud of her as her coach and as her dad."

Lauren Schornack, Canton: The outside hitter was vital to the Chiefs' success as back-to-back KLAAs South Division champions.

Schornack's senior season was a productive one, as she registered 243 kills, 12 blocks, 315 digs and posted an 88.9 percent serving efficiency.

She earned all-conference and all-region honors and will continue her career playing next fall at Oakland Community College. She also was part of Canton's all-state academic team for a third season.

"Lauren has been a vital part of Canton as a three-year starter," coach Steve Johnson said. "Her all-around play as an outside hitter has contributed largely to our success."

Natalie Panek, Churchill: The junior outside hitter had an impactful season for the Chargers, knocking down 332 kills while mis-hitting on just 17 percent of

her swings. An all-around performer, Panek dug up 269 would-be kills and served at a sterling rate of 91.4 percent.

Stefanie Jankiewicz, Harrison: The sophomore outside hitter led the Hawks to a 33-10-2 record and a share of the OAA White Division championship for the second straight year.

Jankiewicz, who was primarily a setter last year and still does some of that work, led the team in kills with 267. She had 32 aces and was an 86-percent server. She played in the back row and also had 129 digs.

"Stefanie is definitely an all-round student athlete," coach Michael Love said. "She is one of the smartest volleyball players I have coached in a while. She is a power hitter and has great hands. She is someone you can go to when the game is on the line."

"In the next two years, if she continues to work hard on and off the court, Stefanie has the potential to be first team all-state and make a run for Miss Volleyball as a senior. I look forward to seeing what her future holds for her."

Taylor Suurmeyer, Farmington: Suurmeyer's primary position is outside hitter, and that's where she made the biggest impact for the Falcons, who played in the OAA Red Division. But she was effective at every point in the rotation as an all-round player.

Besides a team-high 313 kills, Suurmeyer also had 51 blocks, 101 digs and 37 aces. Her hitting percentage was .252.

"Taylor is one of those players you love coaching," coach Katie Drews said. "She works hard and loves the game of

volleyball. "She led the team this year in kills and aces, and she established herself as an all-around threat by being a top passer."

"Taylor is a go-to player and always wants the ball. She's always working and leading on and off the court, and she never gives up."

Sarah Curvin, Clarenceville: A senior outside hitter and all-around player, Curvin led her team to a second straight Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division championships and a 19-16-4 record.

Curvin had a team-best 306 kills and a .363 hitting percentage. She also had 124 blocks, 179 digs and 85 aces. Curvin was 255-for-288 on serve receive.

"Sarah is a hard-hitting threat in the front row and she blocks well," coach Wendy Merschman said. "She stepped up and became an all-around player for the Trojans this year. She also led us in digs."

"As a team captain, it was clear she was our leader and a player we were confident in when the ball came her way. She will be an asset wherever she plays next year."

Tess Ganich, Salem: The junior outside hitter was the leader on and off the floor for the Rocks,

who were in the mix in the very competitive KLAAs Central Division.

Ganich, named the team's MVP and top offensive player, as well as to the all-KLAA and all-region teams, tallied 466 kills and 43 blocks in the front row.

But she also demonstrated a strong all-around game, with 62 service aces and 368 digs.

"She is one of the most passionate, hard-working and skilled players I have ever coached," coach Amanda Nies said. "She is one of those players that gives it all she has and with a great attitude. It's hard to find athletes like her."

"She is the definition and example of what all players should be like. She is a leader, positive and extremely coachable."

Courtney Kurkie, Canton: Another Canton power threat, the senior right-side hitter tallied 185 kills, 57 blocks and 86 digs while being named to the all-KLAA and all-region teams.

Kurkie, a third-year starter, is set to attend and play volleyball at Michigan Tech.

"Courtney's presence as our right-side hitter for the last three years has had a huge impact in slowing down the opposition's outside hitters," Johnson said. "Those skills have earned her honors ... as well as playing a large role in our back-to-back division championships."

She also was part of Canton's all-state academic team for the third time.

Kayla Fisher, Mercy: The senior middle hitter was a three-year varsity

player, and she helped lead the Marlins to a 53-7-2 record this year, a regional championship and a Class A state quarterfinal appearance.

Mercy was ranked No. 1 in the state during part of the regular season and lost in the tournament to the eventual state champion, Romeo.

As an attacker, Fisher can slam the ball to the floor with the best of them, and she also can adjust her game and make the soft, well-placed shot, too.

Fisher also played a key leadership role this year. She was an all-around player who figured prominently in the Mercy defense and was one of the team's top servers, too.

Olivia Beyer, Plymouth: One would be hard pressed to find a Plymouth volleyball player who has made more of an impact on the program than Beyer.

The senior middle hitter, team captain and four-year starter has racked up impressive individual stats while leading the Wildcats to team success.

"Olivia has set a benchmark of excellence for future Wildcats to strive for," coach Sarah Marody said. "She will be remembered as the best all-around player Plymouth has ever had."

Beyer registered 557 kills, 112 blocks and 359 digs in her senior season, earning all-KLAA, all-region and all-state honorable mention honors. In addition she was an academic all-conference recipient the past three years.

"As captain, Olivia set the example on and off the court," Marody said. "She has been academic all-conference as well as a part of all-state team academic awards for the last three years."

She will continue her playing career next fall at Louisiana State University.

Abby Wyman, Ply. Christian: After the 2013 team lost key players to graduation such as Jennifer Malcolm, Plymouth Christian turned to a summer transfer from South Carolina to help fill the void.

Wyman came through and then some for the Eagles in her lone season with the team. She not only was the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's co-MVP, she was named to the all-conference first time. She also was on the all-region team.

Helping PCA post a 28-6-2 record, Wyman led the Eagles in aces (.9 per set) and hitting efficiency (.361) with 2.8 kills per set.

"She's got some power behind her and she's a great leader, which is exactly what we needed this year," coach Katie Decker said. "That was a huge blessing to get that dropped in our lap this year."

Charley Irvin, Plymouth: The junior was a standout in her first season as starting varsity libero, leading the

Wildcats in defensive categories. Irvin chalked up 422 digs along with 387 in the serve-

receive department. She also had a serving proficiency of 95.9 percent.

For her efforts, Irvin made the all-KLAA and all-region teams and earned all-conference academic honors for her work ethic, attitude and leadership.

"Charley showed veteran poise and maturity from the very beginning," Marody said. "Her consistency in pressure situations allowed our offense to play their own game and their pace."

"Our defense was relaxed when Charley was running the show."

Taylor Bejma, Garden City: A stellar four-year varsity standout, Bejma closed her prep career with a spectacular season, registering 3.62 digs per

set a serve-receive rate of 2.01 and she lasered 93 percent of her serves inbounds while notching 64 aces.

"Taylor is a very passionate player," Garden City coach John Pace said. "She's a leader on the court and when she's on the sideline. All this makes her a great teammate. She has great stats but her stats are even stronger when we played outside of our conference. Taylor started out as our varsity setter as a freshman. She was very good at that as well."

Val Ernat, John Glenn: Ernat closed her high school career as one of the top defensive players in the area as she led the Rockets to a Class A district championship. An all-KLAA

honoree, Ernat has earned an athletic scholarship to attend Radford University, which is located in Radford, Va.

Rayna Yetts, Churchill: Yetts rarely, if ever, left the court for the Chargers and her production was outstanding in every facet of the game.

In addition to racking up 290 kills (second on the team), she had 484 digs, 54 service aces and carved out a phenomenal passing percentage of 91.

CO-COACHES OF YEAR
John Pace, Garden City: Pace guided the Cougars to an undefeated season in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Blue Division, which is the tougher of the two divisions in the WWAC.

The veteran coach is just as proud as his team's academic accomplishments as its athletic ones as the Cougars earned their ninth consecutive academic all-state award, four of the team's five seniors were named to the individual academic all-state team and the fifth missed by a fraction of a point.

"This team was spe-

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Taylor Suurmeyer, Sr., OH, Farmington
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Olivia Mady, Soph., OH, Ply. Christian
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Jordan Schamp, Soph., OH, Plymouth
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Canton: Alyssa Burke, Emma Clark, Hannah Madis, Chloe Homco, Carleigh Vela; Plymouth: Aleah Rogalski, Katie Stevens, Lydia Bell; Salem: Hannah Moote, Madison Fairchild, Audrey Boike, Drew Smiley; Plymouth Christian: Grace Kelloff, Divna Roi; Farmington: Karlie Wengorovius, Courtney Szymkowski, Danielle Petras, Tara Aplin; Harrison: Teresa Malaj, Leah Petrak, Brooke Russ, Hannah Carleton, Madison Ruffin; Mercy: Bella McDonald, Emily Crowley, N. Farmington: Haley Gassway, Clarenceville: Madison Vandyeke, Brianna Brown; Ladywood: Emily Fradette, Molly McClorey; Churchill: Amanda Rybak, Annie Yost, Alyssa Facione; Franklin: Kennedy Mang, Erin McNally, Sarah Cramton; Stevenson: Arryn Dochenetz, Carmen Disler, Maura Wasser-

mann; Luth. Westland: Allie Lange; Huron Valley Luth.: Anne St. John; Wayne Memorial: Kaitlyn Lees; John Glenn: Kelly Epperson, Erin Parrinello; Redford Union: Shaee Smith; Thurston: Lauren Garchar.

cial," Pace said. "We sat down early in the season and set our goals. They set some serious, tough goals and they achieved every one. We played some tough competition this year and had some quality wins as well. Winning our conference was a goal, and going undefeated while doing it was something special."

