

Nonprofits try to broaden reach

BY DARRELL CLEM
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It may seem morbid, but nonprofit groups will increasingly need to convince donors not only to give money now, but also plan to boost charity coffers after they die.

That's the message nonprofit representatives got Thursday afternoon as the Canton Community Foundation, striving to bridge ties between charitable groups and donors, rolled out its first Lunch & Learn session.

Keynote speaker Kristine Miller, a certified fund-raising executive, said half of all charitable gifts during the next 40-50 years will come from bequests, forcing nonprofit groups that hope to thrive to develop close ties to donors who share their vision and goals.

Specifically, Miller said \$41 trillion in wealth is expected to change hands by 2052 — a huge pot of money she said nonprofits will need to tap into as they struggle to help their communities as other revenue sources potentially shrink.

"Help your donor to understand how you're making a difference and with whom you're



Kristine Miller, a certified fund-raising executive, speaks to representatives of nonprofit groups during a Canton Community Foundation luncheon.

making a difference," she told 35 nonprofit representatives who gathered in the Canton Human Services Center in Cherry Hill Village. "It takes a lot of work to keep these donors close and to help them feel that they're part of your family." While seeking to secure

money from personal wills and similar sources may seem morbid, Miller said donors and nonprofits alike can share peace of mind after they forge relations aimed at reaching common goals.

Joan Noricks, the Canton Community Foundation's president, organized the first of what will be quarterly Lunch & Learn sessions as the foundation strives to help nonprofits and other charitable groups find the donors they need to

achieve their goals.

Marie Morrow, president of the Plymouth Community United Way, said she came to Thursday's session because charitable organizations have had to broaden their reach as an economic downturn led to fewer resources and higher demand for help.

"The economy obviously had an impact when the auto industry went down," Morrow said. "It affected all the nonprofits."

PCUW helps groups such as The Salvation Army and First Step, which assists domestic violence victims, and Morrow said as demand has grown, all nonprofits have had to seek as many funding sources as they can find.

Ron King, program coordinator for the Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council, agreed. His group currently has 45 adult volunteers who are helping 60 students ages 25 to 60 improve their literacy skills. Surprisingly, he said, an estimated 13 percent of Plymouth-Canton adults are functionally illiterate, meaning their reading and writing skills are inadequate for daily life.

Like others, King attended the Lunch & Learn session to learn how he can help his nonprofit organization find the resources it needs to thrive.

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Teachers, district still waiting on new pact

BY BRAD KADRICH
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It's become a familiar scene at Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education meetings — a sea of red T-shirts filling the board room, worn by teachers tired of working without a new contract.

And with only one negotiating session scheduled this month, and none yet on the books in February, it could go on a lot longer.

More than a dozen teachers were there again Tuesday to urge the district's board and administration to settle the contract. They've been working under the terms of the old one, which expired Aug. 31, and progress has been made on a variety of issues. A new deal would be retroactive to Sept. 1.

Progress has been made. For instance, the board Tuesday passed a resolution setting the official school calendar. That will come as a relief to parents, many of whom had called the district to complain the calendar had not been set. Parents needed the calendar set to be able to schedule things like spring-break vacations.

According to Ray Bihun, the district's executive director of human resources, talks have progressed to the major issues of compensation and benefits. Bihun

said the sides have met "13-14 times."

"We've had very cooperative bargaining sessions," Bihun said. "We've met a number of times ... we've got 97 different options on the board ... 21 different proposals to consider. Nobody is avoiding bargaining."

According to Bihun, the hangup is the facilitators needed in the district's interest-based bargaining process. Since each side is required to have a facilitator, juggling schedules has been difficult, he said. The sides are scheduled to meet for five hours Thursday, but it's the only day scheduled this month. No other sessions are scheduled.

Nancy Barrows, president of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association, didn't return a call seeking comment.

Teachers are beginning to bristle at the suggestion it's "their turn" to give back to the district, in the form of concessions. District officials, in public comments at various meetings, have lauded the other unions — most recently the transportation workers — for concessions they say have provided hundreds of thousands of dollars in savings.

Rose Portelli, a learning interventionist at Eriksson Elementary, told the board Tuesday teachers have already done their share of giving back.

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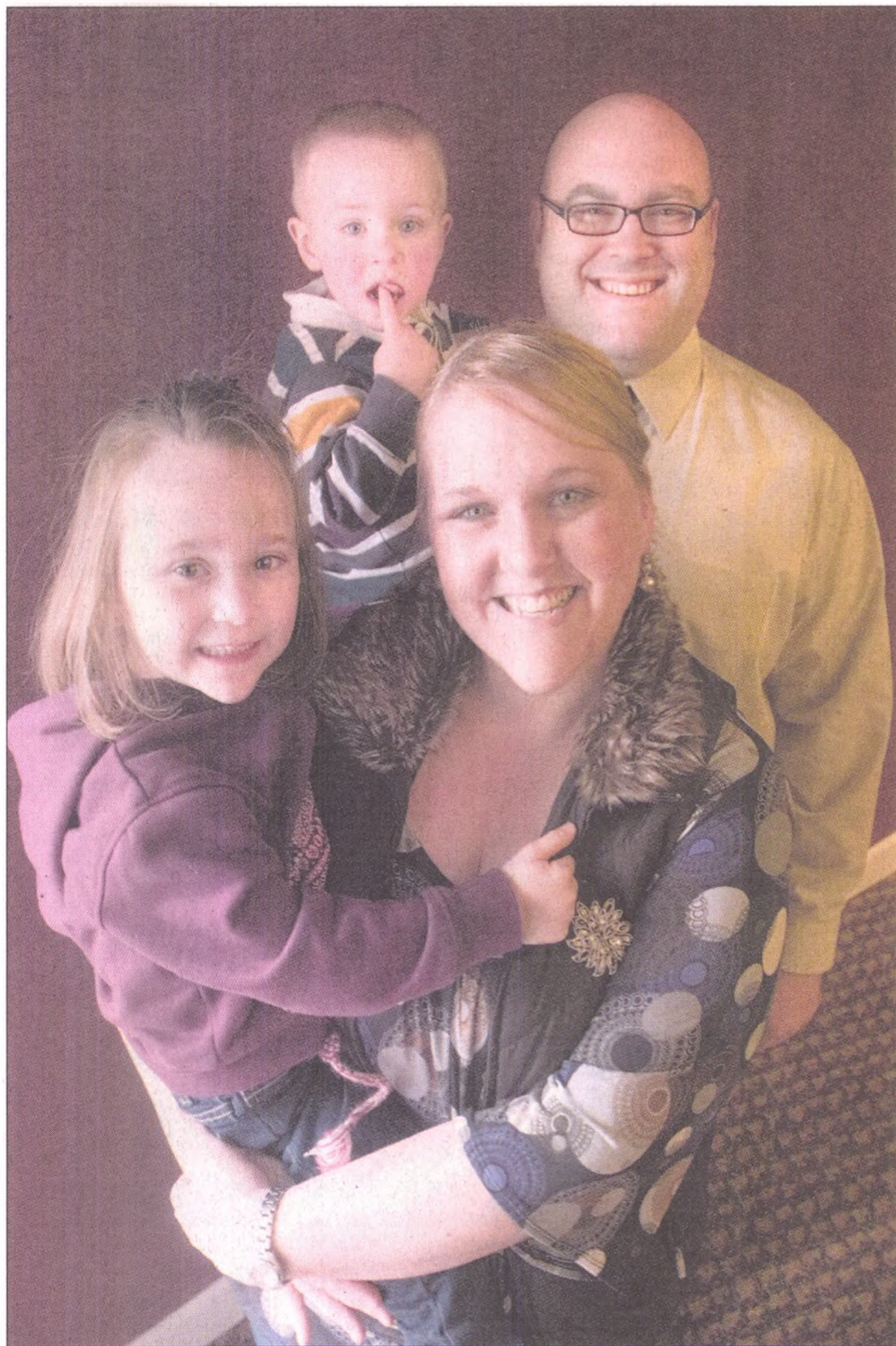
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Patty Roberts is a descendant of Titus Hoisington, who served with local militias in Vermont during the American Revolution. She holds daughter Katherine, 4. Husband Michael Roberts did the genealogical research for Patty's family. He holds son Nicholas, 2.

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Titus Hoisington was buried in 1841 in a cemetery called 'The Hill,' near what is now the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

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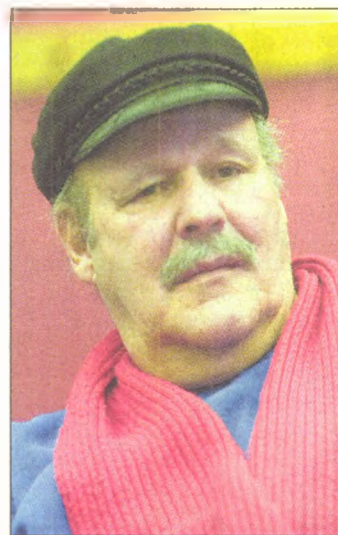
in 1955 and the latest in 1999, have uncovered more human remains, according to Packard and newspaper clippings from 1936 and 1955.

Packard believes the soldier's remains, and others, lie underneath a parking lot near the church.

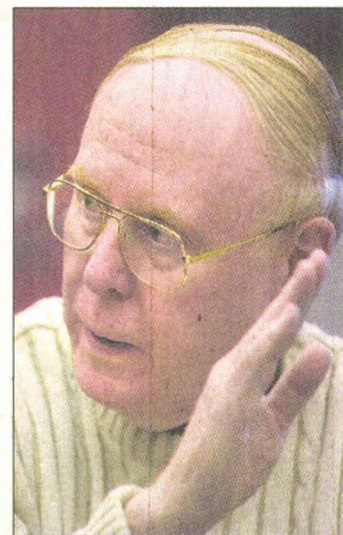
Inspired by the findings, Plymouth resident John Pappas has launched a campaign to place a memorial sculpture on church property, near where Hoisington is thought to be buried. A dedication is planned for the Fourth of July; Pappas has a fund-raising goal of \$6,000.

