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Parking change

According to Plymouth Downtown Development officials, drivers using the downtown parking deck are going to see a change, perhaps next month.

Officials said spaces in the lower level of the deck, now posted as eight-hour spots, will be changed to threehour parking spaces. They said the change could come in mid- to late April.

The upper level will remain eight-hour parking.

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Redevelopment ahead for township complex?

By Matt Jachman **Observer Staff Writer**

After sitting vacant for more than five years, the victim of a slow economy and a commercial real estate slump, the former Plymouth Township complex at the corner of Ann Arbor Road and Lilley is getting primed for redevelopment.

Officials are talking about

using money from the township's Brownfield Authority, which has a revolving fund designed to prepare property for redevelopment, to tear down three empty, deteriorating buildings on the intersection's northeast corner — the old township hall and fire station, the police station and another building that housed assessing, information technology and police detective bureau

offices. The township Board of Trustees voted 6-0 Tuesday to schedule an April public hearing on the brownfield plan.

"They definitely are functionally obsolete," Supervisor Richard Reaume said of the buildings after Tuesday's board meeting. "They're just not usable."

In addition, Reaume announced that Fifth Third Bank, which owns the fourth building on

the site - the former township clerk's office, but hasn't followed through on plans to build a branch office there — is preparing a site plan to present during the May township Planning Commission meeting. Fifth Third bought the clerk's office, originally a Friendly's restaurant, in late 2006 for \$2 million, Reaume said.

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PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Hannah DeAngelis and Tessa Warner use their considerable knife skills to begin preparation during last week's dress rehearsal for the state competition. The team won in Lansing to advance to nationals next month in Baltimore.

Recipe for success

Culinary team cooks up state championship

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

One of the things Diana Woodward tries to teach her Plymouth-Canton Educational Park culinary team members is that something will always go wrong during a competition, and how they respond in that moment goes a long way toward determining how the team fares.

So when Tessa Warner felt the pan of mushrooms slipping and watched them fall to the floor during the state culinary competition in Lansing over the weekend, she kept her emotions in check and simply cleaned up the mess and moved on to the next step.

That calm demeanor — displayed by Warner and her teammates — helped P-CEP claim first-place honors at the state competition and earn a trip to the nationals in Baltimore next month.

"It happened to me once during practice, but I thought if I handled it quickly and calmly, no one would really notice," said Warner, a Canton High School senior from Canton. "There was nothing I could do but clean it up and move on, so that's what I did."

Medal madness

The culinary team — Warner, Canton senior Cayla Phillips and Salem High School seniors Haley Chynoweth and Hannah DeAngelis (with alternate Meagan Gaedtke) - wasn't the only part of the P-CEP squad to earn honors.



Meagan Gaedtke juliennes carrots.

The management/restaurant design team - Brianna Dobson, Conner Hicks, Megan Zarem and Jasmine LeFlore — took second place and the sanitation team (a Jeopardy!style quiz bowl of industry sanitation law) -Dobson, LeFlore, Christine Johnson and Lexi Childress — finished in fourth place

According to Woodward, the team brought home more medals than any other team in the 11 years the district has participated in the event. She said the team "took ownership" of the competition right from the start, an accountability the teacher said was responsible for the team's success.

"We are on air, it's absolutely insane," Woodward said. "They worked so hard for so long. We've been doing this 11 years and this is by far the hardest-working group we've ever had."

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District targets Gallimore, **Fiegel**

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education will have a week to decide whether to approve a recommendation from district administrators to close Gallimore and Fiegel elementary schools and repurpose them for other educational opportunities.

Assistant Supt. for Facilities and Operations Phil Freeman presented board members with the administration's recommendation during a board meeting Tuesday night in front of some 100 people at Discovery Middle School.

The recommendation — which wasn't a big surprise after Gallimore, located on Sheldon near the Canton Center split, entered the picture at a public forum a couple of weeks ago — also suggests moving the Starkweather alternative high school to Fiegel, located on Joy Road east

Gallimore was more attractive to administrators because it's an older building that's more expensive to operate than Hulsing Elementary, the other building that had been considered for closing.

"For me, the final factor was the fact we need additional space for other district programs," Supt. Dr. Jeremy Hughes said. 'Gallimore is very accessible to main roads for both parent and district transportation, with the least (traffic) disruption to a neighborhood. That was the thing that tipped the scale."

Administrators are also recommending the board choose one of two options

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Some 100 local residents gathered at Discovery Middle School Tuesday to hear a recommendation that Gallimore and Fiegel Elementary Schools be closed.



