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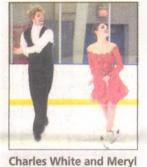


Options offered

Representatives from Plante & Moran CRESA, the firm hired by Plym-outh-Canton's Board of Education to conduct a facilities study, presents options to the board for how best to utilize district facilities at a special meeting at 6 p.m. tonight (Thursday) at Discovery Middle School.

The options are expected to recommend closing at least one elementary school with some expected to include up to four school closures — as administrators consider ways to best use facilities as they face a move to all-day kindergarten and consider additional programs such as a TAG magnet school, a STEM academy and an international baccalaureate program.

Discovery Middle School is located at 45083 Hanford in Canton.



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Waterland' review continues book debate

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

With a second review committee set to begin deliberating the appropriateness of a novel in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Advanced Placement English curriculum, more than two dozen speakers turned out Monday to debate the merits of the decision made by the first one.

The second committee begins debating the merits of Graham Swift's 1983 novel, *Waterland*, for use by AP students with a meeting Wednesday. That review comes a couple of weeks after a similar committee approved the use of

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Game-winning dips and healthy tips

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Beloved, Toni Morrison's Pulitzer Prizewinning book, and will follow the same pattern.

A panel of nine committee members, plus facilitator Eric MacGregor, the district's director of secondary education, will meet twice (the first meeting is open to the public), then cast anonymous ballots.

If it follows the same time frame as the first committee, a decision is likely due around Feb. 17.

In the meantime, the district's Board of

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ROAD VICTORIES

Another large crowd filled the board room, most to debate the appropriateness of books in the Advanced Placement English Curriculum, at the E.J. McClendon Education Center Monday.

Firefighter trainee follows father's path of duty

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth's new partnership with the Northville Fire Department has city employee John Buzuvis unexpectedly continuing a family tradition. lowing a path blazed by his father, John Buzuvis Jr., and uncle, Dennis Buzuvis, both of whom were on-call Plymouth firefighters starting in the late 1960s.

"At this stage in my career, I never thought I'd have the opportunity to fol-

Congratulations to Meryl Davis (a new Plymouth resident) and Charlie White, world champion ice dancers.

Davis and White won their fourth straight title at the U.S. Figure **Skating Champion**ships last week in San Jose, Calif., skating to Die Fledermaus. The ice dancers train at the Arctic Edge in Canton and represented the Arctic Figure Skating Club. Davis grew up in West Bloomfield and is a graduate of Groves High School in Birmingham. White grew up in **Bloomfield Hills.**

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Plymouth Downtown Development Authority official John Buzuvis is adding to his day job by becoming an on-call firefighter with the city of Plymouth's new fire department. Buzuvis, the assistant operations director for the Downtown Development Authority and the special projects director at City Hall, is anticipating taking on a third role — on-call firefighter — this year. One of six Plymouth employees in training, Buzuvis is follow in his footsteps," the younger Buzuvis said of his dad, who joined the department in 1967 and left in the early 1980s. In addition to giving him a new skill, he said, firefighter training is showing him the value of

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John Buzuvis practices tying knots.

New group fights fire tax proposal

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

A new citizens group in Plymouth Township is urging the defeat of a ballot proposal that would create a special assessment district to help fund the Plymouth Community Fire Department. The Friends of Plymouth Township, formed in recent weeks and registered as a political action committee, on Tuesday sponsored what was billed as an informational session on the proposal for a special assessment district, or SAD. Voters will decide the fate of the proposal, which would give the township Board of Trustees authority to levy taxes on all taxable property in the township, during the Tuesday, Feb. 28, state primary.

There were a lot of questions Tuesday during the group's meeting at the Plymouth District Library — and few fans of the SAD proposal among the crowd of about 40 people.

"There is no other issue," said Friends treasurer Pam Kosteva after the meeting. "Just our con-

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cern regarding the issue of the special assessment district."

"To me, this is simply a blank check," said resident Dick Arlen.

A successful petition drive, and action in Wayne County Circuit Court, by another group, the Citizens Action Group of Plymouth Township, put the ques-

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FIRE TAX

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tion on the ballot. The fire department is losing about a quarter of its annual revenue, nearly \$1 million, with the city of Plymouth's departure from it, and CAG members are concerned that it could face personnel cuts.

No service loss

Township officials at Tuesday's meeting sought to reassure residents that, whether the SAD is approved or not, the township will continue to have firefighting and emergency medical service.

"I would not vote to support a model that would put my children in harm's way," said Trustee Bob Doroshewitz.

"There's going to be fire protection. There's going to be ambulance protection," Supervisor Richard Reaume said later.

Reaume outlined ways the township might provide the services with less revenue — laying off six firefighters (the department currently has 23 members), partnering with neighboring communities, getting a private paramedic service more heavily involved, or perhaps cross-training police officers in firefighting and medical response skills. Officials have also talked about hiring parttime, on call-firefighters to supplement the full-time firefighters, who would work 12-hour shifts instead of the current 24-hour shifts.

The SAD wouldn't allow any taxes to be levied until December, Reaume said, meaning the revenue wouldn't be available until the 2013 fiscal year. Even if it is approved by voters, he said, several trustees have indicated they would be opposed to levying it, a decision that would be at the board's discretion. The proposal, if

approved, would allow the board to levy up to 10 mills (\$1 for every \$1,000 of a property's taxable value) for fire department capital expenditures and an unlimited amount for operations. It would have no time limit.

Wording dispute

The CAG petition drive, which garnered about 4,000 signatures, called for a 1-mill, fiveyear SAD, and supporters of the firefighters have been arguing since December that their petition language should be reflected in the ballot question. But township officials' position is that the state law that governs special assessment districts created for public safety purposes allows only an unlimited operations tax and has no expiration.

"It gives a future board nearly unlimited taxing power," said Doroshewitz.

There were a few CAG activists present Tuesday, one of whom stalked out of the meeting.

"You're lying to us. It's awful," said Laura Gumina before retrieving her coat and leaving the room

Resident Don Howard, who is against cutting firefighting jobs, was disappointed in township officials' participation in Tuesday's session. "They are encouraging a no vote," said Howard.

Kosteva said Friends members are proud of the community and the fire department but just believe that, with the loss of revenue from Plymouth, the current system is no longer sustainable.

"It's time to pay the piper," she said.

Plymouth officials, in an effort to cut costs, on Jan. 1 formally began a partnership with the Northville Fire Department, which relies on on-call, nonunion firefighters.

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teamwork, camaraderie, attention to detail and looking out for the safety of others.

"I feel very blessed and honored to be going through it, to have the opportunity to work with such great people," he said.

Book learning

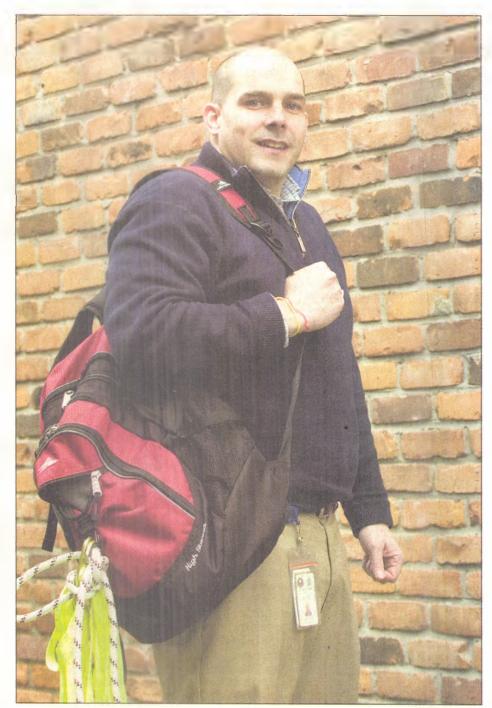
Buzuvis is among the 13 trainees in a course taught by Chief Jim Payeur of the Chelsea Area Fire Authority. The course, which began in mid-October, meets for four hours twice a week plus every other Saturday.

Payeur is taking his class through a thick textbook covering fire science, terminology, hazardous materials and the safe and effective use of equipment. The Saturday sessions are usually devoted to physical training --- students learn the use of tools, the proper way to ventilate a burning building, how to work a hose line, properly climb a ladder and knot the ropes firefighters sometimes use to lift equipment. A house with simulated smoke gave them a taste of working a real fire and, outside of class, they had the opportunity to observe and help out on some training burns in the Chelsea area.

"It really helps bring together some of the things you see and learned about in the book," Buzuvis said.

"There's certainly a lot more involved than putting some water on fire," said Police Chief Al Cox, who is also in firefighter training.

The new fire department partnership involves expanding the Northville department and having half the firefighters respond from the Northville station and half respond from the Plymouth station behind City Hall, which was remodeled to accommodate new equipment. The hiring of all current trainees would put the department at about 50 firefighters, which is Chief



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John Buzuvis is following in his father's footsteps, taking the training to become an oncall firefighter with the city of Plymouth.

Ready response

The thinking behind enrolling current Plymouth employees in the academy was that their day-to-day presence will make for knowledgeable firefighters who are already familiar with the city. "Potentially, we could have a very quick response time," Buzuvis said.

For Cox, who is also Plymouth's public safety director, the move was a natural.

"If I'm going to have this title I should know both sides," he said. Police officers are also being trained as medical first responders ---about half are already

incident, will be that of a police chief, as police are usually present at such scenes anyway for duties like traffic control, he said. Whether on duty or off, Cox responds as chief to structure fires, so "our police response would have to be satisfied first" before he picks up a firehose or climbs a ladder, he said.

Also in class with Cox and Buzuvis are Police Lt. Jamie Grabowski, Chris Helenski and Nick Johns of the Department of Municipal Services, and Noah Allor, who works part time in cable television operations. Allor also works full time as an emergency medical tech-

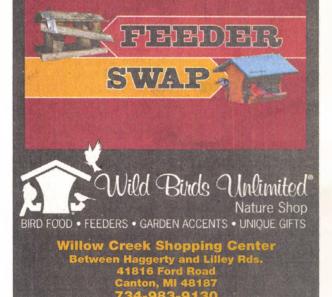
work was important to his father, who was a fulltime supervisor at a local manufacturer.

"I think it was being able to give back to the community," he said of what motivated his father and uncle. "When people needed help the most you could be there to respond."

The elder Buzuvis agreed.

"It kind of made you feel a bigger part of the city, of the things that went on," said John Buzuvis Jr., who now lives in Brighton.

The pay was low — he started at \$2 for showing up, \$3 an hour after that -- but the camarade-



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Jim Allen's goal.

Northville relies on part-time, on-call firefighters — Allen is the only full-timer - and most have full-time jobs.

trained - and Cox plans to go through that course as well.

However, Cox's first duty, in the case of a major fire or emergency

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The fire academy winds up at the end of this month, and students take a 200-question written test, administered by the state, on Wednesday, Feb. 29. On Saturday, March 3, there is an assessment of their physical skills. If successful, the trainees will earn the state's Firefighter II certification.

Sense of pride

Growing up, Buzuvis saw that firefighting rie and public duty were important, he said.

"There were a lot of good people, very dedicated," he said. "You really depend of everybody. Everybody showed up.

The elder Buzuvis is pleased that his son has the same sense of duty.

"It gives you a lot of self-satisfaction, and I'm very happy he was interested in doing it," he said.

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CORRECTION

A story in Sunday's Plymouth Observer on Helen Micus of Plymouth Township, who is turning 100, incorrectly stated that William Ax Jr. died in 2001. It was his father, William Ax Sr. — Helen Micus' son – who died in 2001. Also, William Ax Sr. had been in the Air Force, not the Army, as originally reported.

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Officials: Books followed approval process

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

Critics challenging the use of two novels in Plymouth-Canton's Advanced Placement English curriculum have said they doesn't believe either Graham Swift's "Waterland" or Toni Morrison's "Beloved" were properly vetted by district officials before being included in the curriculum.

But the woman responsible for adding both volumes to the curriculum said Monday reviews of both followed established procedures. Sharon Strean, a former assistant principal at Salem High School who

supervised English and special education programs, told a crowd at a Board of Education meeting the process was "very thorough."

"I did research 'Beloved" as part of the process, Strean said. "The (vetting) policy is predicated on the knowledge of teachers. We hired the right teachers, and we're very reliant on their expertise. We counted on each other. We have hundreds of texts; no one can read them all."

While the Board of Education gets the final say on textbooks, "Waterland" and "Beloved" are considered instructional resources, which are approved

at the building level. According to district policy, resource materials are vetted by a committee established by the building principal. Policy dictates principals establish a committee made up of staff "directly involved in the program for which the materials ... will be used."

That committee returns a recommendation to the administration for approval.

As "Beloved" was being reviewed, and with the review of "Waterland" set to start next week, the board has heard some criticism for not speaking up on the issue. But trustees pointed out it's not their job yet. "This is not a board matter

at this point," Board of Education trustee Mark Horvath said Monday, responding to critics wondering why the board hasn't acted. "That's the process, and we're following it. We have to let the process work, and it's not at the board level."

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Matt Dame, the complainant against both books, said he has maintained all along the vetting process is flawed.

'This is a process improvement issue, a parents' rights issue," Dame told the crowd Monday. "Working together we can devise an equitable solution."

Strean said "Waterland" and "Beloved" suffer from the

same sort of criticism other acclaimed literature gets. She pointed out Homer's "The Odyssey" was criticized for its mention of multiple Gods, and Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" was ostracized for the use of the "N" word. She isn't concerned AP students aren't mature enough to handle the books.

"Scholars consider (Huck Finn) the most anti-racist book ever written," Strean said. "I've been in and out of these classrooms hundreds of times. Teachers get such mature responses, I was amazed."

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Education convened again Monday night to take public comment members didn't make time for a week earlier, leaving 15 speakers without a forum to address their concerns. At that Jan. 23 meeting, the board limited the public comment section to 45 minutes.

Swift apology

It was a move that violated the Michigan Open Meetings Act, and the board moved swiftly to correct it. The board issued an apology Friday and scheduled the Monday meeting.

Board Vice President Adrienne Davis apologized to one speaker, Tim Roraback of Plymouth, who had objected to the move at last week's meeting and told board members he thought it violated the law.

"I wanted the public to hear it." Davis told Roraback. "It violated the law, and I wanted to apologize to you."

Nearly all of the speakers wanted to talk about the ongoing book issue. A district review committee last week issued a decision to leave Morrison's Beloved in the AP curriculum after hearing arguments from Canton parents Matt and Barb Dame, who asked for the review because of the

igan, was among a number of students who spoke in favor of the books. He took issue with the idea either book is pornographic or promotes abortion, as some have claimed.

Great argument

He said Mary, the character in Waterland who has an abortion, is left in emotional ruin from the experience.

The incident leaves Mary scarred and broken for the rest of her life," Fine said. "I can think of no greater argument against abortion."

Like many of the parents upset about the use of the books in the curriculum, Tony Lollio of Plymouth, who has a daughter in the district, wondered why the district doesn't simply find other books to use.



Derek Fine, a 2010 Salem High School graduate, said he "knows of no greater argument against abortion" than the repercussions faced by a character in 'Waterland.'

"Are you telling me we can't find (books) we can all agree on?" Lollio asked. "If not, we're selling our language, and our literature, short.

School board members were impressed so many speakers in such a large crowd could air their opinions in a calm, reasoned fashion.

"There are a lot of people on both sides of a very emotional issue," board Trustee Mike Maloney said at the end. "The fact we were all listening to each other is an important step to come to some sort of resolution."

Dr. Jeremy Hughes, the

district's superintendent, pointed out the district will respect the Beloved review committee's decision, and that book will remain in the curriculum. Waterland, which was removed by Hughes in

mid-December without benefit of a review committee, will remain out of the classroom until the second committee comes to a decision. When it does, Hughes said, that decision will also be honored.



UP FOR REVIEW

What: Review of Graham Swift's Waterland When: 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8 Where: E.J. McClendon Education Center, 454 Harvey, **Plymouth**

Who: A committee made up of facilitator Erin Mac-Gregor, director of secondary education; English teacher Kelly Mandeville; social studies teacher Josh Carroll; Hoben Elementary media specialist Jolie Valentine; Plymouth District Library Director Pat Thomas; parents Paula Payne and Nanette Zygmunt of the School Council board; Matthew Cole, Ph.D., Lawrence Technological University professor and a district parent; Kay Elaster, Plymouth-Canton's curriculum coordinator for English and social studies; and Nancy Laws, Salem High School associate principal. Why: To review Waterland for appropriateness for use in the AP English curriculum, pursuant to a complaint by a parent.

graphic nature of some passages in the book.

Monday's meeting was very congenial, with speakers on both sides of the book issue offering their opinions.

Derek Fine, a 2010 Salem High School graduate now a sophomore at the University of Mich-

NEWS BRIEF

MDOT meeting

The Michigan Department of Transportation will hold a public information meeting on upcoming road projects on Thursday, Feb. 9 from 5-7 p.m. in the banquet hall of Canton's Summit on the Park.

The meeting will be an open house format and will focus on the following projects: Rehabilitation and reconstruction of 34 bridges along I-275, the resurfacing of I-275 from Ecorse Road to Ford Road, and the addition of a dedicated right-turn lane on westbound Michigan Avenue at Haggerty Road.

During the meeting plans will be available for review and MODT staff will be available to answer questions and concerns pertaining to this project. For more information please call MDOT at (313) 375-2400.



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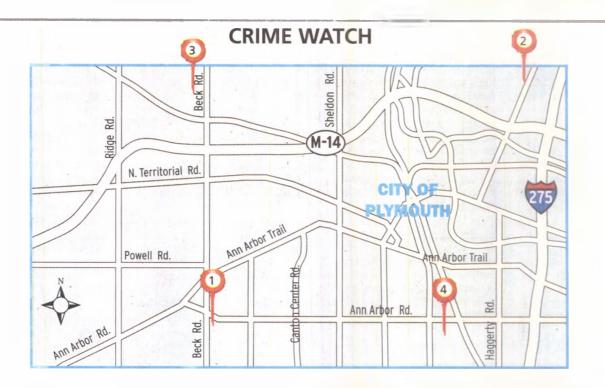
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Township police make two potpossession arrests

Two people were arrested on marijuana-possession charges in Plymouth Township in separate incidents on Sunday.

The first arrest, of a male teenager from Canton Township, took place around 3 a.m. in the area of Ann Arbor Road and Beck, according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report. An officer on patrol stopped the driver of a Chrysler Sebring, the report said, after seeing the car cross the center line on westbound Ann Arbor Road.

Upon speaking to the driver and a male passenger, police said, the officer smelled marijuana coming from the vehicle. With the help of a drugsniffing dog from the Canton police, officers found a pipe and rolling papers in the car and a jar of suspected marijuana in the trunk, police said.

Both males in the car denied owning the contraband, police said. The driver was arrested, ticketed and turned over to an adult; the passenger was released to an adult. The substance police found in the jar later tested positive for marijuana, police said. A citation for marijuana possession comes with a mandatory court appearance.

Second arrest

2 The second marijuana arrest, of a man from Inkster, took place in the area of Five Mile and Maxwell, just west of Haggerty, shortly after 4 p.m., police said.

An officer had stopped the man, who was driving a Dodge Ram pickup, because of a faulty brake light, police said. The officer smelled marijuana upon speaking to the driver and, asked twice if he had anything that he shouldn't have, the man replied, "I'm not going to lie. I have marijuana inside the car," police said.

Police found two suspected marijuana buds in the truck's center console. The man was arrested, and the buds later tested positive for marijuana, police said.

Missing purse

3 A Northville Township woman reported her purse missing from the Ruby Tuesday restaurant on Beck just south of Five Mile on Sunday.

The woman told police she left her purse at the restaurant after paying for her and her husband's dinner, a police report said. She returned to the restaurant that evening but couldn't find the purse, and the management told her it had not been turned in, police said. There were cash, credit cards, a checkbook and identification in the purse, she told police.

The woman later told police she canceled her credit cards and was closing her checking account.

Pallet theft

A metal pallet was reported stolen Monday from the rear parking lot at Gatco Inc., on Ann Arbor Road near Lilley.

The theft took place between 6 p.m. Sunday and 6 a.m. Monday, the manager told police.

Fire runs

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period Jan. 25-31: • Tuesday, Jan. 31 — Rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road, on Haggerty, on Oakcliffe and on Northville Road.

• Monday, Jan. 30 — Rescue runs on Northville Road, on North Drive, at Beck and 5 Mile, on VanBuren, on southbound I-275 at Hines Drive, on Haggerty and on Elmhurst.

• Sunday, Jan. 29 — Rescue runs on Tennyson, on southbound I-275 north of Ann Arbor Road, on Sheldon and on Northville Road.

• Saturday, Jan. 28 — Rescue runs on Harvest, on Ivanhoe, on Northville Road, on Port and on Stonehenge.

• Friday, Jan. 27 — Rescue runs on Northville Road, on Sheldon, on Haggerty, on Ann Arbor Road and on Tyler.

• Thursday, Jan. 26 — Rescue runs on Postiff, at Ann Arbor Road and Tavistock, on eastbound M-14 and Haggerty, on Northville Road, at Ford and Haggerty, on Ann Arbor Trail, on Cherry Hill and on northbound I-275 south of M-14.

• Wednesday, Jan. 25 — Rescue runs on Northville Road, on Ann Arbor Road west of Lilley, on N. Territorial and on Morrison.

— By Matt Jachman

Canton man faces trial on murder charges

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

A Canton man is facing trial in Wayne County Circuit Court on charges he tortured and murdered a 57-year-old Romulus man, Frank Jones, whose son found him lying face down in his bathroom Jan. 7 with his hands tied behind his back and his head covered by a plastic bag.

The defendant, 41-year-old Michael Joseph Sutton, was ordered to stand trial for first-degree murder, felony murder and torture during his preliminary examination Wednesday in Romulus 34th District Court.

Romulus Police Chief Robert Dickerson has said Jones and Sutton had an "intimate relationship" before Jones was found dead from what the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office has ruled was blunt force trauma.

Sutton faces life in prison without parole if he is convicted as charged. He had lived in the Autumn Ridge apartment complex near Cherry Hill and Lotz roads before his arrest, Canton authorities have said.

Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner has said a Ford Mustang belonging to Jones had been found in the Walmart parking lot on Ford Road east of Lotz the day after his body was discovered in a pool of blood.

Sutton, jailed with a \$1 million bond, is facing trial following testimony Wednesday in 34th District Court. Romulus police have called Jones' death a brutal slaying, saying they used phone records and other evidence as their investigation against Sutton unfolded.

Jones lived in the 15600 block of Springhill in Romulus and was a registered sex offender. He had served three years in prison for child sexually abusive material or activity, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Jones had been released from prison in August 2009.

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Community throws Rachel a graduation party

By Karen Smith Observer Staff Writer

Rachel Collett, a Livonia teen who's been battling cancer for six years and is currently under hospice care, celebrated her graduation from Churchill High School Friday at a party with more than 300 family members and friends.

Rachel received her diploma in a private ceremony Jan. 13 at the Livonia school after meeting all of the requirements.

Graduating from high school was high on the list of things she wanted to accomplish, said her mother, Audrey Collett. Like any high school

graduate, she wanted to celebrate that accomplishment with a party.

'Everything she wanted'

Lori Woellecke, Rachel's former counselor at Frost Middle School, helped to organize the party, thrown at no cost to the family.

Held at Plymouth Manor, the party featured a disc jockey, a video with music and photos of Rachel, a taco bar and a cake made in the numerals 2012,

"It was everything she could have wanted," Audrey Collett said.

Rachel stayed the whole time, visiting with family members, friends, nurses, former classmates and teachers including those from Livonia and her former hometown of Johannesburg in Otsego County, Mich.

Family members came from Ohio and Pennsylvania.



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Rachel Collett watches a video produced for her graduation party.

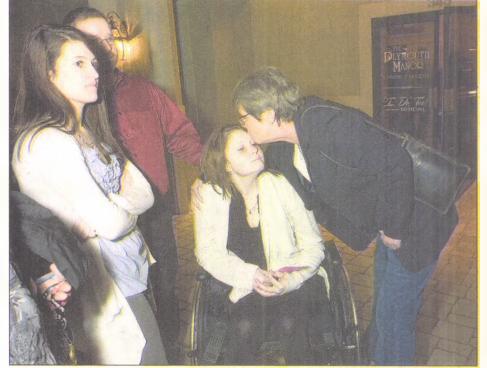
"People from every part of Rachel's life were there," Audrey Collett said, adding Rachel has made a lasting impression on almost everyone she has met over the years. "They just kept coming and coming and coming."