"This is going to be a real jewel for Plymouth," said Pappas.

Hoisington, Packard, said, is the only Revolutionary War soldier known to be buried in



John Pappas is heading a group planning to put up a memorial to Revolutionary War soldier Titus Hoisington, whose remains are thought to be buried in Plymouth.



Garry Packard, a volunteer archivist with the Plymouth Historical Museum, has been researching grave sites in the Plymouth area.

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Roberts, who has both Revolutionary War and Civil War veterans among his ancestors, said there are a reported 356 veterans of the Revolution buried in Michigan, but that only 150 or so of the grave sites are known.

Hoisington, he said, was born in Connecticut and moved to Vermont when he was 9. After the war, and in the earlier days of Vermont's statehood — it was the 14th state, joining the union in 1791

— Hoisington served in a company of rangers that provided border protection, Roberts found.

Hoisington and his wife, Hannah, had eight children, and in their later years settled in Panama Township with sons George Washington Hoisington and Henry Hoisington, who had been given 79 acres by the U.S. government, Roberts said. Hannah Hoisington died in 1845.

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Sikh leaders plan open houses

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Sikh community leaders have announced plans to invite the public to visit two gurdwaras, or places of worship, in Canton and Plymouth — the next effort to educate local residents about the Sikh religion and culture.

"It's like a community education forum," said Jaspal Neelam, a Sikh mother of three who was the keynote speaker Jan. 6 during a Sikhism forum sponsored by Plymouth-Canton Citizens for Diversity and Inclusion at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church in Canton.

TejKiran Singh of the Canton-based Gurdwara Sahib Singh Sabha of Michigan, 3310 Canton Center Road south of Palmer, confirmed an open house 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, to allow visitors to mingle with Sikhs and observe a religious service. Sikhs believe in one God, equality for all, truth and social justice and the brotherhood of humanity, among other things.

Visitors who plan to attend the Canton open house should, by Jan. 28, contact Singh by calling (734) 756-7338 or by sending an e-mail to tejki-ran13@yahoo.com.

A week later, Plymouth Township-based Gurdwara Sahib Hidden Falls, 40600 Schoolcraft Road at Haggerty, plans to have an open house 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., to give visitors an up-close look at the Sikh religion and customs.

Those who plan to attend should contact Raman Singh by sending an e-mail to rsingh65@comcast.net or by calling (313) 492-7314. Visitors also may contact Neelam by e-mailing her at neelamjk@comcast.net or calling (248) 765-4998.

The Sikh events come after the spotlight was shone on the Sikh community when a dagger-shaped, blunt-edged kirpan — a religious symbol — fell from a Bentley Elementary fourth-grade boy's clothing in December.

Since then, Sikhs have worked to educate the community about customs that date back hundreds of years, including the wearing of turbans as a show of respect to God and kirpans as a symbol of protecting those who are defenseless.

Visitors to Sikh gurdwaras should be aware of certain religious customs. During a service, Sikhs — and their visitors — cover their heads and remove their shoes. During the open houses, the Sikh community will provide head coverings, or visitors may bring their own head scarves.

Sikhs and their visitors — at least those who are physically able — sit on the floor during services. Visitors are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing.

TejKiran Singh, in an announcement, said those who attending the Canton service may opt to sit on benches in rooms outside the main hall during the service.

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All five middle schools in the Plymouth-Canton district received School Libraries certification, identifying quality school library programs within individual school buildings in Michigan. Deb Biggs Thomas, Michigan eLibrary Coordinator with the Michigan Department of Education/Library of Michigan, presented certificates to each Middle School Library Media Specialist for receiving qualified status. The recipients, with Biggs Thomas (center) are (from left) Gwenn Marchesano of Pioneer, Rachel Goldberg of East, Barbara Frasier of West and Lisa Hastings of Discovery. Tami Fox of Central (not pictured) was also honored.

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'Mockingbird' actress visits Ladywood High

Mary Badham, the actress who played Scout in the 1962 film 'To Kill a Mockingbird,' made a surprise visit Friday to Ladywood High School in Livonia.

Ms. Badham talked to Ladywood students, faculty and staff about her acting experiences and growing up in Birmingham, Ala.

Her message was one of promoting education and family values in conjunction with the important messages portrayed in the film, according to Sister Mary Ann Smith, Ladywood principal.

To Kill a Mockingbird is based on the 1960 novel by Harper Lee about a lawyer who agrees to defend a young black man accused of raping a white woman. The story is told through the eyes of his tomboyish 6-year-old daughter, Scout. Badham cited the benefits



Mary Badham, the actress who played Scout in the 1962 film 'To Kill a Mockingbird,' speaks to students at Ladywood High School Friday.

of a single sex education. Her visit was a wonderful surprise and one the school community will not soon forget, Smith said.

Badham was chosen for the role of Scout at the age of 10, with no prior acting experi-

ence, and she was nominated for an Oscar for best supporting actress.

She was in the Detroit area to appear at The Redford Theatre's showing of the classic film on Friday and Saturday.

Former White House press secretaries to speak in Livonia

Two former White House press secretaries will headline this year's Michigan Political Leadership Program dinner and breakfast.

Mike McCurry, White House press secretary to President Bill Clinton, and Dana Perino, White House press secretary to President George W. Bush, will speak at back-to-back MPLP events Feb. 10 in Livonia and Feb. 11 in Grand Rapids.

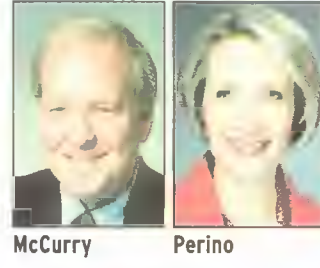
"This is an excellent time to welcome Mike McCurry and Dana Perino," said IPPSR Director Douglas B. Roberts. "They are in a unique position to reflect on the election just past and to look into the future to Election 2012."

The breakfast and dinner are open to the public. The events annually draw one of the largest nonpartisan crowds in the state and raise majority support for MPLP fellowships.

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McCurry Perino

Michigan Legislature since the program was established in 1992.

MPLP will also celebrate the graduation of its Class of 2010 and the first meetings of its Class of 2011 during the events. With graduation of the 2010 Fellows, MPLP will have trained more than 500 leaders.

Among them are Detroit City Council member Kenneth Cockrel Jr., who also served as Detroit's mayor.

McCurry is a partner at Public Strategies Washington Inc., where he provides strategic communications counsel to corporate and nonprofit clients. He is also senior adviser to Grassroots Enterprise Inc., an issue advocacy software provider.

He has three decades experience on the Washington scene. He was White House press secretary to President Clinton from 1995-98, and also served as spokesman for the Department of State and the Democratic National Committee. He's been a senior adviser to Sen.

John Kerry, Sen. Lloyd M. Bentsen and Sen. John Glenn.

Perino, the second female press secretary in U.S. history, is a political commentator who served as White House press secretary to President Bush from 2007-09.

She's current president of her own strategic communications firm, Dana Perino and Co. Her commentary can be seen on Fox News and in the Washington Post, Politico and National Review.

President Barack Obama has nominated Perino to the Broadcasting Board of Governors, the governing board of all U.S. broadcast services, including Voice of America. Perino is also the founder of "Minute Mentoring," an organization focused on giving professional guidance to young women starting their careers.

The event in Livonia, a dinner, will be held 5-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at Laurel Manor Banquet and Conference Center.

The event in Grand Rapids, a breakfast, will be held 7:30-9:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel.

Event tickets are \$150 each. Tables for 10 are \$1,500, and sponsorships at all levels are available. To purchase tickets online, go to <http://www.ippsr.msu.edu/MPLP/fundraisers.htm>.

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Plymouth-Canton student among poster winners

BY SUE MASON
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The William D. Ford Career Technical Center has made history when it comes to the 2011 North American International Auto Show. Six students in instructor Steve Paulsen's graphic arts classes won a collective \$1,850 in prize money for posters they created in the NAIAS's annual high school poster contest.

"The contest has never seen six from the same school," said center Principal Steven Kay. "There were 16 cash prizes and Wayne-Westland won six of the 16."

Paulsen's students have participated in the contest for more than eight years and this year's prizes continue a winning streak dating back to at least 2005.

"I want to thank the school board for giving me the ability to teach these students so they can win these awards," Paulsen said.

Established to engage the creative minds of Michigan's future artists, the 23rd annual contest recognizes students from local art communities. There were 740 poster from 79 high schools entered in the contest. The top prize, the Chairmen's Award of \$1,000, went to Reid Dickson, a 12th-grade student at Stoney Creek High School in Rochester Hills.

Westland resident Kaela

Wojtowicz, a student at John Glenn High School, received a \$500 prize for her poster which was picked as the Designer's Best of Show in the digital category. The stylized poster was done in Photoshop and includes 20 layers, according to Paulsen, who introduced the winners at Monday's school board meeting.

"She did a very good job, it's one of the best pieces in the contest," he said. "The designers chose the top design poster, she won for the whole contest."

Amber Santo, also a John Glenn student, placed first among the 11th-grade entries. She also received the College for Creative Studies Award, which includes a free continuing education class at CCS and two tickets to the CCS student show.

"She used a lot of raster and vector computer graphics for her image," Paulsen said, adding that the poster is on the cover of the *Italian Tribune*. "She's in 11th grade so it means she can display something next year."

Bridget Werner, also a John Glenn student, gained \$250 for her entry which received the Best Use of Color Award.

"Her poster has a very expressive color palette," said Paulsen.