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Senior spelling champ takes first with 'sassafras'

By Matt Jachman **Observer Staff Writer**

An active mind and a career in advertising helped Edna Riley win first place Monday in a senior citizens spelling bee at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Riley, of Plymouth Township, outlasted 10 other spellers in a contest sponsored by Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano's office. The spelling bee went 15 rounds, and the winning word was "sassafras" - usually used to describe a type of tree or a hot drink.

Riley pronounced herself "exhausted" after her win.

"I've read a lot. I've always had office work, so you have to be a good speller. That helped,



Judge James Plakas of 35th District Court, who moderated Monday's spelling bee at the Plymouth Cultural Center, with the first-place winner, Edna Riley of Plymouth Township. The winning word in the 15-round contest was 'sassafras.

I'm sure," said Riley in explaining her spelling prowess. "I try to keep my mind active doing crossword puzzles every

For her efforts, Riley won a folding chair with the University of Michigan's maize-and-blue color scheme. Second-place finisher Linda Waara of Westland won a coffeemaker, and Jane Smiley of Northville, who took third place, won a blan-

Judge James Plakas of 35th District Court was



Some of the senior citizens who participated in Monday's spelling bee at the Plymouth Cultural Center — Jane Smiley (seated left), Aaron Hudson, Edna Riley and Jean MacDonald — pose with Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume (left), 35th District Court Judge James Plakas and Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, whose office sponsored the event.

the moderator, and the official spelling reference was the American Heritage College Diction-

Riley hails from Chicago, where she spent 25 years with Bell & Howell, retiring as the advertising manager in the microfilm products division. She moved to the township a few years ago to be with a sister and is active

at the Friendship Station, a gathering place in the township for local senior

Monday's event was the first of several spelling bees Ficano's office plans to hold in communities across the county this spring and summer. The finals are scheduled for September at the Cultural Center. It's the fifth year Ficano has sponsored the

"They were very good spellers, very good," said Jakleen Ochalek, an executive assistant in Ficano's office.

Monday's event began with a luncheon with Ficano that was attended by about 50 senior citizens.

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Two parties have recently expressed interest in the township site, the supervisor said, but neither were specific about their plans for it, although one suggested a possible medical office and restaurant use. The area — the township owns nearly 2.8 acres has a business zoning.

The buildings have been empty since township departments moved to the new township complex on Haggerty just north of Ann Arbor Road when it opened in 2006. Reaume said the buildings have problems that include black mold and a roof leak. Leveling the site would make it more attractive for a potential developer, he said.

"Might as well take them down," he said of the buildings. "Makes

sense to remove them." Fifth Third Bank, if its plans are approved,

would also tear down the building on its site, Reaume said, and the demolition of all four buildings could occur around the same time this spring.

Reaume said cost of razing the three township buildings is estimated at less than \$200,000, a much better price than was quoted several years ago.

Under a brownfield plan, the cost of site clearance would be repaid to the Brownfield Authority once the township sells the property. The board's hearing on the brownfield plan is to take place during the board's next regular meeting, which is 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 17

Trustee Steve Mann was absent Tuesday. Fifth Third Bank officials with knowledge of the Ann Arbor-Lilley project could not be reached Wednesday.

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Man gets probation in child porn case



Tavis Greene at an earlier court hearing.

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

A 25-year-old man arrested in Plymouth Township on child pornography-related charges in December will serve five years on probation, but no prison time, as part of a plea deal.

Tavis Greene of Monroe declined to comment after he was sentenced Tuesday morning by Judge David Groner in Wayne County Circuit Court in Detroit.

In addition to probation, Greene's sentence forbids him from having contact with minors and from possessing sexually stimulating material, and assesses fines and courts costs totaling nearly \$1,300. Greene was also ordered to repay investigative costs, but neither Groner nor Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy's office immediately knew what those costs totaled. Green, arrested Dec. 9 after

an investigation by the Michi-

gan State Police and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, had faced 12 felony counts, each punishable by up to 20 years in

According to Worthy's office, Greene pleaded guilty last month to five counts of using a computer to communicate with another person to commit a crime, three counts of possessing material that's sexually abusive of children, and three counts of distributing material that's sexually

abusive of children.

Authorities said investigators found evidence of child pornographic materials — and that some children in those materials appear as young as 10 - on a computer belonging to Greene.

Greene had been free on a \$100,000 cash or surety bond. He was represented Tuesday by Monroe attorney J. Henry Lievens.