"This team became a family during the season. That special relationship is something they will have for the rest of their lives. Not only have they continued the tradition we have at Garden City, they have taken it several steps further. Their impact on the future of Garden City volleyball will be felt for years to come."

Katie Decker, Ply. Christian: The third-year coach for the Eagles led the team to a 28-6-2 record, good for first place in the MIAC Blue Division and another Class D district championship.

Just like the previous season, however, Decker's squad came up short in the regional final against Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes.

Another big accomplishment for PCA was winning the annual University of Michigan Dearborn tournament.

"This was such a great team to coach," said Decker, a former college volleyball player and assistant coach. "We had a great balance of senior leadership to balance out our younger players."

"Each year (as PCA coach) we have continued to improve on the year before and continue to set our sights higher for the future."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Franklin hoops tourney

A talent-laden field is set to square off in this week's Livonia Franklin Boys Basketball 2014 Holiday Tournament.

In Monday's opener set to tip off at 5:30 p.m. in the Patriots' gymnasium, Redford Thur-

ston will match up with Salem. In the 7 p.m. nightcap, the host Patriots will take on Walled Lake Western.

The winners of Monday's contests will play Tuesday at 7 p.m. for the championship. The losers of Monday's games will play for third place in Tues-

day's 5:30 p.m. game.

MU women cagers win

Sophomore Lizzy Otten came off the bench to score nine points Dec. 13 as host Madonna University rallied from a nine-point halftime deficit to beat Lourdes Univer-

sity, 62-55, in Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's basketball action.

The Crusaders trailed 32-23 at intermission before taking the lead for keeps, 35-34, on a layup by Otten with 14:59 left.

Junior guard Michele Hayes (Inkster/Southfield-Lathrup)

hit only 6-of-19 shots from the floor, including 1-of-7 free throws, but led MU in scoring with 13 points.

Freshman Lindsey Hernden added 12 points as the Crusaders shot 20-of-58 from the floor (34.5), including just 3-of-20 from three-point range.

COACHES

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be. And both happen to do that as coach of their respective Plymouth teams.

Elland, 50, is in his first season as head coach of the Whalers after four seasons as an assistant on Mike Vellucci's staff.

Meanwhile, Vento coaches the Wildcats, a stellar high school program that competes in the KLAAs South Division.

"We talk about how neat it is," said Elland, about the pals helming Plymouth teams. "Gerry probably got the job he was looking for. I certainly have the job I was looking for."

"I think we compare notes more about if I see a drill or if I see something I'll share it with Gerry, and vice-versa. ... Everyone talks about the Whalers are so much more talented than high school, and I went and saw Gerry's team play and I'm like 'If I could get some of my guys to do that.' At the end of the day, they're just kids. It's a different level."

Vento — who played hockey at Detroit Catholic Central when it was located in Redford Twp. — makes sure to soak in coaching knowledge and pointers from his friend.

After all, some of Elland's players attend Plymouth High School, too.

"For me it's great, it's a great tool for me," said Vento, who recently got together at Compuware Arena with Elland to talk about their hockey-centric friendship. "Today I was at a (Whalers) practice watching Donnie do his drills. A lot of the drills that I do are what I see Donnie do out on the ice."

"If he comes to a (Wildcats) game, I'll always ask him what he thinks, what we did well, what we did poorly. I take his advice to heart."

Root of the matter

Also heartfelt is their devotion to coaching, leading and helping players hone their skills. And that's regardless of whether it's developing future NHL talent or student-athletes who might be able to nab a college hockey scholarship somewhere.

"Again, high school is obviously a different animal than the OHL," Elland said. "They have a different agenda. And for what they're trying to accomplish, they couldn't have a better guy."

"Gerry's always going to make sure his guys are getting good grades, that's always going to come first, that's always going to be part of it for them. It's not so much with us, right? We're trying to get guys to the NHL."

Their players might see them as stern, serious types who preach backchecking and doing things right.

Yet Elland and Vento often crack up when talking about the good old days coaching Compuware AAA bantam teams in the late 1990s and early 2000s. One guy starts telling a story, the other guy finishes it.

Of course, this year's Whalers and Wildcats probably do see that lighter side of their coaches from time to time. But the men did not have an immediate personal connection in 1998.

Journey's first step

Their shared journey began 16 years ago and it almost didn't even get out of the starting gate.

In 1998-99, Elland was head coach of Compuware's AAA bantam major team comprised of players born in 1984. He started with the program in 1995.

Some of that team's players included Canton natives and future NHL players James Wisniewski (today with Columbus) and Alex Foster, who enjoyed a cup of coffee with the Toronto Maple Leafs.

As they recall it, Elland was coaching the '84s all by himself and he needed to find an assistant.

Vento found out about the potential opening, wanted to join the Compuware program and threw his hat into the ring.

"He (Elland) wasn't the most friendly fella, let's just say that," Vento remembered. "He was very



Paroling out instructions to players before overtime of the Dec. 13 game against Guelph is Plymouth Whalers head coach Don Elland.



Plymouth Wildcats varsity boys hockey coach Gerry Vento encourages players during a timeout.

businesslike. I think he needed someone and I was the only one that showed up."

According to Elland, his own qualms about giving up part of his job to someone he didn't know took a while to dissipate.

It was slow going until the 84s needed to take a trip to Chicago for a tournament. By accident, Elland wound up riding to Illinois with Vento in what turned into the ultimate bonding road trip.

"I never wanted to ride with him, but the guy I normally rode with wasn't going," Elland continued. "... I knew he (Vento) was looking to ride with somebody, and I wasn't going to go 'You can't ride with me.' So I said, yeah, we can ride together."

"I wasn't looking forward to it at all, but from that moment on we just hit it off."

Breaking the ice

They talked non-stop about hockey. They liked the same music. It was all good.

There was an immediate ice-breaker at the start of that trek when Elland got a glimpse of Vento's traveling attire.

"Gerry had on a white Champions sweatshirt," Elland joked. "One-hundred percent cotton pants, and 100-percent cotton top, matching."

"I asked him if his wife picked it out for him and he goes 'Yes, she did.' So I knew right then this guy is going to be fun. ... He was 30 then, he might as well have been 70. He looked like a 70-year-old guy when he picked me up. From there on it was just non-stop laughs."

At the rink, of course, both Elland and Vento were all business. Their roles and how they were perceived by players differed, however.

"The years we were together (1998-2002) I think it was a good mix," Elland said. "I'm kind of intense and I'm hard on the guys. I expect a lot, I have a lot of accountability."

"Gerry was great at being their buddy, being their friend but also knowing that they weren't come to Gerry and he was going to agree with them. 'Yeah, he wants it done a certain way, you gotta do it.'"

Vento said that first season working with Elland was like a coaching clinic.

"I thought I knew hockey, but it was an eye-opening experience for me," Vento emphasized. "What I do today as a head coach is pretty much what I learned from Donnie."

"Yeah, I was their buddy and I was kind of a good guy, but I quickly learned from Donnie that if I was going to someday become the head coach I had to learn to separate that. Being hard on them was also making them better."

Years later, Elland had the opposite role with the Whalers. He was an assistant coach on Vellucci's staff from 2010-11 through 2013-14.

"When Mike was yelling at them, I was the guy they turned to," Elland said. "I had to be, and that's what I learned when Gerry was my assistant coach. I knew I had to be their buddy but at the same time I had to back Mike."

Both said it is all well and good for coaches to be ultimate disciplinarians and tough as nails. They also said there needs to be a balance.

"They got to know that you care, that's the bottom line," Vento said. "... Once they get to that age, 14 and up, they're not stupid. They know if you're in it for them or if you're in it for yourself."

"If they sense you're in it for yourself they're just going to tune you out."

Trust matters most

Elland agreed, noting that the trust between coaches and players is a two-way street.

"You care about them and you want to see them succeed," Elland said. "Once they know that you do, they'll deal with a lot of your discipline, a lot of your benching."

And at the end of the day, Elland and Vento care about each other, too. Comparing hockey notes is only part of it.

They golf, go on vacations, have a laugh.

"He is probably the second closest friend that I have," Elland said. "(Whalers general manager) Mark Craig, I've known since I was 16, he's my closest friend. And then Gerry."