This is the second year in a row she and Wojtowicz have won in the poster contest. In 2010, Wojtowicz placed sec-



David Harrington, a student in the Plymouth-Canton school district, received a second place in the 12th-grade category with his poster.

ond in the 11th-grade contest, while Werner was first in the 10th-grade category.

Also receiving \$250 prizes were Nichole Tyra, a student at Wayne Memorial High school, who placed second in

the 11th-grade category, and David Harrington, a student in the Plymouth-Canton school district who received a second place in the 12th-grade category.

"Nicole's is a nice piece,

it's inspired by the *Ironman II* movie," Paulsen told the school board. "David's is very creative, it has a nice color palette. He's always doing things in class that surprise me — good things."

Receiving a \$100 prize for placing third in the 12th-grade category was Alyssa Shirkey, a student at Lutheran High School Westland.

"She's one of my best students," said Paulsen. "She designed the new veterans memorial that will be built at Central City Park. She did a great job."

The poster entries were judged by an independent panel of recognized members from the local art community. All winning entries are on the official NAIAS website, www.naias.com. They also will be on display during the public show days as well as appear in the official NAIAS program.

Trustee William Gabriel called the showing a "testa-

ment to the hidden gem we have at the technical center."

"We have a great building there," he said. "There's so many things we can be proud of. It's a credit to the staff, instructors and students in this school district."

"I'm very impressed with what I saw tonight," added board Secretary Cindy Schofield. "The artwork is one of the small pieces of what we see at the Career Technical Center."

Superintendent Greg Baracy offered a thank you to Paulsen for his contributions and hours spent with the students.

"These things don't happen between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.," he said. "He has state of the art technology and digital programming to enhance the students' creativity. When you go in to his classroom, you think you're in a Big Three design lab. It's a phenomenal thing to see."

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Career Tech Center shows off at open house

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Richard Moffitt has a plan. He and his wife want to open their own business, so the Westland resident is honing his skills at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

An adult student in the culinary arts program, Moffitt was making pasta alfredo and serving it along with Wisconsin cheese soup to visitors the center's annual open house Tuesday evening.

"Me and my wife want to open a little deli and bookstore," said Moffitt. "My wife's sister knew someone who went here and told us about it. I was going to go to Schoolcraft (College), but I could get in here quicker. I enjoy it better. It's a lot of hands-on."

Moffitt was among students and instructors, as well as representatives of local colleges, who talked with parents and their children who were interested in the courses offered at the center. The four-inch snowfall didn't keep the crowds away, and veteran staffers told Principal Steven Kay that the crowd was the biggest ever for an open house.

"It's one way of showcasing our programs," said Kay. "We like to do this around this time of the year. Students are getting ready to register for the next semester and it gives parents a chance to see what the programs are like."

Interest in the center is on the uptick for adults like Moffitt, so much so that Kay is adding a second certified



Paul Salah, Wayne-Westland's senior executive director for instruction, checks out the North American International Auto Show posters created by students in the graphic arts classes at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

nurse's aide class for the second semester to "fill the need."

"We had 450 adults enrolled last year and it's 550 adults this year," he said. "They're looking for new skills and we're changing the program to meet those needs."

John Glenn High School senior T.C. Sample and freshman Anthony Hollins of Inkster were among students at the center. While most were visiting the different classrooms, the duo were playing music outside the digital media classroom.

"We have ensembles coming up this weekend at Livonia Franklin and we wanted to practice," said Sample. "We're trying to get a one in ensemble so we can go to state."

For Hollins, it also was a chance to get a preview of



Culinary arts student Hamad Elkhahio cooks pasta alfredo for potential student Tahj Davis at the open house.

what's at the center.

"I kind of like what they're doing in digital media and robotics," he said. "I kind of like to build robots."

In the commons, Matthew Welsh, a sophomore at Wayne

Memorial High School, and his brother Travis St. Clair, a freshman at John Glenn High School, were there with their parents Bill and Cynthia St. Clair of Wayne. Welsh is interested in the culinary arts



High school student Jason Akerley shows off his welding skills for his father Doug during an open house Tuesday evening at Wayne-Westland's William D. Ford Career Technical Center Tuesday evening.

program while St. Clair was looking at Auto Technology.

"I think it's a really good opportunity for them," said Bill St. Clair. "They've been talking about doing this for several years. It's a great opportunity for them to learn the trade they want."

"I took Today's Teen in middle school and we made tiny little things like cookies," said Welsh. "I want to learn to do it right."

Tyrik Davis, a senior at the Westland Christian Academy, has found his experience at the center to be a good one. Helping Moffitt serve food to the guests, he was steered

to the center by a counselor. He came over one day and checked it out.

"I've learned a lot of great things," said the Westland resident. "The best part has been meeting new friends and having new experiences."

While Davis hopes to attend Michigan State University, Carole Jones and Jennifer Salloum of Henry Ford Community College and Davenport University respectively were explaining to guests how the center's classes can translate into college credits through articulation agreements.

"Students can get up to 16 credits through the program," said Jones. "It's things parents like to hear. The students can go to college and be work-force-ready."

"I've been doing this for three years, it's fun," said Salloum. "When students come here, they get into specialized areas. While here, they can earn credits at Davenport. It saves time and money."

The interest in the Career Technical Center is music to Kay's ears. In his first year as its principal, he sees the interest as a positive.

"It shows the community values what we offer," he said.

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Healing school board may take some time

John Jackson swears he's going to unite the fractured Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education, and the fair thing to do is to give Jackson, elected Tuesday as the new board president, time to get that done.

But if his first night as president is any indication, you may need to give him a lot of time. In the meantime, get used to reading this sentence fragment: "The board voted 4-3 to ..."

In a move that surprised absolutely no one, the Big Four made the power grab everyone expected them to make, claiming all four leadership positions in a total reorganization of the board's structure. There was more seat-shifting than you see in your typical game of musical chairs.

This time, when the music stopped, Jackson, new Vice President Dianne Gonzalez, re-elected Treasurer Judy Mardigian and new Secretary Adrienne Davis grabbed the four chairs, leaving former President Steven Sneiderman, former Secretary Nancy Eggenberger and former Vice President Barry Simescu standing.

On three of the four positions (say it with me now) the board voted 4-3. Jackson bested Simescu for the president's spot, Gonzalez bested Simescu for the vice president spot and Mardigian beat Simescu to retain her post as treasurer. Only Davis, who was the only one nominated for the secretary job, was a unanimous choice.

The voting hardly smacked of conciliation or collaboration. Sneiderman



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nominated Simescu for three different positions, including the one he should have gotten (president). In supporting Simescu over Jackson, Sneiderman scoffed at the Big Four's claims they want "collaboration," citing the Nov. 22 motions Jackson brought — and the other three helped push through — to boot Superintendent Craig Fiegel and install Deputy Superintendent Ken Jacobs as the district's chief operating officer.

"I hear collaboration being said, but I don't see much of it occurring," Sneiderman said, referencing those Nov. 22 decisions. "Collaboration takes give-and-take and compromise. In the (recent) past, it's been 'We'll listen to you and then do what we want.'"

He made basically the same argument each time he nominated Simescu, clearly frustrated with the way things are being handled. Each time, Jackson, et al., listened quietly, said nothing, then voted against him. It was a coup unlike anything seen before, with a divide so clearly ripped apart you wonder if anything is going to heal it.

Both Jackson and Simescu spoke about wanting to continue the workshops they've been doing with Mary Kerwin, the Michigan Association of School Boards consultant who's been trying to lead them to learn how to get back on the same page, to work

together even though there are clearly sharp divides, for the betterment of the district.

Everyone in those workshops speaks eloquently about the need to do just that. But it's like a football team; what you do in practice, you need to convert to the game. Board members have talked a great game in those workshops; putting it into practice in meetings hasn't yet happened.

Case in point is the contract to be the board's general counsel, a job held for a long time by Gary Collins' firm, Collins & Blaha. Simescu, Eggenberger and Sneiderman are steamed about a meeting that took place in January 2010, in a restaurant in Livonia, between Mardigian, Gonzalez and Collins. It was well-known in inner circles at the time that Mardigian was disenchanted with Fiegel and wanted to replace him. The meeting was witnessed by Eggenberger, who happened into the restaurant at the same time.

While no one has divulged the contents of that meeting — when Eggenberger brought it up a couple of meetings ago, Gonzalez said it was "friends getting together for lunch" — Eggenberger believes it was about Fiegel. Whether that sort of meeting was legal or ethical is a question for legal scholars; the fact it took place without the knowledge, much less the participation, of board members who supported Fiegel has festered ever since.

Simescu pointed out Tuesday, when he tried to get the general counsel contract taken away from Collins, he

was rankled by Collins' actions pertaining to the two motions Jackson introduced Nov. 22. Those meetings, and that legal advice, also came without prior knowledge of or consultation with other board members.

When Simescu voiced his concern, Mardigian, Gonzalez and Davis sat on their hands; only Jackson seemed interested in even discussing it, although he wouldn't support Simescu's motion to change counsel. There also seems to be no hurry to replace Fiegel. Jackson said Tuesday the board "must decide what we want," emphasizing the *we*, but also said he doesn't think there's any rush. The belief of many within the district is the Big Four want Jacobs to hang out longer than his scheduled retirement date of September 2011.

But there are other things to consider. Jacobs, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Services Cindy Swift, Director of Human Resources Ray Bihun and several other administrators are scheduled to retire at about the same time. To date, none of those positions has been posted. That's a lot of leadership to be faced with losing, particularly if there's no real plan to replace them.

Critics are questioning the desire of the Big Four for collaboration, particularly after Tuesday's coup. Extending an olive branch by giving at least one of the leadership positions to the Little Three might have signaled a bigger desire for conciliation. Such a move may also have

quelled the growing opinion they're just a power-hungry clique.