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The winning meal was composed of pan-seared scallops over roasted beet puree, baconglazed brussel sprout petals, frisse with a cider citrus vinaigrette, caramel-poached parisienne apples, pistachio goat cheese and a coriander butter cracker as the starter. The main attraction was reconstructed beef stew - sous-vide beef, potato tourne and croquette, sugar snap pea, carrot bundle, tomato ragout and cipollini onion stuffed with mushroom duxelle in a red



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The Painted Turtle is the name of the restaurant. House managers Brianna Dobson, Conner Hicks, Jasmine LeFlore and Megan Zarem explain the concept and answer questions about operations and policy.

wine sauce.

Making the meal

The meal concluded

with a dessert of jaconde wrapped passion fruit Bavarian, over blackberry orange pate de fruit



Haley Chynoweth butchers a chicken.

with salted praline, fresh blackberries and oranges and macaroni filled with basil-white chocolate ganache, topped with a pulled caramel corkscrew.

And it was all controlled

by the district's first allgirl team.

'They wanted every-

thing to be their idea," Woodward said. "That's kind of what the competition is. ... Mentors and teachers can make suggestions, but everything should be theirs. It's supposed to be 'What can

given the parameters?"" Training for the competition is rigorous, right down to how teammates move, how they pick up a tool and even at what

high school students do

angle they put it down. We're extremely organized ... it's so meticulous," Woodward said. "The food was executed perfectly. They were calm. It's staying calm, but having that sense of urgency. Their hands were moving a mile a minute, but their faces weren't showing anything."

The outer calm belied an inner nervousness Warner said was present in everyone. Judges, she said, liked the way the team was able to overcome the initial bout of nerves.

"Most of us were really nervous, but we put on a good front," Warner said. "I think (judges) were looking for a team that was really doing it to have fun and not overthink everything.'

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for Gallimore: Use it to house an Early Childhood program and an expanded TAG program or use it for an Early Childhood program and the special education program now run at the Tanger Center.

Young Fives

Hughes also said Tuesday he has recommended to the board the district adopt a Young Fives program, for 4-year-olds whose fifth birthday falls between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30 but whose parents don't believe are ready for kindergarten.

Hughes would also like to expand the TAG program, which currently has some 75 openings but to which Hughes would like to add an additional 150 students. Some 800 applicants are being tested for possible inclusion in the TAG program, Hughes said.

Most of Tuesday's

crowd at Discovery, though, wanted to talk about changes in school boundaries. Freeman presented the latest version of the boundary map, which shifted some neighborhoods and "cleaned up" a few problem areas from earlier

But parents are disgruntled about being shifted, particularly parents in neighborhoods with long-time connections to their schools.

John Reese is a resi-

dent of Ridgewood Hills, a Bird Elementary School neighborhood being moved to Isbister under the district's realignment plan.

Doesn't help

Reese said he and his neighbors don't believe the move alleviates any overcrowding issues at Bird and asked the board to reconsider moving Ridgewood Hills.

"We know there's no way to make changes that will satisfy everyone."

Reese said. "In looking at the current plan, we would ask if it eliminates overcrowding at Bird. We think it does not."

Scott Hamlin, a Canton resident whose son is currently a third-grader at Isbister Elementary and is scheduled to move to Tonda, said he's fearful it won't be his son's only

His son, he said, will have to leave friends he's made at Isbister when he moves to Tonda. Then, rather than move to Pioneer Middle School with many of the Tonda students, his neighborhood is slated to go to West Middle School.

"It's possible my son will have to change schools three or four times," said Hamlin, who also has a child starting kindergarten in the fall. "We love Isbister and we don't want to move. I don't understand how this is a long-term solution."

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Valuables taken in vehicle burglary

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

Jewelry, a watch and an iPod were among the things reported stolen from a sport-utility vehicle parked in the driveway of a house on Wendover Drive in Plymouth Township on the night of March 13.

The victim discovered the incident the next morning when she saw a door on the vehicle open. She told police her 2010 Jeep had been locked, but police found no signs of forced entry, according to a Plymouth Township Police

CRIME WATCH

Department report.

Car 'keyed'

Someone used a key or another sharp object to scratch up the fenders, hood and roof of a 2006 Chrysler PT Cruiser as it sat in the driveway of a house on Hillcrest Drive on March 15 or March 16.

The victim reported the vandalism on Friday afternoon; police said the car was parked next to another vehicle that had not been damaged.

Metal theft

A brass and copper sprinkler fixture was stolen from outside a township lawn-care business on General Drive some time between last October and early this month.

The device, which has value as scrap metal, was cut off a sprinkler system outside Mr. Green Lawncare Corp., a police report said.