No cost to family

Nick Ristich, the owner of Plymouth Manor, donated the hall rental, staffing and some of the food after he was approached by Woellecke, a former employee, who asked how much it would cost. "It won't cost anything. When do you want to do it?" he told her.

Vendors jumped on board, donating their services as well including deejay Joe Magrada of Ultimate Entertainment, Mr. Cake's Place of Ann Arbor and Maggie Patilla of Memory Makers, who donated chair covers and "phenomenal centerpieces," Ristich said.

Local restaurants including Little Caesars, Subway and Qdoba Mexican Grill donated food, and Ristich's grandchildren and their friends came home from Mich-



Martha Huard, a University of Michigan Hospital nurse, greets Rachel Collett at the party. At left are Rachel's friend Amber Prong and Rachel's dad, Roy Collett.

igan State University to help. Family and friends donated desserts. Three teachers from Frost donated money to purchase additional food. "It was really a group

effort," Ristich said.

Audrey Collett said she was awestruck by how beautiful the hall looked and how well everything went. "It couldn't have been more perfect," she said.

Her neighbor made the video. "She must have been stealing pictures from me of Rachel for years," she said.

Snowball effect

Audrey said she and Rachel had talked about having a party at their home. But "under the circumstances for me to plan a party (at home) would have been too. much," she said.

Woellecke learned about Rachel's desire for a party while dropping off a meal at their home. She told her parents not to commit to any other halls until she called Ristich, who she said offered the space at the Plymouth Manor "without any second guessing at all."

An hour later, Ristich called Woellecke back saying he wanted Rachel to have chair covers. "It just kind of snowballed from there."

Woellecke is one of the many people on whom Rachel has made a lasting impression.

Diagnosed with a rare form of osteosarcoma, a bone cancer, while in sixth grade, she made up her mind not to let it change who she was or the life she wanted to lead, Woellecke said. "How can you just not be drawn to that?"

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Even as a middle school student, Rachel was mature and saw the big picture in life, Woellecke said.

She didn't get drawn into the typical middle school drama and stood up to anyone being mean to someone else. "If she heard it, she said something," Woellecke said. Her friends come from

every school clique.

Woellecke said Rachel always insisted on doing all of her school work, never using her illness as an excuse.

"She graduated because she earned it; she had enough credits so she could graduate," Woellecke said. "It wasn't a gift because of the circumstances."

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STATE OF MICHIGAN **COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH**

FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NUMBER C-2011-08

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE BUILDING OFFICIAL AS THE ENFORCING AGENCY TO DISCHARGE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH AND DESIGNATING REGULATED FLOOD PRONE HAZARD AREAS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 44 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE OF REGULATIONS AND THE STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE ACT, ACT NO. 230 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1972, AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ANY ORDINANCE OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL AND SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR **PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.**

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Ordinance Number C-2011-08, the Floodplain Management Ordinance is hereby adopted to read as follows:

Section I. Agency Designated. This section provides the designated agency.

Section 2. Code Appendix Enforced. This section provides for an enforcing agency.

Section 3. Designation Of Regulated Flood Prone Hazard Areas. This section provides for the designation of regulated flood prone hazard areas.

Section 4. Violation And Penalty. This section provides that any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 5. Repeal. This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 6. Severability. This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

Section 7. Savings Clause. This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance

Section 8. Publication. This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 9. Effective Date. This section provides that this Ordinance shall take full force and effect on February 2, 2012.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, during regular business hours.

> Joe Bridgman, MMC Township Clerk

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HEISE HOURS

Date/Time: Monday, Feb. 13 Location: 10-11 a.m., Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady; 1-2 p.m., Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe; 3-4 p.m., Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. Details: State Rep. Kurt Heise invites residents to meet with him locally during district office hours. Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office. Contact: Residents are invited to call toll free 1-855-REP-KURT or e-mail kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

YMCA CAMP

Date/Time: Feb. 20-24, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Location: First United Methodist Church of Plymouth

Details: The Plymouth Family YMCA is now registering for Mid-Winter Break Camp. At YMCA Day Camps, kids have fun while they learn how to make new friends, build new skills and experience new adventures. The camp offers children a variety of activities including swimming, arts & crafts, sports & games, character development and more. The cost per day is \$40 for members and \$60 for community participants. Weekly rates are \$165 for members and \$195 for community participants.

Contact: Call (734) 453-2904 or go to www.ymcadetroit.org

RED BELL OPEN HOUSE

Date/Time: Monday, Feb. 6, 7-8 p.m. Location: Red Bell Preschool, 44661 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth

Details: Red Bell Preschool hosts its open house, where potential students/parents can tour the school, meet the teacher and learn more about the curriculum. All are welcome, no reservations required. Contact: Call (734) 453-5520 or visit www. redbellpreschool.com

GARDEN CLUB

Date/Time: Monday, Feb. 13, 12:30 p.m. Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main

Details: The next meeting of the Plymouth Garden Club features Mike Appel of Appel Environmental Design talking about the importance of Rain Gardens in the local community.

Contact: For more information, contact Carolyn Baetz at carolynbaetz@wideopenwest.com or (734) 459-1097.

PLAYWRITING WORKSHOP

Date/Time: Monday, Feb. 13, 6:30-9:30 p.m.



Father knows best

Spotlight Players presents "Cheaper by the Dozen" Feb. 17-19 and Feb. 24-26 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton. The cast features Drex Morton, Thomas Strock and Tatum Cho of Canton; Jim Broderick, Miki Somers, Alex Smith, Donovan Sutton, Roman Bonacorsi, Jenessa Hubbard and Deniste Staffield of Plymouth. Show times are Feb. 17 and Feb. 24, 8 p.m.; Feb. 18 and Feb. 25, 2 and 8 p.m.; Feb. 19 and Feb. 26, 2 p.m. Tickets are \$18 adults, \$17 seniors and students, available at (734) 394-5460 or online at www. spotlightplayers.org.

Location: Cherry Hill Schoolhouse, 50440 Cherry Hill in Canton.

Details: Aspiring playwrights are encouraged to attend TLC Productions upcoming Playwriting Workshop, where participants will learn the necessary skills needed to take a play from page to the stage. Workshop attendees will also see how to develop ideas into a detailed and evolved plot; create a fine-tuned script; and find out what it takes to submit a script for production and festival consideration, in addition to available theatrical resources and how to advance their efforts. Pre-registration by e-mail is required by Jan. 31.

Contact: For more information about TLC Productions' Playwriting Workshop, visit http://tlcprod.wordpress.com.

EUCHRE CHALLENGE

Date/Time: Saturday, March 10, 6 p.m. Location: Elks club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth

Details: The Metro Detroit Euchre Tournament is designed as a fun night out for people who like to play the game. Proceeds will support the Canton Chiefs Wrestling Team, a State of Michigan Top 10 Team. Cash awards will be given to the top four players. There will be free door prize drawings, a raffle for more great prizes and a silent auction.

Contact: Pre-register by e-mailing Metro-DetroitEuchre@vahoo.com or call Linda Obrec at (734) 945-6685.





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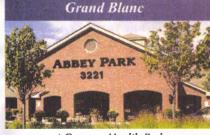
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Fairy tale performance Plymouth-Canton AAUW brings 'Cinderella' to O'Leary stage

By Sue Mason Observer Staff Writer

Live children's theater will return next to O'Leary Theater at Garden City High School as the Plymouth-Canton Association of American University Women stage its version of the fairy tale classic, Cinderella Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 8-10.

The all-woman cast has been rehearsing at the high school since the beginning of January, and for co-director Kaytee Bellows of Waterford, it's a twist on growing up with her mother, Sue Bellows, who plays the fairy godmother.

"The tables have turned," said the Waterford resident. "She spent a lot of years telling me what to do. Now I get to do it. I'm going to take it and run with it."

This is Kaytee Bellows' first time directing the play. She's sharing the duties with Becky Copenhaver of Canton who's in the director's chair for a fourth time since joining the local AAUW branch in 1985.

"I brought my son to see the play in 1984 and commented to my husband that they were having too much fun and I needed to be up there," said Copenhaver. "I joined the next year and the very first year I was Wendy in Peter Pan. It was very exciting for me, but they took a chance on me."

52nd year

This is the 52nd year for the branch's chil-



Monica Nick (left) of Plymouth and Michelle Churchill (right) of Novi are play sisters Gruesue and Ugletta, while MaryBeth Riblett of Plymouth appears in the title role as Cinderella.

dren's theater production. The plays started out as a branch interest group aimed at bringing live drama to children in Plymouth. It has now become the major project of the branch, which is known around the state for its live theater and which is also a drawing card for new young members like MaryBeth Riblett of Plymouth. In her fourth year, she's playing Cinderella, the role she wanted.

"It just seemed to be a fun role, I get to do the whole fairy tale thing,' she said. "I auditioned for this and one of the stepsisters. I got this and I'm having a lot of fun with it."

"Every other year I've been a boy, so I'm excited that I get to wear a dress

this year." she added.

Sue Bellows is also playing the role she wanted as Cinderella's fairy godmother. But in the branch's version of the fairy tale, she must contend with a fairy godmother in training (GIT) played by Sandy Iannucci of Plymouth.

"I'm her straight man," said Sue Bellows of Iannucci. "I'm getting up in age and can't be around forever. I'll eventually go to the fairy godmother home, but I have to deal with this fairy godmother wanna-be.'

"I have to show the other side of myself," the Garden City resident added. "I was the Queen of Hearts last year and I was fabulous, if I must say so myself."

Armed with a wand that

lights up, Sue Bellows was busy showing her good side and expressing her love for the three mice — Jack, Worm and Gus.

"Oh, we love her back, but we have to keep reminding her we turn into horses," said Kay Paupore of Canton who plays Gus.

Sparkling hair

Iannucci stands out in her role with her sparkly blue wig. She admitted that sparkle caught her off guard, the first time she put it on.

"When I tried it on the first time, someone was talking to me and I couldn't talk," she said. "I couldn't concentrate because of the blue wig." In her 12th year with

the AAUW, Iannuc-

CINDERELLA

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Feb. 8-9 and 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10

Location: O'Leary Auditorium at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt Road, north of Ford Road, Garden City

Details: The Plymouth-Canton AAUW will present its annual children's play, "Cinderella." Tickets are still available for two performances on Thursday and Saturday morning for scouts interested in earning theater badges. The program includes reserved seating, acting presentation at 6:15 p.m. Thursday and 10:15 a.m. Saturday, the show and a fun patch. Tickets are \$5 in advance (includes patch for scouts) and \$6 at the door. Seating is still available for all shows. Tickets are available at Perko's Shoes, 33426 W. Five Mile, Livonia; Sideways Gifts, 505 Forest Ave., Plymouth, and Fanatic U, 30409 Ford Road Garden City.

Contact: For more information, visit the Plymouth AAUW website at www.aauw-pcmi.org.

ci admits it was the play that attracted her. At the urging of fellow member Melissa Uhl, she joined after she was told she'd enjoy it.

"I started off shy, my first play I was an Indian brave with one line," she said. "I've had a lot of roles since then and I can say I'm no longer shy. This is a great group of women."

The branch has seven different plays that it presents. Each time a play is staged, a new script is updated with news lines and characters like this year's GIT.

"We have so many talented people," said Copenhaver. "I wrote the GIT for Sandy because I knew she'd ham it up."

Kaytee Bellows took on the directing job when no one stepped up to be director by September. Copenhaver agreed to help her.

"I would rather be up

on stage, but everyone has been very helpful and offered suggestions," said Copenhaver. "I get to bounce ideas off of Kaytee, but it's nerve wracking."

The play serves as' a fundraiser for the branch which uses the money to provide scholarships for women attending school or returning to school at places like Schoolcraft College and Madonna University. It also has become a popular program for scouts who attend presentations and watch the show on Thursday evening and Saturday morning, while earning fun patches. Last year, 1,100 scouts attended the two shows.

"It's pretty wonderful," said Kaytee Bellows. "They get patches with the workshop, and we have a lot of fun."

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'lt's a long shot, it's a Hail Mary'

Retired police officers seek answers in 1990 cold case

By Sue Mason Observer Staff Writer

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Michael Frayer is a realist. Finding out what happened to an Okemos woman who disappeared along I-96 22 years ago may be near to impossible. But he is committed to finding her and providing closure for her family.

"If we find her, I think we can find out who did it," said Frayer. "It's a long shot, it's a Hail Mary. It's tough because we have no victim, we're not even sure where the crime scene was."

Frayer is part of a three-member cold case team made up of retired law enforcement officers who represent 110 years of experience and who are working with the Livingston County Sheriff's Department on the more than 20-yearold mystery.

Frayer is a retired Westland police chief. Also on the team is friend and retired Westland police officer Joe Morrow and retired Canton Police Officer and Mackinac Island police chief William Lenaghan.

"We've been able to generate 80 new leads and tips and we've gotten about a dozen that are viable," said Frayer. "We've also come up with five persons of interest."

A substitute teacher, Paige Renkoski was 30 years old when she disappeared without a trace along I-96 in Livingston County on May 24, 1990. Her car was found on the shoulder of the westbound lanes of the Interstate about a quarter-mile east of the Fowlerville exit. It, was unlocked, with the engine running and the headlights on. Her shoes and purse were still inside.

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MICHAEL FRAYER retired Westland police chief

with Morrow and at Schoolcraft College.

They been provided with discarded sheriff uniforms to wear when needed and have gotten help from private individuals and other law enforcement agencies.

The team started off reviewing the entire Renkoski report which included five cabinet drawers filled with tips. They've used cadaver dogs from Michigan Urban Search and Rescue to check possible burial sites and GPS to search sites where they thought Renkoski might be. Anthropologists and FBI agents helped in digs conducted on property in Conway Township in November. A gentleman in the private sector also loaned them an \$80,000 GPS unit they used in their search.

One site they investigated they had a hit on a spot that looked promising, but when they dug it up, what they thought might be a human skull was a rock. Another spot, they dug up an elbow, a "plumber's elbow." Frayer said.

"It's very frustrating," Frayer said. "We got a tip from a lady that her dog had brought home a femur. Her boyfriend said it was a deer bone. She disagreed. While she was talking to us, the dog ate the bone."

Of the five persons of interest they've come up



Retired Westland Police Chief Michael Frayer (left) and retire Westland Police Officer Joe Morrow are working on a Livingston County Sheriff's Department cold case team, trying to solve the disappearance of an Okemos woman 22 years ago.



In June 2011, cold case team member Mike Environments an even that years an event during a second of an even in

Team members

Lenaghan, who was working for Livingston County 9-1-1, was approached by Sheriff Bob Bezotte about working on the case. He contacted Morrow and Frayer to see if they were interested.

"Everyone has friends here and there, and you might be able to pull something (investigators) weren't able to before," Lenaghan said. "Everyone makes their best effort, but sometimes it doesn't come together."

Morrow handled fatal accident investigations while on the Westland Police Department and was a private investigator for 10 years after he retired in July 1991.

Frayer worked on the road patrol and in the detective bureau before moving up the chain of command to chief. He retired in July 1992 and then worked for Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, retiring from there in 2006. He also worked with, several are incarcerated and one is a fugitive. One of the possible suspects is getting out in March, he's been in prison since he was 17 years old, Frayer said. One is in prison in California, and they've sent material out west to see what, if anything, turns up.

Frayer and Morrow describe themselves as "old school." They develop leads through contacts. Today's police use a lot of new technology. "There's things we

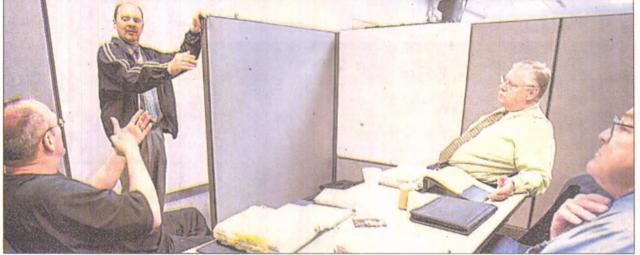
"There's things we didn't know existed that they're doing, but they don't have the ability to go out and talk to people," said Morrow. "We use the old boy network ... we talk to a guy who knows a guy who knows a guy."

Tracking info

Morrow lives in Westland and Frayer in Wayne and they meet regularly to talk about the case.

"Him and I have lunch together and bounce

In June 2011, cold case team member Mike Frayer marks an area that reads an anomaly during a search of an area in Handy Township in a search for of Paige Renkoski, who went missing in 1990.



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Lt. Todd Luzod stands to talk with cold case team members Michael Frayer (from left), William 'Bill' Lenaghan and Joe Morrow.

ideas off each other," said Frayer. "We all have our own theories as to what happen."

Frayer also checks the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) which tracks missing and unidentified remains around the country.

"I'm usually on it daily to see if anything has For the two men, working on the cold cases offers them two opportunities — one to give back and the other to keep current with a profession they grew up in.

turned up," he said.

"We use some of our training and skills, actually a good part of them," said Frayer. "This is a personal challenge we want to see to the end. It keeps our training sharp."

"It also gets me out of the house," added Morrow.

Each time they talk to the media, they hope it will generate new leads that will put them closer to finding Paige Renkoski and their goal of bringing her home.

"Primarily, I'd like to get the guy who did it, absolutely, but I'd really like to bring her home to her mother in Okemos," Frayer said.

Gannett News Service contributed to this story.

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Investigators look for missing piece of puzzle

The disappearance of Paige Renkoski is a mystery a Livingston County Sheriff's Department cold case team would like to solve. For three years, the team has reviewed the investigation and generated new leads, but none have panned out as of yet.

Renkoski was 30 when she vanished from Livingston County virtually without a trace on May 24, 1990. A substitute teacher from Okemos, she was last seen talking to a man along I-96 in western Livingston County.

A passing motorist first



of the Fowlerville exit. The motorist became concerned when he saw the car running with no one inside at about 7:30 p.m. on his return trip. He called golice.

Investigators found the car unlocked, with the engine running and the headlights on. Her shoes, purse, a cup of beer and an open bottle of beer were still inside the car. There was no mechanical problem or damage to the car or its tires. There was no sign of a struggle.

Throughout the years, authorities have compared DNA samples related to the Renkoski case whenever a convicted serial killer is connected to the area. In 1999, two State Police detectives and three county sheriff's detectives comprised a task force to look at the cold case.

They investigated two theories — whether Renkoski disappeared on her own or whether she was abducted. According to Livingston County Sheriff Bob Bezotte, they believed she was abducted.

In 2001, that task force announced that they had a suspect who was "connected" to the maroon minivan. The suspect was identified after new technology allowed authorities to crossreference more than 1,000 tips in the case, and uncover leads which had seemed unrelated. However, it did not solve the

case.

The current cold case team members admit that solving

the case will be hard, but if they find that one clue or piece of information it could pull all the pieces together.

"I really believe, even with (the case) as old as it is, there are people out there who know what happened," Bezotte said. "I believe the case is solvable."

Anyone with information about the disappearance of Paige Renkoski is asked to call the cold case team at (517) 540-7879 or the Livingston County Sheriff's Department at (517) 546-2440.

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By Rick Bloom Guest Columnist

t is important to retain tax information that is starting to arrive in the mail. Many people will be doing their return over the next few weeks and there's something that can definitely bring your children or grandchildren substantial value down the road. It is a Roth IRA.

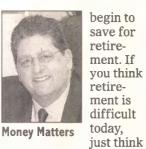
Many people with children who have worked in 2011 forget that even though they may be minors, they are eligible to open a Roth IRA. It is important to take advantage of a Roth IRA, if your child or grandchild is eligible.

Eligibility is not a matter of their age but rather, whether they have had earned income (money earned from wages). If, for example, last summer your child had a job and received a W-2, they are eligible to invest in a Roth IRA. Even if they do not have any taxable income they are still eligible for Roth IRA contributions.

A child may also be eligible for a Roth IRA if he/she was considered self-employed. They may have worked somewhere, received a 1099 or they could have done a variety of odd jobs where they received compensation. Of course, that money would have to be reported on a tax return.

The main benefit of a Roth IRA for a child is that the money will grow tax-free for decades. The numbers are startling as to how much money will grow when it is compounded. Therefore, from a purely financial standpoint, a Roth IRA can be a great investment vehicle for a young person to

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will be 40-50 years from now.

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The reality of the situation is that many teenagers and young people today can potentially be retired for as many years as they've worked. We know that they are not going to have pensions available to them and we have no idea whether Social Security and Medicare will be around. The bottom line is they will have to save a substantial amount of monev for retirement. The fact that they can potentially start saving now and let the money grow tax-free, is a huge benefit to them.

Another benefit to opening a Roth IRA for a child or grandchild, is that it can be used as teaching lesson regarding investing in general and the importance of saving.

Over the last few years, many financial institutions have made it more difficult for young people to invest because of high minimums and high IRA fees. However, there are still many companies that offer a variety of low-cost IRA programs. Some investorfriendly companies to consider are TD Ameritrade, Charles Schwab and Scottrade. In addition, T. Rowe Price and Vanguard also have some IRA programs worth considering. I recognize to get a teenager or a young adult to invest for their retirement is difficult. After all, we live in a society that teaches us to spend as opposed to save. Therefore, you have to look for ways to overcome this issue. For grandparents and parents who are in the financial position where they can just invest the money for the child, of course that is great. The limit for a younger person investing in a Roth IRA is \$5.000. However, the key is they must have at least \$5,000 in earned income. For example, if they only had \$3,000 in earned income, that would be the maximum contribution.

Another option may be to have a type of matching program for your child or grandchild. Tell them for every dollar they put in, you'll match it, or something similar. The bottom line is that investing in a Roth IRA provides a young person with a head start in their quest to be able to have the financial resources to enjoy a long and comfortable retirement.

When investing in a Roth IRA for a young person, remember that you're not investing for just the next

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five or 10 years, you're investing for 40-50 years down the road. Therefore. you should have a portfolio that's heavily invested in equities. Remember, you're not investing the money for yourself; you're investing it for a child or grandchild who has a much longer time frame. One of the nice things

about Roth IRA contributions is that you still can do them; you can make a 2011 Roth IRA contribution up to the time tax returns are due and that is April 17 of this year so you have plenty of time.

One last note, at the same time you're considering a Roth IRA for a child or grandchild, don't forget about a Roth IRA for yourself. Roth IRAs are great vehicles and just about anyone can benefit by taking advantage of them. Good luck!

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International vocal group brings 'S.O.U.L.' to church

Singers of United Lands (S.O.U.L.), a touring group of four professional singers from four continents, will perform folk songs from their homelands in their native tongues at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

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This season's performers hail from Bolivia, Poland, Namibia and India. S.O.U.L.'s mission is to develop international and cultural relationships through vocal music from around

the world. More information can be found online at www.singersofunitedlands.org.

Tickets are \$15 per person, or \$35 per family (which includes two adults and their children under 18 years of age). Tickets will be available at the door no advance purchase necessary. Proceeds go to Justice For Our Neighbors of Southeastern Michigan, a program providing free legal immigration services, education and advocacy. Find it on the web at www. jfonsemi.org.

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LOCAL NEWS

Northville chief to lead police chiefs organization

By Lonnie Huhman Correspondent

Northville Township Public Safety Director John Werth is honored to take on an even bigger public safety role after being named president of the largest organization of police chiefs in Michigan.

Werth was recently elected to head the association of Southeastern Michigan Chiefs of Police. This group is made up of the public safety departments from Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw counties, and represents over 100 agencies and 285 members.

"It's an honor any time you are elected by a group of peers," said Werth, who lives in Plymouth Township. "This is a great organization, and I'm proud to be a part of it."

He first joined the organization in 2001 when he was named chief of police in Northville Township and has consistently been a member in good standing. The association is a



representative for police agencies around the state.

The association's core goals are to enhance cooperation between public safety departments, support professional growth and training, and inform legislators. Testifying on behalf of area chiefs in Lansing will be one part of Werth's role as president. He said it's important that state representatives understand "what we do" and pass good legislation to ensure public safety. The association's influence and work greatly impacts the community.

For Northville Township Manager Chip Snider, this is a natural extension of Werth's leadership, and it's one he had hoped would come to fruition. After Werth's promotion, Snider asked him to complete his formal education and achieve a master's degree, and to devote his career to continuous improvement of the delivery of public safety service.

He has done both, and now he has achieved a third request of Snider.

"Lastly, I suggested he extend his leadership capabilities beyond the township's borders and in doing so improve our reputation for municipal sector leadership," Snider said. "John's election to president represents the culmination of my vision for his tenure. S.E. Chiefs serve Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw counties as the largest organization of their kind. Their input is heavily regarded by lawmakers and criminal justice professionals across the state."

In September, Werth was also named as Wayne County representative for the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police.