It might also have left them with some experienced leadership. Neither Jackson, Gonzalez nor Davis has held a leadership position; Davis is just completing her first year on the board.

It might be constructive for all seven board members to watch videotape of themselves in those Mary Kerwin workshops, when they talk glowingly about formulating a better working relationship. All seven of them need to understand that just because someone from the "other side" suggests an idea doesn't mean it's automatically a bad idea.

Jackson shrugged off criticism leveled at his selection and reiterated his position it's time for the board to "make it 'our' plan and not 'my' plan." "Whatever I have to do (to heal), I'm going to make every effort to do," Jackson said. "I'd like to sit down one-on-one with all the board members to see what we need to do to make that happen."

The leadership is set, and there's no turning back from that. And Jackson deserves the time to accomplish what he says he wants to do in terms of healing the board.

With so many big decisions facing the board, the looming question becomes, "How much time?"

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Q: Dear Rick: We just got a surprise in the mail and I hope you can help. My 15-year-old son did some child care work last summer. He did work for a few different families and he was paid. He was always paid in cash. We assumed since he was being paid in cash that he wouldn't have any worries when it came to taxes. However, he recently received a 1099 for about \$5,000. Since he is only 15, does he have to worry about taxes? If yes, is there anything that we can do to minimize any



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not the case. It doesn't matter whether you receive a check or

taxes? A: Unfortunately, your son's age really doesn't matter. Bottom line is the money is taxable. I know a lot of people believe if they receive cash, it is not taxable. That is

cash; that money is subject to income tax.

In analyzing your situation, since your son was not treated as an employee, he is considered self-employed. That means when you complete his 2010 tax return, report his earnings on Schedule C. There is a benefit to Schedule C, and that is he can deduct any expenses he had associated with his child care services from his income. If he had any out-of-pocket expenses, he can

deduct those on his Schedule C.

Even though you were surprised that he received the 1099 and has to report the money on his tax return, the tax consequences may be very insignificant. After all, when you factor in some of the deductions that he would be entitled to and what his bracket is, the tax consequences should be immaterial. That being said, I do believe there are a couple of distinct advantages to your son's situation.

Because your son's income was generated from his labor, it is considered earned income. Earned income means that he is eligible to contribute money into an IRA. In your son's situation, I recommend a Roth IRA. Your son has the opportunity to invest a substantial amount of that money that will grow tax-free for as long as he chooses. I recognize that the last thing a 15-year-old is thinking about is retirement, however, this does provide him an opportunity.

In fact, you can even consider some sort of matching program as an additional incentive.

Opening a Roth IRA for a minor is a great opportunity and if you are eligible, consider doing so.

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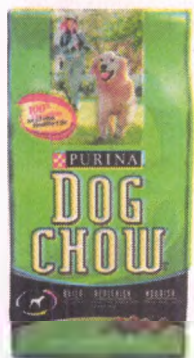
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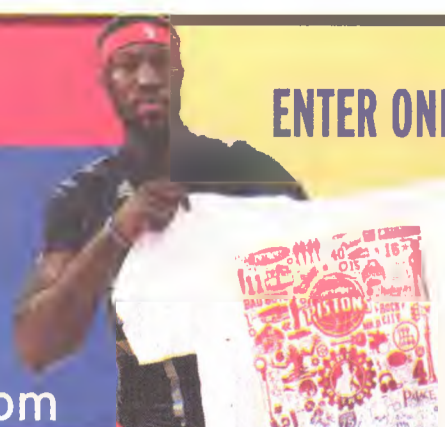
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BOYS HOCKEY

Wildcats double up Pinckney

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In the midst of a brutal schedule, Plymouth got back on track Thursday night with a 4-2 victory over host Pinckney in a KLAAs crossover boys hockey game played in Chelsea.

Plymouth, now 3-4-3 overall and 2-2-2 in the KLAAs South (second behind Canton, 7-2-1) netted three goals in the second period to overcome a 2-0 deficit.

Scoring the winning goal at 10:06 of the second was Mitch Claggett, from Zach Gambrell and Kyle Bauer.

Sean Smiatacz added an insurance goal early in the third.

The Wildcats climbed out of the two-goal hole on goals by Tyler Sanders and Cody Staub, in the first 5:18 of the middle period.

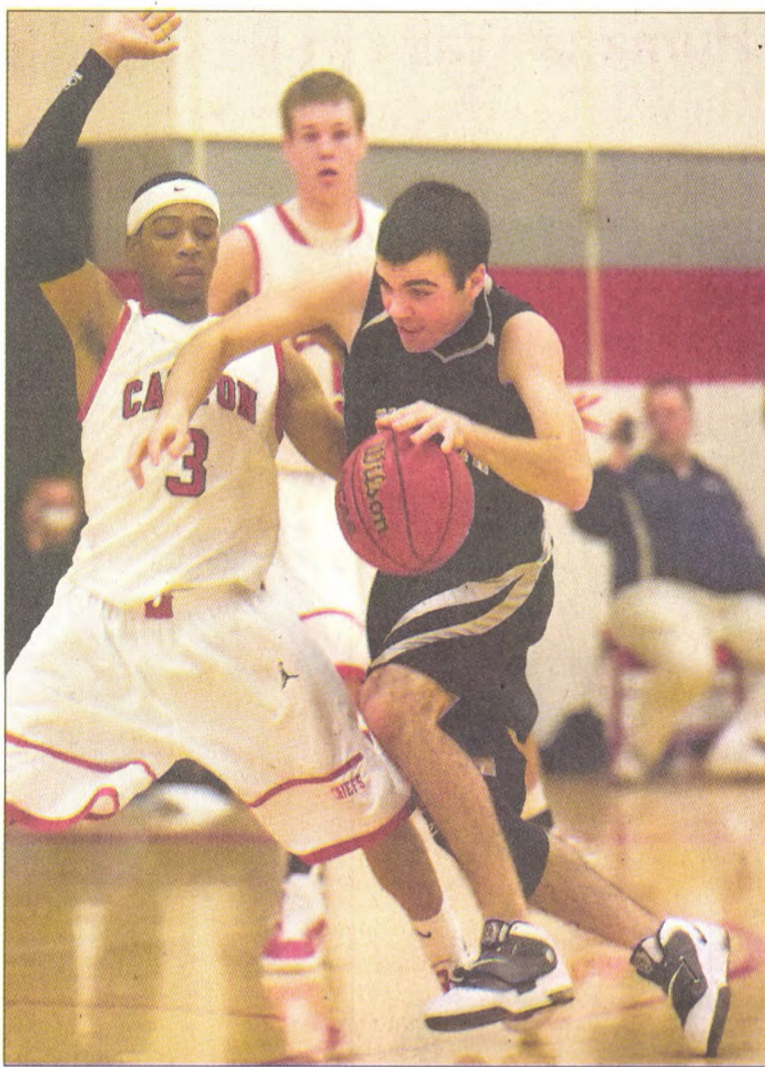
"We played fast, physical and showed great intensity," Plymouth head coach Paul Fassbender said. "We outshot them, outplayed them and deserved to win. I am very proud of these guys tonight."

Fassbender cited the strong play of the Staub-Matt Goertz-Smiatacz line. In addition to the Smiatacz goal, Staub had one goal and one assist; Goertz contributed two assists.

Also helping the cause was physical play from Goertz, Nate Brocci and Cam Nadell, the coach noted. Picking up one assist was Ryan Thiesen.

Making 23 saves for the win was goalie Mike Justus, who protected the lead with stellar work between the pipes down the

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Plymouth's Mike Nadratowski (above) drives past Canton's Dietrich Lever II (No. 3) in the waning seconds of Friday's game. Nadratowski (photo at right) then sank a short jumper over Lever's outstretched hand to win the game for the Wildcats.



Wildcats win on buzzer-beater

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It figured that on a night featuring slams and circus shots that something pretty special would decide Friday's exhilarating boys basketball game between Plymouth and Canton.

With the score tied at 37-37 following a clutch layup by Canton senior point guard Dietrich Lever II with 11 seconds left in regulation, overtime loomed between the KLAAs South and campus rivals.

But Plymouth senior guard Mike Nadratowski, had something else in mind.

Nadratowski gave the visiting

Wildcats a 39-37 win with a soaring short jumper from the lane that fell through the cords after time expired — unleashing a loud roar from the Plymouth stands.

"I just called for it and I think I called for a screen up there," said Nadratowski, who scored 17 points to lead all scorers. "But didn't use it. I just went left."

JUST A GREAT SHOT

He crossed mid-court, dribbled into the key and let his soft shot go.

"Mike's that kind of player, he loves the pressure of the end of the game," Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup said. "He certainly showed it tonight.

I'd like to take credit for that one, but it was all him."

Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy gave Nadratowski props for the winning shot.

"I think Dietrich got a hand in his face, but he made a tough, great shot," Reddy said. "It was a tough shot, you got to credit him on that. Big play by him."

The way the Wildcats started the game, few could have predicted such a finish.

Canton (4-4, 2-1) got out to a 10-2 lead, with junior forward Paul Baumgart scoring six of those points.

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SIDELINES

Still liking U-M

When Rich Rodriguez was football coach at the University of Michigan, one of the players he received a verbal commitment from was Plymouth senior linebacker/tight end Brennen Beyer.

But will Beyer still go to U-M following the firing of Rodriguez and subsequent selection of Brady Hoke as head coach?

Following Friday's boys basketball game against Canton, Beyer didn't seem like someone in a hurry to find another college to play for.

"Right now, I'm still loving Michigan," said Beyer, with a grin.

Beyer added that he hasn't had the chance to chat with Hoke, however. "I haven't talked to him yet, or met him yet, but I plan on doing that soon."