Fire runs

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the

period March 14-20:

 Tuesday, March 20 — Rescue runs on Northville Road, on Massey, on Postiff, on Halyard, on Tall Timber Court, on I-275 north of M-14, on Genoa, on Ann Arbor Road and on Meadow Hill.

• Monday, March 19 - Rescue runs on Napier, on Eckles, on St. Andrews Square, on N. Territorial and on Ivanhoe.

 Sunday, March 18 — Rescue runs on Joy, on Terry, on Northville Road, on North Drive and on Ann Arbor Trail

• Saturday, March 17 — Rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road,

on Greenvalley Court, on Haggerty, on Eckles, on Canton Center, on Northville Road and on Westbrook.

• Friday, March 16 - Rescue runs on Haggerty, on S. Main, on Five Mile, on Plymouth Ridge and on Ann Arbor

• Thursday, March 15 - Rescue runs on F Drive, on Northville Road, on Ann Arbor Road, on S. Main and on northbound I-275 at M-14.

 Wednesday, March 14 — Rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road, on Caprice, on Newporte, on Haggerty and on Winesap.

City workers qualify as firefighters

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

Six Plymouth employees are ready to leave their offices - or their patrol cars or pickup trucks — in favor of a fire truck if needed during an emergency in the city or the city of Northville.

The six employees, including Police Chief Al Cox, were among 13 students in a fire academy taught by Chief Jim Payeur of the Chelsea Area Fire Authority that wrapped up last month.

All six passed both their written and their physical tests and have been granted Michigan's Firefighter II certification, and are in line to be hired by the Northville Fire Department, which relies on on-call firefighters. Having employees crosstrained as firefighters was part of Plymouth's plan in its new partnership with Northville for firefighting and emergency medical service, which began in January.

The six were recog-

Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer (far right) congratulated six city employees Monday upon their becoming state-certified firefighters after passing both written and physical skills tests. The six — Noah Allor (from left), John Buzuvis, Police Chief Al Cox, Chris Helinski, Police Lt. Jamie Grabowski and Nick Johns — attended a fire training academy sponsored by the Northville Fire Department, which has partnered with Plymouth for firefighting and emergency medical services. The six are in line to become on-call firefighters who would respond to calls in both Northville and Plymouth.

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test, in which they had to

demonstrate such skills

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nized Monday at the start of the Plymouth City Commission meeting.

"Each of these men gave up their own personal time do this," Mayor Dan Dwyer said of the training. "I think that speaks volumes of the kind of people we have in the city of Plymouth."

John Buzuvis, who splits

ladders, breaking out windows, crawling through a smoke-darkened room. and showing how they would attack different types of fires. "None of us could've gotten through without

as inspecting and donning protective gear, placing

our teammates. There's no way," Buzuvis said.

"It was really physical, you know. Those hoses aren't light,' said Noah Allor, who works part time broadcasting commission meetings on cable television. Allor also has experience as a paramedic in Detroit.

Allor said crawling through the room, in full protective gear and with a blacked-out face mask, was the biggest challenge in the physical test.

"I thought that was the toughest, and I had to do it first, which was great because I got it out of the way," he said.

In addition to Cox, Buzuvis and Allor, employees getting firefighter certification were Police Lt. Jamie Grabowski and Department of Municipal Services workers Chris Helinski and Nick Johns.

Bowling fundraiser boosts Rotary Club scholarships

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

When Andrea Burdette was a senior in high school, she received the \$500 Sandra Sagear Scholarship sponsored by the Plymouth A.M. Rotary Club, and used it to help defray the cost of attending Madonna University.

Now, Burdette owns a bachelor's degree in forensic science (with a minor in criminal justice and chemistry and a DNA Analysis certification), having graduated Madonna in December.

Other students will soon get the chance at the variety of scholarships the A.M. Rotarians offer and, toward that end, the Plymouth A.M. Rotary Club hosts a bowling fundraiser to try and raise money to help students pay for continued education.

"When it comes to paying for tuition, any bit helps," said Bur-

dette, a Plymouth resident. "Not just that, but the cost of books was outrageous. It's a lot easier to focus on classes when I'm not worried about how to pay these fees."

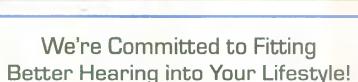
Burdette, currently applying for graduate school (she's hoping to get in to the Department of Pharmacology at Wayne State University) will likely be a big supporter of Friday's fundraiser. She's been involved with Rotary since eighth grade, when she was a member of Youth Leadership Plymouth.

The bowling fundraiser takes place 6 p.m. Friday at Plaza Lanes, 42001 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. The \$20 cost includes two games, shoes and pizza.