Habitat holds orientation meeting

Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County is hosting a homeowner orientation meeting 5:30-7:30 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Wayne Community College Western Campus in Belleville.

Free and open to the public, the program will give participants a history of Habitat for Humanity, the application process and documents required for home ownership and how to

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use the principal portion of their mortgage payments to supplement construction costs for future homes.

Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County is an organization that was founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a decent, safe and affordable place to live. Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Habitat and its homeowner families have built or rehabilitated more than 400,000 houses. Habitat invites people of all backgrounds, races and religions to build together in partnership.

The orientation meeting will be held in the Educational Multi-Purpose Room on the Western Campus, 9555 Haggerty, Belleville. For more information, contact the Western Campus at (734) 699-7008 or visit www.wcccd.edu.



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Children's play hits Village Theater stage

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The enchanting children's musical is based on the classic children's book by P.D. Eastman. Organizers are calling the production a "mustsee" for children in grades K-2, but say it's also "incredibly fun for the whole family."

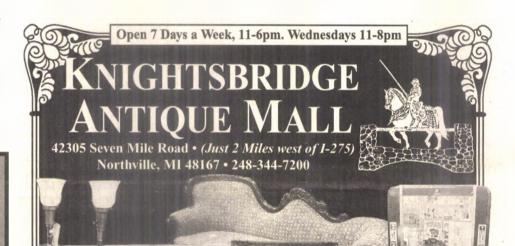
"There's a reason that we continue to invite ArtsPower productions back to the Village Theater season after season," recreation specialist Jennifer Provenzano said. "They deliver professional actors, original music, and unforgettable stories with charming characters and important lessons. 'Are You My Mother?' is no different. They've managed to turn a favorite P.D. Eastman picture book, from Dr. Seuss's beloved Beginner Book Collection, into a magical stage show full vibrant moments that will dance in the memories of little theatre-goers for years to come."

The musical begins when Baby Bird hatches from her egg only to find an empty nest. Unaware that her mother has left to find food, Baby Bird decides to leave the nest to look for her; along the way, she meets an array of colorful characters who help and advise her. Persistent Baby Bird is determined to find her mother no matter what.

"Are You My Mother?" features a rich, upbeat musical score and imaginative sets. Greg Gunning, ArtsPower's Artistic Director, adapted and directed the show and wrote the lyrics. Richard DeRosa wrote and orchestrated the musical score.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$11 for seniors and youth, with an \$8 group rate for groups of 15 or more. The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

Call (734) 394-5460; online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org; or one hour prior to show time at the box office.

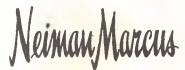


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Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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PLYMOUTH BUSINESS BRIEFS



Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center announced they have been selected as a 2012 winner in The Knot Best of Weddings, a special section in The Knot Michigan magazine. It's the second year Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center has been voted the pick.

Best of weddings

Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center announced they have been selected as a 2012 winner in The Knot Best of Weddings, a special section in The Knot Michigan magazine and on www.theknot.com/michigan. This is the second year Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center has been voted the pick for The Knot Best of Weddings.

The Knot Best of Weddings 2012 provides a "by brides, for brides" guide to the top wedding professionals across the country, and is a must-have when it comes to selecting the best-of-the-best wedding resources. From New York florists and Seattle bridal salons to DC makeup artists, engaged couples will find detailed feedback on local wedding businesses reviewed by thousands of newlyweds who had great things to say.

"We are honored so many brides have reviewed us so favorably on The Knot in order to win this award two years in a row," said Julia Grelack, Fox Hills' director of sales and marketing. "More importantly, we are pleased to make this most important day a lifelong memory of happiness for our brides, grooms, families and friends. We welcome weddings up to 500 guests and offer three unique venues and ceremony sites. In June, we will launch our newest venue, called The Summerhouse on the Lakes. It is a beautifully stained outdoor wooden reception and ceremony site overlooking the golf course and a pond. It is a perfect fit for a bride and groom that would enjoy all the beauty of being outside."

Law principals

The law firm of Miller Canfield announced a number of people have been elected principals of the firm



ing the needs of public agencies. He serves as bond counsel helping clients understand the options available for financing public improvements, including water and sewer projects, building and facilities improvements,

street and drainage improvements, and economic development initiatives. He also specializes in all facets of tax increment financing, special assessments, construction contracts for public projects, and complex issues related to the Freedom of Information Act and the Open Meetings Act. Mann received his J.D., cum laude, from Thomas M. Cooley Law School and his B.B.A., summa cum laude, from Cleary College.

Mann is a former township supervisor and current township trustee.

Business news

From the desk of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority:

• Brett Wilson, owner of Creativibe Design & Marketing moved into offices located above 336 Main. Wilson can help with website design and development, identity branding, advertising and ad campaigns, as well as marketing strategies. Go to www.creativibe.com or contract Brett at brett@creativibe.com

 DDA officials will soon be sending out information on the 2012 Visitor's Guide, which they hope will be delivered to 40,000 mail boxes by the beginning of May. The Downtown Business Association, the marketing arm of the DDA, decided to change delivery from just before the Ice Festival to spring, as many people begin venturing out of their homes as the weather gets better.

TV time has arrived

By Jon Gunnells Guest Columnist

he most wonderful time of the year for television-crazed consumers isn't the days leading up to Black Friday. Nor is it Cyber Monday, Taco Tuesday or any other made up holiday before the holidays. The most wonderful

time of the year for prospective television buyers is right now. Historically, the best time to find a deal on a new television is after Christmas, but before the Super Bowl. It's not because ABC

Warehouse is trying to hawk a 55-inch flat screen to you before the big game. Rather, this time marks the beginning of the new television model year.

If you're looking to replace your picture tube before the Super Bowl, or want to find a deal when your current screen fizzles out - follow these tips to make your search as pain-free as possible.

· First decide on what type of TV is best for you, LCD, LED or Plasma. Generally, plasma screens are the cheapest of the trio, but they're also the best television for dark basements. For lighter areas like living rooms, or bedrooms with many windows, LCD or LED are better options. • Next, figure out what size television you want. The biggest television possible may seem like

a great idea, but small



Tech Savvy

Jon Gunnells

know what size and type of TV you desire, start narrowing down your list of brands. Some manufacturers make 40-inch models, but not 42-inch sets while others make screens in 47-inches but not 46-inches. You can use sites like ABC Warehouse.com to see what brands make what size models.

• If you still need help narrowing down your selection, think about what you want most in a TV. If picture clarity is on the top of your list, a 1080p television is better than a 720p television. You also have to choose a television with a proper amount of hertz (hz). Most LCD or LED televisions have 60hz, 120hz or even 240hz. The higher the number the smoother the quality or refresh rate the television has. However, many programs and movies aren't meant to be refreshed as much as a 120hz or 240hz TV allows. In that case, your 60hz TV would be a better bet. Simply put, don't let hertz decide what type of set you buy. Just be cognizant of what

each hertz level can do for your viewing interests.

• Now that you have hopefully narrowed your TV selection to a few flat screens, try and find the store that has the best price. Some stores such as Walmart will price match and even value their online price if it is lower. Target on the other hand will price match, but not honor lower online prices. The best option might be ABC Warehouse because the local chain matches prices and will also haggle. With enough negotiating you might get the sales rep to throw in a convection over or a blender

 And speaking of local, there's only one television manufacturer that sort of keeps their profits in America. Vizio, which is headquartered in California, makes their sets overseas.

Now that you have this handy checklist to help vou decide which television to buy, all you need to do before game day is decide how many cheese dips to make. I say three.

Jon Gunnells, a Northville Township resident, is a social media planner at a Detroitbased advertising agency. A 2007 graduate of Michigan State University, he holds a B.A. in journalism. When he's not working, Gunnells enjoys college sports, social media and playing basketball. He can be reached at jonathan. gunnells@gmail.com. Follow him on Twitter @GunnSh0w.

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PLYMOUTH CHAMBER CHAT

Round-table talk

The Chamber's Government Affairs Committee invites members to join them for a round table discussion with the Michigan Chamber of Commerce. The event takes place 8-9 a.m. Feb. 8 at the chamber office (850 W. Ann Arbor Trail). A member of the Michigan's chamber's lobbying team will be holding a conference call to brief attendees on what to expect in Lansing this upcoming year and the Michigan Chamber's 2012 legislative priorities. There will also be time for questions.

To RSVP for the round table, contact the chamber at teri@plymouthmich.org or call (734) 453-1540.

Speed networking

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts a "Speed Networking" event Feb. 9.

The event, which chamber officials are hailing as a sort of "speed-dating for businesses," takes place 8 a.m. at the Red Olive Restaurant, 1059 Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth. Members will have the opportunity to meet approximately 20-25 businesses in one hour. This structured networking event will allow you to meet most of the people in the room and within two minutes learn about each other's companies.

The purpose is to meet potential customers or develop new referral partners. It is quick, efficient and a very productive way to start your work day. The event will start with everyone having the opportunity to enjoy coffee,

juice and a continental breakfast. To respect the participants' time,

chamber officials are urging people to arrive at 8 a.m. and be ready to start at 8:15 a.m. The cost to attend will be \$10 to cover the continental breakfast and beverages.

To sign up for the event, call (734) 453-1540 or e-mail teri@plymouthmich.org.

Arts fundraiser

Fresh off a fall fundraiser that raised more than twice what it raised in 2010, the Canton Partnership for the Arts and Humanities will hold another great event this spring. This year they are turning to a local favorite to raise both funds and exposure for the arts in Canton and surrounding communities.

Steve King and the Dittilies will play their brand of rock favorites for a "Rock-n-Roll Valentine's," a Feb. 10 concert at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. The event begins with a 7 p.m. reception followed by the 8 p.m. concert. Tickets are \$30 per person. Visit the theater website for your tickets today at: www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

Footbridge project

A new footbridge will be installed sometime this spring in the Plymouth Township Park and will provide parkgoers with a walkway across Tonquish Creek that can be used by walkers, joggers and bicyclists who frequent the park. The bridge will be made of aluminum, which is a good material to be able to withstand weather conditions and continual use at the well-visited park.



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OUR VIEWS



Board of Education members (from left) John Barrett, Adrienne Davis and Mike Maloney joined their colleagues at a special meeting Monday to hear public comment cut short at a meeting a week earlier.

Hear all

VOICES School board erred in cutting comment short

There is good news and bad news in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education's decision last week to cut short the public comment section of its agenda.

The bad news is the board broke the law, violating the Michigan Open Meetings Act by ending public comment after 45 minutes, with 15 speakers unable to have their voices heard. And the district's assertion that it was simply following a district policy that allowed breaking the law begs the question: What is the district paying its legal counsel, Collins & Blaha, for?

The decision came about because board members knew there likely would be a high volume of public comment, because the so-called "book banning" issue has been drawing large crowds for weeks. At the previous meeting, public comment had taken well over an hour of what turned out to be a four-hour meeting. The decision to cut it short last week was an effort, trustees explained, to give the board time to conduct its business.

The problem with that logic is this: Listening to the people who elected them is also the board's business.

COMMUNITY VOICE

What grade would you give Gov. Rick Snyder after his first year in office, and why?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



"A 'C.' I'm a teacher, and I don't think he's worked very hard on our behalf."

Rebecca Blaesser Plymouth Township



"I'd give him an eight out of 10. I believe he has a good plan and has made (progress) at completing that plan." Cassie Cobb Canton Township



"I honestly don't know. I don't pay attention to it that much. I'm more focused on the presidential race."

Andy Sakowski Plymouth Township



"'B-plus.' Because of what he has done compared to the previous governor. He started some programs that are beneficial to the state, and he has a plan." Judy Grant Northville Township

LETTERS

Only answer?

I am a bit perplexed after reading the recent mailing sent out by the Charter Township of Plymouth regarding the upcoming Special Assessment District election to assist in funding the fire department.

First let me say that I'm very much in favor of having a full-time fire department, but I question why this increase in taxes has been proposed and how effective it can be with no other options given to solve the problems the fire department appears to be facing.

After doing quite a bit of reading up on how neighboring communities run similar departments, it appears very few have chosen to follow the model Plymouth uses. It never fails to confuse me as to why a private ambulance company is allowed to show up and transport residents to the hospital and consequently collect the money that could be made by the fire department to go into their budget, keeping in mind the township appears to have all of the right tools and equipment to do so.

Correct me if I'm wrong, but

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Observer, Jan. 29)!

Obviously, like the vast majority of the media, you are a leftist that can't take hearing the truth. Of course, you would make it look like her purpose is politically motivated and has nothing to do with values and morals. The public

Thank you

I just wanted to say a heartfelt "thank you" for writing an intelligent piece ("Politics moves front-and-center in book debate," Observer, Jan. 29) about the Tea Party politics being forced onto our community. It is refreshing to see that you saw Ms. Lollio's acts as inappropriate since they were indeed! Keep up the good work and let me know if you need any help cleaning the dog poop!

> Kristen Farmer Plymouth

Thoughtful opinion

No eFeces here. Just a thank you for a thoughtful and wellwritten editorial on the current book "debate" in our community ("Politics moves frontand-center in book debate," Observer, Jan. 29).

And a hope you do not receive any virile or stinky mail — e or snail variety. But then, if you do, you know you have done well in the accuracy and relevance of your observations.

The decision was discussed before the meeting and, while there was some dissent, all seven board members supported it, at least tacitly, by not speaking out against it at the meeting.

And there, if you look deep enough, lies the good news: Board members listened to each other's arguments, then made a decision as a group without a lot of public dissension. It's something the previous board couldn't do, at least on anything that didn't have to do with the budget, for most of the last 18 months of its reign.

Still, they broke the law, and it wasn't some meaningless law that doesn't matter. The Open Meetings Act is designed to keep the government process transparent, and to give the residents their platform for letting public bodies know how they feel. about issues.

Yes, the decision to limit public comment violated that law. But the bigger picture issue — not listening to the people they were elected to represent — is a far more egregious mistake.

Listening to the people, making sure they have a stake in the decisions made, should be a priority. Board President John Barrett said as much Monday: "All of us together are seeking to make Plymouth-Canton schools the best in the state of Michigan," Barrett told the crowd gathered at Monday's meeting. "The way we do that is to listen carefully (to residents) and honor what they have to say."

Board of Education trustees did the right thing in recognizing their error and moving quickly to try to right the wrong.

It just shouldn't have been necessary in the first place.



Brad Kadrich, Community Editor **Susan Rosiek,** Executive Editor **Grace Perry,** Director of Advertising that seems very much like doing a lot of work only to throw the money to be earned away at the last minutę. While a certain private ambulance company may claim they do a community a really great service at no expense to the communities it serves, it's taking away so much that could go into helping our fire department, in part, support itself. I'd really like to know why this specific issue is continuously ignored by a select few "leaders" in the community.

While I do appreciate people taking the time and effort to send information about an upcoming tax increase proposal, I would much rather see an explanation as to why we cannot at least try other methods that have been proven to work by countless other communities.

I do hope the funding passes for the sake of our fire department, but I must say I find it absolutely disgusting that we put so much money and effort into other nonessential matters (like parks, etc.) when times are tough, and seem to take a step backward with public safety.

Let's try to start supporting a fulltime, full-service fire department. Matt Ankrapp

Plymouth

Blank checks?

What fool would give an endless series of undated blank checks to the government for its stated purpose?

All this SAD proposal will do is to continue to give the employees (the firemen) a better financial deal than the employer (the taxpayer) has.

> Dick Arlen Plymouth

Leftist twist

How ironic you would accuse Sharon Lollio of exactly what you are guilty of ("Politics moves front-and-center in book debate," education system is and has been on a downward spiral for years now. I know firsthand as I was employed by two public schools systems and saw how they sway their teachings to the left.

So unfair to push one-sided opinions on children that have no way of understanding the difference and giving them a chance to form their own political views and values.

Unfortunately, many parents either agree with this form of teaching or have no knowledge of what's being taught. As far as the teachers, the majority of them are in it for the money and benefits only and will do whatever it takes to collect for themselves.

Unions, as we all know, are there for mere political purposes and as long as they provide what teachers want, they will have their full support. In turn, 90 percent of the dues go directly to support the liberal agenda and elect liberal candidates.

Shame on you for twisting an article to make an American citizen look bad, one who has as much of a right as the next person to get up and give her opinion. Leave it to the media, one-sided with no brain of their own to think as an individual but instead think as they are told in order to get and keep their job. Sad.

> Pam Reitenga Canton

Great article

Thank you for the great article in the Observer on Sunday, Jan. 29, about the book debate ("Politics moves front-and-center in book debate").

The Tea Party people are not the majority. There are still a lot of sensible people out there. We just aren't as loud.

Thank you for speaking for us!

Mary Colwell Canton Barbara Moroski-Browne Northville

Return to sender

Thanks for writing the article on the Opinion page regarding the reading of parts of "Beloved" at the P-C school board meeting ("Politics moves frontand-center in book debate," Observer, Jan. 29).

These "Tea Partyers" actually insult my intelligence. They complain on the one hand that health care (Obamacare) is being forced down their throats but on the other hand they want to control what is taught in the public schools, even in AP classes suited for mature students.

Their way is the right way, according to them, with no middle ground.

Keep up the good work and if any mail comes to you with a suspected scent just write "return to sender" on it.

> Tom Marunich Plymouth Township

Excerpt challenge

I challenge you to post (excerpts) on the front page in the Observer from that trash of a novel, "Beloved," written at a sixth-grade reading level, I might add. Obviously other options are available and, in fact, have been chosen at schools far superior to PCEP (Catholic Central, for one). Amazing how you support the liberal agenda time after time.

You might also want to publish something on why the board incumbents were bounced out and on their way wondering why charter schools have waiting lists of 1,000+ students while PCCS continue to head downward via death spiral.

> G. Gordon Canton

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Symphony founder left 'a great legacy' Fundraiser bowls for Braille books

By Karen Smith Observer Staff Writer

Francesco DiBlasi, founder and former conductor of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, died Jan. 23 of heart failure at St. Jude Convalescent Center in Livonia.

He was 85.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Attendees are requested to RSVP to cmoore@yahoo.com.

Rose Kachnowski, president of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, said DiBlasi left a great legacy. "Although his physical presence will be missed at the symphony's 40th anniversary celebration in November, the beauty of the music performed by the orchestra he began lives on."

Kachnowski said DiBlasi was a friendly, enjoyable person who made each concert fun by the music he chose or the outfit he wore while conducting.

'A brilliant musician'

Christine Moore, a stepdaughter who lives in Tustin, Calif., described DiBlasi as a "brilliant musician" who both played for and conducted various orchestras. He was third trumpet for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra for seven years in the 1950s.

"He really did have a life of accomplishment."

After attending Detroit Public Schools, DiBlasi went to Julliard School of



Francesco DiBlasi, pictured here with a Rolls Royce, enjoyed driving luxury cars when he wasn't playing music or conducting an orchestra.

Music in New York City. In the 1940s he played trumpet and was assistant conductor in the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo orchestra. At the time, this company was the foremost ballet company performing in the United States, featuring illustrious lead dancers Alexandra Danilova and Frederick Franklin.

DiBlasi enjoyed the ballet, and always said his favorite ballet was Coppelia — about a doll who came to life and danced, his stepdaughter said.

Formation of Livonia symphony

On June 4, 1973, DiBlasi and his wife, Nelda, founded the Oakway Symphony Orchestra as a community orchestra to give talented young musicians the opportunity to play with seasoned performers under professional direction. It was designed to bring music to the cities located in Oakland and Wayne counties; therefore, it was named Oakway Symphony.

As these communities grew and launched their own symphonies, support for the symphony became diluted. In 1988, the symphony board voted to change the name to the Livonia Symphony Orchestra because of Livonia's known support of the arts, a well-established school music education program, and the interest shown by prominent community leaders.

In 1979 under DiBlasi and the symphony board, a Young Artist Competition was inaugurated to showcase young upcoming talents. This competition was run for many years with funding provided by an active women's association. A vast array of known artists performed with the symphony under DiBlasi's direction including Victor Borge, "Fat Bob" Tavlor and Alexander Zonjic, Ralph Votopek, Flavio Varani and Fedora Horowitz.

DiBlasi also taught music and conducted the orchestra at Ladywood High School in Livonia and served on the faculty of Madonna University, Livonia.

In addition, DiBlasi also performed with the American Youth Orchestra, Radio City Music Hall, New York City Opera, American Symphony Orchestra and the Metropolitan Opera. He conducted the Buffalo Philharmonic, Grand Rapids Symphony, Philadelphia Orchestra, Scandinavian Symphony, Pittsburgh Symphony, Grosse Pointe Symphony, St. Cecilia Orchestra, Rome, Italy; Julliard Opera, Canton Symphony of Ohio, Detroit Women's Symphony, San Diego Symphony, and the Flint Symphony.

He attended the Detroit **Institute of Musical Art** and L'Ecole de Pierre Monteux. He received a bachelor of arts degree from Madonna and a master in performance from Eastern Michigan University.

Family life

DiBlasi and his wife Nelda, longtime Livonia residents, were married for 31 years before she died in 1983. He was also predeceased by a stepson, Jim Klote, in 1993.

Moore, the oldest of DiBlasi's three stepchildren and two biological children, said music was a part of their lives every waking moment. "When we were in the house with him, there was constant music. He gave us an appreciation of music," she said, recalling the summer concerts they would attend at Metro Beach.

Besides Moore, DiBlasi is survived by daughter Francine DiBlasi of Lake San Marcos, Calif., son Paul DiBlasi of Southfield, stepson John Klote of Leesburg, Va., five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, 37637 Five Mile Road, PMB#398. Livonia, MI 48154.

WMGC's Chris Edmonds will be the emcee at Seedlings' 25th annual Bowling for Braille Books Saturday, March 25, at Plaza Lanes in Plymouth.

The event, presented by Ameriprise Financial. celebrates Seedlings' 25th anniversary. Registration starts at noon, with bowling beginning at 1 p.m.

The event helps place braille books into the hands of blind children locally and around the world. There will be raffle prizes, a silent auction and prize packages for the top three bowlers who raise the most pledges. Bowlers who raise \$100 or more receive a bowling T-shirt and have a braille book inscribed in their name. The first 25 bowlers to raise \$250 or more get their names entered into a drawing for a chance to win a Kindle Fire. Seedlings has set a 2012 goal of 25,000 braille books Bowlers will receive

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tunities are available to local businesses and organizations. Register now and reserve a spot at the event. Registration deadline is March 9, and the minimum donation per bowler is \$60

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For more information on the Bowling for Braille Books Event or on Seedlings, visit their website at www. seedlings.org or call (734) 427-8552.

Seedlings Braille Books for Children is a non-profit organization in Livonia dedicated to increasing the opportunity for braille literacy by providing high quality, low-cost braille books for blind children. Every \$10 earned at this year's **Bowling for Braille** Books event will create one more book.

Last year, bowlers raised more than \$32,000 to provide blind children access to popular children's books in braille and to bring them the materials they need to read and succeed.

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OBSERVERLAND WRESTLING INVITATIONAL

Mat-merizing Patriots, Rockets share **Observerland** crown

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

Not even a hanging chad could decide the team champion of the 21st annual Observerland Wrestling Invitational Saturday at Livonia Churchill.

When the final points were tallied, Livonia Franklin and Westland John Glenn shared the crown with exactly 182.5 points apiece to lead the 16school field.

Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, which sent its 'B' or White team to Observerland while its 'A' team spent the day in Cleveland, finished third with 165.

Rounding out the top 10 were Farmington **Hills Harrison** (134), Wayne Memorial (133), Plymouth (125.5), Belleville (98), Farmington (82), Salem (77.5) and

'(Haymour's) dreamed about being **Observerland** champ since he was a freshman. DAVE CHIOLA,

Northville (72). FRANKLIN COACH

The outcome for the team champion came down to a pair of heavyweights in the final match of the tournament.

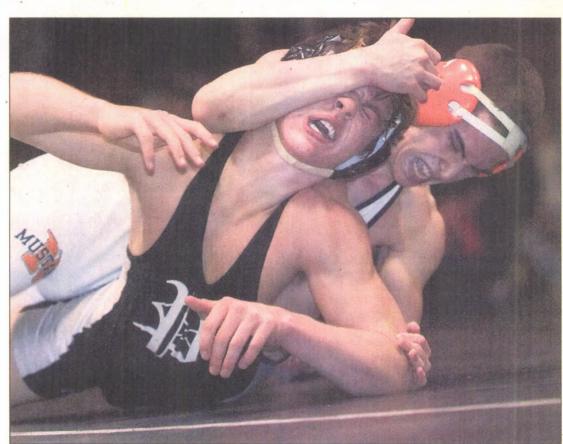
Trailing Glenn by four points, Franklin's Omar Haymour needed a victory by decision to secure a tie or come up with a pin to give the Patriots their fourth outright Observerland title.