Whalers overtime

Rickard Rakell scored 14 seconds into overtime Friday night to spark visiting Plymouth to a 6-5 win over Sarnia in an Ontario Hockey League tilt. It was Rakell's second goal of the night and 13th of the season.

Other Whalers goals were scored by Tyler Brown, James Livingston, Mitchell Heard and Garrett Meurs.

Goalie Scott Wedgewood made 29 stops to get the win for Plymouth, now 22-18-1.

Tennis meeting

If you are a Salem High School girls tennis player, or are interested in playing in the 2011 season, there is an important meeting slated for 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31, in the school library.

For more info, visit www.salemrockstennis.com. Coach Lin Ware can be reached at (734) 453-0669 to answer any questions.

Canton bowlers bounce back, get best of Novi

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wednesday's matchup against Novi at Westland Bowl proved to be the winning tonic for the Canton varsity boys and girls bowling teams.

Both squads snapped two-match losing streaks in the process, with the Canton boys winning by decision and the girls earning a 17-13 victory.

The Chiefs (5-2) were sparked by sophomore Alex Champagne, who rolled a 245 and tallied five consecutive strikes in the second game. Three others posted doubles or more in the eighth and ninth frames.

That collective hot streak helped Canton overcome a 50-pin deficit after six frames, said co-coach Jim Keppen.

But the game came down to the wire, as three Wildcats threw multiple strikes in the 10th frame.

"But (we) answered the chal-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

One of Canton's consistent bowlers in recent matches is senior Ross Terrasi (right), shown here in a photo from last season.

lenge man for man," Keppen noted.

Canton eked out a 1,000-991 win in that game, enough to take the match. Besides

Champagne, seniors Ross Terrasi (213) and Andrew Klein (207) had strong games in the clincher.

Keppen said the Game

2 outcome made it a 15-15 score, but "the match decision defaults to total pins" which Canton won by 26.

Novi held off a Canton rally in Game 1, winning 1,075-1,064.

For the Chiefs, Terrasi led the way with a 235. Junior Kurt Kowalski helped the cause with a 220, with other contributions from senior Casey Bindas (215) and Champagne (212).

In Baker's games, each team came out on top once. In the opener, Canton prevailed 229-187. But Novi followed with a 193-179 triumph.

In the girls match, after dividing the Baker's games (Canton took the opener 180-134), the Chiefs took care of the Wildcats in regular games to ultimately earn a 17-13 victory.

Senior captain Ashley Cade persevered to post a 168 score

Please see **BOWLING, B2**



JUSTIN BAUER



Who: Justin Bauer, co-captain for the Plymouth varsity boys hockey team.

Miscellany: The 17-year-old Bauer, whose parents are Michelle and Bauer, carries a 4.0 grade-point average and is a member of the National Honor Society. He also was all-conference and all-district for Plymouth's varsity boys golf team in 2009 and 2010, earning a trip to states both years. In 2009-10, Justin was named the hockey team's defensive player of the year.


Captain's job: "The job of a captain is to set a good example for the rest of the team. Their leadership should be shown through their actions on and off of the ice, by always working hard and

pushing their teammates to work hard and do their best."

Leadership style: "My leadership style is leading by example. I may not be the most vocal person on the team, but I lead by providing positive examples for my teammates to follow and continue."

Why him? "I believe my teammates chose me to be a captain because of the hard work I put in on and off the ice. Also, I think some of the younger players respect me and look up to me as a player."

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NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW



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Danotek, which manufactures wind turbine generators, has a display at the MEDC hall inside the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Center.

All in the family: Birmingham man chairs auto show

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN
STAFF WRITER

Barron Meade stands on top of the auto world.

The Birmingham resident has the pleasure of chairing the 2011 North American International Auto Show. It's a personal honor for him, as his father twice chaired the event, in 1989 and 1991.

Meade, 41, also understands the importance of this year's show, where everyone involved seems to be pulling together for the greater good of the auto industry.

"Definitely you can see that everyone is on the same page," he said Tuesday while checking over the showroom displays.

"There's a lot of enthusiasm around here. You can almost feel it in the air."

With an anticipated crowd of nearly 800,000 people expected to attend next week, Meade sat down for a moment and talked about the show:

Q: How does the Detroit show stack up to the auto shows in New York, Los Angeles and other parts of the globe?

Meade: The North American International Auto Show is one of the world's premier global events. The amount of international media at NAIAS surpasses any other domestic show with more than 5,000 estimated this year from nearly 60 countries. Our January show is a true thermometer as to the temperature of the world's economy — the media, the industry and government officials use us as that vital tour.

Q: How many new car introductions are planned at the show this year?

Meade: We anticipate between 30-40 brand new vehicles that are worldwide

debuts and that's without counting North American debuts.

Q: How many visitors typically attend the show?

Meade: We get more than 5,000 journalists each year and last year for the public days we had about 715,000 visitors — an increase of 65,000 visitors from the previous year. We anticipate an increase on public days attendance to nearly 800,000 based on the positive nature of what we've seen thus far in 2011.

Q: Talk about Friday's black-tie event. How many people do you expect, how much do you expect to raise and where does the money go?

Meade: Our goal is to have 10,000 attendees. Our sales are tracking well, up more than 15 percent. Since 1976, we've raised nearly \$82 million that benefits nine local children's charities. Tickets are \$250 each.

Q: Is this an event for the whole family?

Meade: Absolutely! This town has a passion for cars that goes beyond age and demographics — and at \$12 a ticket, as well as local discounts at participating Kroger stores, it's a very cost-effective event.

Q: What are some of the latest tech-driven trends in the industry?

Meade: Improvements in standard combustion engines are massively improving fuel economy across the board. The electric vehicle market is gaining a great deal of attention and most auto makers are seeing that as a clear sign for development. The Chevy Volt, for example, has won North American Car of the Year as well as Motor Trend's Car of the Year, so an entire industry is seeing these innovations as significant.

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Canton company aims to become a global force

BY JAY M. GROSSMAN
STAFF WRITER

Danotek motion technologies is using magnets to help harness the wind.

The Canton company specializes in the development of permanent magnet generators to service the global wind generator market — an alternative energy market that's expected to reach \$1.6 billion in worldwide activity by 2014.

That's good news for Michigan — and especially western Wayne County. Danotek currently employs about 50 people in design and manufacturing and

expects to add nearly 100 more jobs over the next several years. Their facilities are located at 8680 N. Haggerty.

"Canton Township has been the ideal place for a technical company like Danotek to locate," Chief Financial Officer Frank Alex said Thursday from the Detroit auto show. "The area's close proximity to world class universities, major engineering talent and an international airport has allowed Danotek to grow significantly."

The company, which started in 2001, currently produces a power steering pump for electric vehicles and a 200kw

permanent magnet generator that serves as a backup power supply for hospitals, schools and businesses. Alex said the company has raised over \$20 million in venture capital funding and has also received support from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation in terms of tax abatements and low-interest loans. Their goal is to reach \$300 million in revenue annually.

Their display is located in the MEDC's "Smarter Living in Michigan" exhibit at the auto show.

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A watchful eye

Plymouth Township resident heads security team at NAIAS

BY NATHAN MUELLER
STAFF WRITER

Carl Berry has one goal this week as the public invades Cobo Center for the 2011 North American International Auto Show — keep everyone safe.

Nearly 800,000 people are expected to make the trek to Detroit to see the industry's hottest cars, and Berry and his security team of thousands will be in place to make sure everything goes off without a hitch.

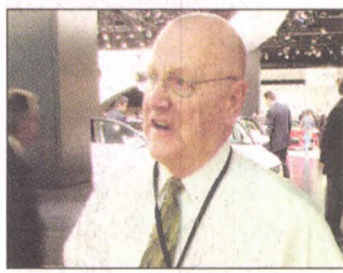
The longtime Plymouth Township resident, who also served as chief of police in Plymouth and Plymouth Township before retiring in 1997, is in his 10th year as the chief of security for the show. He has come back year after year because of the "challenge" and the people he works with.

"Everything involves communication," he said. "We have a standard here we have to maintain and I am proud of all the people who help me and work with me to make that happen."

Berry's team consists of personnel from more than 60 law enforcement agencies, ranging from the Michigan State Police, Detroit Police Department and Wayne County Sheriff's Department to the FBI, U.S. Marshal's Office and international agencies.

The majority of the security members are dressed in plain clothes, and likely will go unnoticed by the public — exactly how Berry wants it.

Since being hired by the Detroit Auto Dealers



Carl Berry, chief of security for the North American International Auto Show, pauses on the show floor on Jan. 11 during press preview day. Berry, the former chief of police for Plymouth Township and a former patrolman and chief for Plymouth, says that during the show he often works 18- to 20-hour days.

Association as chief of security one month before 9/11, Berry said little has changed in terms of security. Obviously security measures were heightened following the attacks, but the NAIAS has not had any issues.

"The same basic principals apply," Berry said, comparing the job with his previous stints as the chief of police. "It's a matter of coordination."

That coordination is a year-round job, he said, adding that he lives in Detroit from the start of January until Jan. 24 and works 18-to-20-hour days.

When asked what keeps him going outside of the people he works with, Berry praised the city.

"Detroit is one of the best venues I have worked in," he said. "They know how to put on a show."

And as far as this year's show? "This is one of the best shows I have worked at," he said. "The attitude is so positive."

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The world's fastest one is here too.

The Inizio RTX, built by Li-ion Motors Corp. in Nevada, reaches speeds of 170 mph and can accelerate in 0-60 in 3.4 seconds. It has a range of up to 200 miles and a price tag starting around \$135,000.

FASTER THAN ...

Perhaps the strangest-looking concept car on display is the Buckeye Bullet 3, an electric land speed vehicle from Ohio State University that has a target speed of 400 mph. An earlier version of the vehicle, the Buckeye Bullet 1, holds the current electric land speed record of 314 mph.