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Local teen gets 'Hunger Games' gig

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

If you need a question answered about the movie, Hunger Games, which opens Friday, chances are Montgomery Jones can answer it.

So when talk show host Wendy Williams was looking for young correspondents to cover its opening, and asked for videos to audition, Jones was right

With two videos — the first of which she did in one take -Jones earned herself one of the two spots Williams was giving away. On a recent airing of Williams' show, Jones got the news she'd been chosen.

"I love Hunger Games and Wendy Williams," said Jones, the daughter of Kerry and Theo Jones of Canton. "What sets me apart from other fans is that I know a lot about the movie franchise. I've been following Lionsgate's decisions



Wendy Williams (left) lets Kara Murphy of Georgia and Montgomery Jones of Canton know they won the slots as 'Hunger Games' correspondents.

regarding casting, product endorsements, and the unique way that they have marketed the movie for over a year."

Jones found out about Williams' contest while making

her normal rounds of Hunger Games sites. She did her first video in a single sitting, and put together a second, higher-energy video based on what producers requested. The show paid

for Jones trip to New York for the announcement (Jones and Georgia native Kara Murphy were chosen), then sent both girls to Los Angeles to interview the movie's stars.

The movie is based on Suzanne Collins' Hunger Games trilogy, which follows a nation called Panem, which rose from the ashes of civil war. Hunger Games follows lead protagonist Katniss Everdeen into a fight-to-the-death challenge against "tributes" from Panem's 12 districts.

Jones, who returned to the Williams show Wednesday for the airing of her coverage, loves the books because its about more than one person, and more than one theme.

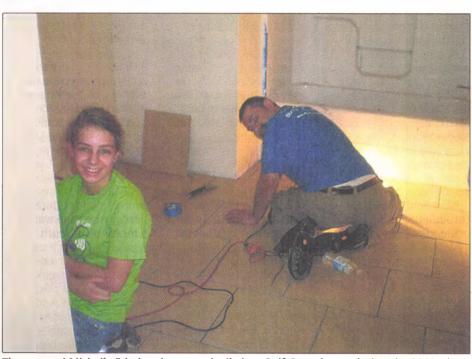
"(Katniss) is a symbol for a movement bigger than herself," said Jones, who first read Hunger Games in 2008 and figures she's converted some 25 people to Hunger Games fans. "There's more at stake then her happiness, people are dying. I have found more and more parallels between the citizens of Panem and some people in our world today.'

Kerry Jones isn't surprised her daughter won the right to cover the movie for Williams' show. She said Montgomery fights for causes she believes in and has passion and drive.

"Once she makes up her mind, step aside and watch her go," Kerry Jones said. "I'm absolutely thrilled for her. She has been such a huge fan ... she always wants to travel and she adores meeting new people and experiencing new things so this amazing opportunity beautifully merges many of her passions."

"The Wendy Williams Show" airs weekdays in national syndication, on BET at midnight and has been renewed on Fox thru 2014. Visit www. wendyshow.com for local listings.

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Thomas and Michelle Friedow lay ceramic tile in a Gulf Coast home during the 2011 trip.

Gulf Coast work trip brings back memory of daughter

By Julie Brown Observer Staff Writer

Thomas Friedow of Canton took his late daughter, Marie, on an earlier trip to Louisiana to work on homes ravaged by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

"Two years ago, she was there with me on the trip," a tearful Friedow said of Marie, a Plymouth High School senior who died after that in a local car crash. "I know that she was planning to go there again."

The memories Thomas and wife Christel have are painful, but it helps as he heads March 24 back to the New Orleans area for a week to work on home rebuilding. He'll be accompanied by the couple's younger daughter, Michelle, 18, and Thomas' brother, Gerd, from Germany, who speaks little English.

"I've talked about it." said Thomas of this, his seventh trip to the region since the 2005 hurricanes. "On short notice, he decided to join us. He had never done something like this."

The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance team will include engineers like Thomas as well as his brother, who has a plumbing background.

"Whatever is needed there," Thomas Friedow, 48, said. "Sometimes it's demolition, drywall, gutting. It depends on what needs to be done," and can include "pretty much anything that is wrong with the house."

"A lot of people who left didn't come back," he said, with those working in the region fighting blight. "That really draws the neighborhood down," said Friedow, who's seen that with every fourth house or so on recent

They'll be with about 26 others from Michigan as part of an ongoing program of the Presbytery of Detroit. A Macomb County Community College professor helped last year, he said, and students and retirees often volunteer

Friedow works for an automotive supplier and will take vacation time for the one-week trip.