"When we coached together, as much fun as I'm having now, as much fun as he has with what he's doing, we always talk about coaching the 84s."

Vento then cracked a one-liner, something they have a penchant for. "We'll retire to Florida, with all the coaching money we'll make," he said.

With that, another round of laughter filled the air.

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BOYS PREP HOCKEY

Wildcats hold off Rocks for 6-3 win

By Tim Smith
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Yes, the 2014-15 varsity boys hockey season is barely a month old. But as far as Salem and Plymouth are concerned, it's already crunch time.

Both KLAAs South Division teams squared off Friday night at Plymouth Cultural Center, looking to gain two points in the standings and get the upper hand on positioning for the Lash Cup — the award given to the Park team with the best record against the other two squads (Canton included).

This time, the Wildcats moved into the driver's seat for campus bragging rights with a 6-3 victory over the Rocks. Scoring twice for Plymouth (6-2-0) was forward Andrew Jossey.

"It's nice to get the edge," said Plymouth head coach Gerry Vento, about the quest for the Lash Cup — which the Wildcats haven't won since Vento took over the team in 2011-12. "But we haven't won it yet and we just take it game by game."

Plymouth put the Rocks into an early hole, going up 2-0 over the opening seven minutes on a pair of point shots that eluded Salem goalie Dillon Phillips.

Jossey, stationed in front of Phillips, tipped in a blueline blast by defenseman Jared Merandi.

With about 10 minutes left in the first, the Wildcats went up 2-0 when defenseman Ben Chafin ripped a slapshot from the right point that the screened Phillips never saw.

"The first couple just throwing pucks on net, that's their game, they play a simple, hard, physical game, pucks on net with traffic," Salem head coach Ryan Ossenmacher said. "We don't get sticks up in front, and they get a tip and a rebound, and that's the way it goes."

At 14:31, forward Alex Bump buried a centering pass to put Plymouth up 3-0.

It looked like a blowout was in session when forward Ricky Covault, on the penalty kill for Plymouth, found himself all alone in front of Phillips after a giveaway and snapped a shot inside the short-side post.

But Salem quickly responded, just as Vento knew the Rocks would. With 4:59 left in the second, forward Nick Callegari swept in the rebound of a shot taken by defenseman Noah Saad.

The Rocks sliced the deficit to 4-2 two minutes later when forward Evan Newel split the Plymouth defense and beat Wildcats goalie Jared Maddock with a perfect shot over the trapper.

Salem nearly made it 4-3 in the final seconds of the period, but a blast by forward Zach Golemiak clanged off the goal post.

The Rocks did cut the lead to one with 7:18 left on a power-play marker by forward Noah Willer, who tipped Saad's point shot past Maddock.

Moments later, Salem forward Matt Schaumburger stickhandled in on Maddock in a tying bid, but his shot backhander was denied by the Plymouth goalie.

"Our goalies always come up big for us," Vento said. "I have two goalies I can put either one in net and I don't have to worry about it."

Just 1:33 later, the Wildcats padded their lead to 5-3 when forward Andrew Brace one-timed a nifty feed from forward Simon Nesich.

Capping off the scoring in the final two minutes was Jossey, from forwards Mitchell Lopetrone and Josh Smith (two assists each). Also with two helpers for Plymouth was Merandi.

"Our guys battled back," Ossenmacher said. "It's always hard when you put yourself down against a good team."

SALEM 6, SOUTH LYON UNIFIED 1: On Wednesday night at Plymouth Cultural Center, the host Rocks scored four goals in the first period and went on to rout South Lyon Unified in a KLAAs Kensington Conference crossover varsity boys hockey game.

ROMEIO 7, CANTON 1: Home ice wasn't kind to the Canton Chiefs Wednesday night, as visiting Romeio tallied three goals each in the first and third periods at Arctic Edge Arena.

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Salem's Matt Schaumburger (No. 21) looks to gain a step against Plymouth's Mitchell Lopetrone (No. 9) Friday night.

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Turning it around

Salem righted the ship in the second half, forcing turnovers, getting enough rebounds and making their way to the free-throw line. The Rocks hit 26 of 34 from the charity stripe (76 percent); John Glenn hit eight of just 12 attempts.

Edwards, who bruised a hip early in the game after tumbling to the floor, still wreaked havoc, scoring 22 points and grabbing 12 rebounds. Also strong on the glass for the Rockets was 6-5 sophomore forward Daijon Parker, with 10 rebounds.

"He (Edwards) had two fouls in the first quarter and I needed to take him out, and then the bruise probably limited him," John Glenn head coach Rod Watts said. "Big Mike is a multi-dimensional

player, he's a kid that can hurt you from the inside or outside."

"We haven't really displayed his outside skills yet, but that's yet to come. I want to establish him on the inside."

Stepping up when it mattered most for Salem was senior forward Allante Wheeler (13 points, seven rebounds, three steals).

"Coach told us (at halftime) that we needed to go out there and get them (on the boards) if we wanted to stay in the game," Wheeler said. "Because if they would have kept out-rebounding us it might have been a different outcome."

Also big for the Rocks was senior guard Jon Swift, who scored 21 points and salted the win away with a 6-for-6 showing from the free-throw line in the fourth.

"He (Wheeler) had a couple key steals, he had some deflections defensively," Brodie said. "He did a nice job in terms of coming back."

"But he was hungry, he was

chomping at the bit. He sat almost the whole first half, he got in foul trouble. So when he came out he was ready to play."

Tough rebounds

With the fast, freewheeling game deadlocked 57-57 with 4:10 to play in the final frame, Wheeler burrowed into traffic and came away with a clutch defensive rebound.

That led to a subsequent foul and he sank two freebies to put the Rocks up by two.

The Rockets regained the lead at 61-59 thanks to a power layup by Edwards, but then Salem senior guard Jake Stropes (eight points) drained a trey from beyond the top of the arc, giving the Rocks a 62-61 edge with about three minutes left.

Wheeler picked off a John Glenn pass and sank a free throw, and soon thereafter waded into the paint to get another defensive board.

With a two-point lead and the ball, senior forward Jakob

Lenders (nine points) dribbled in for a layup to make it 65-61.

John Glenn (1-1) — in front for most of the first half — could not rally in the final 2:30 following Lenders' bucket, with Swift calmly hitting key free throws.

Other Salem contributors included senior forward Tyler Brooks (six points, five rebounds), junior guard Calin Crawford (nine points) and junior center Kenny Topolovec.

For the Rockets, senior forward Jamie Melchor scored 13 points and tallied six rebounds. Senior guard Mychael Bradley added 11 points.

Salem will look to ride the positive momentum from the win into the Livonia Franklin holiday tournament, which begins Monday with a game against Redford Thurston.

PLYMOUTH 65, SOUTH LYON 53: Visiting Plymouth improved to 4-0 overall with Thursday's victory.

Randall Aikins led the Wildcats with 18 points, while other Plymouth players making contributions included Josh Reynolds (14 points, nine rebounds), Deji Adebisi (10 points, 10 rebounds), Armani Tate (nine points) and Pete Carravallah (six points).

"Everybody contributed and not necessarily in the points category, but in some way, shape or form," Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup said. "So it was a great team win by us tonight. I'm really proud of the guys and we're going to keep grinding and keep getting better."

CANTON 61, STEVENSON 33: The Chiefs stayed on their early season roll Thursday night, romping to this victory at Livonia Stevenson.

Leading Canton (4-0) with 17 points was Greg Williams, while Logan Ryan added 16. Helping the cause with eight points was Jalen Cochran. Tallying seven was Obi Okoli.

FISH DIAL-A-RIDE NEEDS HELP DRIVING CLIENTS TO DOCTORS

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Senior citizens driving senior citizens. That's how Rosalie Seal of Westland describes an all-volunteer, free transportation service called Fish Dial-A-Ride Western Wayne County. Seal coordinates the service, which pairs drivers and clients for rides to and from medical appointments on weekdays.

Although most of its passengers are seniors, the service is open to anyone in Westland, Garden City and Livonia who is unable to drive, has no alternative transportation, and needs a ride to a medical appointment.

And although most of its drivers are retired, the organization welcomes adult insured and licensed drivers of any age. Seal is "always looking for more drivers."

"We only have nine drivers. We really need drivers right now," she said.

Although volunteers decide how often they drive, most commit to one day weekly, shuttling clients to appointments between 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. The volunteer opportunity attracts mostly seniors because younger persons work during the day, Seal said.

More drivers would enable the group to take on more appointments and possibly offer rides for such procedures as kidney dialysis.

"We use our own cars. Most of us can't take people in wheelchairs — us being senior citizens ourselves," she said. Drivers may not have the room for special equipment, such as a wheelchair, or ability to handle it. But the addition of a few younger, stronger volunteer drivers could change that scenario.