FILL 'ER UP

The loss of gas taxes from too many electric cars has at least one local politician worried.

"From an energy use and oil dependency point of view, we were very glad to see the number of hybrid and electric vehicles being shown at this year's auto show," Oakland County Road Commissioner Greg Jamian observed in a press release Thursday.

"However, hybrid cars pay far less gas taxes, and all-electric cars pay no gas taxes. That means a further hit to the largest source of funding for roads. Those vehicles require good roads just like other vehicles, but they generate less revenue to maintain them."

TOO COOL

No doubt the coolest car to check out is the 1965 Lincoln Continental from the HBO hit series *Entourage*. You can almost picture Turtle, Johnny, Eric and Vincent cruising the boulevard.

On top of that, a pair of custom-made Mustang GTs belonging to hip hop artist Nelly and NBA player Shaquille O'Neal are on display as part of the DUB magazine tour. Nelly's car is prominently featured in his "Just A Dream" video. For Shaq's ride, the back seat was removed to give the driver seat an extra 18 inches.

WIN AN IPAD

If you really want to be eco-friendly, start in your home, not the garage.

WellHome, a business of Masco Home Services Inc., is unveiling a new, interactive software application designed for the iPad that guides users through a virtual energy usage assessment — a sort of miles per gallon for the home. Their display is in the new "Smarter Living in Michigan" section of the show.

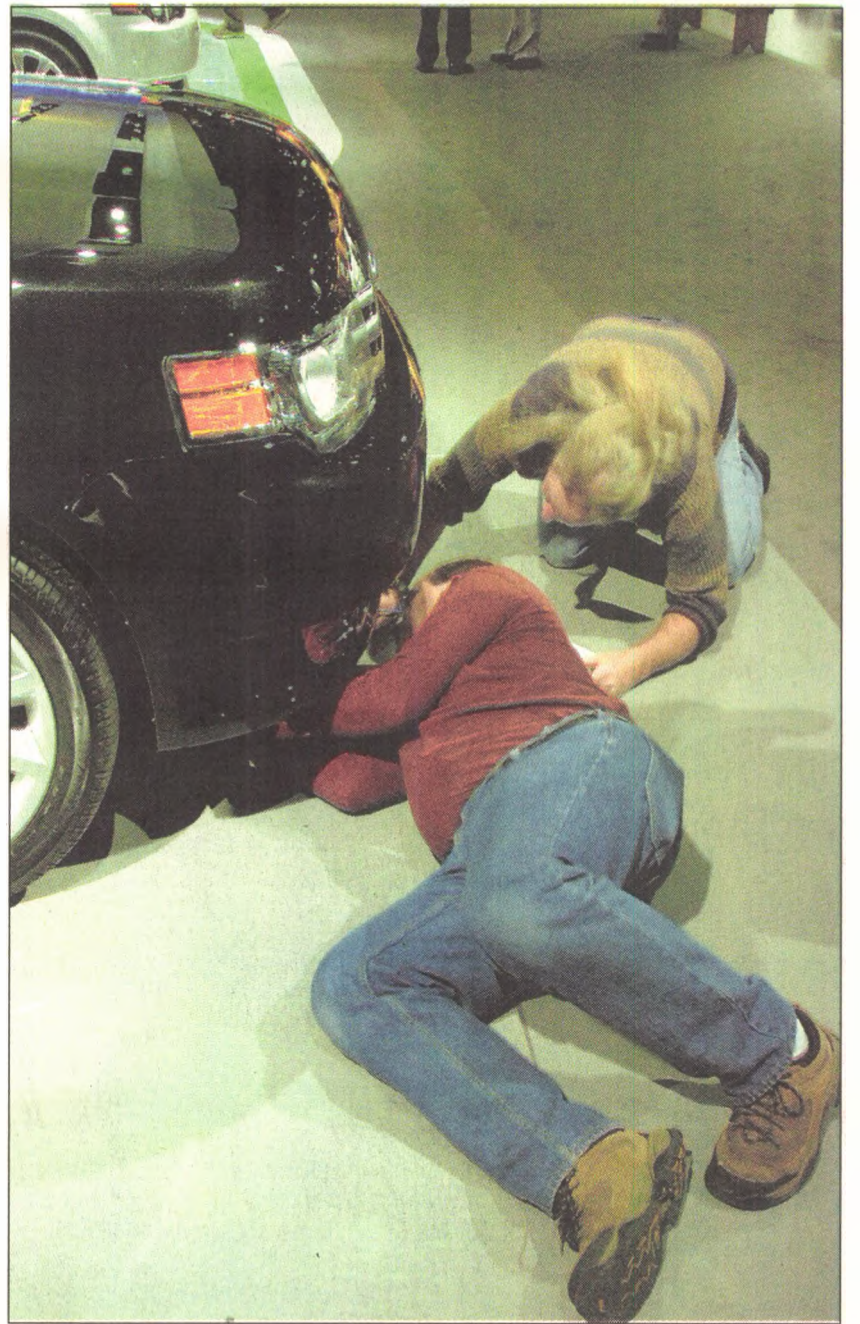
WellHome representatives will be on hand to help homeowners develop a strategy for improving home efficiency and determine cost savings estimates. Everyone who stops by to determine their home score will be entered into a drawing to win a free iPad.

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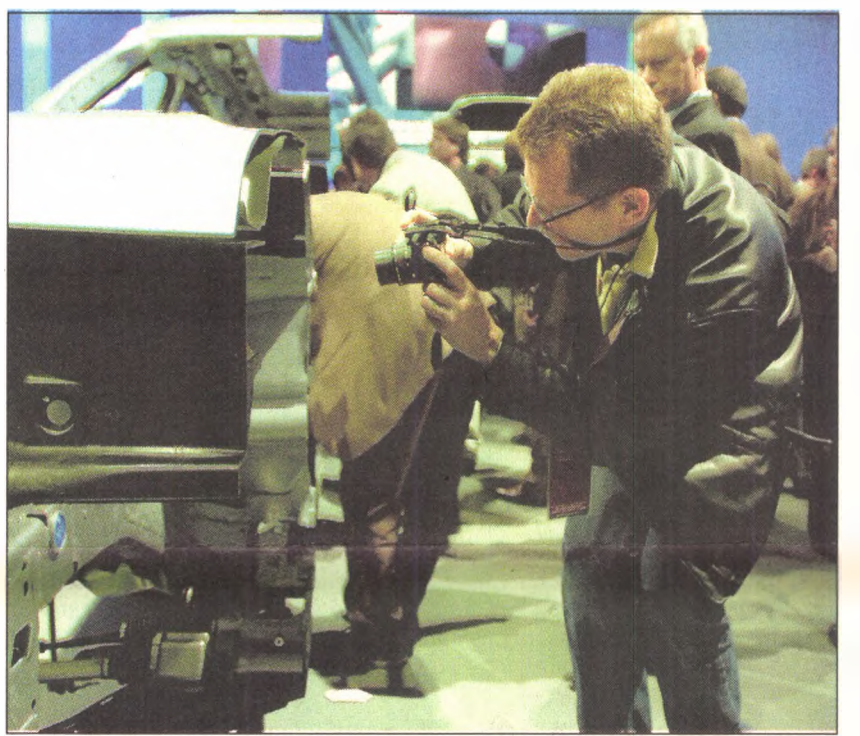


Andy Rumpetz of Canton checks out a Ford SUV mounted on a wall at the Industry Preview Day.

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A pair of engineers get down low to check out the suspension of a Ford Flex vehicle Thursday at the NAIAS.



Canton's Ken Feldman takes some photos of the Ford Explorer exhibit on Thursday at the NAIAS in Detroit.



Ron Smaldone (right) of Livonia, an engine design supervisor for Ford, talks about one of the displays to visitors at the North American International Auto Show last Thursday.



A group of engineers checks out the undercarriage of a GMC pickup truck.



Livonia-based PEP manufacturer's electric vehicle recharge stations have a display at the MEDC hall inside the auto show.



A.J. Kraus, 16, a student at North Farmington High School, tests his towing capabilities compared with a Ford pickup truck.

IF YOU GO

Dates and times: Daily through Saturday, Jan. 22, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday, January 23, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Tickets: Adults: \$12 per person, E-Tickets: \$12 per person, Seniors: \$6 (65 and older) Children: \$6 (7-12 years old; 6 and under free with a parent or guardian)