Haymour didn't get the pin, but had enough to outlast Churchill's Manny Haddad for the 285-pound title, 1-0.

"I told him (the situation), but I also said, "Don't go for the pin and end up losing' because he's dreamed about being Observerland champ since he was a freshman," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said of his senior. "His goal was to win it last year and he didn't. So, 'Don't screw yourself up and win it for the team.'

Haymour, who improved to 38-4 overall, tried to get Haddad on his back, but simply couldn't turn the sturdy Churchil grappler over.

"He was trying, but we wrestled him (Haddad) before and it was a 1-0 match," said Chiola, whose team trailed Glenn by nine points and CC



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Plymouth's Alec Breckenridge (front) and Travis Compo of Northville, wrestle in the 135 finals. Compo defeated Breckenridge.

Invite launches home stretch

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

Despite his team's sixthplace finish at Saturday's 21st annual Observerland Wrestling Invitational, Plymouth head coach Quinn Guernsey gets the feeling the Wildcats are generating momentum into the all-important stretch drive.

"Hopefully, we use it to keep building on this for the rest of the season," Guernsey said. "Tomorrow (Wednesday) should be a good day for us, our division is much deeper than the other one."

He was referring to a KLAA team quad meet at Waterford Mott, where the Wildcats will square off against South Lyon, followed by either the host Corsairs or Grand Blanc.

Then comes Saturday's

ual state districts right after that.

"We're at the part of the season we've been working all year for," Guernsey emphasized.

Plymouth took sixth at the Livonia Churchill-hosted Observerland tourney, tallying 125.5 points. Taking sixth in the 16-team field was Salem, with 77.5 points.

Making strides

"A lot of our guys came through and wrestled well," said Guernsey, noting firsts by Jon Conn (130) and Said Youssef (140) among several others.

Conn (20-8 record) earned a 6-4 decision over LaRone **Mack of Farmington Hills** Harrison.

"Jon is only a sophomore and he's still scratching the surface of how good he can be," Guernsey said. "It was

nice for him to come up with the win, it's going to be good for his confidence" as the tourney season heats up.

Youssef improved to 25-8 with a 4-3 decision over Livonia Franklin's Jordan Atienza. Guernsey said Youssef is the only wrestler to defeat Atienza, whose record now is 37-2.

"Said is capable of beating all those kids of that caliber," Guernsey said. "There isn't anybody in the state who I would put Said out against and not think he's going to give them a competitive match.'

Plymouth tallied two second-place finishes. Mo Youssef (27-7) lost at 103, pinned in 1:00 by Westland John Glenn's Kyle Gillies, described by Guernsey as "one of the best kids in the state."

Faith/Family Day Feb. 12

The Plymouth Whalers announced the second annual Faith & Family Day. It will take place on Sunday, Feb. 12, at Compuware Arena.

Plymouth faces off against Saginaw in a 2 p.m. contest, which will be followed by a free concert by Christian rockers The Jason Eaton Band.

WDIV's Chuck Gaidica will be the host, with pastor Brad Cannon of Solid Rock Bible Church in Plymouth providing a message along with the music.

Andy Bathgate of the Whalers also will participate in the program.

Group tickets to the game (which include the concert) are \$10. Go to www.plymouthwhalers.com, or call (734) 453-8400 for ticket information.

Salem teams on a roll

Monday at Super Bowl in Canton, both Salem varsity bowling teams were victorious over Wayne Memorial.

In the boys contest, the Rocks earned a 23-7 win. Solid performances were turned in by junior Kevin Williams (213-254-467), seniors David Nikkila (279), Joe Mirsky (202), freshman Nolan Rudis (193) and sophomore Steven Cadwell (181).

The Salem girls won 21-9, led by juniors Kristin Larkins (208), Bridget Maul (183) and senior Ashley Hinojosa (177).

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Road's sweet for PCEP boys cagers

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

All three Plymouth-**Canton Educational** Park boys basketball teams tasted victory on the road Tuesday night, as the season starts to wind down toward the districts.

Salem maintained its spot on top of the KLAA Central Division standings with a rousing 63-28 win at South Lyon East, paced by senior center Chris Dierker's

15 points and careerhigh 20 rebounds. Meanwhile, in a couple of KLAA South Division contests, second-place Canton knocked off Wayne 57-48 and Plymouth earned a 49-45 victory over Livonia Franklin.

According to Salem head coach Bob Brodie, his team didn't get rolling until the third quarter. Salem (11-2, 5-2 in the KLAA Central) still led 10-8 after one quarter and 23-17 at halftime.

"And then we cranked our defense up a little bit and hit the glass a lot better in the second half."

The end result was a 20-2 third quarter, easily salting the game into Salem's win column. The Rocks continue tied at the top of the division standings with Northville.

"All but one player scored," Brodie added. "It was a good team effort again."

In addition to Dierker, Ahmad Khalid and Tyler Stewart scored 12 and 10 points, respectively.

Chiefs prevail

A huge edge in the rebounding department and 20 points by senior center Paul Baumgart lifted Canton to a 57-48 win over host Wayne Memorial.

Baumgart also pulled down 11 rebounds and blocked three shots for the Chiefs (10-3, 5-2 in

the KLAA South). Guard Josh Mayberry chipped in with 12 points and six boards while wing guard **Kyle Adams tallied** nine points and seven rebounds.

Canton's top rebounder was forward Scott Gring, with 13. The Chiefs outrebounded the Zebras (6-6, 3-4) by a 48-28 margin.

"I was pleased how we played in stretches,"

hold bowling 'Fun-Raiser'

Canton's basketball program is presenting a "Bowling Fun-Raiser," Saturday night at Super Bowl on Ford Road.

Bowling (for adults only) will begin at 10 p.m., with check-in at 9:15 p.m. Tickets are \$20 (for two games of no-tap bowling and shoe rental). Raffles and a silent auction also are part of the festivities.

About two-thirds of proceeds will be going to the program.

Contact Lauren Delapaz (Lauren. delapaz15@gmail.com) for more information. Super Bowl is located at 45100 Ford Road.

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Salem senior guard Bri Berberet (No. 2) goes in for a layup during a December game. Berberet has been an offensive force in recent games for the Rocks, but she struggled with her shooting on Tuesday night.

Rocks can't heat up offense in time

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

When Salem senior guard Bri Berberet is hot. she nails shots from all over the court, as she did in a 24-point performance Jan. 20 against South Lyon.

When she isn't, she still is productive.

Tuesday night was one of those nights, with the senior guard tallying 17 points and nearly helping the Rocks varsity girls basketball team pull out a last-second win over visiting South Lyon East.

But Berberet (2-for-9

from three-point territory) and her Salem teammates had stretches of ice-cold shooting in the 31-30 loss.

"When you're 0-for-6 from one foot," said veteran Salem head coach Fred Thomann with a chuckle, "you're supposed to knock those down. Had we done that, we would have been in pretty good shape.

"But obviously, that didn't happen. That's the way it's been all season long.'

Berberet, however, helped the Rocks (3-10, 2-5 in the KLAA Central) rally from a late 29-24 deficit

by hitting two treys in the final minute to make it a 30-30 tie.

They were the only points Salem scored in the second half that weren't collected from the foul line.

The second 3-ball came with just 16.4 seconds to play. After another Salem miss (the Rocks hit just seven of 32 two-point attempts), senior guard Katelynn Krause (six points) hustled to grab the rebound and keep the play alive.

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MU softball casino trip

The Madonna University women's softball team will sponsor a fundraiser charter bus trip to Greektown Casino from 3:30-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18.

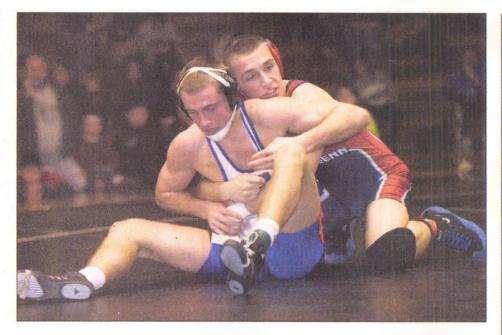
The cost is \$30 for each passenger, who will also receive a \$20 voucher to use at the casino.

Refreshments will be served on the bus. You must be 21 years or older and have a valid photo I.D. to make the bus trip. Reservations are due by Friday, Feb. 10.

For more information, e-mail MU softball coach Al White at awhite@madonna.edu.

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In the 152-pound weight class, Westland John Glenn's Travis Mann (top) defeated Michael Babicz of Catholic Central.

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In the 119-pound weight class, Livonia Franklin's Dan Martinez (right) defeated Salem's Cody Korpus for the Observerland crown.

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Taking second at 135 was junior Alec Breckenridge, in his first action of the season. He dropped a 6-5 decision to Northville's Travis Compo.

"He looked good in all his preliminary matches," Guernsey said. "But it was his first time vs. guys in midseason form."

Another highlight for the Wildcats was freshman Brandon Harris' third-place showing at 112. Harris (27-7) was "under the weather" yet won 5-1 over Churchill's Josh Perez in the bout for third.

"That was a very good performance," Guernsey said.

Placing fifth for the Wildcats at 125 was Chase Khalil (24-11). He won a major decision over Harrison's Andrew Fialka, 9-1.

"He (Khalil) looks better every time he's on the mat," the coach added.

Salem scorers

Salem's top finishers were Cody Korpus (119) and Jake McCabe (189), both runners-up in their respective weights. Korpus lost a tough bout to Livonia Franklin's Dan Martinez, taking a fall at <mark>4:49.</mark>

"He looked pretty good for the day," said Salem head coach Pete Israel. As for McCabe, who was pinned in 1:31 by North Farmington's Kevin Miller, the coach sees plenty of promise.

"Jake continues to pick it up to another level," Israel said. "His grinding style should serve him well as we head into the league meet."

Taking fourth at 145 for the Rocks was Matt Lang. Salem also scored a fifth-place finish by Tony Agostini at 215 and a sixth-place finish at 285 by Ali Ajami.

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THE WEEK AHEAD



by 2.5 heading into the finals. "So again, a pin O was pretty high aspira- al

tion." Haymour was one of four Patriots to earn

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ing teammates Dan Martinez (119), Ryan Derry (160) and Allen Steele (171). It was Franklin's fourth Observerland title overall with the last three coming during a run in 2005, 2006 and 2007.

"The good kids came

through," Chiola said. "The good kids came through. I thought we lost it at the beginning because our 145-pounder was scratched because of ringworm by the referees. And I thought that was going to cost us, eight to 10 points right there."

OBSERVERLAND MAT RESULTS

21st OBSERVERLAND WRESTLING TOURNAMENT Jan. 28 at Livonia Churchill TEAM STANDINGS: 1. (tie) Livonia Franklin and Westland John Glenn, 182.5 points each; 3. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 165; 4. Farmington Hills Harrison, 134; 5. Wayne Memorial, 133; 6. Plymouth, 125.5; 7. Belleville, 98; 8. Farmington, 82; 9. Salem, 77.5; 10. Northville, 72; 11. North Farmington, 71; 12. Livonia Stevenson, 66; 13. Livonia Churchill, 51; 14. Garden City, 48; 15. Lutheran High Westland, 45; 16. Redford Union, 34.

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS 103 pounds: Kyle Gillies (WJG) pinned Mohamad Youssef (Ply.), 1:00; 3rd place: Parker O'Brien (CC) decisioned Jack Newa (LF), 4-0; 5th place: Dwayne Lately (Bell.) dec. Michael Volyanyuk (FHH), 11-8. 112: Austin Koehler (Bell.) p. Nimantha Herath (Farm.), 2:45; 3rd: Brandon Harris (Ply.) dec. Josh Perez (LC), 5-1; 5th: Tyler Mulligan (WM) dec. David Lilley (CC), 7-3.

119: Dan Martinez (LF) p. Cody Korpus (Salem), 4:49; 3rd: Zack Colone (CC) p. John Locklear (LC), 3:41; 5th: Tim Way (WM) dec. Gabe Colston (FHH), 6-2. **125:** Zachary Francis (LW)

dec. Casey Hagen (CC), 9-6; **3rd:** Gabe Martinez (LF) dec. Manny Govantes (Farm.), 4-2; **5th:** Chase Khalil (Ply.) won by major dec. over Andrew Fialka (FHH), 9-1.

130: Jon Conn (Ply.) dec. LaRone Mack (FHH), 6-4; **3rd:** Jesse O'Neal (WJG) dec. Eli Joseph (CC), 15-9; **5th:** Mike Williams (NF) dec. Sean Wagner (N'ville), 7-3.

135: Travis Compo (N'ville) dec. Alec Breckenridge (Ply.), 6-5; **3rd:** Kody Roy (LS) dec. Chris Naubert (CC), 4-2; **5th:** Bobby Mathieson (FHH) won by major dec. over Brian Spehar (GC), 14-6.

140: Said Youssef (Ply.) dec. Jordan Atienza (LF), **4-3; 3rd:** Allen Parker (WM) dec. Samer Shebak (LS), 7-6; **5th:** Donovan Reilly (WJG) dec. Alex Goings (CC), 11-6.

145: Mike Rankin (Farm.) dec. Kevin Wacker (WJG), 8-4; **3rd:** Marcus Shepherd (FHH) p. Matt Lang (Salem), 2:54; **5th:** Tim McCotter (CC) p. Will Herring (Bell.), 4:16.

152: Travis Mann (WJG) won by major dec. over Michael

Babicz (CC), 15-5; **3rd:** Nick Frazier (LF) dec. Walter Layher (Bell.), 5-0; **5th:** Alex Coe (N'ville) p. Martin Kemp (LW), 1:39.

160: Ryan Derry (LF) dec. Sam Ekanem (WM), 8-6; **3rd:** Anthony Long (WJG) p. Kyle Lake (FHH), 3:26; **5th:** Josh Wooten (Bell.) p. Jayson Walton (RU), 0:51.

171: Allen Steele (LF) won by injury default over Sultan Hubbard (FHH); 3rd: Trevor Maresh (N'ville) dec. Danny Croft (WJG), 7-5; 5th: Collin Rankin (RU) dec. Zach Juchartz (Bell.), 3-1.

189: Kevin Miller (NF) p. Jake McCabe (Salem), 1:31; 3rd: Devin Korzetki (WM) dec. J.T. Ayotte (CC), 9-7; 5th: Austin Jarvis (FHH) p. Matt Horne (LF), 4:19.

215: Dimitrus Renfroe (WM) dec. Jake Range (LS), 8-5; 3rd: Jordan Brandon (WJG) dec. Adam Drucz (GC), 6-3; 5th: Tony Agostini (Salem) dec. Christian Miner (CC), 3-1. 285: Omar Haymour (LF) dec. Manny Haddad (LC), 1-0; 3rd: Dylan Morantes (WJG) dec. Majd Mokbel (NF), 4-2; 5th: Jimmy Russeau (CC) dec. Ali Ajami (Salem), 4-3.

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Plymouth Whalers

Perfect road trip for

The road traveled is a winning one for the Plymouth Whalers.

Victories Friday and Sunday at Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie, respectively, gave the Whalers a perfect three-game trip — which began with Thursday's win at Barrie.

On Sunday, Plymouth needed a shootout to eke out a 4-3 triumph. In that shootout, center Garrett Meurs scored in the sixth round for the deciding goal.

Both teams scored twice in the opening stanza, and added single tallies in the third to send the game to overtime tied at 3-3.

Plymouth netminder Matt Mahalak (36 saves) sparkled in OT, stopping five shots to extend the contest to the shootout. He continued his stellar performance in the shootout, as did Soo's Jack Campbell (36 saves). The first five rounds were scoreless before Meurs finally broke the ice.

Mahalak then clinched the win, turning aside Brandon Alderson's shot in the Greyhounds' bid to force a seventh round.

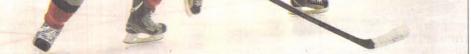
Forward J.T. Miller scored twice for the Whalers, his 18th and 19th of the season. That lifted Plymouth's record to 34-12-2-1 (71 points), a 17point cushion over Sarnia.

The other goal was scored by Heard (25), with right wing Stefan Noesen chipping in with two assists.

PLYMOUTH 6, SUDBURY 5 (OT): On Friday at Sudbury, the Whalers won 6-5 in overtime. After falling behind 2-0 after the opening stanza, Plymouth bounced back and ultimately forced OT with a three-goal third period. Winning the game at 4:02 of overtime was Miller — his second of the night. Assisting were Heard and defenseman Dario Trutmann. Heard (one goal, two assists)

scored the tying goal with 5:38 to go in the third, with helpers going to Meurs and forward Cody Payne. Others with multiple points for the Whalers included center Andy Bathgate (one goal, two assists), defenseman and captain Beau Schmitz of Howell (one goal, one assist) and forward Jamie Devane (two assists). Bathgate's goal was his 17th of the year.

Plymouth's other goal was scored by center Alex Aleardi (Farmington Hills), who netted his 27th of the season. Stopping 30 of 35 shots for the win was Mahalak. Plymouth now visits Sarnia at 7 p.m. Friday before returning to Compuware Arena for Saturday's 7 p.m. game against Windsor.



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Canton's Duggan Tear (No. 8) and Plymouth's Sean Smiatacz (No. 23) race for a loose puck Friday night at Arctic Edge Arena, during the Wildcats' 2-0 victory. Both players and their respective teams have a busy schedule this week, with the Chiefs hosting Salem 7 p.m. Friday (at Arctic Edge) and Plymouth visiting Farmington for a Thursday contest.

BOYS BASKETBALL Friday, Feb. 3 Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m. Luth. W'sld at L. South, 7 p.m. Taylor Baptist at HVL, 7 p.m. Plymouth at Canton, 7:30 p.m. Roeper at Ply. Christian, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4 Lenawee Christian at Ply. Christian, 6 p.m. **GIRLS BASKETBALL** Thursday, Feb. 2 Luth. W'sld at L. South, 7 p.m. HVL at Taylor Baptist, 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3 Plymouth at Canton, 6 p.m. Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Luth. North at C'ville, 7 p.m. Roeper at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m. Ladywood at DC, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4 Lenawee Christian at Ply. Christian, 4:30 p.m. PREP HOCKEY Thursday, Feb. 2 Plymouth vs. Farmington at F.H. Ice Arena, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 3 Salem vs. Canton at Arctic Edge, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4 Churchill vs. Plymouth at Arctic Edge, 5:30 p.m. PCS Penguins vs. Ladywood at Arctic Pond, 7:30 p.m. PREP WRESTLING Thursday, Feb. 2 Luth. W'sld at Clawson, 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4 Summit Tourney, 9 a.m KLAA Tourney at EMU, TBA BOYS SWIMMING Thursday, Feb. 2 Canton at Churchill, 6:30 p.m. Franklin at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m. Salem at W.L. Central, 6:30 p.m. **GIRLS GYMNASTICS** Thursday, Feb. 2 Livonia Blue vs. Salem at Churchill H.S., 6;30 p.m Livonia Red vs. Plymouth at Plymouth H.S., 6;30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4 Canton Invitational, 9 a.m. **PREP BOWLING**

Friday, Feb. 3 Ladywood vs. Divine Child at Sterling Lanes, 3:45 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4 Mercy Tournament at Drakeshire Lanes, 10 a.m. **GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER** Saturday, Feb. 4 Southgate Invitational, 10 a.m. KLAA at Hartland, TBA. MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS Saturday, Feb. 4 Madonna at Concordia, 3 p.m. Wayne Co. at S'craft, 3 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS Saturday, Feb. 4 Concordia at Madonna, 1 p.m. Wayne Co. at S'craft, 1 p.m. **ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE** Friday, Feb. 3 Plymouth Whalers at Sarnia, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4 Windsor vs. Plymouth Whalers at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.

TBA - time to be announced.

Salem 1-1 in Muskegon CC icers blank Spartans

Salem's varsity boys hockey team divided a pair of games last weekend at Muskegon Mona Shores, losing 7-3 Friday before bouncing back Saturday for a 6-5 win.

"Overall, it was a good performance this weekend and something to build on moving forward," Salem head coach Ryan Ossenmacher said. "Mona Shores is a very

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good program with several trips to the state semifinals and finals in their recent history."

Salem (7-9-1-1) had to overcome a late scare in Saturday's contest.

After building a 5-2 lead, the Sailors scored three goals in the third period to make it a 5-5 game But senior forward Mark McGee's second goal of the game with just 45 seconds remaining secured the win.

Goalie Parker Godfrey picked up the win for Salem.

In the Friday game, senior forward Austin Sartorius scored twice. Salem will face Canton 7 p.m. Friday at Arctic Edge Arena.

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

Top-ranked Novi-Detroit Catholic Central notched a pair of goals each in the second and third periods Saturday night to put away host Livonia Stevenson, 5-0, in a boys hockey game played at Edgar Arena.

Senior forward Joe Steele scored twice and senior defensive Ryan Wandzel added a goal and two assists as the Shamrocks, rated No. 1 in Division 1, improved to 14-3 overall.

Tyler Van Acker and Danny Middleton also contributed goals, while Michael Babcock chipped in with three assists for CC.

Steele's goal made it 2-0 and Van Acker added another just as a Stevenson penalty expired to make it 3-0 after two periods.

"We felt good the way we played the first period," said CC coach Todd Johnson, whose team led 1-0. "They (Stevenson) were playing a defensive-minded strategy and that (Van Acker) goal was the pivotal goal of the game."

Junior Derek Moore got the shutout in goal for the Shamrocks. He had to make only 11 saves, but one was on a breakaway attempt during the opening period by Stevenson's J.D. Byrne.

Connor Humitz, meanwhile, went all the way in net for the Spartans (10-7), who were coming off a 3-1 setback last Wednesday to Trenton, ranked No. 1 in Division 2.

Humitz made a total of 32 saves.

"He was really, really good in net," Johnson said of the Stevenson junior. "It was a very disciplined game on both sides."

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'Cats win with wire-to-wire effort

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

An early offensive spark from sophomore guard Kylie Robb lit the fuse for Plymouth's varsity girls basketball team Tuesday against Livonia Franklin.

Robb (12 points) hit four quick buckets as the host Wildcats raced out to a 20-2 lead after one quarter — setting the tone for an impressive 47-21 KLAA South Division victory.

"We obviously had a really explosive first quarter," Plymouth head coach Bob de Bear said. "We were pressing, got a bunch of steals and turned them into baskets.

"Kyle Robb, she was great in the first half. ... She did a great job of running our offense."

But de Bear praised others, such as senior co-captains Alyssa Burris (eight points, four rebounds), Chyna Williams (seven points, seven boards) and sophomores Brooke

Senkbeil (six points, four assists) and Tionne Johnson (six points).

"Alyssa Burris was fantastic," de Bear said. "She came off the bench real quickly in the first quarter and hit a couple threes.

Senkbeil "just did a real nice job of passing the ball and giving kids nice, open looks," he added.

Plymouth had a lock on the win by halftime, when the Wildcats (9-4, 5-2 in the KLAA South) were up 32-4.

Chiefs rout Zebras

Taking care of business early, host Canton easily got past division for Wayne Memorial 61-30 on Tuesday night. The Chiefs (10-3 over-

all/5-2 in the KLAA South) were up 15-8 after one quarter and 36-15 at the break.

Paige Aresco scored 14 points for Canton, with Robyn Mack and Rachel Winters each contributing 10. Mack also

led the Chiefs with seven rebounds and Winters registered four steals to lead in that department.

Kelsey McDougall scored eight and grabbed five boards.

"Overall, it was a great team effort," Canton head coach Brian Samulski said. "All 10 kids were solid but we still need to get better defensively."

Wayne's record dipped to 4-9 overall and 2-5 in the KLAA South.

Another girls/boys hoops doubleheader is slated for Friday, this one featuring the host Chiefs and Plymouth. The girls play at 6 p.m.,

followed by the boys at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Big win for PCA

Last-minute heroics Tuesday night enabled the Class D Plymouth Christian Academy varsity girls basketball team to nip Grass Lake - a previously unbeaten Class C team.

With six seconds to go

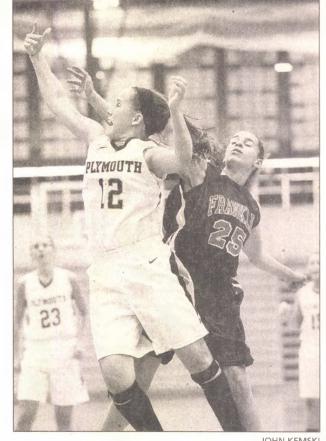
and the host Eagles trailing 38-37, Jenna Abraham banked in a trey from the right corner to put PCA up. She then picked off the subsequent in-bounds pass to close out the 40-38 win.