"I'm 73. We've had drivers who were 85 years old," Seal said. "We're always looking for drivers."

Giving back

Kaye Gestro began driving six years ago after she retired from her job at a bank.

"I'm a breast cancer survivor. When I was going to chemotherapy and radiation, I had all kinds of family support," Gestro said. "But you'd be there and you'd hear, 'there's so-and-so who has to take a taxi to get here.' When I was getting close to retirement age, I picked up a brochure and said, this would be good to do."

"I enjoy it. I feel like I'm doing some good. Some people may have five kids but they are in Texas, Florida and Alas-



Volunteer driver Kaye Gestro waits for a client's companion to load a walker into her car.

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ka. There's no one to take them and some car services are (expensive) even if you have an adequate amount of money.

"There are people who, as they are getting older, are nervous about driving," she added. "A lot of people lose their eyesight. We drive several blind people."

The Livonia woman drives once a week, but takes on added clients if her schedule allows. She picks up riders from both senior citizen apartments and private homes and may read or run errands while waiting to drive them home. She also returns calls left on the organization's answering machine and schedules drivers, a task she shares with two other volunteers.

Gestro said some clients require frequent rides and some use the service sporadically. "We've had plenty of people who use us once and never use us again. We heard from this one gal after a year and a half — she was friends with this lady and they did everything together until they got into an argument — she was back to needing rides again."

Helping others

Gestro and Seal said most riders donate "a little" money for the rides. Jan Anderson of Livonia started out as a driver, but has kept track of the group's financial books for the past five years. Fish Dial-A-Ride donates all of the money it receives to other organizations, Anderson said.

"Just yesterday I sent a check to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Last year I think we did Gleaners. One year it was the Senior Alliance," Anderson said. "Since we are a nonprofit, when the money builds up, I like to get rid of it."

Volunteers are not reimbursed for gas, but decide how often and when they'll drive. "It's very rewarding and they can do it in their own time frame," Gestro said. "They don't have to swear they'll drive once a week. One driver said last week it sounded interesting to him but he could only drive on Friday. That would be great."

Fish Dial-A-Ride needs volunteers for phone calls, scheduling and driving. Volunteers and residents who are in need of a ride may call 888-660-2007 and leave a message.



Rosalie Seal of Westland coordinates the Fish Dial-a-Ride program for Livonia, Westland and Garden City.

Good Samaritan hopes to inspire others with dog tale

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Paul Lubanski didn't think twice about scooping the bleeding terrier into a blanket, handing his car keys to a neighbor and ordering the driver to head for the nearest veterinary hospital.

Lubanski didn't know the dog, the neighbor, or the dog's owner, but he felt compelled to pitch in that day, more than 10

years ago, when he stopped to help the injured Yorkie in his subdivision.

"I'd hope that anyone who found themselves in a similar situation, confronted with an emergency with a beautiful animal, would do the same thing," said the Farmington Hills man. "Be aware of your surroundings and jump in when you can ... do something for a neighbor."

Lubanski said the experience took on special significance last month when he discovered the dog, named Genevieve, had indeed recovered and was about to turn 14 years old.

"I hadn't stayed in touch and didn't want to know if the dog had passed," he said. "She survived against the odds. It does fill my heart to know I

played a role in that family enjoying their pet."

Reunion

Annie Ross said Lubanski noticed her husband, Rob, working in their garage last month and stopped to ask about the dog. He was surprised and elated to discover their pet had survived the injuries she had sustained in a dog attack 10 years before. He asked if he could hold her again.

"To this day my kids call him the Samaritan," Ross said. "He was kind, saw an animal in distress, stopped and helped."

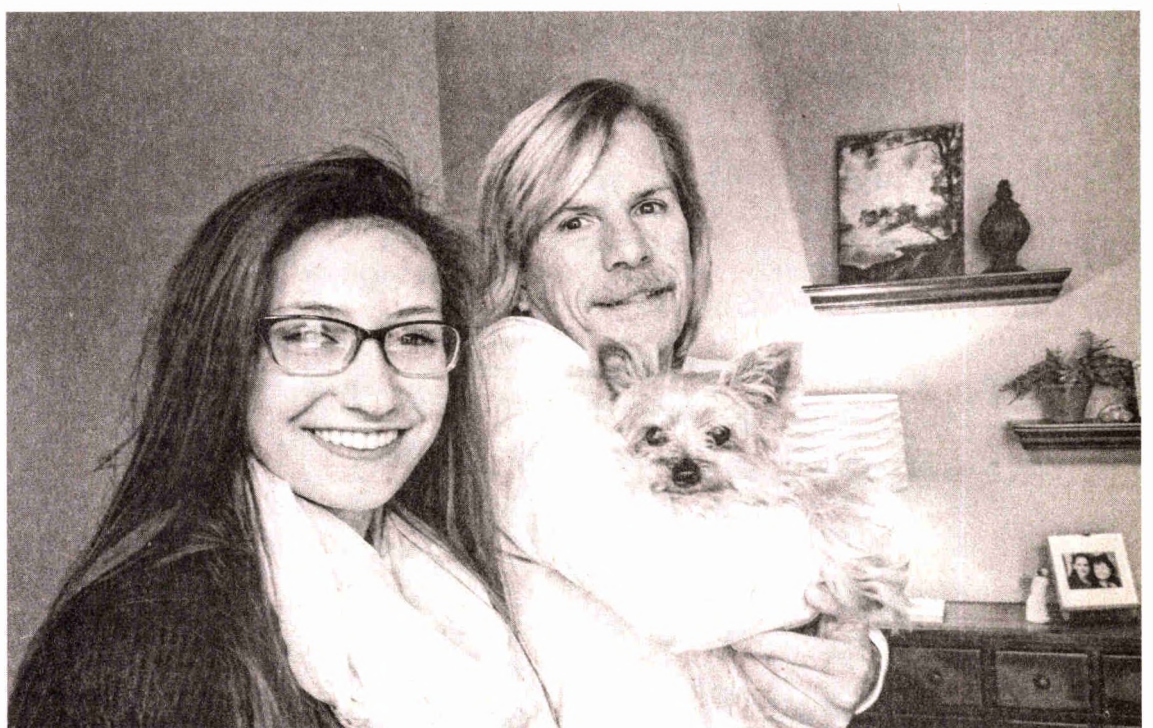
Ross said the incident taught her two daughters the value of being a good neighbor and a good pet owner. They experienced the patience and perseverance that was needed to nurse Genevieve back to health.

The dog had suffered spinal cord injuries and a stroke due to blood loss after being attacked by a much larger dog. A baby sitter at the Ross household accidentally let the pup out.

Poor prognosis

After two weeks in a veterinary hospital, Genevieve came home, able to move her head and tail.

"We were feeding her with a syringe, picking her up to burp her like a baby. We worked her muscles every day," Ross said, adding that a neurologist predicted the dog would never



Paul Lubanski reunites with the Yorkshire terrier, Genevieve, that he helped save 10 years ago after the dog was injured by a larger dog. Monique Ross and her family own Genevieve, who turned 14 on Dec. 11. Ross and Lubanski live in the same Farmington Hills subdivision.

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walk again. "My husband said we can't give up. She's part of the family. We kept going and eventually she started crawling. Within two months she was walking."

"She walked with a funny gait, but she was happy. It's her fighting, happy spirit that worked in her favor."

Arthritis, dimming eyesight and deafness have slowed her

physical abilities, but she's still an important member of the Ross family.

"She's still happy and feisty" and alive because of their loving care and Lubanski's willingness to get involved 10 years earlier.

Lubanski, a longtime hockey and baseball coach, is president of Wilderness Xtreme Sports and author of two chil-

dren's books, including one about a dog named Coopie. He has already begun penning his next project.

"Six pounds of American hero, an inspirational book about Genevieve the wonder dog who survived all odds. I think the story is a fun one and needs to be told," he said. "I'm going to dedicate it to Wounded Warriors."



PET PROJECTS

MatzoBall offers alternative to Christmas Eve parties

By Diana Wing
Correspondent

For non-Christians, Christmas Eve offers limited opportunities to go out and socialize, because pretty much everything closes early.

"Typically for us, it's Chinese restaurants and movies," said Jenny Feterovich of Bloomfield, who for the last 16 years has organized and promoted a party event on Christmas Eve geared toward the Russian-speaking Jewish community.

This year, Feterovich is teaming up with the folks who sponsor the MatzoBall, a Jewish singles event that had its start 28 years ago at a local bar in Boston, and is now held in cities across the country.

"They've been doing it in New York, Boston, Chicago, Miami, and they keep adding cities every year. This year, they decided to reach out to me, and we put our heads together and planned an event," she said.