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New works

Playwrights see their words come to life on the Village Theater stage

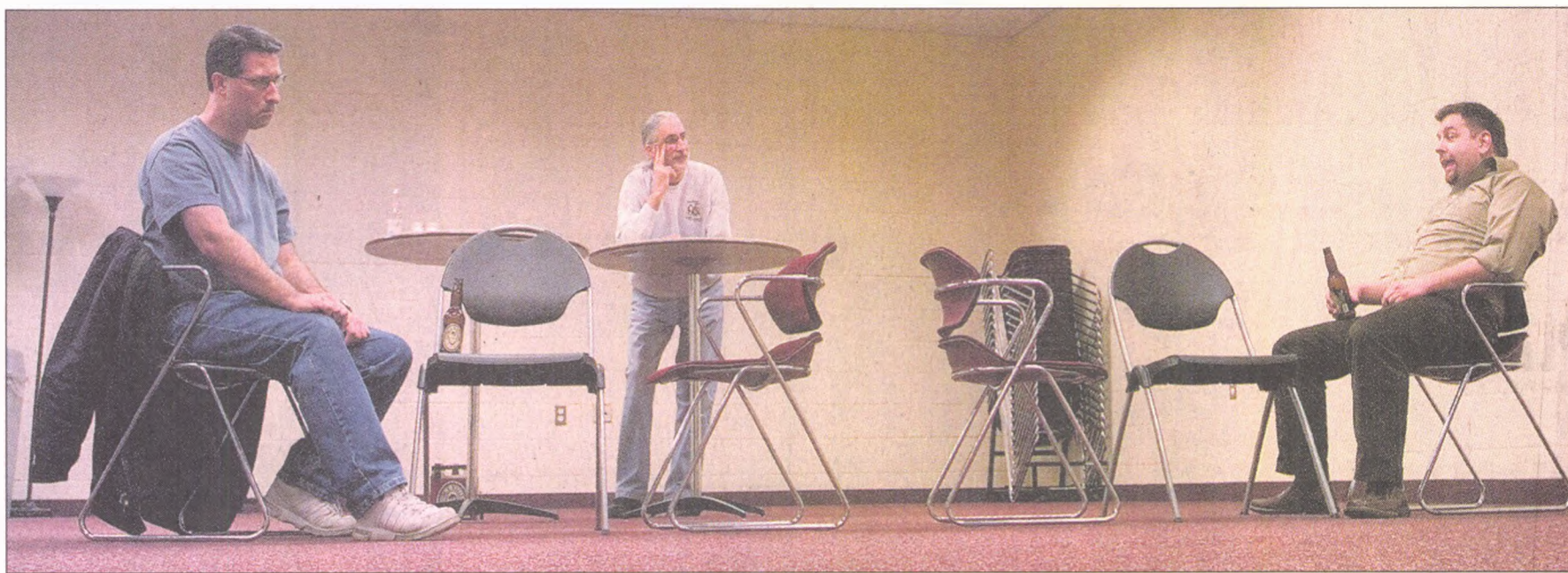
BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

David Cooper will stage and direct his own script Jan. 21-23 at the Village Theatre in Canton.

Jacob Zinke will debut his first play — and act in it — that same weekend.

Christopher Tremblay of TLC Productions is pleased to help the two Canton men and four other playwrights find an audience for their works through "Canton's 1st One Acts Festival" at the theater.

"We're helping make other people's dreams come true in terms of authors having a venue to stage their plays," said Tremblay, who along with his TLC partners, Linda Pohl and Tim Chanko, created the festival, read the 108 submissions and selected the final six scripts with the help of two other readers.



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tim Chanko is Ben Sullivan, Joe Cone is Jerry, proprietor of Jerry's Pub, and Jeff Foust plays Will, a man with a terrible secret in one of six one-act plays that will be staged Jan. 21-23 at the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, in Canton.

ONE ACT FESTIVAL

What: Six original plays

When: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 21-22 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23

Where: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: "Alone or Alone" by David Lew Cooper of Canton; "How to Make a Mobile" by Randy Wyatt of Grand Rapids; "Jerry's Pub" by Matt Croyle of Oil City, Pa.; "Joshua Judges Ruth," by Jacob A. Zinke of Canton; and "Uncomfortable Sex," by Lorin Howard of Long Beach, Calif.

Cost: Tickets are \$10, available at tlcprod.wordpress.com/the-festival or call the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300

"It was a blind submission process. We didn't know how many Canton authors or Michigan authors we had until the very end."

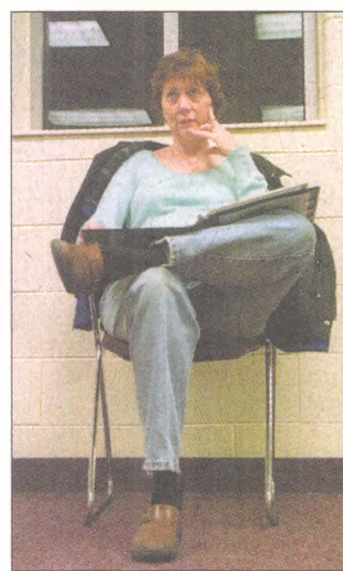
Tremblay said the team whittled the scripts — which came from writers in 27 states — from 108 to 11, held staged readings of the semi-finalists and then chose the six winners.

"I'd say most of them have a little comedy. Probably one, *Jerry's Pub*, is true drama. It's a little more serious and

intense. There's enough comic relief to make it a night of entertainment. We didn't want the content to be too heavy. Seeing six shows is a lot for many people, especially if they've never been to a festival."

CREATING A NICHE

TLC Productions has staged two of its original plays, the latest being *Fonts! A Type of Musical*, on the Biltmore stage inside the Village Theatre. Festival



Linda Trygg directs "Jerry's Pub" for the One Acts Festival at the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill in Canton.

shows will be produced on the main stage in the 400-seat auditorium.

"*Fonts* had three sold-out shows and people now are familiar with the quality of our work. We're all still mem-

Tremblay said the festival also gives TLC a chance to recruit and groom new directors for future productions. Newcomers are more likely to give directing a try with a one-act play, rather than a full production.

bers of Spotlight Players," he said, referring to the theater's resident company. "We're not trying to compete with Spotlight Players. What makes us different is we're focusing on original works. We feel we are filling a niche."

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MULTI-TASKING

Both Cooper and Zinke are acting and directing. Cooper is in charge of his own script, *Alone or Alone* and he's cast in another playwright's work. Zinke is acting in his play, *Joshua Judges Ruth*, but directing a piece by a Grand Rapids playwright.

"The moment you hear someone say what you wrote and watch someone breathe life into your character, I can't imagine it's much different than the feeling of watching a child take their first step," said Cooper, 19, a sophomore at Schoolcraft College. "You feel so blessed, it's really a magical thing."

Cooper said he was written, acted and directed in theater for the past five years and hopes to pursue it as a career. *Alone or Alone* is the second play he has staged, although he has 15-20 scripts "in the works."

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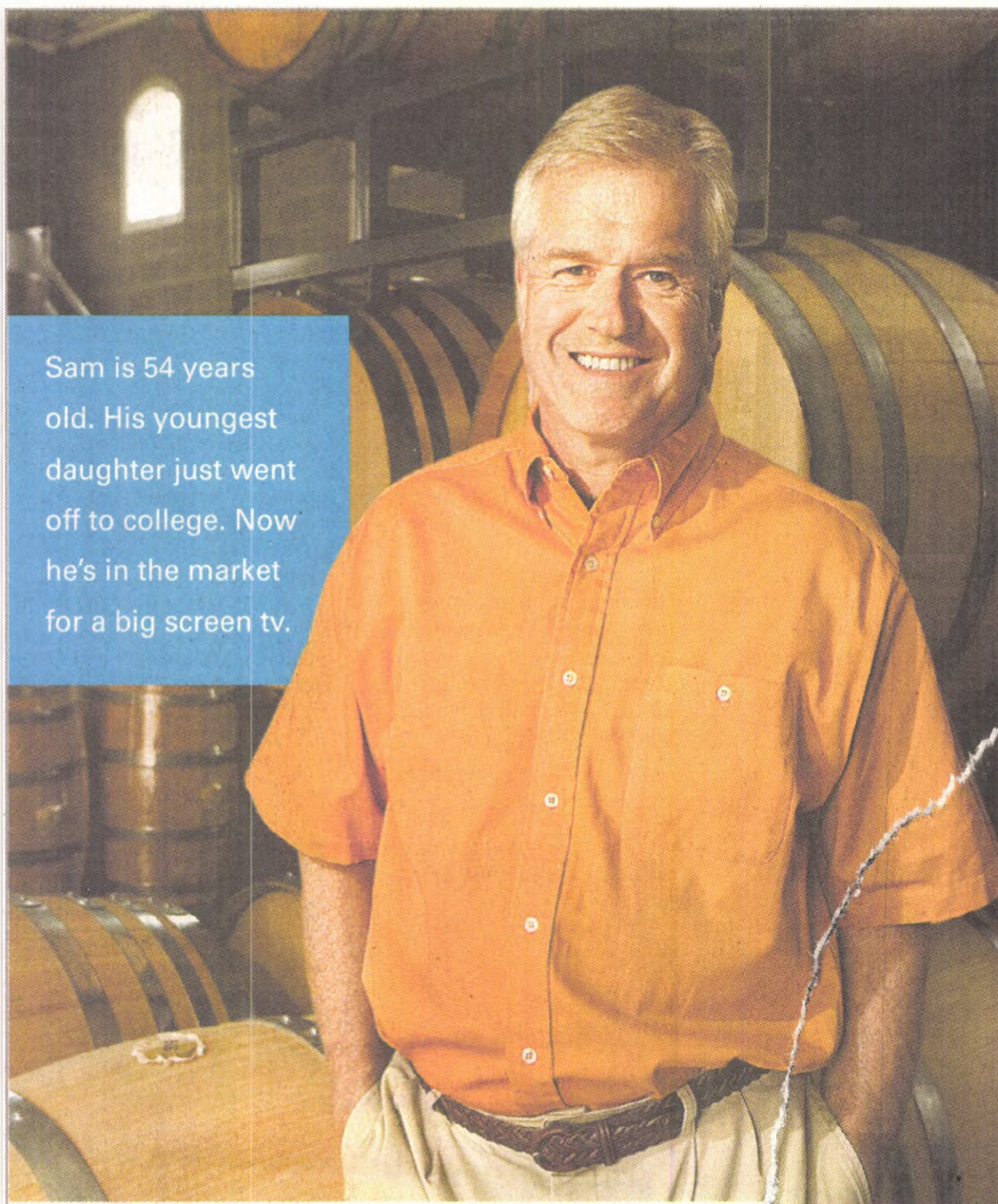


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JAN. 16-19

Breakfast
Time/Date: 8:30 am - noon Sunday, Jan. 16

Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: All-you-can-eat pancake and French toast breakfast also includes scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, applesauce, tea, coffee, milk. Cost is \$3 adults; \$1.50 children, ages 2-10
Contact: (734) 425-4421

Financial Peace University

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Jan. 18-April 12
Location: Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia

Details: Discover a world of freedom by using proven, biblical principles to permanently break free from the bondage of debt.