"This was probably the best team game we've played overall, both offensively and defensively," Eagles head coach Carol Gerulis said. "The kids just worked really well together tonight.'

Karen Windle led PCA (9-4) with 15 points and nine rebounds. Abraham and Jenny Malcolm each scored eight while Emily Gerulis helped the cause with seven.

"We were up at halftime (24-18) and then we didn't score too much in the third quarter," Carol Gerulis said. "But we played really good defense tonight. They have some really good three-point shooters and they have some big players in the post."

Grass Lake dropped to



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JOHN KEMSKI

Battling it out for a loose ball Tuesday night are Plymouth's Brooke Senkbeil (No. 12) and Livonia Franklin's Emily Perkins (No. 25).

13-1 overall.

PCA will face MIAC rival Bloomfield Hills

Roeper at 7 p.m. Friday in the first half of a girls/ boys basketball twinbill.

down the floor and we're at the rim."

The shot "didn't even come close. It was not a good game for us. We didn't complete the mission tonight.'

Another problem was early foul trouble by junior center Breanne Beaver (11 rebounds but only three points) and Krause.

"That changes the dynamics of our club, because they're the ones that play most of the games," Thomann said. 'Immediately, they play shorter minutes."

Scoring 11 points for the Cougars (7-6, 2-5) was Sydney Jones, including four free throws in the final frame.

It was a close matchup from the start, with both teams unable to pull away. Salem led 10-9 after the first and 17-16 at halftime. South Lyon East then made it a 20-20 game entering the fourth.

NORTHVILLE 45, SALEM 27: On Friday night at Northville, the Rocks were never really in the KLAA Central Division tilt. Northville led 24-10 at halftime and coasted from there. Scoring six points each for Salem were Bri Berberet, Jenny First and Breanne Beaver, with Kelly Whalen adding five.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Take Pride

GCYBSA's 10U Girls Pride Developmental Travel Softball Team is looking to expand its roster for 2012.

Tryouts for the squad will take place 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 3, at Precision Baseball, located at 7835 Market Street in Canton. The team will play games in the Western Wayne County League and in two or three tournaments.

To register or for more information about this team, please contact Rob Nader at (734) 812-3501 or (734) 495-1156 or via e-mail at cott@cantonmi.org.

Baseball clinics

Baseball fundamentals are on tap for youngsters looking to improve their skills, at the forthcoming Plymouth Wildcats Youth Baseball Clinic.

Participants in grades

outh High School gymnasium, will take place: 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday March 17 (for those in grades 1-4); Saturday March 31 (for those in

grades 5-8). The pre-registration cost, which includes snack, is \$20. The fee is \$25 the day of the clinic. Pre-registration is urged, as the camp is limited to 100. Go to www.baseball.plymouthwildcats.com for more information.

Play GCYBSA ball

Registrations are now under way for the Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association's baseball and softball programs.

The GCYBSA offers progressively developmental recreational baseball and softball programs for players age 4-18 from Plymouth and Canton. GCYBSA is also is home to a Competitive League and travel programs (Boys Cardinals, Girls Pride Fast Pitch). For more information, go to www.gcybsa. com or contact Coralee Ott at (734), 394-5358, via e-mail at cott@cantonmi.org.

Board certified: MU's McGrath in select club

Madonna University center Kaylee McGrath joined the 500-rebound club to go along with a game-high 21 points Sat-

urday WOMEN'S as the BASKETBALL host Cru-

saders rolled to an 83-50 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's basketball victory over the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

McGrath, a junior from Livonia Stevenson, grabbed 15 boards and made 8-of-15 shots from the floor as MU improved to 8-13 overall and 5-7 in the WHAC before a raucous crowd at the MU Activities Center.

The 6-foot McGrath moves into ninth all-time on the MU rebound list (508) with her third double-double.of the season. **Guards Heather Pratt** and Erin Bentley combined for seven 3-pointers scoring 14 and 12 points, respectively, as MU players wore pink uniforms in the "Shoot

for a Cure' game, which raised over \$500 for breast cancer awareness

Kelly DeFauw paced the Lady Wolves (3-19, 2-12) with 12 points. SCHOOLCRAFT 74, MOTT 64: Charlise Slater scored a career-high 23 points as Schoolcraft College (16-4, 7-2) won its fifth straight with an MCCAA Eastern Conference win Saturday over visiting Flint Mott Community College (6-12, 5-4). Schoolcraft trailed 50-49 with 10 minutes to play in the second half before going on a 9-2 run for a 58-52 advantage. Mott would get no closer than five the rest of the way. Domonique Jones chipped in with 15 points, while Ashley Beemon grabbed a team-high 12 rebounds. Lindsay Taylor and Rhonettia Dukes paced the Lady Bears with 15 points apiece. Marquetta Green added

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12 points and 16 rebounds, while Kaylee Rahmann conOFFENSE

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Briefly back to even

She dished the ball to Berberet, who connected from behind the top of the arc as the home fans wildly cheered.

"It was a pick me up," said Berberet about the back-to-back triples. "And it gave me a lot more confidence in my shooting."

But a foul down low in the Salem zone enabled Gabi Bird to make a free throw and give the Cougars the 31-30 lead with just 7.6 seconds remain-

Krause inbounded the ball to Berberet, who dribbled quickly down the right side and cut in from the corner only to miss what would have been a game-winning shot. "They pressured us

really well but I didn't get the ball to where it should be," Berberet said. Thomann, meanwhile,

lamented the late foul call

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1-8 will receive ageappropriate instruction from 2012 Plymouth varsity baseball coaches and players. Stations will include hitting, pitching, infield, outfield, catching and radar gun readings. Sessions, in the Plym-

tributed 10 points. Schoolcraft trailed by as many as seven in the opening half before taking a 33-32 lead. Schoolcraft shot 40 percent from the floor (25-of-65) and was outrebounded 50-38. The Lady Ocelots committed 14 turnovers.

against his team.

"I thought that was not a very strong call," he said. "I thought that should have been no call made there. and they only made one free throw so we had an opportunity. We had 7.6 seconds to play, we come

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Upset-minded

Ocelots give No. 1 Mott fits, but fall

For 31 minutes Saturday, the Schoolcraft College men's basketball played even with the NJCAA's top-ranked team in Division II.

Tied at 61-all with nine minutes remaining, visiting Flint Mott **Community College** went on a 13-2 run and held off the Ocelots, 83-77, in an MCCAA Eastern Conference game.

John Taylor, a 6-foot-1 sophomore guard from Chicago, Ill, led Mott and all scorers with 29 points.

Jacob Perry chipped in with 17 as the Bears improved to 19-1 overall and 8-1 in the conference.

Lydell Mason (Westland John Glenn) paced the Ocelots with 21 points and nine rebounds, while Karl Moore added 19 points and 16 boards.

Daniel Hill (Wayne Memorial) and Richmond Jackson chipped in with 13 and 12 points, respectively.

Point-guard Mohamed Elhaj added nine assists as Schoolcraft slipped to 11-8 overall

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and 4-5 in the conference.

Schoolcraft, which led 41-40 at halftime, connected on 13-of-19 free throws.

Mott made 16-of-27 from the foul stripe.

MADONNA 82, UMD

57: Sophomore quard Travis Śchuba tied a 19year-old school record with nine 3-pointers Saturday as Madonna University (14-10, 8-4) romped to a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory over host University of Michigan-Dearborn (1-23, 0-12). The Rapid City native from Kalkaska High, who scored a game-high 27 points on 9-of-14 shooting, equaled Shawn Branum's mark set back on Nov. 29, 1993 – the first year of the MU men's program - in a 136-84 loss to Wayne State. Freshman Jordan Short added a career-high 12 points to go along with three assists. The Crusaders, who shot

53.8 percent from the field (28-of-52), led 37-28 at halftime and outscored the Wolves 45-29 in the second half.

Julius Porter came off the bench to lead UM-Dear-born with 16 points, while Jeff Fick and Balazs and Juhasz added 11 and 10, respectively.

SCHOOLCRAFT 110,

MARYGROVE JV 82:

Karl Moore and Len Der-rick Witcher scored 27 and 26 points, respectively, leading Schoolcraft College (12-8) to a victory Monday night over the host Marygrove College JV (0-14) in Detroit. Moore also grabbed a team-high 13 rebounds, while Lydell Mason (Westland John Glenn) and Daniel Hill (Wayne Memorial) chipped in with 12 and 11 points, respectively. Mason and Hill also combined for 16 rebounds. Jordan Al scored 15 of his team-high 19 points during first half for the Mustangs, who trailed 59-40. Al was 5-of-9 during the first half on three-pointers. Kerwin Johnson and Zamarre Neely added 18 and 15, respectively, for Marygrove, which shot 9of-14 from the foul line. Schoolcraft made 11-of-20.

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Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy said. "Offensively, we are doing a great job of sharing the ball."

After taking a 23-16 halftime lead, the Chiefs built up a comfortable 42-29 advantage after three frames, enough to withstand a late push from the Zebras in the fourth.

Cats grind it out

Plymouth outlasted Livonia Franklin 49-45 with a huge assist to junior Josh Priebe. He scored 25 points including six straight in the final minute — to finish off the host Patriots.

Contributing eight points was senior Marcus Oden with junior Sid Acharya adding five.

"Our team defense

was very good tonight," Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup said. "We were able to limit their inside touches and cover back out to their shooters."

The win improved Plymouth's record to 5-7 overall and 3-3 in the KLAA South. Franklin dropped to 2-10/1-6.

On Friday, Salem will host Livonia Stevenson at 7 p.m.

Canton hosts Plymouth at 7:30 p.m. in the second half of a girls/ boys basketball twinbill. The girls teams will tip it off at 6 p.m.

NORTHVILLE 47, SALEM 37: Two top boys basketball teams in the KLAA Central hooked up Friday night and visiting Northville came away with a 47-37 triumph over Salem. The Mustangs led 27-20

at halftime and then never looked back, to the dismay of Rocks head coach Bob Brodie.

"They came out ready to play and we just didn't show up at all," Brodie said. "There was a definite lack of intensity, hustle and determination on our part and Northville without doubt deserved the win.

"They beat us in all phases of the game and even out-rebounded us with our size advantage.

Salem (10-2, 4-2 in the **KLAA** Central entering Tuesday's game at South Lyon East) also struggled to hit shots from anywhere on the floor, going just 12-50 (including 3-20 in threepoint shots).

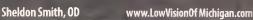
Top scorers for Salem were Tyler Stewart and Josh Peterson, with 12 and eight, respectively

Tallying 18 for Northville (6-5, 4-2) was Andrew Meacham while Jeff Gertley added 16

Salem hosts Livonia Ste-venson at 7 p.m. Friday. INTER-CITY BAPTIST 64, PCA 58: Plymouth Christian Academy senior center Eric Jipping posted another double-double, with 23 points and 10 rebounds. But his efforts weren't enough as Allen Park Inter-City Baptist defeated the Eagles Friday night. Alex Huber chipped in with 10 points for PCA, now 4-7 on the season.

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FALCONER, WALTER B.

Age 85, January 27, 2012. Beloved husband for 31 years of Rosemary. Dear father of Susan (Ron) Tipton, Teri (Jim) Harrelson and step-father of Susan Digue, Steven Symanski, Tim (Kim) Symanski, Ron Symanski and Stan (Dottie) Symanski. Grandfather of 24 and greatgrandfather of 24 and greatgrandfather of 14. Predeceased by son Michael and family members Richard Symanski, Bruce Digue, and Jessica Digue. Arrangements were made by the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home in Garden City. Memorials suggested to

Alzheimer's Association. www.santeiufuneralhome.com

FENN, LEON T.

Jan 26, 2012 Age 67. Beloved father of Michael Fenn and Cheryl (Phil) Kuch. Loving grandfather of Amanda (Chris) Joseph, Joshua Fenn, Ally Kuch and Kassie Kuch. Visitation and Funeral Service at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home 34567 Michigan Ave., Wayne MI 48184. Visitation: Fri, Feb 3, 2012 from 4-8pm. Funeral Service: Sat, Feb 4, 2012 11:00am.

For more information: www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



HIGGINBOTHAM, BARBARA J.

Age 55 of Redford Twp. Cherished Daughter of Florence and the late Curtis. Beloved Sister of Curtis (Mary), Leigh Anne (Tony) Swirple and Laura (John) Denski. Proud Aunt of Deanna and Katie. Memorial Service Fred Wood Funeral Home 36100 5 Mile Rd. Livonia (E. of Levan) Wed. Feb 8 at 3pm with memorial gathering 4-9pm. Proud owner of the Dogs Bow Wow for over 25 years in Livonia. Please visit online guestbook fredwoodfuneralhome.com



LEONARD, LOLA CHRISTINE

Age 84, Oscoda, MI, formerly of Belleville and Ypsilanti, MI, went to be with her Lord Monday, January 30th, at home with her family. She was born July 18, 1927 in Popular Buff, MO, the daughter of Dallas and Daisy Vinson, She married Leo Albert Leonard March 4, 1945, and he preceded her in death on August 4, 2010, after 65 years of marriage. She was a Girl Scout leader, worked for the Van Buren Public Schools and was co-owner of Leonard's Gutter Co., Ypsilanti, MI, along with her husband Al. They moved to Oscoda in 1989, where they both loved living right on Lake Huron, enjoying the beautiful sunrises and their family together. Christine was a loving mother, grandma and Mee-Maw She believed that how you lived life is how you will spend eternity. She is survived by two sons: Larry (Janet) Leonard and Gary Leonard; five daughters: Linda Brenda Morin, Leonard. Charolette Wilson, Angela Leonard and Amy Cousino, eleven grandchildren:, Leanna Christine (Rodney) Armstrong, Erikia (Scott) Baker, Erik (Amber) Morin, Delisa Leonard, Amanda (David) Richardson and Patrick Wilson, Tyler Cousino, Troy Cousino, Jake Cousino, Greg (Julie) Raymond and Debbie Raymond; fourteen great-grandchildren, Jacob, Blake, Kurt, Alex, Seth, Michael, Megin, Cameron, Carson, Samantha, Coutney, Jacob,, Amber, and Elizabeth Marie; two great-great-grandchildren, Kylie and Brian; three sis-ters, Mary Staples, Pauline Jordan and Zelma Taylor, three brothers, Roy, Charlie and Donald Vinson and many nieces, nephews, greatnieces & nephews, sister-in-law Dorothy Ferguson and her special caretaker Mindy Wassman and many friends, both down state and Oscoda. Her cats, Tommy & Bobby, will miss her dearly. She was preceded in death by; one sister, Geraldine Vinson, four brothers, Melvin Vinson and Dallas Vinson, Jr., Tommy Vinson and Danny Vinson, her parents, several brothers-in-law & sisters-inlaw. Funeral service will be held at the Buresh-Bennett Funeral Home. Oscoda. Thursday, February 2nd at 3pm, with Rev. Glen Bake officiating. Graveside service will be at the Pine Crest Cemetery. In honor of Christine's Irish heritage, bagpipes will be played during the services and at the grave site. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Alzheimer Foundation (in memory of her husband, Albert Leonard) or the Leader Dogs for the Blind, in memory of Christine. A special thank you goes to all

the Heartland Home Care

personnel and to Heartland

Hospice. Bless You All!

VEENSTRA, RICHARD (DICK)

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Passed on the morning of January 15, 2012, after a short illness at the age of 92. God saw you were getting tired and a cure was not to be. So He put His arms around you, and whispered ... "Come with Me". We watched you pass away, although we love you dearly, we could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest, God broke our hearts to prove to He only takes the best. Dick as he liked to be known as, was born on the 29 of September 1919 in Holland in the Netherlands (Dutch), and immigrated to the United States at the age of 9 with his parents John, a Master Mason, his mother Martha a homemaker, and brother Everett, all who are preceded in death. He also has a sister Henrietta living in Florida, and a sister Jeannie living in Livonia. In 1960 Dick decided to marry for the first time, and married Ann Lane, and her four children. They were married for 28 years until her untimely death. He had the four step children, many nephews, nieces, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. Interment was on the 23 of January at the Parkview Memorial Cemetery, in Livonia. Any donation may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 114 Livonia, 30905 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150, in his name.

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Concert benefits immigrant legal aid

Singers of United Lands a touring group of four professional singers from four continents, will perform folk songs from their homelands at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

Zuzanna Rybinska of Poland, Engelhardt Unaeb of Namibia, Virgil Sequeria of India, and Paola Granado of Bolivia will sing in their native languages.

Every year a new team of four singers representing different countries and cultures, tours throughout the U.S., visiting schools and churches. The organization's mission is to develop international and cultural relationships through vocal music.

Tickets are \$15 per person, or \$35 per family of two adults and their children, 17 and under. Tickets will be available at the door. Proceeds will benefit Justice For Our



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Neighbors of Southeastern Michigan.

Justice for Our Neighbors is a faith-driven ministry that welcomes immigrants into communities and churches by providing free legal immigration services, education and advocacy. The United Method-

ist Community on Relief sponsors the program with 24 clinic sites operating nationwide. Justice for Our Neighbors-Southeastern Michigan was formed in 2009 with sites at Dearborn First United Methodist Church,



Granado

The Baldwin Center in Ponitac, and Ypsilanti First United Methodist Church.

In 2011 the organization served 105 new clients from 29 different counties. It helped families stay intact, assisted domestic violence survivors and counseled clients with answers to complicated legal questions.

For more on the singers, visit www.singersofunitedlands.org. For more on Justice for Our Neighbors-Southeastern Michigan, visit www.jfonsemi.org.

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attached to the e-mail.

BETHANY

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 Location: Elks Lodge, 31117 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Detail: Stilettoes Dance, "Detroit Still Doo Wops," with music from 8 p.m.midnight. Cost is \$20 and includes beer and pop Contact: Chooch at (734) 697-7270

CENTENNIAL CELEBRA-TION

Time/Date: Dinner, 6 p.m. Feb. 18; Eucharist, 10 a.m. Feb. 19

Location: St. John's Episco-

pal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth

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Details: The dinner, held at the Summit in Canton, will include, a video presentation, music, gift drawings, and a ticket for a chance to win a centennial quilt and more. The ticket costs \$40 per person. Bishop Wendell Gibbs will attend the worship service on Feb. 19. The service will include special music and banners created by members of the parish. A celebration reception will follow the service

Contact: (734) 453-0190 CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy Road, between Lilley and Haggerty Roads, Canton **Details:** Free clothing and shoes are available to anyone in need

Contact: (734) 927-6686 or (734) 404-2480

GLAZER INSTITUTE LECTURES

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., Feb. 10

Location: Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills

Details: Rabbi Daniel B. Syme will talk about "Combating Bullying, Cruelty, **Depression and Suicide** Among Youth People A Religious Imperative." Heather Irish, founder and director of The MINDS Program, a non- profit organization that educates teenagers about mental illnesses and suicide prevention, will continue the discussion at 10:45 a.m. after a brief intermission. Admission is free Contact: (248) 851-1100, Ext. 3149

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ENTERTAINMENT

Arts benefit Versatile singer and his band rock out in Canton

By Sharon Dargay O&E Staff Writer

There's more to Steve King than meets the ear.

The frontman for the band, Steve King and the Dittilies, King, known as the "Wayne Newton of Wayne County," began his singing career as a choir student during the 1970s at Bentley High School, where he also formed a band for a school talent show.

Through the years King also has:

• Learned to become a "survivor" while growing up in a family of 13 siblings.

• Rebuilt — and then lived in - three houses in his hometown.

 Coached soccer and taught physical education after getting a teaching degree in 2001.

• Earned a master's degree in educational leadership last summer, with an eye toward becoming a school principal.

• Served on the Livonia school board after winning a four-year term in 2006.

• Lost his bid for the Livonia City Council last November.

Through it all he has continued to sing at events as large as the Woodward Dream Cruise and as small as private birthday parties.

"I hate not being busy," King explained. "I always have 10 balls in the air and I see what happens. I have so many interests.

ROCK-N-ROLL VALENTINE'S

What: A dinner and rock music show fundraiser for the Canton Partnership for Arts and Humanities When: 7 p.m. Friday,

Feb. 10 Where: The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton **Details:** A reception kicks off the event and features appetizers by P.F. Chang's China Bistro, Northville, and Station 885, Plymouth, along with desserts from The Chop House, Ann Arbor. The Showroom of Elegance and Indigo Salon and Day Spa will be onsite offering promotions. Steve King and the Dittilies play classic rock at 8 p.m. Couples can get a free appetizer by showing their concert ticket at the afterglow at Hayden's Bar and Grill, 39895 Ford Road Tickets: \$30 Sponsors: Frank and Jill, **Glenn and Patty Shaw** and Don and Colleen Soenen. Contact: www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call (734) 394-5460

I love teaching, coaching and building. Pursuing my passions is what I've always done and that is the secret to well-being.

"I really enjoy performing and I would like to continue doing it for

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a long ling time. We get around. I try to work as much as possible."

The band specializes in classic rock — tunes from the '50s-'90s — although it has expanded its repertoire to include music from the '30s and '40s. It will play a little of everything when it headlines Rock-n-Roll Valentine's, a benefit for the Canton Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, Friday, Feb. 10 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Sing, dance along

King said the show will include a dance area for audience members who want to move to the music.

"We've never played a gig where someone didn't get up and start dancing.' The set list also will

include songs that show the depth of the band and "showy stuff" that brings horns front and center.

"This gig is more challenging than most. The majority of the people will be sitting in the audience, listening. So, not only are we doing a show with people sitting there, we have to try to hit all eras because that will be the demographics."

Putting the listener first is second nature to King. When a power outage zapped the Woodward Dream Cruise in 2003, King, who was playing at a Royal Oak restaurant, said he convinced management to quickly round up generators, enabling the show to continue until



police shut the annual event down.

He insists on producing live sounds with a ninepiece group, rather than downsizing to a smaller band with pre-recorded tracks.

"My approach always has been that I'm here to facilitate fun for people who come to see us. People want to have a good time. The music we do is recognizable, good songs and I make that connection from stage to the audience."

Classic tunes

He describes his favorite music — 1960s rock — as "the best ever written," with memorable melodies and lyrics. He also points out that long-time rockers who are still popular today, such as Mick Jagger and Tom Petty, got their start during that decade.

While performing in Las Vegas, Nev. last year, King noticed a table of Polish women singing along as the band played songs made and the Dittilies. He has performed since high school.

popular by the 1960sera television show and band, The Monkees.

"They didn't speak English. I asked how they knew these songs and they said 'American movies.' Any (contemporary) music style today has roots in the '60s. They are great songs. They tell a story."

For more about the Canton Partnership for Arts and Humanities visit partnershipforarts.org. For more on Steve King and the Dittilies, visit skatd.com

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Art

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DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays

Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

Details: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission

Exhibits: Rembrandt and the Face of Jesus exhibit runs through Feb. 12 and includes 64 works. Tickets are \$16 for adults; \$8 for youth, 6-17. Other exhibits include Detroit Revealed: Photographs 2000-2010, an exhibit of 50 photos through April 8; Gift of a Lifetime: The James Pearson Duffy Collection of drawings, paintings, prints, sculptures and photographs through March 18

Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

FARMINGTON HILLS CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Feb. 24

Location: Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: The work of Patrice Erickson, all original oils, is on exhibit. Erickson is inspired by nature and strives for landscapes that are rich in color

Contact: (248) 473-1856 **NORTHVILLE ART** HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Feb. 18, with an artist reception, 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3 Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "6th Annual Mem-

ber Exhibition," includes work by more than 70 artists: free admission Contact: (248) 344-0497 **UNIVERSITY OF MICHI-**GAN

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25-May 20

Location: University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 S. State, Ann Arbor Details: "Fluxus and the Essential Questions of Life," includes more than 100 works by major artists, such as Yoko Ono, Nam June Paik and George Maciunas; admission is free Contact: (734) 764-0395

VILLAGE THEATER

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday through Feb. 24

Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: "Lest We Forget: Legends of Detroit Gospel," celebrates the history of Gospel music in Detroit Contact: (734) 394-5300 or visit cantonvillagetheater. org.