Friedow, a member of Geneva Presbyterian Church of Canton, is glad

"If it's not Louisiana, I'll probably do something else," he said. "It helps you really also. You really see that you're changing the people's life.

"It's such a significant change," for just "a little time and labor. They're very thankful."

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MAD HATTER TEA

Date/Time: Sunday, April 15, 2-4 p.m. Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, 155

Details: The Plymouth Historical Museum hosts its annual Mad Hatter Tea where ladies wear their craziest hats. "Contain Yourself: Container Gardening Basics," will be presented by Sue Paulin, a Master Gardener in northwest Illinois. Before the presentation, enjoy scrumptious delicacies from Fancy Food Catering and the Museum's signature "Mary's Blend" tea — a taste bud tingling cherry and almond black tea in honor of Mary Todd Lincoln. This tea is also available for purchase in the Museum's store. Tickets for the Mad Hatter Tea are \$20 for Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum members and \$25 for non-members, if purchased by April 6 (add \$5 to the ticket price after that date), and can be purchased at the Plymouth Historical Museum during open hours, or on the website at http://www.plymouthhistory.org/Events. html using PayPal.

Contact: For further information, call (734) 455-8940.

BOWLING FUNDRAISER

Date/Time: Friday, March 23, 6 p.m. Location: Plaza Lanes, 42001 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth

Details: The Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. hosts a bowling event to raise funds for local students to go to college. Bowling for Dollars for Scholars will begin with registration at 6 p.m. The \$20 cost includes two games, shoes and pizza.

Contact: For additional information or to buy tickets in advance, please contact Dorian McGlannan at (734) 453-0190, Ext. 11. Advance purchase is strongly encour-

BUNNY BRUNCH

Date/Time: Saturday, March 31 Location: Plymouth Salvation Army Corps, Main Street just south of Ann Arbor Road

Details: The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps hosts a Bunny Brunch, an event that will help provide additional awareness to the community about ministry programs such as: Men's and Women's Ministry, Summer Day Camp, Tiny Tots Pre-School, Youth Programming, Emergency Disaster Services, and Tae Kwon Do. The Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary will also be on hand with their residents. Youth will receive an Easter basket they can fill with some treats and their completed crafts. There will also be a photographer available to take a family picture that can be

the Easter holiday. Contact: Call (734) 453-5464 by March 26.

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ART EXHIBIT

Date/Time: Through March 28, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday

Location: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts an exhibit of clothed life drawings and watercolors of Barbara Eko

Contact: (734) 416-4278

NEWCOMERS MEET

Date/Time: Sunday, March 25, 2-4 p.m. **Location:** Plymouth District Library Friends room, 223 S. Main

Details: Coffee and donuts with Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors. Board members will be on hand to share information about their group. Men's Poker, Euchre, Ladies Bunco, a Kids' Playgroup and themed adult activities are just a few of the fun and exciting activities offered on a monthly basis.

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Giving Hope accepts grant requests

The Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle is seeking to provide grants to organizations to enrich the lives of women and children in the Canton-Plymouth communities.

Organized in 2006, Giving Hope is a group of community women who are pooling their philanthropic dollars in order to make a difference in the lives of local women and children. In addition to grant-making, Giving Hope has created an endowment fund for future granting and is educating women as to needs in the Canton and Plymouth communities.

"At this time we are encouraging area organizations to read our granting guidelines and determine if they have a need that we can match with our granting efforts," said Marion Rozum, chairwoman of the Giving Hope Grants Committee.

The granting committee will accept applications through April 1. The dollar amount of the requested grants can range anywhere from \$500 to \$4,000," added Rozum.

Grant criteria are as follows:

• Be a non-profit 501(c)(3) with a current State of Michigan License to

Solicit, if applicable • The grant must be primarily for women or children

 Canton and Plymouth residents must be the majority population

• The grant is a one time gift, it is not intended to be financial support

 The proposed program should begin in 2012 and be completed by June, 2013

 The grant request must have clear objectives with a measurable outcome Interested organizations should submit a grant application no later than April 1, 2012 to:

Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle Grant Committee, c/o Canton Community Foundation, 50430 School House Road Suite 200, Canton, MI 48187.

To request an application or to verify your organization's eligibility prior to submitting a proposal, contact Joan Noricks at the Canton Community Foundation at (734) 495-1200.

Mills' Friends look for Model T to put in museum

By Sue Mason **Observer Staff Writer**

Don Nicholson knows precisely what will fit in a blocked off area on the second floor of Nankin Mills - a Ford Model T. Not just any Model T but one that youngsters can climb in and get behind the wheel and experience driving in its early form.