Contact: Register by calling (248) 474-3444 or by e-mailing to clarancevilleumc@att.net

Tu B'Shevat

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19

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

Details: A learning seminar on Tu B'Shevat led by Rabbi Steven Rubenstein and sponsored by the Beth Ahm Men's Club. Includes a pizza and salad supper. Cost is \$6 per person
Contact: RSVP by Jan. 18 to Marc Soble (248) 661-0416 or e-mail mhsoble@cs.com

JAN. 20-31

ENDOW
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., Thursday,

beginning Jan. 27, for 10 sessions
Location: St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: The series, designed for women, will explore such topics as society and the moral law, the teaching authority of the church, the difference between contraception and natural family planning, and more. Cost is \$60
Contact: To register call (303) 715-3224 or visit www.endowonline.com; for facilitator Michele Schmidt, call (734) 367-0353 or e-mail to mtschmidt@sbcglobal.net

Exodus and liturgy

Time/Date: 5 p.m., Jan. 23

Location: St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Reflection offered within the context of evening prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Presenter is David J. Conrad. A potluck dinner will be held after the presentation. The parish provides the main course. Participants provide appetizers, vegetables, salads and desserts
Contact: RSVP to Conrad at (734) 425-5950 Ext. 203

Former Catholics

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Jan. 25

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Six-week series, "Catholics Returning Home," is designed for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about the possibility of returning to the Church. The sessions will be conducted by former lapsed Catholics in a casual, non-threatening environment, with plenty of opportunities for questions and discussion.
Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200; www.livoniastmichael.org

Why Be Catholic

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

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: The popular series, Why Be Catholic, returns from hiatus with the Rev. Ed Fride pastor of Christ the King parish in Ann Arbor,

sharing the story of his journey from Protestantism to teen-age agnostic to high-school convert to Catholicism. He'll explain why he gave up plans to be a nuclear physicist to become a parish priest. The evening is open to all, regardless of religion preference. A children's ministry is available by prior arrangement at childrenministry@livoniastmichael.org

Contact: (734) 261-1455, ext. 200 or www.livoniastmichael.org

Widowed Friends

Time/Date: 2:15 p.m. check in; 2:30 p.m. Mass, Jan. 23

Location: St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley Road, just south of Cherry Hill, in Canton

Details: Mass for widowed men and women, with refreshments and social time after
Contact: Pat at (734) 895-6246

ONGOING

AWANA

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays

Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills

Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten-fifth grade
Contact: (248) 426-0096

Classes/study

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia

Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.
Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel, (248) 442-8822 or e-mail to jcook59@att.net

Livonia Unity

Time/Date: Monday movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday Qigong meditation, 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.

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Breast cancer survivors sought for study

Jody Conradi Stark, a Ph.D. candidate in music education music therapy at Michigan State University seeks breast cancer survivors for a dissertation study.

Stark is site director of Music Therapy Clinical Services at MSU Community Music School in Detroit and president of Creative Arts Therapies, Inc., a company she started in 1991 that provides contractual music, dance-movement, and art therapy services to agencies

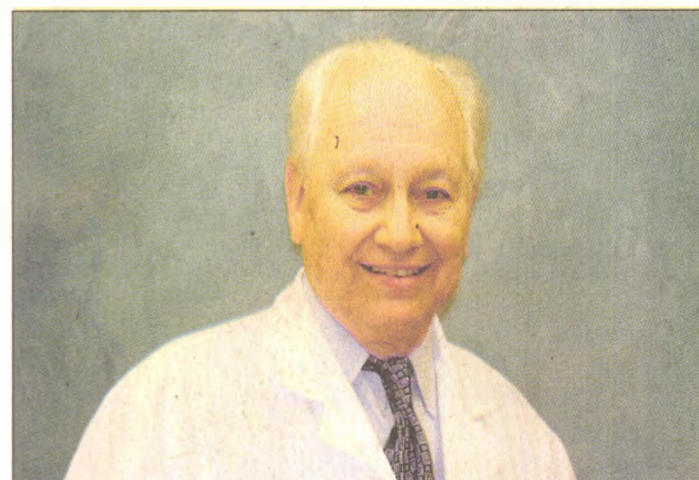
throughout Southeastern Michigan.

Her study is titled "The Effects of Group Music Therapy on Mood, Psychosocial Well-Being, and Quality of Life of Breast Cancer Survivors." She is looking for women who have finished treatment for breast cancer within the last year to attend music therapy group sessions that will run 60-90 minutes and will be held for six weeks. The sessions will incorporate music creating and/or listening.

Groups will take place at MSU's Community Music School-Detroit Music Therapy Clinic, 3408 Woodward Ave., in midtown Detroit, or at another metro Detroit location if it's more convenient for participants. Individual therapy sessions may also be offered.

No prior music experience is required.

For more information call Stark at (313) 578-9719 or e-mail to starkjo2@msu.edu.



Dr. Steven William Paris was honored recently for 45 years of service.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

JANUARY

Alzheimer's caregivers

Jeanne Trumpe of Comfort Keepers will talk about in-home health services at the next meeting of the St. John's support group for the caregivers of Alzheimer's patients and other forms of dementia, 10 a.m.-noon, Friday, Jan. 21, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 Sheldon, Plymouth. The support group meets the first and third Friday of the month and is open to anyone responsible for the care of a dementia patient. The Alzheimer's Association sponsors the meetings. Free respite care is provided for the caregiver's loved one.

Health seminar

Learn why exercise is important to your health and try out a few simple exercises at a free health seminar at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17, at Cherry Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church, 33144 Cherry Hill, east of Venoy in Canton. Jeanie Weaver will teach the session. Participants should dress comfortably. For more information call (734) 524-0880 or (734) 329-2884.

FEBRUARY

Baby Basics

Get the basics of baby care and breastfeeding all in one class, at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. This class is designed for first time parents to learn the skills of feeding, bathing, diapering, skin care, soothing and safety. A St. Mary Mercy Hospital certified pediatrician will discuss infant illness and child immunization. New parents will learn breastfeeding techniques including positioning, pumping, storage and breast care. Participants should bring a stuffed animal or doll to use during a demonstration on how to hold the baby when breastfeeding. There will be a 45-minute lunch break during the class. This class is open to anyone who cares for an infant. The fee is \$50 per couple. Registration is required. Call (734) 655-1162, or register online at stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events."

Ladies' Night

Dr. Barbara Kong will be the speaker at "The Heart of a Woman," 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five

Mile, Livonia. Bone density screening, blood pressure screening and massage will be offered from 5:30-7 p.m. Participants will learn to identify the unique signs and symptoms of a heart attack and the simple steps needed for a healthy lifestyle that can improve heart health. There is no charge, but a \$5 goodwill donation is requested to benefit Marian Women's Center Programs. Register at (734) 655-1182 or stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events."

ONGOING

Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 10-11 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and non-members of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join, interested

individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

Arthritis support group

2-3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Dr., Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

Breast cancer support group

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

Caregivers support groups

St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for information. Authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia named medical staff officers and honored physicians for their years of service at an installation dinner this month.

New officers are:

• Dr. Peter Dews, will serve as vice president of medical affairs. He received his medical degree and completed his residency in internal medicine at Wayne State University and is board certified in internal medicine. He has broad expertise and experience in clinical medicine, health care administration, quality management, program evaluation methods and scientific research. He has been on staff at St. Mary Mercy since April 2009.

• Dr. Louis Hallal, who received his medical degree from the University of Damascus, will serve as chief of staff. He completed his residency in surgery at Interfaith Medical Center and his fellowship in thoracic surgery at Baylor University Medical Center. He is board certified in surgery by the American Board of Surgery and on staff

at St. Mary Mercy Hospital since 1995.

• Dr. K.C. Joseph will serve as chief of staff-elect. He received his medical degree from the University of Kerala T.D. Medical College, Alleppey, Kerala, India, and completed an internal medicine residency at Sinai-Grace Hospital, Detroit. He is board certified in psychiatry, neurology, and geriatric psychiatry. He has been on staff at St. Mary Mercy Hospital since 1995.

• Dr. Jay Daitch, will serve as secretary/treasurer. He received his medical degree from the University of Michigan Medical School and completed an internal medicine residency at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., and nephrology fellowship at the University of Michigan Hospital. He is board certified in internal medicine and has been on staff at St. Mary Mercy Hospital since 1979.

Physicians celebrating 10 to 45 years of service were also honored. Top recognition went to Dr. S. William Paris, M.D., Allergy-Immunology, with 45 years of service.

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Betty Iltis came to Four Seasons for physical therapy after pacemaker surgery and five weeks in the hospital. Betty's muscles had weakened to the point that she needed a wheelchair. Today, she is walking around her Livonia apartment.

"They went out of their way to teach me not only the physical part of walking but how to pace myself, to take a rest when

"... (the staff) went out of their way to teach me ... how to pace myself..."

I started to breathe hard," said Iltis. "They said you have to pace yourself because of your heart. They made my heart part of the treatment. From the nurses to doctors to staff, they go out of their way to help. They were just so friendly."



SHIRLEY RODRIGUEZ OF GARDEN CITY

Shirley Rodriguez was only in physical therapy at Four Seasons for two weeks after hip replacement. Before surgery and rehabilitative therapy, Shirley was unable to lift her leg to put on a sock. Today, she is able to walk without assistance because of the physical therapy. Occupational therapy helped strengthen her muscles to perform daily living tasks.

"Rehab got me back on my feet and walking," said Rodriguez of Garden City. "I had to walk with the walker, exercise my legs with weights. They taught me how to stand by the sink and get my balance and get glasses and plates from the cupboards."

"... occupational therapy and rehab got me back on my feet and walking again ..."

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