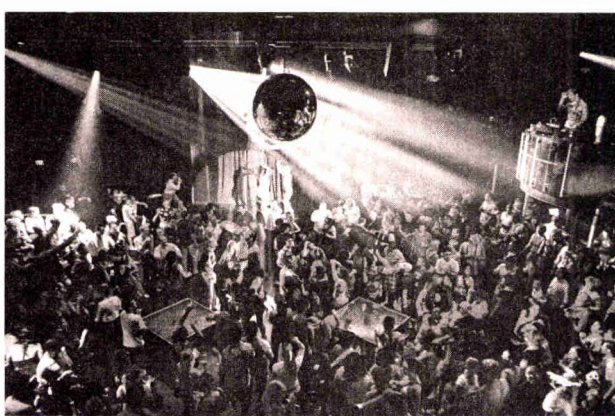
MatzoBall Detroit rolls into the new Twisted

Tavern and Twist Night Club in Ferndale, Dec. 24, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Feterovich, a managing partner and producer with Parliament Studios in Clawson, said she approached the owner of the Twisted Tavern about the party and he was "keen to the idea of being open Christmas Eve."

"It's a wonderful place. I actually did a premiere for the second season of my national PBS TV show (*Start Up*) there," she said. "Twisted Tavern will be open for people who want to hang out and have some food ... We're going to have DJs and music. The dancing and the social portion of the evening will be at the club."

While the nationwide MatzoBall is known as a Jewish singles event aimed at party goers in their 20s and 30s, Feterovich's version will be all-inclusive.

"A lot of people are not single and they want to come out and enjoy dancing and meeting people and hanging out," said Feterovich, a former DJ who still spins from time to time. "This is just



The MatzoBall gives Jewish singles a place to mingle and have fun on Dec. 24, when most other party venues are closed.

another alternative for the younger generation and even people into their 30s and 40s, and whatever age they are, to come out and enjoy the music and socialize ... so we're going to keep it open to everybody."

Jaimee Wine, 28, who grew up attending Congregation Adat Shalom in Farmington Hills, is looking forward to the event. She got free tickets last week at Menorah in the D, the fourth annual lighting of a 26-foot menorah in Campus Martius in Detroit.

"I think when you start an event it needs time to take off. Because it's the first one I don't have huge expectations. I'm hoping it has a good turnout."

"I've always been out of town (on Dec. 24). Last year I was in New York. The year before that I went to Festivus," she said, referring to a local party held as an alternative to Christmas celebrations. "I've usually been out of town on a cruise. But all my friends are looking for something to do."



A DJ and a film and television producer, Jenny Feterovich of Bloomfield is bringing the MatzoBall party event to metro Detroit.

Wine attended a MatzoBall in Miami, Fla., one year while on a trip with her family.

"It was so fun. I loved it. It was like a huge party," she said. "It was awesome ... something for Jewish people to do during the Christmas season."

The MatzoBall has a reputation for being somewhat of a match-making event. In fact, the founder of the night-before-Christmas party, Andy Rudnick, met his wife at one of his events. I asked Feterovich if her parties led to lifelong friendships and relation-

ships. "Absolutely, especially in my group because it was kind of a niche. Russian-Jewish people were interested in meeting each other, because they were from the same culture. So, marriages and babies came from those parties," Feterovich said.

She suggests that party goers "bring your smiles and have a good time." Before the party gets going, organizers will be donating and feeding matzo ball soup to homeless people at the Detroit Rescue Mission.

Tickets for MatzoBall Detroit are \$20 and can be purchased at the door or online at www.matzoball.org/our_events/matzoball-detroit-2014. Twisted Tavern is located at 22901 Woodward Ave. in Ferndale.

To learn more about Feterovich's PBS show, *Start Up*, which spotlights people around the country who follow their dreams and open businesses, visit www.startup-usa.com.

—Staff writer Sharon Dargay contributed to this story

Check car seats, buckle kids in correctly before travel time

Safe Kids Michigan, an organization dedicated to preventing unintentional childhood injury, reminds parents and caregivers to take a few simple steps to keep children safe during the holidays.

"Road injuries are the leading cause of preventable deaths and injuries to children in the United States," said Amber Kroeker, Safe Kids Huron Valley coordinator and injury prevention health educator for C. S. Mott Children's Hospital. "Correctly used child

safety seats can reduce the risk of death by as much as 71 percent."

Safe Kids Michigan recommends checking your child's car seat before traveling. The organization offers a checklist and tips on buckling up correctly at <http://bit.ly/luFmt43>.

Remove bulky coats before buckling your child into a car seat. If it's cold outside, cover babies and young children with a thick blanket after they're strapped securely into their seat. Bulky winter clothes and

coats can keep a car seat harness from doing its job.

Use booster seats for kids that have outgrown a forward-facing harness seat if they aren't ready for a seat belt or front seat. Even when children have graduated from booster seats, they should ride in the back seat until they are 13.

Once on the road, take time to find a safe area to feed or change your child.

Remember the car seat for air travel. Check to make sure the car seat

is labeled "certified for use in aircraft."

The organization also offers these safety tips for holiday visits:

- » Keep medicines and small objects out of sight. Before you stay with friends or family, talk to them about being extra careful to keep medications and small objects away from young kids. Medications can look like candy to children, and button batteries, magnets, and small toys may be small enough for children to swallow.
- » Engage older kids in

cooking. It's a great time to teach them some kitchen safety tips, such as turning pot handles away from the stove's edge or using potholders when holding hot dishes.

» Double check screens for the fireplace. Check to see if the home you're visiting has any fireplaces, and make sure they're protected by a sturdy screen. Remember that glass screens can take a long time to cool down. Keep the little ones away.

» Plan for safe sleep and more. If you plan to

spend the night somewhere other than your home, make sure your baby has a safe place to sleep such as a portable pack-n-play. It's also a great time to check that the house where you're staying has a working smoke alarm.

» Send your kids outside in the cold with proper gear such as helmets when they're skiing, snowboarding or playing ice hockey. Also remind kids to stay properly hydrated — dehydration can and does happen even in cold.

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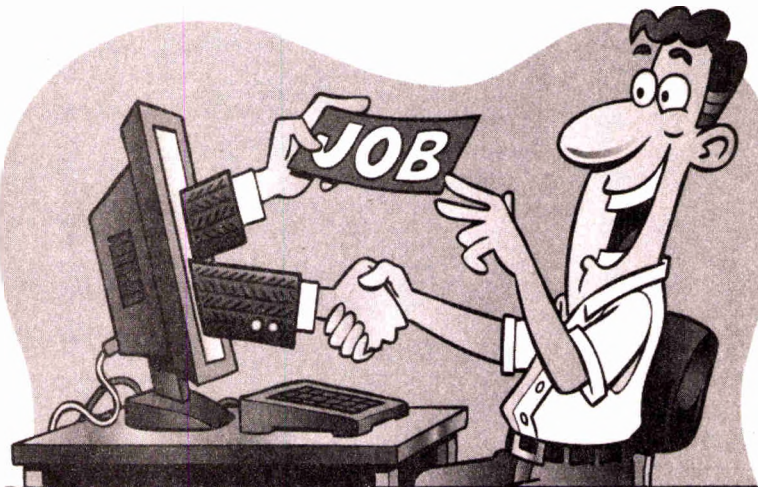
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WEDDING



David Miller Brown and Shanna Katherine Hammersley on their wedding day

HAMMERSLEY-BROWN

Shanna Katherine Hammersley and David Miller Brown were married Aug. 23, 2014, at Mill Race Village in Northville. The Rev. Robert Abbott officiated.

The bride, daughter of Donald and Clea Hammersley of Bitely, is a 2007 Central Michigan University graduate.

The groom, son of Paul and Susan Brown of Livonia, is a 2008 Central Michigan University graduate and employee of the Whirlpool Corp.

Matron of honor was the bride's sister, Trisha Aiken. Bridesmaids were Beth Anne Sutton, Kristy Zuehlke, Debbie Sanders,

and Beth Hammersley. Lillian and Genevieve Brown and Hannah Hammersley were flower girls.

Best man was the groom's brother, Stephen Brown. Groomsmen were Alan Ciotta, Thomas Barry, Matthew Meagher, Justin Hammersley, and Calvin Aiken. Ushers were Connor and Cameron Aiken. Kaleb Hammersley and Micah Hammersley were ring bearers.

A reception was held at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township.

The newlyweds took a honeymoon trip to Maui, Hawaii. They make their home in St. Joseph.

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WEDDING



Lance Michael Bessent and Laura Robertson Henry on their wedding day

HENRY-BESSENT

Laura Robertson Henry and Lance Michael Bessent were married Sept. 13, 2014 at the historic Newburg Church at Greenmead in Livonia. Amy Zoldowski officiated.

The bride, daughter of Dean Henry and Nancy Robertson of Livonia, graduated from Michigan State University and is employed by Orleans Moran PLLC.

The groom, son of Linda Bessent of Westland, graduated from Eastern Michigan University and is employed

by Sun Communities. Erin O'Donnell, the bride's sister, was the maid of honor. Childhood friends, Jennifer Gambrel and Missy Kayko, were bridesmaids. Norah O'Donnell, the bride's niece, was the flower girl.