Comedy

Sundays

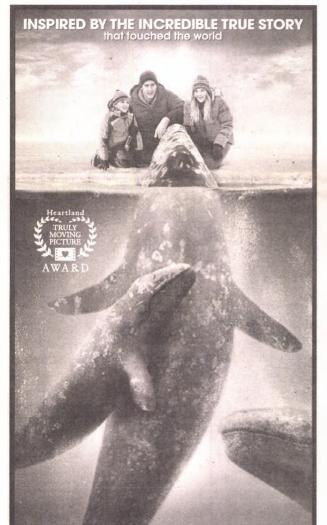
Ferndale

GO COMEDY! Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays thru Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Details: Improv most nights. Open mic/jam ses-

sion show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays Contact: (248) 327-0575; gocomedy.net

JD'S HOUSE OF COMEDY

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesday-Saturday





Dave Steele and Shari Kane will perform two full sets of "stomp blues and street swing" Saturday, Feb. 4 at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia.

evenings

Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield Details: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday Contact: (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com

JOEY'S COMEDY **CLUB OF LIVONIA**

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Mondays, open Mic; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Local Legends; 8 p.m. shows Wednesdays, Thursdays; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia Details: Andy Hendrick-

son, through Feb. 4; Basile, Feb. 8-11; Mikey Mason, Feb. 15-16; Rich Guzzi, Feb. 17-19; Coco, Feb. 22-25; Glen Wool, Feb. 29-March 3 Contact: (734) 261-0555, www.kickerscomplex.com

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE

Time/Date: Keith Alberstadt, Feb. 2-4; Tim Nutt, Feb. 9-11; Rocky Laporte, Feb. 16-18; Ted Alexandro, Feb. 23-25

Location: 269 E. Fourth, **Royal Oak**

MOON DUSTERS

every Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m. Location: Livonia Civic

Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia **Details:** Singles and

couples dance to music of the '30s, '40s and '50s; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members Contact: Joe Castrodale,

club president, (248) 968-5197

Film

MARQUIS THEATRE Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Feb. 4 Location: 135 E. Main, Northville Details: "Goldfinger;" tickets \$3 Coming up: "Anatomy of a Murder," Feb. 11; "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad World," Feb. 18, "Bye, Bye, Birdie,"

Sunday fundraiser

of Shadows," 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 17-18, and 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19; "Hugo," 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24; 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 25-26 and 7 p.m. Thursday, March 1 Contact: (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Feb. 3 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Feb. 4

Location: 17360 Lahser, iust north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit Details: "Charade," tickets \$4

Coming up: "The Apartment," 8 p.m. Feb. 17 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Feb. 18; "Gone With The Wind" 8 p.m. March 2-3 and 2 p.m. March 4, includes an appearance by "the Gone With The Wind answer lady," Kathleen Marcaccio Contact: (313) 537-2560

Museums

CHARLES H. WRIGHT Time/Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday Location: 315 E. Warren Road, Detroit Details: Regular museum admission is \$8 for adults, 13-61; and \$5 for youth, 3-12, and seniors, 62 and over. Members and children 2 and under are admitted free. "Moving to His **Own Beat**" celebrates the life and music of Fela Anikulapo-Kuti, who fused traditional African high life music with classical jazz and funk, a unique sound he called "Afrobeat" The exhibit runs through April 1 Contact: (313) 494-5800

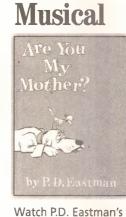
PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday and Friday-Sunday; current exhibit runs through June 17 Location: 155 S. Main,

Plymouth Details: "Ration Stamps &

Bombers, WWII at Home" is the current exhibit. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students, 6-17

Contact: (734) 455-8940



book come to life through a musical production Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

story of the site's excavation, which was initiated by the University of Michigan in the 1920s and 1930s. Part II follows the changes that took place in Karanis with the beginning of the Roman occupation of Egypt and then later with the advent of Christianity. The displays – all but a few will be new -- include collections of Roman glass, tax rolls on papyrus, and the leather breastplate of a Roman soldier. Admission is free, but donations are accepted. Contact: www.lsa.umich. edu/kelsey; (734) 764-9304

Music

THE ARK

Time/Date: Frontier Ruckus, Feb. 2; Cheryl Wheeler, Feb. 3; Yiddishe Cup, Feb. 4; The Global Jazz Project, Feb. 7; Girlyman & Edie Carey, Feb. 8; William Fitzsimmons & Denison Witner, Feb. 9; Newfound Road, Feb. 10; Student Songwriter Series: The Ark at UMMA, Feb. 10; Mustard's Retreat, Feb. 11; My Folky Valentine, Feb. 12; Miss Tess and the Bon Ton Parade, Feb. 13; Solas, Feb. 14; JT Nero & Allison Russell, Feb. 15; Jill Sobule, Feb. 16; The RFD Boys, Feb. 17; Kate Clinton, Feb. 19

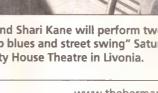
Location: 316 South Main, Ann Arbor

Contact: (734) 763-8587; www.theark.org

BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

Time/Date: 7-9:30 p.m. the third Saturday of the month Location: JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

www.theberman.org Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 p.m.



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Dance

DANCE MONTH

Time/Date: through Feb. 18

Location: Berman Center for the Performing Arts. 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: "Michigan Five: University Showcase," 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 4; Allure Dance Company, dance for children, 3-12, 1-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5; Eisenhower Dance Ensemble, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11; Ballet Folklorico de Antioquia, 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 18. Ticket prices are \$15 for Jewish Community Center (JCC) members and \$20 for non-members for the Michigan Five showcase: \$20 for JCC members and \$25 for non-members for the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble; and \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members for all other programs. Call the box office for student and workshop prices Contact: (248) 661-1900;



Blackthorn will perform at a Doctors without Borders fundraiser Sunday, Feb. 12, at the Gaelic League Irish America Club in Detroit.

Feb. 25

Contact: (248) 349-8110 **PENN THEATRE**

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5; 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5 and 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9 Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "My Week with Marilyn," \$3

Coming up: "Happy Feet 2," 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 11-12; "Sherlock Holmes: A Game

U-M KELSEY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY

Time/Date: The museum is open 9 a.m.- 4 p.m., Tuesday- Friday, and 1-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday Location: 434 S. State, Ann

Arbor Details: Part II of the Kelsey Museum of Archaeology's special exhibition - "Karanis Revealed: Discovering the Past and Present of a Michigan Excavation in Egypt" - will run through Sunday, May 6. This special exhibition explores the

Details: The show includes open mic performances and a featured performer Admission is \$5. Annual memberships are \$25 for individuals and \$50 for families. Members may attend monthly concerts free of charge.

Contact: Mike Mullen at (248) 719-3464 or e-mail to mjmmullen@yahoo.com

DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS

Time/Date: 4-10 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12

Location: The Gaelic League/Irish American Club, 2068 Michigan Ave., Detroit

Details: Irish and Scottish music, song and dance benefit Doctors without Borders. Performers include Blackthorn, Finvarra's Wren, Ashley Macisaac, O'Hare Dancers from Plymouth, Crossroads Ceili and more. Admission is by donation. Family-friendly environment with cash bar, food available for purchase and lighted, guarded parking **Contact:** Mick Gavin at

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ENTERTAINMENT



Allure Dance Company will lead dance workshops for children Sunday, Feb. 5 at The Berman Center for the Performing Arts at the Jewish Community Center, West Bloomfield.

Take a dance workshop, perform the same day

So you think you can dance? Then join Allure Dance for Dance Day — created for children, 3-11, who love to dance — 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, at The Berman Center for the Performing Arts, located at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. No dance experience is necessary

Members of the Allure Dance Company will lead the workshops that will feature creative movement and simple choreography

"I Love To Dance" is for ages 8-11 and begins at 1 p.m. "Watch Me Dance" is for ages 5-7 and begins at 1 p.m. "Mommy and Me" is for ages 3-4 and starts at 1:30 p.m. Following the workshops, all students will appear in a dance program at 3 p.m.

Cost is \$10 per child and \$5 for adults involved in the "Mommy and Me" sessions. The dance performance is free for workshop participants and \$10 per guest.

Shannon Einhardt, a recent recipient of the Maggie Allesee New Choreography Award heads the Allure Dance Company.

The workshops are part of a monthlong series of dance activities at The Berman Center. For a complete list visit www.theberman.org. To buy tickets, call (248) 661-1900.

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Continued from page B6 (313) 537-3489 or Kathleen O'Neill at (313) 96-IRISH

HELLENIC CULTURAL CENTER

Time/Date: 6:30 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. show, Saturday, Feb. 11

Location: 36375 Joy Road, Westland

Details: 50's and 60's Valentine's Show with Legends Live tribute show features songs by the Everly Brothers, Gene Pitney, Full Throttle DooWop, Roy Orbison and Cal Roberts, along with emcee Rockin' Ronnie. Tickets are \$38 and include dinner, cash bar and show Contact: (734) 525-3550 MICHIGAN

PHILHARMONIC

Time/Date: 2 p.m. Feb. 12; pre-concert talk at 1:15 p.m. Location: First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road, Plymouth

Details: "Sunday with Schubert" featuring Michigan Phil principal clarinetist Lisa Raschiatore performing the Copland Clarinet Concerto. Other works include Schubert Symphony No. 5 and Amalia Concerto for 12. Tickets are \$22 general, \$18 senior and \$10, student Contact: (734) 451-2112; www.michiganphil.org

JAZZ AT THE ELKS Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. last

Tuesday of the month

Same Time Next Year



Aaron Alpern of Ann Arbor plays George and Diane Hill of Farmington Hills is Doris in the Two Muses Theatre production of "Same Time Next Year," that runs Feb. 3-19 in Farmington Hills.

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Details: There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Contact: (734) 453-1780 or e-mail to plym-

outhelks1780@yahoo.com

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Feb 11 and 3 p.m. Feb. 12 Location: St. Paul's Presby-

Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: "Love Notes" features singers Allison Soranno Boufford and Jason Wilhoite, along with instrumentalists Sue Nienhaus, Michael Soranno, and Paul Soranno, performing selections from a wide variety of Broadway composers. The concert of love songs from Broadway will include desserts and coffee. Tickets are \$10

Contact: (248) 347-4134, or e-mail paulsplayers@ gmail.com

PLYMOUTH COFFEE BEAN

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Monday, Friday, Saturday

Location: 884 Penniman, Plymouth

Details: Open mic on Monday; live music Friday-Saturday. Americana, folk, rock, pop, country and soul by solo singers, duos and bands

Contact: (734) 454-0178



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Game-winning dips and healthy tips

Two of the most popular New Year's resolutions are losing weight and eating healthier. But by the time the big game rolls around, many people are ready for a break — or looking for an excuse to cheat. But kickoff does not have to be a signal to punt your healthy-eating habits. Registered dietitian Jodie Shield knows it can be a struggle to celebrate and stay healthy. She's put together some win-win tips and recipes — healthy and delicious — that are sure to keep fans cheering for more:

— Know your game plan. If you're the home team (i.e. the party host), you get to call the plays. Serve entrees that are lean and festive, such as Touchdown Turkey Chili. Or prepare a thin whole wheat crust pizza using reduced-fat mozzarella cheese, tomato sauce and lots of sliced veggies.

— Offer a starting line-up of healthier appetizers. Whip some traditional game day favorites into shape. Instead of nachos, serve baked chips with salsa. Pass on the salt and butter and sprinkle a dash of Parmesan cheese over popcorn. Forget the fried chicken wings and serve baked chicken tenders seasoned with Hidden Valley Salad Dressing & Seasoning Mix.

— Think fresh. Skip the super subs and set up a sandwich bar with lean deli meats such as turkey breast and ham, low-fat cheese slices and prepped veggies — like sliced tomato and shredded lettuce — and low-fat toppings.

— Pass on super big portions. No matter what foods are served, remember you don't have to eat the whole thing. Grab a small plate and load half of it up with fresh veggies and baked chips.

- Get in on the action. During halftime, grab your guests and head outdoors for a quick game of touch football. You can always record the commercials so you don't miss out.

7 Layer Fiesta Ranch Dip Prep Time: 10 minutes Makes: 10 (1/4 cup) servings

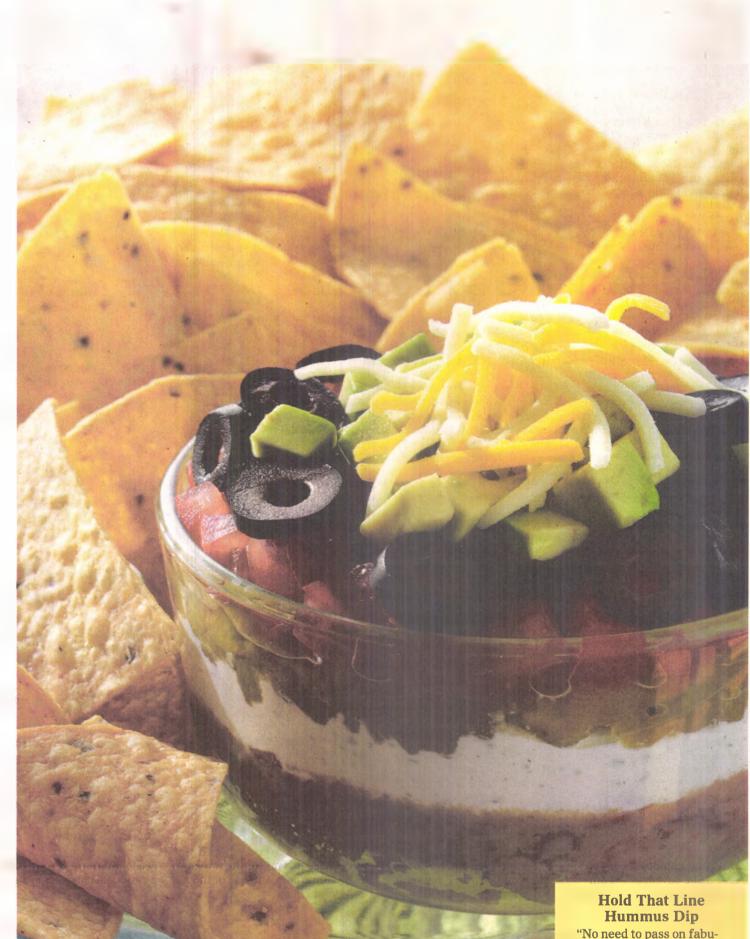
1 16-ounce can fat-free refried beans

½ cup guacamole

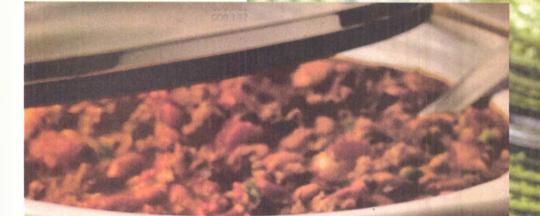
1 package Hidden Valley Fiesta Ranch Dips Mix 1 cup fat-free sour cream or plain nonfat yogurt

1 cup shredded reduced-fat cheddar cheese 6 green onions, chopped 1 medium tomato, chopped

k cup sliced black olives (optional)
1. Spread each of the ingredi-



ents in the order listed over a 9inch serving platter or pie dish. 2. Chill for an hour and serve.





PLAY GOOD DEFENSE AND SUBSTITUTE

The best way to tackle those creamy, high-calorie dips is to make smart substitutions. Here are a few options to help you get started: • Guacamole — Use salsa instead

- Pesto Substitute chopped tomatoes and basil
- Sour cream Trade it for plain fat-free yogurt
- Cheese Try reduced-fat cheese
- Cream Substitute fat-free evaporated milk

For more recipes and tips, visit www.hiddenvalley.com.

Touchdown Turkey Chili

Prep Time: 15 minutes Cook Time: High heat cooks for 4 hours; Low heat cooks for 8 hours Makes: 8 (1 cup) servings

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 medium onion, chopped

1 medium green bell pepper, chopped

2 pounds lean ground turkey breast

2 cans (14.5 ounces each) Mexican-style diced tomatoes

1 can (6 ounces) reduced sodium tomato paste 1 can (15 ounces) black beans, rinsed and drained 1 cup low sodium tomato juice

1 package Hidden Valley Fiesta Ranch Dips Mix

1. Heat olive oil in a large nonstick pan over medium-high heat.

2. Add onions and bell pepper and sauté until crisp-tender, about 5 minutes.

3. Remove and place in slow cooker.

4. Add ground turkey breast to the same pan and cook until crumbled and browned, about 8 to 10 minutes.

5. Add the turkey to the slow cooker along with all of the remaining ingredients.

6. Cover the slow cooker and cook for 4 hours on high heat or 8 hours on low heat. lous dips to maintain your diet," said Shield. "Thanks to the protein and fiber in chickpeas, hummus is light, yet heart-healthy enough to satisfy hungry sports fans. Try this easy recipe for happy game day guests."

Prep Time: 10 minutes Makes: 8 (1/4 cup) servings

2 cans (15½ ounces each) chickpeas, rinsed and drained

- 4 garlic cloves
- % cup lemon juice
- 1 package Hidden Valley Salad Dressing & Seasoning Mix

4 tablespoons cold water ½ cup tahini (sesame seed paste)

Dash of paprika for garnish 1. In a food proces-

sor, puree the chickpeas, garlic, lemon juice, salad dressing and seasoning mix and water until very smooth, about 3 minutes.

2. Add tahini paste and process an additional 2 minutes.

Spread hummus into a shallow serving bowl.
 Sprinkle top with paprika.

--- Courtesy Family Features

Cheesy Ranch Popcorn

Prep Time: 5 minutes Cook Time: 3th minutes Makes: 6 (2 cup) servings

1 bag (3 ounces) reduced-fat, low sodium butter-flavored microwave popcorn

- ½ pack (0.25 ounces) Hidden Valley Salad Dressing & Seasoning Mix
- 3 sprays from olive oil mister
- 3 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

1. Pop popcorn according to package directions. Immediately open the bag and pour the popcorn into a large serving bowl.

2. Spray the popcorn with three sprays from the olive oil mister, toss with salad dressing and seasoning mix and then toss with the Parmesan cheese. Serve immediately.

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Industry pro sadder but wiser on sump pump policy

By Marlene Klimecki Guest Columnist

So, you like myself, had the same insurance agent with a large, well-known insurance company for years; you go through some life-changing events as I did with the passing of a spouse, your daughter moving out of Michigan, and not knowing if your deceased husband told the agent that you finished your basement.

All of these things happened to me in 2010.



I contacted the agent, told her all three changes, and that since my husband handled all of our insurances with her for years that I didn't know what we needed to change, but I

Klimecki

was relying on her for her professionalism and guidance. She asked me a battery of questions that I answered and we closed the conversation by her saying she would "handle it."

Here is the trap, according to the law, it is YOUR responsibility to follow up with the agent to make sure they made the changes. We NEVER discussed sump pump failure insurance as any option and now in checking with most people, very few are aware of it. Sump pump failure insurance is a minimal premium (under \$50 a year). We waited to finish our lower level to make sure there were no cracks in the walls and that the basement did not have any issues with water. My husband passed in May 2010 and I notified the insurance company of the three issues in June.

My homeowners policy came up for renewal in November along with the million dollar pamphlet that outlines upgrades which are your responsibility to read and check with your agent to see if you have these coverages. I am quite sure I can't tell you if the



A solid homeowners insurance policy will protect your largest investment, as an area Realtor found out the hard way.

pamphlet was or was not in the renewal notice, I just quickly wrote a check and put it in the mail so it would not get overlooked. You guessed it, I had sump pump failure (a six-yearold sump pump) the following May.

I called the 800 number to see what I should do at 9:30 p.m. and was told I was not insured. I was positive this was a mistake and the basement cleanup crew said often times the 800 number does not have a complete outline of coverage so not to worry and to call my agent in the morning. It was a holiday weekend so when she returned I called again; at first she denied ever hearing from me at all, then bits and pieces of her memory came back, but still insisting I never told her my daughter moved to L.A. when she in fact handled her claim for an auto accident the first month she moved there.

I tried three supervisors at this company offering outline after outline of events only to

have my claim rejected based on the fact that I did not have my basement insured in 2006 which is when we built and moved in the site condo. No one would listen when I said I would not have insured my basement then since it was not finished at that time. After writing checks out of my personal account totaling \$17,000 to restore my two-year-old basement, I contacted my attorney as I felt the agent's negligence would be covered under her errors and omissions insurance she is required to carry.

The bottom line is since they claim the pamphlet was in the renewal notice and I paid it, it was my responsibility to call the agent and follow up with her to make sure she made the changes we discussed. In talking to several contractors that worked on the basement, they said it is common for insurance agents NOT to cover it with you because it is one of the lowest cost upgrades and one of the largest claims paid out. So, in

closing, DO NOT rely on your agent to protect your best interests of your insurances, read through the material yourself and hope for the best.

I now have a new sump pump and a water backup system incase of power failure. There seriously is no loyalty for longterm client/insurance relationships when it comes time to paying out claims. How many of you knew about sump pump failure insurance coverage? Hopefully none of you will never have to go through what I experienced with an agent and insurance company I trusted. Oh, yes, I have changed all my insurance on the car and the condo and I met with the agent three times to make sure I understood everything before signing and writing the check.

I wish you all a dry basement but, if not make sure you have sump pump failure insurance!

Realtor Marlene C. Klimecki is an associate broker for Remerica United Realty in Novi.

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Lawyer can help with board roles

Q: Our board is expending money on items which we do not believe are within the responsibility of the association. I, as a board member, have protested but have gotten nowhere. What can I do?

A: Assuming you have not gotten a legal opinion from the association's attorney regarding the propriety of the action to be taken by the board, you should at least put on the record your opposition to what the board has taken and a request for a legal opinion. If the majority of the board is not inclined to do, or they have already gotten a legal opinion, you may wish



to seek a second legal opinion and, hopefully, get reimbursed for the costs involved in

doing so,

although there is no guarantee of same. Sometimes Directors do not understand their responsibilities to make repairs, and other times go beyond their responsibility on behalf of the Association to make repairs on items which are the individual co-owners responsibility. It is often a thin line to determine the difference, but obviously it is an important issue that should be resolved with the benefit of good and experienced legal counsel within the attorney/client privilege.

Q: Our developer has abandoned the project, not paid the assessments or the taxes on his lots and he cannot be reached. The co-owners think that our chances of getting any

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BEVERLY HILLS	
31410 Evergreen Rd	\$155,000
BINGHAM FARMS	
30825 River Crossing St	\$220,000
Birmingham 1796 Graefield Rd 770 Humphrey Ave 1851 Mansfield Rd 2685 Pembroke Rd 1011 Pierce St 1186 Stanley Blvd 1137 Suffield Ave 361 Townsend St 1521 Villa Rd	\$75,000 \$425,000 \$180,000 \$120,000 \$315,000 \$285,000 \$350,000 \$1,100,000 \$735,000
2850 Windemere Rd	\$130,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	····
2857 Rambling Way 3760 Thornbrier Way 748 Briar Hill Ln 2786 Hunters Way 1835 Stonycroft Ln	\$228,000 \$330,000 \$295,000 \$440,000 \$210,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSH	IP
3665 Bradford Ct 1387 Club Dr	\$174,000 \$610,000

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SOUTH LYON	
58697 Castle Ct 25345 Collingwood Dr 160 Harvard Ave 61121 Ladbrooke Dr 24819 Martindale Rd 61211 Saddlecreek Dr 25316 Stanley Ln 397 University Ave 572 Willow Dr	\$40,000 \$40,000 \$292,000 \$196,000 \$233,000 \$40,000 \$115,000 \$135,000
SOUTHFIELD	\$135,000
27675 Berkshire Dr 22875 Coventry Woods Ln 29322 E Chanticleer Dr 19310 Eldridge Ln 30100 Everett St 21988 Evergreen Rd 23351 Grayson Dr 19960 Hickory Leaf St 19073 Middlesex Ave 30105 Northgate Dr 24033 Pierce St 21927 Rose Hollow Dr 20365 S Greenway St 28073 Sutherland St 28410 Tavistock Trl	\$74,000 \$140,000 \$120,000 \$44,000 \$38,000 \$75,000 \$75,000 \$75,000 \$138,000 \$76,000 \$135,000 \$135,000 \$130,000
WHITE LAKE	
2497 Blair St 33 Danforth St 9210 Half Acre Dr 9858 Mandon St 408 Rosario Ln 382 Rustic Cir	\$60,000 \$133,000 \$68,000 \$201,000 \$230,000 \$166,000

recovery are futile and do not want to spend the money on getting any advice. How do I get them to realize that this is not smart?

A: Hopefully, they will read this column and understand that they may well have rights against the developer or the successor to that developer whoever that ends up being. Moreover, there may be other factors and considerations involved including the prospect that the property which has not been developed depending upon the manner in which it is described in the master deed, may revert to the condominium project as a common element and/or otherwise may be available to the condominium association to develop on its own having picked its own contractor or builder. It is imperative, therefore, that the Association understand its legal rights and that the coowners are well advised to get experienced legal counsel in condominium development matters to answer their questions and to provide them with the various options and/or alternatives available to them.