Knowing what you want is one thing, but finding one that fits the budget of the Friends of Nankin Mills is another thing.

"Next year is Henry Ford's 150th birthday, we want to bring something new to the mill and that's a Model T. We want a barn find, one that we can clean up, one for under \$2,000, that's in our bud-

"We're willing to take on anything as long as we know we can make it safe for the kids," he added.

Known for the car shows he promotes, Nicholson got involved with the Friends of Nankin Mills after launching a highly successful Hines Park Cruise last year. He's on a mission now to find a Model T that will be a part of the floor devoted to Henry Ford and the automobile heritage of the former grist mill.

Nankin Mills is one of 19 Village Industries Ford started in 1920. The first factory opened in Northville; Nankin Mills was the second to open and was the closest to Ford's Rouge factory in Dearborn.

Ford chose sites in southeast Michigan that

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Friends member Don Nicholson, who stands by a water-powered generator built by **Thomas** Edison, is looking for a Model T to add to the historical display inside the building. Restoration of the generator is on the Friends of Nankin Mills to do list.

Need help? Find it at Resource Fair

Do you know someone who is looking for work, homeless, needing prescription drugs, behind on their utility bills, elderly and needing care during the day, lacking health insurance, pregnant and needing help, unable to afford their mortgage payment or struggling to make ends meet?

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia will hold a Community Resource Fair 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, March

Several agencies will be on-hand to show how they can help. They include Community Housing Network, MiCA-FE, Mother and Unborn Baby, state Rep. John

Walsh, Wayne County Meals on Wheel, Livonia Senior Citizen Services, Thrivent Financial, Wayne County Veterans' Services, Wayne Metro Community Action Agen-

cy and others. Christ Our Savior is at 14175 Farmington Road, just north of Schoolcraft. For more information, call (734) 522-6830.

Saline, Northville, Macon and Milford, where early water power still existed. He restored existing historic mills or constructed modern buildings, creating small industrial complexes in those rural settings At Nankin Mills, farm-

ers were able to work in the factory and still tend their fields. They made hubcaps and did engraving of plates for Ford's cars.

The idea is to have a hands-on display where youngsters can touch, feel and sit in a Model T. So far, Nicholson has located cars in California, but that's too far away. He's hoping to find one closer to home.

"We're looking for something closer, within a day's drive," he said. "We want something that at least it's all there. We can get it upholstered. We have a \$2,000 budget and it shouldn't be a problem getting done by next year, but it's taking the time to get one."

The Model T was the seventh or eight car built by Henry Ford, a model that was responsible for 7,000 after market products. Those products included a device that let it power a sawmill, pull along a camper and be converted into a dump

"The history of this area with Ford and the car industry is phenomenal," said Nicholson. "This mill has a connection to the community, but it is also

a way to get kids excited about history."

Nankin Mills houses Wayne County Parks, an nature interpretive center and the museum which opened 11 years ago after the building sat empty for more than 20 years. Modest in size, the museum includes one floor devoted to Henry Ford and the automobile industry and the other exploring the history of the area from the native Americans who lived her through slavery and the Underground Railroad.

The plan is to place the Model over doors in the floor that opened to bring up grain in the grist mill.

In addition to acquiring a Model T. the Friends also are interested in restoring is a generator that was built by Thomas Edison. Housed on the west side of the mill, the generator was powered by water and provided electricity to the community of Pike's Peak located across Ann Arbor Trail

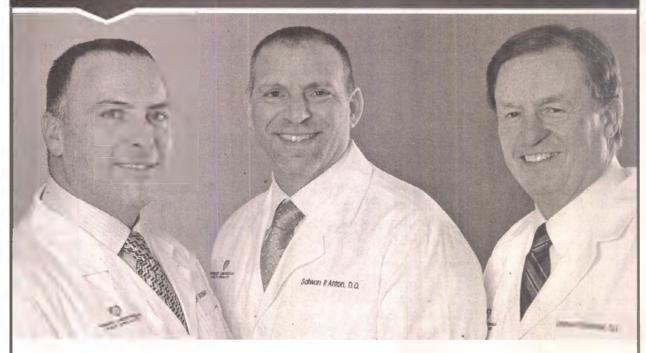
from the mill. People with leads on a Model T or one they'd like to give or sell to the Friends of Nankin Mills can contact Nicholson at (734) 658-5296.

"The kids are the next generation and this is a place where they can get an idea of what they want to do the rest of their lives. They get to learn what the community was about and what it grew up to be," Nicholson said.