Best man was Tom Borgula, a friend. Groomsmen were Adam Bessent, the groom's brother, and Sam Borgula, a friend.

A reception was held at St. Mary's Cultural Center, Livonia. The couple took a honeymoon trip to Disney World.

SUBMITTED

RELIGION CALENDAR

DECEMBER BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 21
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: Pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, milk, juice; \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children, 2-10. Santa Claus will visit
Contact: 734-425-4421

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Dec. 24 and 9:30 a.m. Dec. 25
Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford
Details: Family service on Christmas Eve; free gifts for children and visitors
Contact: 734-968-3523

CONCERT

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21
Location: The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary, 18200 Merriman, Livonia
Details: Holy Land Christmas Concerts includes carols and hymns
Contact: 734-422-0010; saint-marylivonia

LIVING NATIVITY

Time/Date: 6-9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21
Location: Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: In addition to the stable scene set up on the church lawn, carolers will sing and refreshments will be served
Contact: 734-464-6722

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Dec. 31
Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford
Details: Worship service
Contact: 313-532-8655 or 734-968-3523

JANUARY FITNESS CLASSES

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m., Monday, Jan. 12-March 30
Location: St. John Neumann, 44800 Warren Road, Canton
Details: John Mason, a certified personal fitness trainer, teaches this 10-week class that includes yoga-oriented flexibility moves, stretching, strength training and abdominal and back exercises. Cost is \$70, with a portion of proceeds going to the church
Contact: 734-455-5910

WORLD SABBATH

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Jan. 25, 2015
Location: Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills
Details: Celebrate peace and religious diversity through this interfaith experience of music, dance and prayer. Afterglow follows the service
Contact: 248-851-5100 for additional information

ONGOING CLASSES/STUDY

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

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township
Details: Scripture study
Contact: 313-534-9000

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. last Saturday of the month
Location: Canton Christian Fellowship, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton
Details: No documentation needed

FAMILY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills
Details: Free meal
Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, September-May
Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners
Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 W. Chicago Road, Redford
Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084 or Kristen at 734-542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday
Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia
Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service.
Contact: 313-563-0162

PRAYER

St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday
Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through back.
Details: Music, singing, prayer
Contact: Grace at 734-464-1896, Shirley at 734-464-3656 or Geri at 734-464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday
Location: 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton
Details: Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.
Contact: 734-459-3333 for additional information

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday
Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, Room 304
Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated.
Contact: The facilitator at 313-283-8200; lef@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 7-7:15 p.m., social time; 7:30 p.m., announcements; 7:30-8:30 p.m., program; 8:30-9 p.m. ice cream social, Thursdays.
Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville
Details: Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5
Contact: 248-349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday
Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia
Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others.
Contact: 313-534-0399 for additional information

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BRANDON, CLARENCE G.

December 18, 2014, age 94. He was a great man of character, honesty and dependability. His word was his bond. Beloved husband of the late Rachel. Dear father of Bob (Pat) Brandon, Donna (Jimmie) Gribble, and Tonya Willette. Dear grandfather of Chris (Lauren) Brandon, Rachel Leann (Steven) Jones, Dr. Timothy (Milayna) Brandon, Michelle (Ken) Lindberg, Susan (Thomas) Strey, and Dirk Willette. Great-grandfather of Angela, Joshua, Kara, Allison, Benjamin, Calvin, Ian, and Molly. Brother of William, L.D., Clyde, and the late Melvin Brandon. Visitation Monday 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth, where Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday 11 a.m.



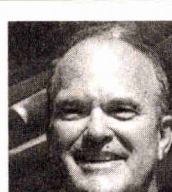
BRITTON, SIDNEY

Of Venice, Florida, formerly of Beverly Hill, MI, died on December 14, 2014. He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, JoAnn Britton. Memorial contributions may be made to Tidewell Hospice, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34238.



HEILMANN, GERHARD MAX

Died peacefully in his sleep on December 11, 2014 surrounded by his family in Gardendale Alabama. Max as he was known to his friends and family was born on January 29, 1914 in Berlin Germany and immigrated to the United States in December 1960 making his home in Livonia MI with his wife Ruth. He enjoyed the outdoors, camping and his beloved garden. Max and Ruth traveled the world after his retirement from Detroit Diesel making trips to Europe, the Panama Canal and the Caribbean. He is survived by his wife, his children Michael (Maureen), Andrew (Annette) and Dorothy Obara. He was very proud of his six grandchildren Lindsay, Dana, Hans, "The Girl" Tori, Grace and Grant who called him "Opa". Max is at rest and his family will have a memorial service in Hollywood, Florida on December 27, 2014. Donations may be made in his honor at the National Parkinson Foundation, www.parkinson.org on his honor page.

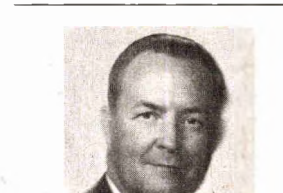


HILL, JOHN N.

Age 57, of Farmington Hills, owner of Chem-Dry of Oak Hills, died unexpectedly December 15, 2014. John was preceded in death by his beloved parents William and Naomi Hill. He is survived by his loving wife Beth and his dear children Nevin (Jennifer) Hill, Justin (Angela) Hill, Brian (Katie) Hill, Emily (James) Morris, Alysse (Joshua) Hill, and Austin Hill; his siblings Larry (Barb) Hill and Janice (Greg) Exner; and cherished grandchildren Kelsey and Owen Hill, and Gavin Hill. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 20th, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Bloomfield Hills. Interment at Parkview Memorial Park, Livonia. Memorial gifts suggested to Autism Speaks, Lighthouse of Oakland County, or Little Hearts. heeneysundquist.com

LITKE, MELVIN H.

Age 93, passed away on December 16, 2014. Beloved husband of the late Dorothea. Loving father of Cheryl (Peter) Prsavage, Sue (Jim) Kaunisto, and Kathy (Bill) Knox. Devoted grandfather of Nikki, Scott (Danielle), Samantha, and Josh. Proud great-grandfather of Jonny, Joey, Ben, Tea, and Aidan. Brother of the late Norman, Leonard, Wilbert, Victor Litke, and Lenore DeVos. Loving uncle of many nieces and nephews. Melvin Litke served in the Army Air Corps during World War II in the Eighth Air Force, 96th bombardment group as a waist gunner in a B-17, flying 50 missions over Europe. He was a senior designer at General Motors for 42 years retiring in 1982. He was an active member of VFW Post 6695 in Plymouth. Memorial Service to be held January 10, 2015 at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth, MI. Family visitation at 10 a.m., service at 11 a.m., with a luncheon following. Interment at Glen Eden Memorial Park. Memorials to the American Cancer Society.



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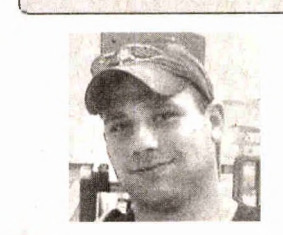
94, of Tryon, North Carolina, joined our Lord Wednesday, December 17, 2014 in St. Luke's Hospital, Columbus, NC. Born in Detroit, MI, he was the son of the late Charles D. and Mary Elizabeth Brewer Pierce. He started little league baseball in Birmingham, MI. Mr. Pierce was a graduate of Cranbrook School in Bloomfield Hills, MI. He studied electrical engineering at the University of Tennessee before entering WWII serving in the Royal Canadian Air Force and the U.S. Naval Air Force. Mr. Pierce was an avid sportsman. He was a member of the Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills Chamber of Commerce, an electrical contractor, and donated the lighting at Shain Park. Mr. Pierce was loved by all and will be dearly missed. Surviving is his wife of sixty-nine years, Carolyn Watkins Pierce; three sons, Ross Pierce of Las Vegas, Nevada, Brian Pierce of Rutherfordton, NC, and Carl Pierce of Tryon, NC; two daughters, Cathie Lossiah of Cherokee, NC, and Denise Pierce of Columbus, NC. Also surviving are four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Bruce Pierce. No services are planned. An online guest register is available at www.mcfarlandfuneralchapel.com.

VANSANT, PEARL

December 17, 2014, Age 101 of Westland. Dearest mother of William and the late Philip Vansant. Dear grandmother of Jennifer (John) Eberhart, Steve, Joel and Christopher Vansant. Also survived by six great-grandchildren Visitation Sunday 2-9p.m., Monday 1-9p.m. at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland. Funeral Service Tuesday 10 a.m. Interment at Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens. Please view memorial and send tributes at www.uhtfh.com



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GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

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

Livonia Garden Club

Lisa Steinkopf, a certified indoor landscape technician and nurseryman and a member of the Garden Writer's Association, will give a PowerPoint presentation on succulents, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2015, at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. Succulents are low maintenance and come in all shapes and colors. Plants will be available for purchase. Visitors are welcome. livoniagardenclub.org

Owls

Take a guided night hike 6-7:30 p.m. Jan. 8 and 16 through Heritage Park in Farmington Hills.