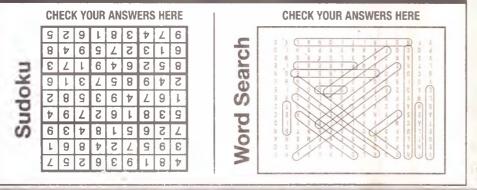
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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LONELY AND LOVELY WIDOW SWF, 69, N/S, sense of humor, loves th doore, oil care, gardening, seeks WM, 65-73, N/S, with similar interests, for possible LTR. 1340376

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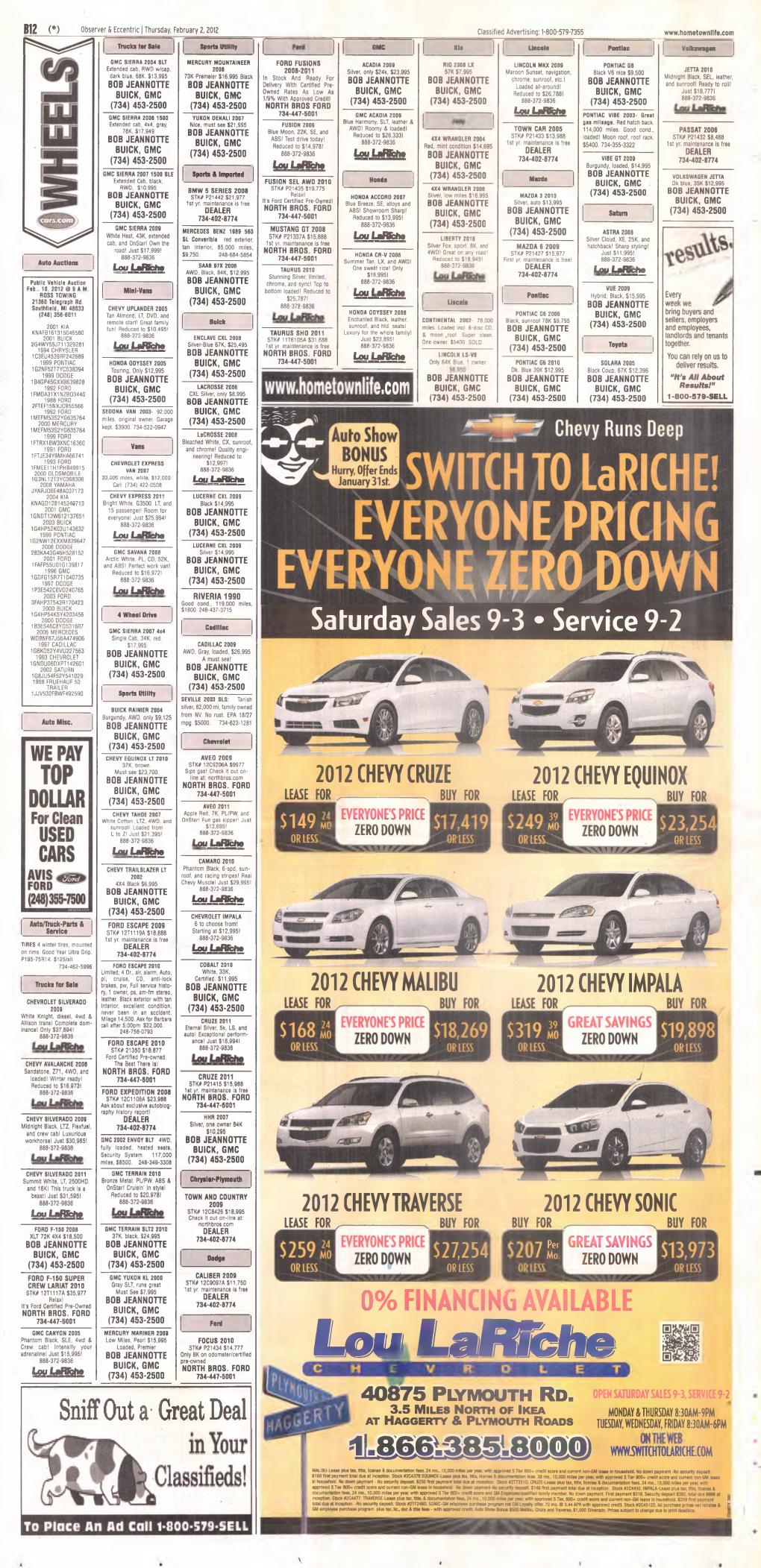


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Go Red for healthy hearts

his month we are asking you to join local businesses and your neighbors in "Going Red" to

combat the No. 1 killer of women — heart disease.

Ninety percent of women have one or more risk factors for developing heart disease and 80 percent of cardiac events in women may be prevented if we make the



right choices that involve

diet, exercise and smoking cessation, according to the American Heart Association.

Tomorrow is the American Heart Association's National Wear Red Day, an event aimed at building awareness and inspiring action to end heart disease.

Join the movement, get educated and have some fun at the same time. Lots of

local women will be wearing red, including the staff at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

In today's *Hometown Life Woman*, you will have the opportunity to meet area women who are sharing their stories about heart disease and why women need to be aware of their special symptoms. Read today's cover story and you'll see why heart disease is often silent, hidden and misunderstood. Inside you'll also find a list of heart-month events — seminars, walks, even a hockey game. Take time to participate. See the stories on diet and exercise tips; we also offer a couple of recipes courtesy of the American Heart Association.

And several area businesses will be "lighting the town red" Feb. 3 and beyond by lighting their buildings in red. They include the St. John Providence Health System, Comerica Park, The Wealth Advantage Group of Northville, OEM Mico Solutions of Novi and Buca di Beppo (Livonia and Utica locations).

Although Friday marks the ninth annual Go National Wear Red Day, the entire month of February is dedicated to education and awareness of heart disease.

Following are some other ways you can get involved.

Show your support and help build awareness by wearing red, join the wear red day tweetathon and share why you wore red (use#TweetGoneRedFor), learn more about heart disease, risk factors and prevention at GoRedForWoman.org, donate funds, volunteer or support the program by shopping at ShopGoRed.org.

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Women love cars, too!



Judi Crawford of Highland in her Volkswagen Eos.

What they buy and why

By Bill Emerick and Beth Jachman Contributing Writers

the past, when it comes to deciding what car to purchase, men were more often than not the king of their castle. Husbands and fathers had all the answers, while wives and mothers were left at home when it came time to buy.

Fast forward to the 21st century, though, and that stereotype is quickly fading in the rear-view mirror. Step into any new car showroom today and chances are at least 50 percent of those kicking the proverbial tires are women.

And they definitely know what they want in a car.

Trends vary

It may be easy to try to lump all female car buyers into one group, but that's not necessarily the case. What's right for one woman might be completely wrong for another.

Vita Vizachero, 50, of Northville has been a saleswoman at Bill Brown Ford in Livonia for the past eight years. She says the typical female shopper isn't really typical at all.

"It depends on what stage of their life

they're in," she said. "Someone who is raising kids isn't looking for the same things as someone who's retired."

That said, some factors are always constant.

"Fuel economy is important now," Vizachero said. "The monthly payment is certainly key."

Vizachero said women usually fixate on aesthetics, while men might look at performance.

"Their focus is mostly comfort, like heated seats," she said. "A man might notice nice wheels or the engine. Women are a little more practical than men."

Targeted audience

Jason Scott, 45, of Canton has been the general manager of the Dick Scott Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram dealership in Plymouth for 23 years. He said just about every vehicle his company offers appeals to some women.

"You can look at all the surveys and studies out there and they say some 80 percent of cal sales are influenced by women," he said. "We do a lot of general



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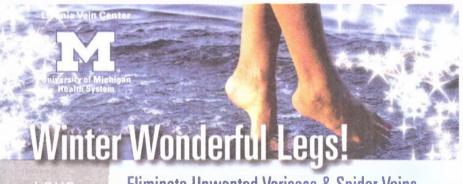
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Scott couldn't point to any particular feature or trend that is driving women into the showroom.

"Our entire lineup is great," he said. "We have features and options that both men and women love to have."

Loves her moon roof

Melissa Cohn, 34, of Novi leases a Cadillac CTS, which she just got Jan. 1. "I love it. It's a very nice vehicle," she said.

Although she considered several other cars and wasn't having much luck getting the mileage she wanted in her price range, she was surprised to find she could get a deal on a Cadillac CTS lease.

"My jaw just kind of dropped. It's not a long lease and there was no way I could turn it down," she said.

Her silver Cadillac CTS is the first American-made car she's driven in 10 years. She had been looking at a Volvo, and although buying American wasn't on the top of her list, when she ended up with a Cadillac, that made the deal all the better. "It was really good to be able to say I'm driving a GM," Cohn said

After working at SWOCC Studios in Farmington for 11 years, she is now working in Ann Arbor and has a longer commute.

She especially likes the car's features like Onstar. "That's convenient. When it comes to directions, I'm not constantly looking down or on the phone. I'm able to hear directions," she said.

"And my moon roof, a moon roof is

what I want in any vehicle I have," she said. "I don't feel so enclosed in my car and I love it in the summer."

The Bluetooth is very helpful for hands-free talking on the phone and she feels the all-wheel drive is a necessity for the drive she makes. she said.

"I think the design and the comfort of the vehicle is up there. Once you get in the car you know it's a nice car. The styling and interior have a very posh feeling," she said.

And asked if anyone comments on her new ride, she said, "Oh, everyone. Everyone's jaw drops. Some people didn't believe me." So she reminded them that December and January are the best time to get leases on vehicles.

She says her first car was a beater. "I definitely feel every car I've gotten has always been a step up. I'm satisfied. I'm happy," she said.

Her 'bucket list'

For many women, after years of driving "sensible" cars, emptying the nest afforded them the opportunity to move up to a more stylish ride. That was the case for Angie Smith, 49, a Farmington Hills resident.

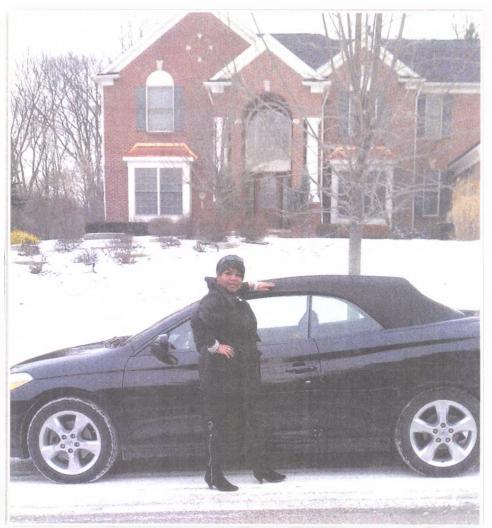
Smith, after many years of driving a Chevrolet Suburban, made the plunge a few years back and bought a 2009 Toyota Camry Solara black convertible. She's had no regrets.

"I was driving a Suburban and my two older daughters were either graduated or getting ready to leave high school," Smith said. "It didn't make a lot of sense to keep driving the Suburban.

"It was on my bucket list," she said of finally buying a convertible. "I never wanted to be the minivan mom, the

Cohn of Novi leases a Cadillac CTS.

Melissa



Angie Smith of Farmington Hills loves driving her 2009 Toyota Camry Solara convertible.

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soccer mom. I'm not a typical mother. I don't lug kids around in it. You need your own identity and this is it for me."

The mother of three considered a Lexus or BMW as well, but the Solara has proven to be a good buy, even in winter driving conditions.

"I just put my heated seats on and go," Smith said with a chuckle. "And it's good on gas. It only takes about \$40 or \$45 to fill it up."

It's a long way from Smith's first car, a Chevrolet Chevette given to her by her father.

Car character

"My car is me. It is me. No doubt about," Judi Crawford of Highland said of her Volkswagen Eos, which is a hardtop convertible with a sun roof. "It is so much fun to drive. This is my second one. It's a brand new one and I will get one forever." Prior to her first Eos, she had a Chevy Malibu. "That was such a family car." But at age 63, Crawford says the Eos was well worth the wait.

"I'm a single gal that is sowing her wild oats," she said. "I had been saying I wanted a convertible for years and years and years."

And the Eos is unique: The convertible hardtop also has a sunroof, she said. On days when it is cool, she may not have top down, but will have the sunroof open. "It is a year-round car. It's small and economical," she said, describing it as in the middle between a small car and family car. Its unique look also catches the eyes of others. "People stop me on the street. Everybody asks me what kind of car it is," said Crawford, who owns a staffing agency for home health care that serves Wayne and Oakland counties.

She leased her white 2012 Eos in May from the Suburban VW dealership in Farmington Hills, trading in a navy blue

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Glamorous at the gala



Dawn LaRiche (left) is a firm believer of supporting her hometown merchants, so she purchased her **Auto Show Charity** Preview gown from **B-Ella in Northville.** Her friend, Sherry Evans of Grosse Ile, purchased her gown from The Perfect Dress in Trenton. LaRiche and her husband. Scott LaRiche. own Lou LaRiche **Chevrolet in Plym**outh Township. Scott LaRiche is also the vice president of the **Detroit Auto Dealers** Association and a North American International Auto Show Committee member.

rea residents were among the luminaries who filled Cobo Center at the North American International Auto Show 2012 Charity Preview last month. The black-tie

crowd was served 4,200 bottles of champagne, 1,000 pounds of beef tenderloin, 20,000 bottles of wine, 35,000 bottles of beer from the Detroit Beer

Co., 1,200 pounds of shrimp and 2,100 pounds of deli meat. Five hundred limos filled the streets around Cobo Center.

Beneficiaries of the Charity Preview include: Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan, Boys Hope Girls Hope of Detroit, The Children's Center, Judson Center, the Detroit Institute for Children, Think Detroit PAL, March of Dimes, Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation and the DADA Charitable Foundation Fund, a fund of the **Community Foundation for** Southeast Michigan.







Northville residents and friends (from left) Sharon Demmer, who purchased her dress from the **Clothing Cove** in Milford; Debbie Tracz, who like an overwhelming number of women at Charity Preview, was a successful shopper at Nordstrom; and Cindy Ferriman, who went to **Bloomingdale's** in Chicago. Demmer's husband, Bill Demmer, is the NAIAS 2003 chairman emeritus.

Melissa Zabkiewicz (left) purchased her dress at Nordstrom. And, instead of trying to find a maternity gown for the Charity Preview, Trisha Ward, who is due in April, went up four sizes at BCBG and still looks tiny in taupe. Both women are South Lyon residents.

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WDIV-TV (Channel 4) 4 Traffic Reporter Ashlee Baracy of Westland was a real page-turner at Charity Preview with her one-of-a-kind Matthew Richmond-designed dress. Richmond shredded marketing brochures from Chevrolet and Toyota to construct the dress. "It took on a life of its own," said Richmond. "I just go with the artistic flow." Baracy is also wearing custom jewelry made from vintage industrial machine parts and designed by Clawson-based designer Janna Bissett. Bissett's jewelry and photography can be purchased at www.lilacpop.etsy.com.



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How to look picture perfect in 5 minutes flat!

By Barbara Deyo Guest Columnist

hen it comes to makeup, keep it simple. It's a better to put on minimal makeup well than a bunch of it badly. If your brows are groomed and your skin is even — you can throw on a bronzer, mascara and lip gloss and go.

When I started doing makeup in 1987, I was trained by Clinique [™]. We were taught basic facial structure and learned a few standard techniques for different face/eye shapes. I still refer back to this training today. Trends may change, but guidelines about basic bone structure do not.

When I worked for NBC in Los Angeles, I was at the mercy of the newscasters' schedules and the unforgiving reality of live television. Many times I would have less than 15 minutes to get them camera ready. So, I practiced on my sister-in-law until I got it down to 11 minutes flat — and that was full "news" makeup, lashes and all.

So really, the bottom line is — you need to get to know what you are working with. Where are your cheek bones? Where does the light reflect off your face? Which brush fits best in that contour? How much pigment is in that concealer? The idea is, the more comfortable you become with your bone structure, products and tools, the more confident you become with your abilities, and in turn, the quicker your hands will get.

Here it is, broken down — 5 minutes to start your day out right. It's kind of like breakfast.

But first, there are two imperative things to remember — get your eyebrows done and please take good care of your skin. Your makeup only looks as good as the skin underneath. Remember to exfoliate twice a week, and get monthly maintenance facials. Cleanse, tone and moisturize — morning and night.

Foundation

I prefer Sheer Mineral Tint — it is oilfree, SPF 20, and has a flattering dewy finish. Use two to three pumps, and spread it around on your fingers (down to the start of the palm) then pat the product-covered fingers on your cheeks, forehead, nose and chin to evenly distribute, and then blend in up and out like you would moisturizer. Tinted moisturizer type products work well because they

even out your skin tone, but you still see your skin through it, and generally they don't feel or look heavy.



Load up your index finger with a foundation stick/concealer, and pat all around eye area, including inner corner closest to nose, "pat/ slide" to blend all the way around. This will even out the thinner skin

around the eye area and end up looking like eye shadow in the end. Be sure to use enough product to start with so you don't "blend" it all away, and be sure to choose a color a shade or two lighter than your skin to brighten up around the eye area.

Powder

Barbara Devo

Set your foundation and concealer with pressed powder with a powder brush and primarily focus on the eye area and nose. Use a smaller amount on the rest of the face. I prefer pressed to loose mainly because it's less messy, but you can then take it with you and use it for touch ups through out the day with a sponge.

Remember, anything that is creamy *moves*. So, you need to put something *dry* over it to set it.

Eyebrows

Fill in eyebrows with eyebrow pencil — make sure you sharpen pencil every time. Use the side to "shade" in the brow — use the points on the underside of the brow and toward the end to get more definition. Be sure to brush it through with an eyebrow brush to smooth out any excess product and to soften. Always choose a shade a few shades lighter than your hair. It will darken on the skin, and

Learn about the risk factors of heart disease Love

your heart:

Jill Halpin Contributing Writer

Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women in the United States. More women die from heart disease than all forms of cancer combined, vet only one in six women believe it is their greatest health threat.

Most important, however, is that heart disease is largely preventable.

Heart attack survivor Susie Dubin of West Bloomfield sends that message loud and clear. "Women need to learn to love their heart and take care of it," she said.

That is why Dubin will join with some 500 other heart attack survivors, supporters and medical professionals Feb. 17 at the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women Annual Luncheon at Detroit's MGM Grand, where they will celebrate their victory over heart disease and spread the word that heart disease can be prevented.

"There is still such a lack of awareness about cardiovascular disease," said Dr. Pamela Marcovitz, medical director of the Ministrelli Women's Heart Center at Beaumont Hospital. "One of the latest surveys showed that when asked about the number one killer of women, only half of women can answer the question correctly."

Although the American Heart Association has been trying to get the word out for the past 10-15 years, slowly but surely, it is happening, she said. However, "We have a long way to go and awareness is the key."

Good news

Nonetheless, there is a bright spot, Marcovitz said.

"Unlike some other devastating diseases, we can tell women exactly what to do to lower their risk and avoid this disease," she said. A member of the regional board of the American Heart Association since its inception in 2003, Marcovitz has been treating heart disease patients for more than 19 vears.

Although 90 percent of women have one or more risk factors for developing heart disease, most women cannot identify the signs or symptoms, even in themselves.

"It is very important that women learn the about the complexity of the disease," said Dr. Delair Gardi, cardiologist and medical director of endovascular services with St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

While many women are commonly aware of the typical symptoms of heart attacks in men, they remain unaware that the symptoms can be and often are very different in women.





Susie Dubin, of West Bloomfield, heart attack survivor. Photo: Courtesy of Elaina Lancaster

"When you and I think about a heart attack, we think about a man clutching his chest," said Dr. Jeffrey Zaks, adult cardiologist at St. John Providence in Novi. Although this may be characteristic of heart issues in men. it is not how symptoms commonly present themselves in women, Zaks added. Complicating the issue is a tendency in women to put off

their own health concerns while tending to others.

Heart attack survivor Julie Petschler of Dearborn says, "As women, we are caretakers of evervone else."

Farmington Hills resident Jill Jordan, an AHA regional board member, is well-versed in the female psyche.

Take care of yourself

The founder of "Getting Ahead by Getting Known," Jordan, a personal branding coach, recognizes both the positive attributes of women as caregivers as well as some of the difficulties it can present, including a selflessness that can sometimes be harmful to their health. Many women are focused on "getting the job done," often putting their own needs last.

Encouraging women to take care of themselves first is also a primary goal of the American Heart Association, said Jordan, who has lost both family and friends to heart disease.

"We, as women, take care of everyone else: our businesses, our families, even our pets. We also need to learn to take care of ourselves," she said.

The pattern is clear among the following women, all heart attack survivors from a variety of backgrounds and all with their own unique symptoms signaling cardiovascular issues that were initially unrecognized.

Jo Anne Leslie of Birmingham was a high-powered hospital finance executive when she had her first symptoms of a heart attack seven years ago.

Although it was a Saturday, she already had made plans for the day and was in the middle of a big project at work, too. In her opinion, there was no space in her agenda for a heart attack ... or trip to the hospital, for that matter. It would have to wait until she could get to it.

"All of a sudden, I got really tired - just exhausted. However, my sister (a nurse) was on her way over to my house to participate with me in a walk for the heart association. It was something we did every year, and I just did not want to bother her with my problems. I figured I would just lay low for the weekend until I felt better, and get to the doctor when I could," said Leslie, a self-described workaholic.

Leslie did finish her project that weekend. She finally booked an appointment with her physician the following Tuesday and was startled to discover that she had had a heart attack and severe heart damage.

Wakeup call

"It was a real wakeup call for me," she said. "If I would gone in to the doctor right away, I would not have had as much heart damage. I was in denial. I was having all of these signs, but I was focused on my job and I wasn't

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Celebrate the power of red

eart disease is the No. 1 killer of women, taking the life of one in three women each year. According to the American Heart Association, heart disease and stroke account for 34 percent of all deaths among women in Michigan.

Women committed to fighting heart disease and living a healthier lifestyle will gather from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, for the American Heart Association's 2012 Go Red For Women® programs and luncheon.

The event take places in the MGM Grand Detroit. Tickets are \$175 per person and can be purchased online at https://ahasouthfield.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/ 20112012DetroitMIGoRedLuncheon.

The American Heart Association event aims to educate women about heart disease and heart health. The half-day event features guest speaker Chris Powell of ABC's Extreme Makeover: Weight Loss Edition, health screenings and exhibits, a "pursonality" silent auction showcasing personalized celebrity handbags and a hearthealthy lunch.

In addition, New York-based Horsman, LTD donated 17 life-like dolls, outfitted by International Academy of Design & Technology students, which will be auctioned during the luncheon.

Co-chairs of the 2012 event are Deborah Greenman Arlin, managing counsel at Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing, North America Inc., and Paula Silver, vice president of communications at Ouicken Loans, Inc.

"I am passionate about the American Heart Association and particularly, Go Red for Women," Silver said. "As someone who has a history of heart disease in my family, I pay close attention to my eating habits and exercise. I feel better both physically and emotionally when I treat myself right, when I eat sensibly and when I get on the treadmill.'

"Involvement in the campaign facilitates fundraising, advocacy and education efforts for this valuable cause, Greenman Arlin said. "The health and well-being of our community and the Toyota team members and their families are a top priority."

For more on the metro area's Go Red For Women campaign, visit www.detroitgoredforwomen.org.

New York based Horsman, Ltd. has donated 17 dolls to be auctioned off at the 2012 Detroit Go Red for Women Luncheon. The fashions for the doll will be designed and created by students at the Trovbased International Academy of Design & Technology.



Go Red for Women co-chairs (left) Paula Silver and Deborah Greenman Arlin



Recognize signs, symptoms of heart disease

By Jill Halpin Contributing Writer

Most cardiologists agree that women need to get savvy about recognizing the signs and symptoms of cardiovascular disease.

According to Dr. Cindy Grines, cardiologist and vice president of clinical affairs at Detroit Medical Center's Cardiovascular Institute, many women who might be quick to know the signs indicating possible heart issues in men do not even recognize the signs and symptoms indicating possible cardiovascular issues in themselves.

Most importantly, while the symptoms of a heart attack can sometimes be similar to those in men, often they present themselves in very different ways. Learning to recognize these symptoms and then taking prompt action are keys to avoiding possible stroke or heart damage, said Dr. Joan Crawford, medical director for Go Red for Women, the American Heart Association Greater Detroit Area and director of the Women's Program at St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospitals.

The most common symptoms of a heart attack can include the following:

• Shortness of breath: This is the most common symptom among women, Crawford said.

• Fatigue: Women need to take note of any changes in their ability to carry on routine daily tasks. "It is important to notice changes and talk to your physician about them," Crawford said. "I always ask my patients, 'How many flights of stairs can you climb and are you able to do the things you used to be able to do?"

• Upper back pain between the should blades.

• Pressure in the "epigastric" region of the body. "Women tend to get a lot of what we call 'epigas- site at http://www.heart.org.

tric' symptoms — pain or pressure that occurs near the rib cage - which may be mistaken for ulcers or GERD (gastroesophageal reflux disease)." Crawford said.

• Sudden right or left arm pain. Another significant step women need to take to avoid cardiovascular disease is recognizing their risk factors, which are important because many of them can be minimized by modifying lifestyles, said Dr. Pam Marcovitz, director of Beaumont Hospital's Ministrelli Women's Heart Center

Risk factors that can be controlled include:

• Diabetes: Diabetes is a huge epidemic in our country and leads to stroke and heart problems, according to Marcovitz. Diabetes is manageable through both dietary modifications and medication under the care of a doctor.

• Smoking: Stop smoking now, Grines said. The disease risks for female smokers are even higher than they are for male smokers, Grines said.

• High cholesterol: Doctors stress the importance of knowing vour cholesterol levels. A simple blood test determines the numbers and then you can begin to work with your doctor to make changes in the numbers if necessarv

• High blood pressure: Know your blood pressure and aim for less than 120/80. High blood pressure is a major risk factor for cardiovascular disease and can lead to heart attack and stroke.

• Physical inactivity: Aim for 30 minutes walking or other activity at least five times a week. Marcovitz said.

• Obesity: Talk to your physician about ideas and options on weight loss.

For more information, visit the American Heart Association web-





Go Red for Heart events

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FRIDAY, FEB. 3

NATIONAL GO RED DAY: WOMEN'S HEART HEALTH FORUM

The forum is presented by Garden City Hospital from 10 a.m. to noon in the Medical Office Building classrooms, 6245 Inkster Road (between Cherry Hill and Ford roads). Cardiologist Dr. Karen Wiarda will answer heart-health questions. Wear red workout clothes because the session is followed by a Polynesian aerobics class. Giveaway items and lunch are included for this free event. Risk assessments will be offered on site. To reserve a space, call (734) 458-3248.

FRIDAY, FEB. 3

GO RED FOR WOMEN EVENTS

The University of Michigan Health System Cardiovascular Center presents a series of events from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., including a healthy cooking demonstration in the Level 2 Cafe, free massage chairs in Danto Auditorium (Level 2) and Mheathy Heart tips and AHA Heart Walk tables on Level 3. Admission is free and no registration needed. Call (734) 647-2742 for more information or questions.

FRIDAYS, FEB. 3, 10, 17 AND 24

GO RED HAPPY HOUR

Enjoy Zumba, Drums Alive along with mocktails and munchies 4:45-6 p.m. at the St. Joseph Mercy Women's Health Center, 5320 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. Zumba from 4:45-5:20 (Classroom 1, Second Floor) followed by Drums Alive (Classroom 2, Second Floor) at 5:25-6 p.m. Mocktails and munchies 5:30-6:30 p.m. The event is free. Registration is required online at stjoeshealth. org/classes or call (800) 231-2211.

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Receive drink specials and complimentary appetizers 5-8 p.m. with a donation at Black Finn American Saloon, 530 S. Main Street, Royal Oak. Proceeds benefit the American Heart Association. For reservations, contact Maria Finateri at party@blackfinnroyaloak.com. Call (248) 542-9460 for more information or visit www.blackfinnroyaloak.com.

FRIDAY, FEB. 3

HOCKEY HAS HEART

Plymouth Whalers Game, Compuware Ice Arena, 14900 N. Beck Road, Plymouth. Purchase tickets at www.plymouthwhalers.com. Wear red to the game to show your support.

SATURDAY, FEB. 4

GO RED FOR WOMEN CASTING CALLS

The American Heart Association's Go Red For Women ® movement is launching a call at Macy's locations in Westland Mall (10 a.m. to noon) and Somerset Collection in Troy (2-4 p.m.) for stories. Local women are invited to speak up about heart disease. Women who share their stories at the casting calls have the chance to become a spokesperson for the cause representing Go Red for Women® in marketing materials, at events, on GoRedForWomen.org and more.

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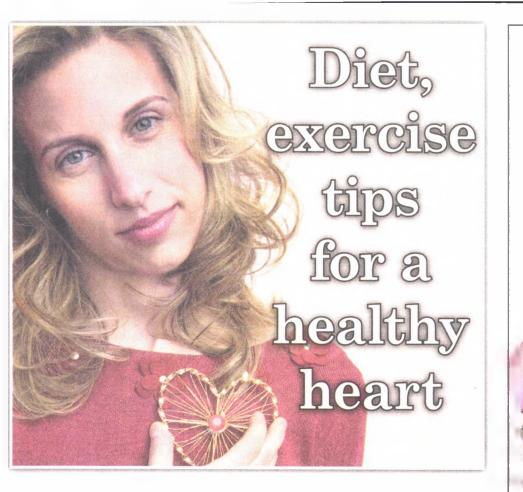
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The best thing about cardiovascular disease is that it is both treatable and preventable in many cases, local doctors say.

The top five things you can do to help your heart right now involve diet and exercise. They include:

walking 30 minutes a day (five days a week), incorporating aerobic exercise and strength training into your fitness regimen, managing your weight, avoiding fast food and salt and quitting smoking.

New studies suggest that walking may lower your risk of heart problems by 50 percent, said Dr. Pam Marcovitz, medical director of the Ministrelli Women's Heart Center at Beaumont Hospital. Not only is walking a good way to get in some physical activity, it also is good for your mind and lowering stress. "I often say to my patients, 'what pill can I give you that will have this big of an effect?' You just cannot walk and worry at the same time," she said.

Anything that makes your heart rate go up, like bicycling or swimming is good, said Dr. Cindy Grines, cardiologist and vice president of clinical affairs at Detroit Medical Center's Cardiovascular Institute. Building and strengthening muscle is also an important step in developing cardiovascular fitness, she said.

Most doctors agree that obesity is leading to diabetes in this country and it is becoming an epidemic. Start by controlling your own food and what you are eating, advises Dr. Joan Crawford, director of the Women's Program at St John Macomb-Oakland Hospitals. She suggests bringing your own food with you to work and making your lunches and snacks the night before so they are easy to grab as you walk out the door.

"I'm as busy as everyone else, but I make sure I have what I need for the day with me. It helps me stay in control of what I am putting in my body and helps fill me up without overdoing it. It's pretty hard to overeat on chopped red peppers," Crawford said.

Grines recommends modeling eating habits after a Mediterranean diet, with lot of fish, whole grains and brightly colored-vegetables. "Olive oil is very healthy, too," she added

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Berry topped pudding pie in meringue-nut crust

(Recipe courtesy Alton Brown)

Ingredients

- Canola or corn oil for pie pan
- 2 large egg whites
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract ½ teaspoon cream of tartar
- % teaspoon salt
- % cup sugar
- ²/₄ cup sugar

1 small package fat-free, sugar-free instant lemon or vanilla pudding mix, prepared with 2 cups cold fat-free milk

12 ounces fresh berries or other fruit, sliced if needed % cup fat-free frozen whipped topping, thawed (optional) Cooking Instructions

Preheat the oven to 300°F. Pour a small amount of oil onto a paper towel and lightly wipe the bottom and side of an 8- or 9-inch pie pan. In a large mixing bowl, using an electric mixer, beat the egg whites, vanilla, cream of tartar, and salt on medium speed until foamy. With the mixer still running, gradually add the sugar in a slow, steady stream, until stiff peaks form. (The peaks shouldn't fold over when the beater is lifted.) Very gently fold in ½ cup of the nuts.

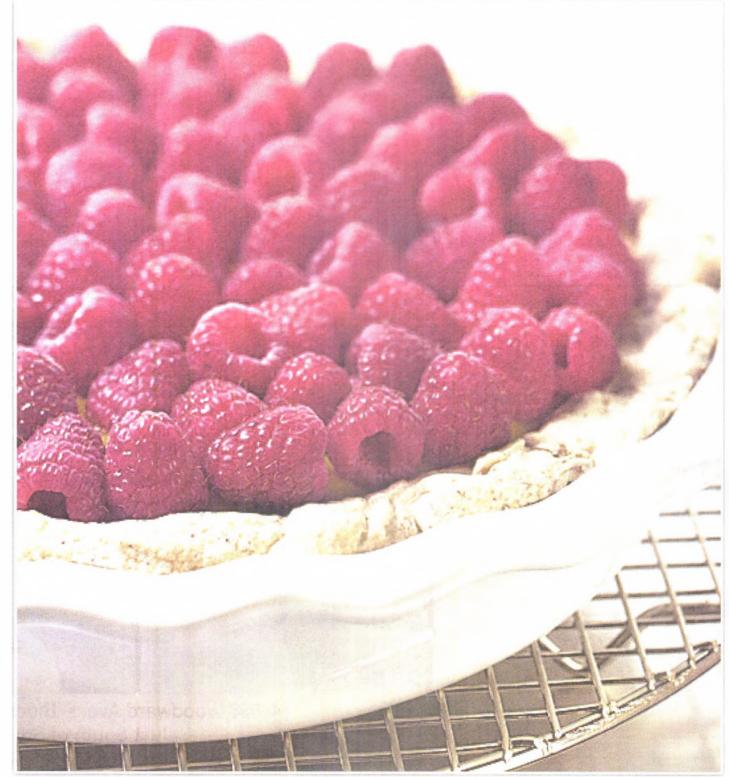
Using a flexible spatula or rubber scraper, spread the meringue over the bottom and up the side of the pie pan and onto the lip of the pan, but not over the edge of the pan. Sprinkle the bottom of the pan with the remaining nuts.

Bake for 50 minutes, or until the meringue is firm and lightly browned. Transfer to a cooling rack and let cool completely, at least 2 hours.

Using the package directions, prepare the pudding. Spread over the cooled crust. Arrange the fruit decoratively over the pudding. Top with the whipped topping.

Note: In warm weather, meringues will get gummy after a few days, so it's best to serve this dessert within 24 hours.

Nutritional Analysis (per serving) Calories: 169, Total Fat 6.5 g (Saturated Fat: 0.5 g, Trans Fat: 0 g, Polyunsaturated Fat: 4.5 g, Monounsaturated Fat: 1 g) Sodium: 223 mg, Carbohydrates: 25 g: Fiber: 3 g, Sugar: 18 g, Protein: 5 g, Dietary Exchanges: ½ fruit, 1 other carbohydrate, 1½ fat.





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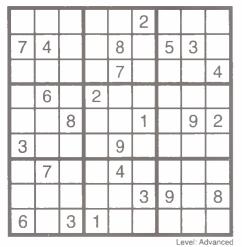
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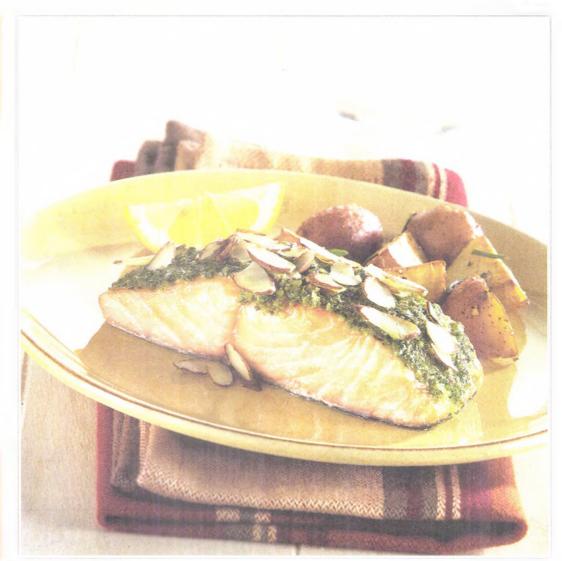
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Level: Intermediate



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Cilantro pesto gives salmon a flavor boost



Salmon with Cilantro Pesto

Salmon with cilantro pesto

Vibrant orange salmon fillets get a double dose of crunchy almonds, one in the pesto and one in the topping. The lovely green pesto is easy to make and gets a delightful flavor boost — without salt — from the garlic-herb seasoning blend.

For a quick and pretty dish, scatter the almonds over the surface, as instructed below. If you prefer a fancier presentation, after spreading the pesto over the salmon, slightly overlap the almonds on the fillets to resemble fish scales, then bake as directed

- Ingredients
- Cooking spray (optional)
- Cilantro Pesto
- $\ensuremath{\boldsymbol{k}}$ cup loosely packed fresh cilantro
- $\ensuremath{\mathsf{3}}$ tablespoons fat-free, low-sodium chicken broth
- 2 tablespoons sliced almonds
- 2 tablespoons shredded or grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 teaspoon salt-free garlic-herb seasoning blend
- 4 salmon fillets (about 4 ounces each), rinsed and patted dry
- ¼ cup sliced almonds

Directions

Preheat the oven to 400°F. Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil or lightly spray with cooking spray.

In a food processor or blender, process the pesto ingredients for 15 to 20 seconds, or until slightly chunky.

Place the fillets about 2 inches apart on the baking

sheet. Spread the pesto evenly over the top of the fillets. Sprinkle with $\frac{1}{4}$ cup almonds.

Bake for 10 to 12 minutes, or until the fish flakes easily when tested with a fork.

Nutrition Analysis (per serving) Calories 206 Total Fat 9.5 g Saturated Fat 1.5 g Trans Fat 0.0 g Polyunsaturated Fat 3.0 g Monounsaturated Fat 4.0 g Cholesterol 66 mg Sodium 129 mg Carbohydrates 2 g Sugars 0 g Fiber 1 g Protein 28 g Dietary Exchanges 3½ lean meat

This recipe is courtesy of the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women movement. Recipe copyright © 2005 by the American Heart Association. Look for other delicious recipes in American Heart Association cookbooks, available from booksellers everywhere or online at americanheart.org/cookbooks.

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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8 LET'S TALK: HEART HEALTH

Program features certified nurse professionals Michelle Moccia, MSN, and Theresa Erchenbrecher, RN, at 1 p.m. at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh Road, Westland. Registration required. Call (734) 655-8950 or visit stmarymercy.org and click on Classes & Events.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15 LET'S TALK: HEART HEALTH

Presented by Ed Motley, registered cardiovascular technologist and manager of the Heart & Vascular Center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Motley will discuss increasing awareness to signs/symptoms of heart disease, understanding of diagnostic tests and treatment procedures at 6 p.m. in the hospital auditorium at the corner of Five Mile and Levan roads in Livonia. Registration required. Call (734) 655-8950 or visit stmarymercy.org and click on Classes & Events.

THURSDAY, FEB. 16

HEALTH HEARTS 101 Presented by Garden City Hospital at Village of Redford, 25300 Six Mile Road, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Garden City Hospital Cardiologist Nizam Habhab will discuss heart health. An exercise physiologist will be present to teach simple exercise techniques. A heart-healthy dinner will be served. Heart risk assessments will be offered on site. No charge, but reservations are needed. Call (734) 458-3248.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22 HOW TO HAVE A HAPPY

HEALTHY HEART "Ladies Night Out" in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, Five Mile and Levan roads in Livonia. A strong, healthy heart is vital for longevity. Heart health problems include coronary heart disease, abnormal heart rhythm (arrhythmia), heart valve disease, as well as cardiomyopathy, aortic aneurysm



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and stroke. Find out everything you need to know to manage and have a healthy happy health. Get the facts on heart disease risks,





preventing heart disease and treating heart problems from Delair Gardi, M.D., St. Mary Mercy Hospital cardiologist. Registration required. Health screenings and massage also featured at the event 5:30-7 p.m. Light refreshments, raffle/prize drawing included. Enter through the main lobby entrance off Five Mile Road. No charge, but registration is required. Call (734) 655-1182 or visit stmarymercy.org and click on Classes & Events.

SATURDAY, FEB. 25

HEART WALK

Garden City Hospital Heart Health Walk from 9 a.m. to noon at Westland Mall, corner of Warren and Wayne roads in Westland. A panel of experts from the hospital will be present to answer questions. Dress comfortably for a walk. Free health screening and heart risk assessments will be offered. Participation is free. Call (734) 458-3248 to sign up and reserve your space.

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going to deal with them until I was ready."

After taking a long period of time off work to recover, Leslie, now 65 and the mother of two grown sons, decided leave her job and seek another less stressful job that left time for doing the things she loves -- like volunteering for the AHA.

Livonia resident Sally Heil's first symptoms showed up at a very inopportune time in 2005 — the morning of her wedding to husband Kevin Roney, an assistant city engineer in Livonia.

Heil, like Leslie, was a hard-working business executive with a high-profile career in the automotive industry and a very busy schedule. And, like Leslie, she was highenergy, physically fit and always on the go.

"I was at the church,

with my sister, who was maid of honor, getting ready for my wedding," she said. "All of a sudden, I started getting very short of breath and feeling nauseous and faint. My wedding planner brought me a glass of orange juice, but Sally Heil that made me feel even

worse. Everyone thought I was having a panic attack, but I knew it wasn't right ... it was totally out of character for me."

It was a second marriage, Heil said, and "I knew I wasn't panicked about anything." Concerned more about her arriving guests and the wedding arrangements, she decided to forgo a call to 9-1-1 and wait until the following Monday to see her doctor.

"I did go in to see my primary care doctor the following Monday," she said. "They ran a lot of tests, but did not check my cardiac enzymes, which could have signaled heart damage." Instead, her physician sent her home without checking her heart any further. It wasn't until "almost two years to the day" that the same symptoms occurred and she landed in Botsford Hospital.

"I was in bad shape with an 80 percent blockage in one of my arteries," she said. "I found out that I had damaged my heart so much from the first heart attack that went undetected."

Heil, who now suffers from coronary artery disease, said that the experience has taught her many lessons, including making sure she is satisfied with her doctor's answers to her questions about her health and well-being.

"I have always felt that God always talks to me and sometimes He needs to shout," she said. "I think He was saying, 'You might have missed it the first time, but now you need to take care of yourself."

Dubin had not been feeling like herself for

quite a while when she had her first signs of a heart problem. Spending upward of 80 hours a week running her husband's busy optometric practice in downtown Farmington, a job she loved, was commonplace for the tiny dynamo, but lately she had been exhausted.

"I felt like I could never get caught up and I figured I was working too much. But of course, I didn't slow down. I just kept going," said Dubin, married to Howard for 44 years.

She did slow down, finally, after she suffered a heart attack while driving home from work one snowy winter evening. She had worked a long day, even though she had felt like she was coming down with the flu, complete with aches and a fever.

"I was driving up Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills when it happened," she said. "My body just exploded with heat and then my arms started to tingle; I knew it was a heart attack. I also knew I couldn't just stop in the middle of the road; it was almost as if time stopped and I was in a movie as I tried to figure out what to do to get help."

Take action

She finally pulled up to a Starbucks coffee shop as close as she could get, rolled down the window and laid on the car horn until a store manager came outside, realized what was happening and called 9-1-1.

"I remember hearing someone in the ambulance saying, Put the pedal to the metal, we have no heartbeat," she said.

Dubin was in surgery for three hours, flat lining for four minutes, she said. The damage to her heart was so extensive that she wiped out almost all of the muscle, she said.

A year ago, Dubin was added to the list for a heart transplant.

"I don't do anything in a small way," she said.

Exhaustion, faintness, nausea, shortness of breath ... these were just some of the signals their bodies were sending these women that something was not right.

Although the indications were atypical of the symptoms often associated with heart attacks - chest pain or pressure; pain on the left side, symptoms most commonly ascribed to males --- they were actually spot-on signs for women indicating that a heart attack or other heart issues were imminent.

Interestingly enough, however, not one of the women mentioned fit the common stereotype of heart disease patients. They were not overweight, diabetic or suffering from high blood pressure. This is why it is imperative that women learn their own risks factors for the disease and are able to recognize the signs and symptoms of cardiovascular disease, doctors say.

"You can't tell by looking at someone and you can't pick these people out of a crowd," Marcovitz said.

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one she had had for three years.

"The funny thing is I used to sell cars for a living in Milford at the Chevy dealership," she said, adding she thinks a car brings out the character in a person. Some people are into sporty, some into more of a family car, but at this stage of life Crawford feels she is ready to go and explore. "I can't ask for a more fun car. I just absolutely love it," she said.

Late driver

Certainly a convertible can be a later in life purchase, but for some it's the only car they'd ever dream of owning. Patricia Hardy, a 72-year-old member of the Bloomfield Hills City Commission, falls in the latter category. Her current ride is a 2008 Chrysler Sebring navy blue convertible.

"I've lost track of how many convertibles I've owned," she said.

Hardy's love of the rag-top can be traced to when she was 13 years old, when an uncle gave her a ride in his convertible. "I thought, 'When I grow up, I'm going to drive a convertible," she said.

For Hardy, who served as mayor of Bloomfield Hills in 2007 and is a former school teacher, driving a convertible could almost be considered an extension of her personality.

"There might be a connection there," she said. "I've never thought of that until now."

Hardy has fond memories of driving to the family vacation home up north with the top down and the breeze blowing.

"I love convertibles, because I love the freedom it gives you with the top down," she said. "I feel like a bird. I love having the top down."

Despite not learning to drive until the age of 21 ("My mother never did learn how to drive," Hardy said), she quickly learned enough to appreciate a little speed. In fact, Hardy received a speeding ticket on the first day she drove alone.

"Since then, my driving record has been pretty good," she said with a laugh.

"A good deal'

Deb Vigliarolo is a 55-year-old resident of Livonia who works at an area credit union. After years



of driving a Mercury Sable, she made the upgrade to a 2010 Lincoln MKZ a couple of years ago. She acquired the black-on-black ("Is there any other color?" she asked) vehicle on a three-year lease and has no complaints so far.

"I always had a Sable, but when I went to the dealership to look they had a good deal on this vehicle," she said. "I like a dependable car, kind of a luxury car. Something with front-wheel drive."

Like many car buyers, she was initially attracted to the price tag.

"The payments are less on this car," she said. "It's always about the car and the payment."

While she's not a high-mileage driver, Vigliarolo has grown fond of her MKZ.

"I like it because it's a little bit smaller than the Sable," she said. "It's not a really big car, inside or out, but it has a nice ride."

Though she does admit to once owning a Ford Pinto, Vigliarolo can't even recall the make or model of her first vehicle, "a big bomb of a car."

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if you have dark brown hair and you use dark brown pencil — trust me, it will look startling. And not in a good way. A brow powder or taupe eye shadow applied with an angle brush is a great option as well.

Mascara

Apply mascara. Lots and lots of mascara. Wiggle the applicator from the root of the lashes up to the end and go back and forth on both sides of the lashes. This will build up the volume. If you want to apply to the bottom lashes, do not go back for more product — use what's left on the wand so you don't end up with spider lashes.

Cheeks

Apply blush to underside of cheeks bone and use excess on brush to sweep onto apple of cheeks and slightly around hairline and on nose (just a little.). Pick a shade with some color! Bronzers work great and are universal year round.

Finishing powder

Finish off with a highlighting powder — go over the tops of cheek bone and under the eyes, and across the bridge of the nose and under the brow bone. This will soften the blush and add a soft glowy finish to your skin. I call this the "secret weapon." Trust me on this one.

Lips

Apply lipstick or gloss with some pop to it — and you are done.

Did you time yourself?

OK, so spend February practicing and perfecting the 5-minute face, and I promise my March column will teach you how to do a "smoky eye." Or if you can't wait, come see me at the shop.

Barbara Deyo, owner of Deyo Studio for face and body is an internationally acclaimed makeup artist, having groomed the faces of Paul McCartney, Bob Seger, Kerrie Washington, Shaun Robinson and more. She has been named Best of the Best by Allure, Hour, Real Detroit and WDIV. She also teaches a mean makeup lesson. Deyo Studio is located at 576 N. Old Woodward Ave, 2nd floor in Birmingham — (248) 203-1222 — www.deyostudio.com.



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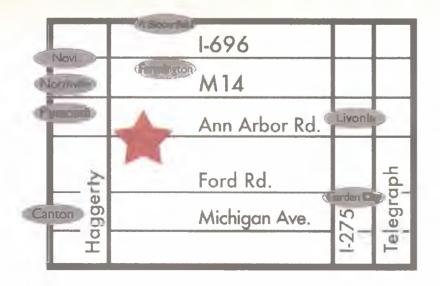
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