SUBMITTED

Learn about terrariums at English Gardens.

Listen for owl calls and find out what makes these nocturnal creatures such expert hunters and survivalists. Meet inside the nature center at the park, 24915 Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile. All ages are welcome but children must be accompanied by an adult. Dress for the

weather and wear sturdy boots.

Cost is \$5 per person. Pre-registration is required at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, or online at http://recreg.fhgov.com.

Matthaei Botanical Gardens

Letters & Lives exhibit runs through Jan. 4, 2015, and explores the

link between poetry and nature. Includes an installation of nature-inspired photography. Free. Matthaei Botanical Gardens is located at 1800 N. Dixboro, Ann Arbor; 734-647-7600.

English Gardens

» Learn how to make a terrarium at a free in-store presentation, 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015.

» Kids can make a terrarium to take home, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015. Cost is \$20. Sign up online at englishgardens.com/events.

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

Snowfall: When you shovel, avoid trouble

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Shoveling snow isn't what most Michiganders look forward to each winter, but it has to be done. Physical therapist Dawn Thomas, who works at the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan in Birmingham, part of the Detroit Medical Center, has health tips for snow shovelers.

"First of all, you want to push the snow when possible," said Royal Oak resident Thomas, who earned her master's degree in physical therapy from Oakland University in 1995. "It's more in tune with your body."

Thomas, who specializes in orthopedics with a focus on the spine, noted layers of snow pile up. It's best to work on your snowfall in increments to ease the load, "helpful to take stress off the back."

Sometimes snow must be lifted rather than pushed. In such cases, Thomas says it's best to position your lifting hand near the "scooper" part of the shovel, by the handle's base.

"That will draw the load closer to your body," she said, with less spine stress. "You want to bend your knees and your hips. Your gluts and your quads (muscles) are doing the work."

Keep it natural

Your back should remain as neutral as possible, Thomas said, with you picking up the load and "move your feet to the direction where you're going to dump the snow. You're not having to lift and turn it."

A smaller shovel used will weigh less, she said. "That automatically makes you bite off smaller chunks."

Some "crunchy" snow is harder to shovel, and Thomas noted, "The fluffier the snow the easier it is to clear it."

Overall fitness and especially heart attack risk, including high blood pressure, should always be considered, she said. "You have to consider what



Chris Shurin uses a fancy shovel to handle the job on an earlier snow day. It's important to push snow when possible in shoveling and to minimize strain on your back by bending your knees and hips, keeping your back as neutral as possible if snow must be lifted in shoveling.

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your fitness level is. It is stressful on your body."

Layer up

For some people with age and/or health issues, neighborhood kids or a snow clearing service are the way to go, she said. When it comes to clothing, wicking layers should be worn, as you'll build up sweat while working.

You should cover all skin, make sure your vision isn't blocked by a hat or scarf, she said, and wear good treaded boots to reduce fall risks. Monitoring your exertion level is key.

"Typically you would work out your muscles so your muscles and body have a level of readiness for it," said Thomas,

recommending such stretches as squats or even climbing some stairs indoors before you head out to shovel.

"Allow yourself to take breaks if you need to," she added. Staying hydrated with lots of water is also vital.

If you experience chest pains, you should call 911 immediately. Those heart attack symptoms can come and go, she said, but shouldn't be ignored. "For sure I would say the 911 would be the appropriate response."

Thomas is good about heeding her own health and shoveling advice at her Royal Oak home: "Actually, I had my kids help me, too."

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SNOWBLOWER SAFETY

Dr. David Weaver, D.O., has been with Oakwood Healthcare since 1990 and is medical director of Oakwood Healthcare Center-Canton. "We do see a number of injuries during a typical winter related to snowblowers," said Farmington Hills resident Weaver.

Eyes, ears, hands and legs can all be injured by snowblower misuse, he said. He urges you to use protective eyewear, as gravel and dirt may be kicked up by a snowblower. "You want to be sure you have good eye protection," Weaver said, as well as plugs or other protection for your ears to reduce noise.

Problems often arise when the blade of the snowblower mechanism gets stuck. "Amputation is something we see very frequently," or mangled fingers, said Weaver.

You should never reach into a snowblower that's running. "Turn that thing off completely," Weaver urged. When it's totally off, you can dislodge what's stuck with another object: "It's on that object and not your hand," he said of pressure.

"Kids like to run through it," he added of snow and debris thrown up by a snowblower. "You have the potential to hurt somebody. Snowblowing is very dangerous; keep everybody away."

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15 jobs that pay \$30 an hour

By Debra Auerbach
CareerBuilder writer

Want to know some fun facts about the number 30? Four months of the year have 30 days. A U.S. senator must be 30 years or older in order to serve in the position. Thirty is the number of minutes in a half hour, and it's a common length for TV programs. The standard size of a basketball in the NBA is about 30 inches in circumference.

You may or may not find those facts interesting, but here's a fact about 30 that will surely get your attention.

The following 15 jobs pay around \$30 an hour:

1. Accountants and auditors

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Typical education level:
Bachelor's degree

Median hourly pay: \$30.55

2. Aerospace engineering and operations technicians

...operate and maintain equipment used in developing, testing and producing new aircraft and spacecraft. Increasingly, these workers are using computer-based modeling and simulation tools and processes in their work.

Typical education level:
Associate degree

Median hourly pay: \$29.58

3. Arbitrators, mediators and conciliators

...help resolve conflicts outside of the court system by facilitating negotiation and dialogue between disputing parties.

Typical education level:
Bachelor's degree

Median hourly pay: \$29.46

4. Chiropractors

...treat patients with health problems related to their nerves, bones, muscles, ligaments and tendons. They use spinal adjustments, manipulation and other techniques to manage patients' health concerns, such as back and neck pain.

Typical education level:
Doctoral/professional degree

Median hourly pay: \$31.81

5. Diagnostic medical sonographers and cardiovascular technologists and technicians

...including vascular technologists, operate special imaging equipment to create images or conduct tests. The images and test results help physicians assess and diagnose medical conditions. Some technologists assist physicians and surgeons during surgical procedures.

Typical education level:
Associate degree

Median hourly pay: \$29.02

6. Environmental scientists and specialists

...use their knowledge of the natural sciences to protect the environment and human health. They may clean up polluted areas, advise policy makers or work with industry to reduce waste.

Typical education level:
Bachelor's degree

Median hourly pay: \$30.56

7. Fashion designers

...create original clothing, accessories and footwear. They sketch designs, select fabrics and patterns, and give instructions on how to make the products they designed.

Typical education level:
Bachelor's degree

Median hourly pay: \$30.22

8. Insurance underwriters

...decide whether to provide insurance and under what terms. They evaluate insurance applications and determine coverage amounts and premiums.

Typical education level:
Bachelor's degree

Median hourly pay: \$30.22

9. Landscape architects

...plan and design land areas for parks, recreational facilities, private homes, campuses and other open spaces.

Typical education level:
Bachelor's degree

Median hourly pay: \$30.86

10. Microbiologists

...study microorganisms such as bacteria, viruses, algae, fungi and some types of parasites. They try to understand how these organisms live, grow and interact with their environments.

Typical education level:
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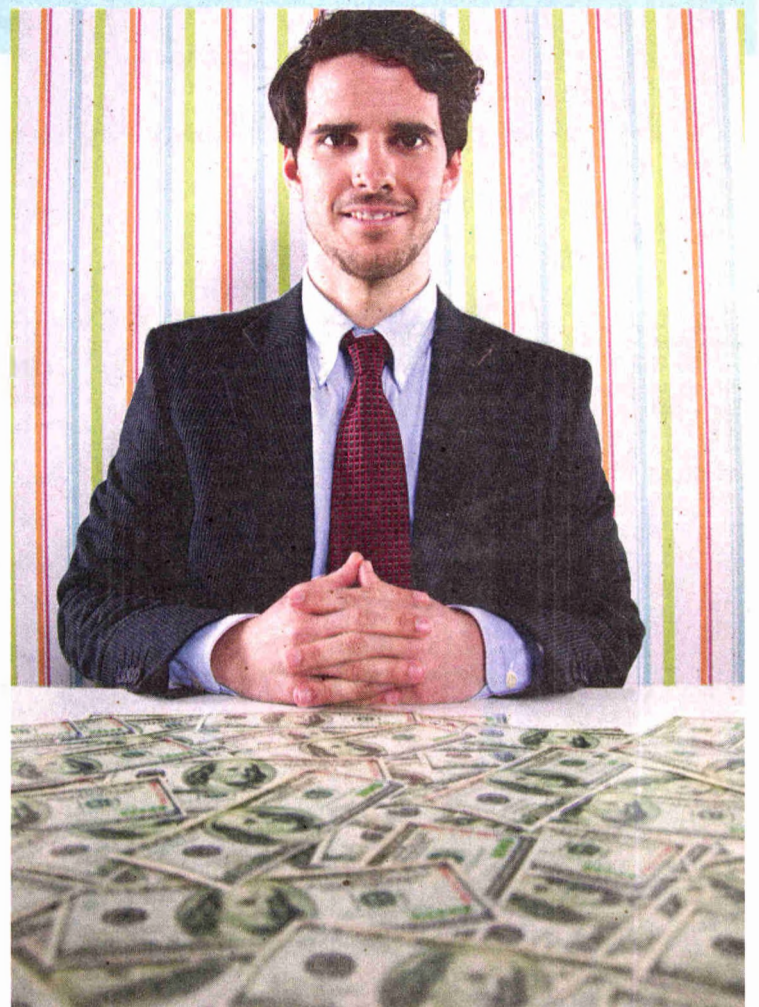
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11. Multimedia artists and animators

...create animation and visual effects for television, movies, video games and other forms of media.

Typical education level:
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Median hourly pay: \$29.50



12. Registered nurses

...provide and coordinate patient care, educate patients and the public about various health conditions and provide advice and emotional support to patients and their family members.

Typical education level:
Associate degree

Median hourly pay: \$31.48

13. Technical writers

...also known as technical communicators, prepare instruction manuals, journal articles and other supporting documents to communicate complex and technical information more easily. They also develop, gather and disseminate technical information among customers, designers and manufacturers.

Typical education level:
Bachelor's degree

Median hourly pay: \$31.49

14. Urban and regional planners

...develop plans and programs for the use of land. Their plans help create communities, accommodate population growth and revitalize physical facilities in towns, cities, counties and metropolitan areas.

Typical education level:
Master's degree

Median hourly pay: \$31.36

15. Web developers

...design and create websites. They are responsible for the overall look of the site. They are also responsible for the site's technical aspects, such as performance and capacity, which are measures of a website's speed and how much traffic the site can handle.

Typical education level:
Associate degree

Median hourly pay: \$30.05

*Job descriptions, education level and pay from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Debra Auerbach is a writer and blogger for CareerBuilder.com and its job blog, The Work Buzz. She researches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues.

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KIA RIO 2013
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MKZ 2011
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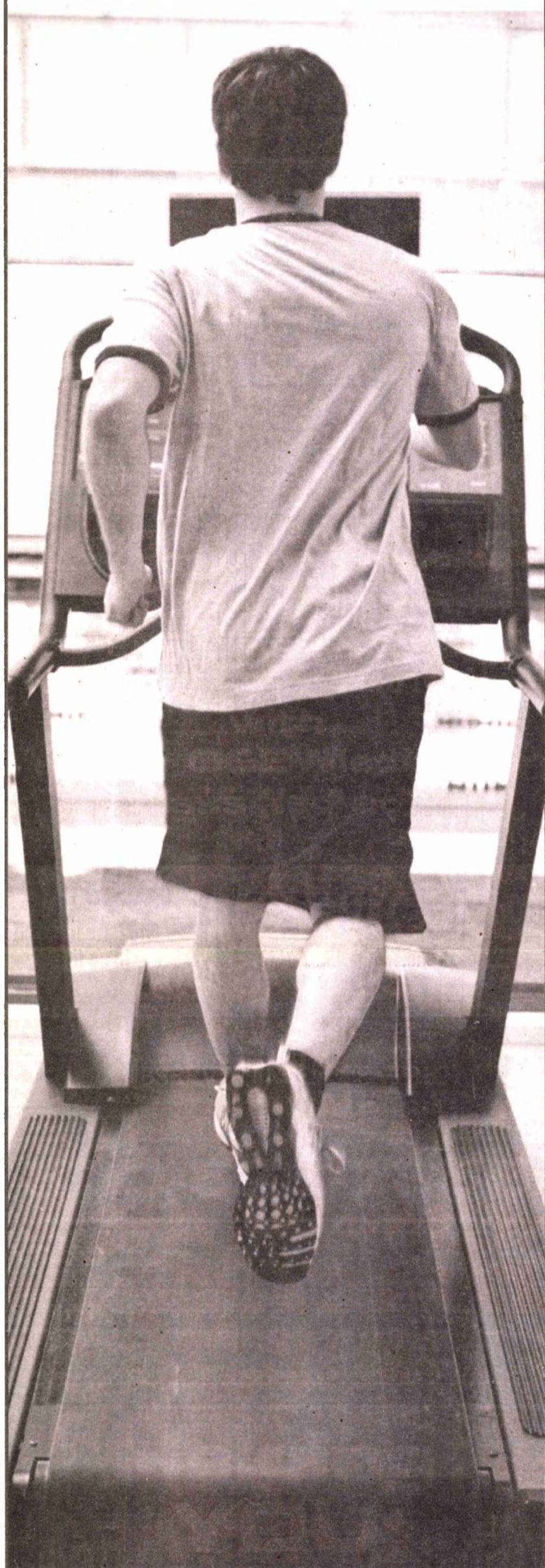
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 - 16 Tadpole
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 - 20 Whether
 - 21 Tokyo, once
 - 22 Rained hard?
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 - 29 Duffer's goal
 - 30 Malt brew
 - 31 Ding-a- (airhead)
 - 32 Get spliced
 - 33 Annoy
 - 34 Lennon's wife
 - 35 Dripping
 - 36 Tam cousin
 - 37 Ballroom numbers
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WORDS

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- HOLIDAY
- LEAVES
- LEFTOVERS
- MAYFLOWER
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- NOVEMBER
- OVEN
- PECAN
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- PUMPKIN
- RECIPE
- ROAST
- SETTLERS
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- TURKEY
- YAMS

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Sudoku

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Word Search

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Familiar yet fresh luxury: the 2015 Lincoln Navigator



By Greg Mullin
Staff Writer

With its iconic blend of style, luxury and performance, the 2015 Navigator delivers everything that made it great — and new levels of quality, design and personal service for active families, said Steve Hunsinger, the sales manager at Jack Demmer Lincoln in Dearborn.

"The Navigator looks both familiar and utterly fresh with a redesigned exterior and interior for 2015, in addition to client-focused technologies and new luxurious appointments to retain its leadership in the full-size luxury SUV market," Hunsinger said.

Plus, "the Lincoln Navigator offers more technology than ever before to help assist the driver on the daily commute and on family vacations," he said.

Available technology in-

cludes: Lincoln Drive Control, MyLincoln Touch, a forward-sensing system, rear-view camera, reverse-sensing system and the Blind Spot Information System.

"It is clear that the 2015 Navigator has set the technology bar to a whole new level," Hunsinger said.

One of the most exciting differences on the 2015 Navigator is the all-new powertrain, he added.

"The 3.5L EcoBoost powertrain is a turbocharged engine that achieves a balance of power and fuel economy through key technologies," Hunsinger said. "The twin turbochargers provide power while the direct fuel injection provides better fuel economy and reduces emissions."

Critics have recognized the Navigator with Best-in-Class honors for its towing, cargo volume and third-row legroom.

Competitors include the

Cadillac Escalade, Infiniti QX80 and GMC Yukon Denali.

"With the fresh exterior restyling, interior refinements, added technology and the all-new 3.5L EcoBoost powertrain, the 2015 Navigator clearly distances itself from the competition," Hunsinger said.

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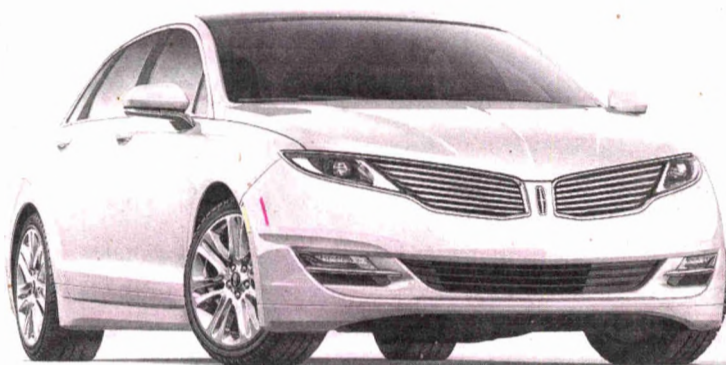


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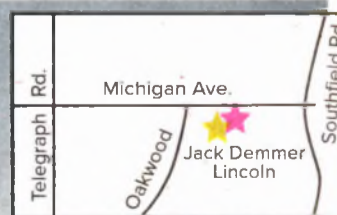
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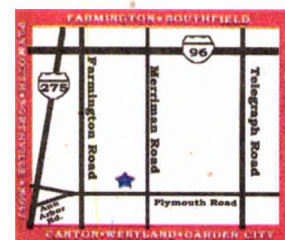
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