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Make sure homeowner's policy is up to date

LOCAL NEWS

By Rick Bloom **Guest Columnist**

he storms that hit Michigan last week left a substantial amount of damage; hopefully, people who sustained losses have the proper amount of insurance. It's bad enough that lives are disrupted, but

Money Matters

Rick Bloom

what makes it worse is when residents find out they don't have the proper homeowner's coverage

I try to write a column a few times a year reminding people how important it is that they are properly covered. The recent storms in the Dexter

area reminded me that it's time to revisit the topic.

It is important to review your homeowner's coverage regularly, to make sure it is up to date. After all, things change and policy adjustments may be necessary. For example, home values may not be the same as a few years ago so the amount of coverage may need to be changed. You may be paying for more coverage than is necessary or you may have had a major purchase over the last few years that currently may not be covered by your policy.

Reviewing current coverage is important and — if you haven't done it in a while it pays to shop around and receive a competitive bid. It's not unusual for those who do shop around for a new policy to find one at a lower price. They also get a better policy.

Discounts

As most of my friends know, I am tight with a buck. I'm not , embarrassed to ask for discounts or use coupons. When it comes time to shopping around for your homeowner's insurance, or when you're talking with an agent about your current policy, don't be afraid to ask what discounts are available. You would be surprised how many discounts go unused.

Companies have discounts for all sorts of things and sometimes you don't know about them until you ask.

With regards to shopping for policies, I am frequently asked whether people should do it on their own, on the Internet or use the services of a professional. For most people, using the services of a qualified professional is probably the way to go. They have more experience

and can assist in selecting the right policy. The Internet, however, can be a great tool to find the right questions to ask and for price comparison.

Notice I said a qualified professional. Like every other area, it is important to use someone that specializes in homeowner's insurance and knows what he/she is doing.

Video inventory

Another thing I always recommend is to make a video inventory of your home. It will help in dealing with your insurance company if there is a claim and serve as a reminder to what you actually had in your home. Just think if your home was destroyed like those in Dexter. How difficult would it be to list what you had? Particularly when you live in a house for a number of years,

you don't see everything and it's hard to remember what was

Having a video also provides some documentation for the insurance company. If you have appraisals or receipts for high-end purchases, it's not a bad idea to video those as well. Remember, video is inexpensive and the key purpose is to provide some documentation for the insurance company. Therefore, it's better to video too much, as opposed to too little.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit his web site at www.bloomassetmanage-

EagleEyes: Technology 'opens so many doors' for disabled students

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Northville Public Schools student Demarco Williams was pretty excited about the EagleEyes computerhuman interface sys-

Williams was among special needs students trying out the technology recently in a classroom at Hillside Middle School.

"It's incredible the opportunities it's opening," Cooke School classroom teacher Lorie Farrow said of EagleEyes. "It opens so many doors and gives them opportunities they never had before. When we find something that works for our kids, we're so grateful."

EagleEyes will help Northville students ages 3-26 with cognitive and physical challenges. Farrow wrote the grant for it through Old Village School, with the Northville Education Foundation grant used to purchase technology.

"It's so they have access to a computer," said Susan Oleson, a speech and language pathologist at Cooke and Old Village Schools for special needs students. EagleEyes will be based at Old Village classrooms at Cooke, and was also supported locally by the Jane Frances Abler Memorial Fund, named for a former student.

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Students who can't use a mouse, lacking those motor skills, can with EagleEyes use eye movement for learning, communication and entertainment. It turns electric impulses of muscles around the eye into mouse "clicks," Oleson said.

Farrow described another student who began to access the computer via Eagle-Eyes: "She could play with a computer program by herself for the first time in her life."

It was developed in the early 1990s by James Gips at Boston College. Ron Williams, director of education and training for the Salt Lake City-based Opportunity Foundation of America came to Northville to help set up the technology.

"Basically their communication is yes-no command," said Williams, whose foundation took over the technology in 2003. Students acquire greater freedom to communicate, and one young man in Boston with high intelligence was able to graduate from high school with Eagle-Eyes help.

There are fewer than 100 in the world, Williams said, and the NPS one's only the second in Michigan. Northville educators hope to share it with other districts when possible.

"The Cooke School has really embraced it and seen the potential," Williams said, noting the technology is easy for educators to use "and see really defined success. It provides them (students) that opportunity they wouldn't have had otherwise."

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Northville School District Speech Pathologist Janice Nagle assists Hillside student Demarco Williams, 9, in using the EagleEyes device on March 8. EagleEyes allows handicapped students, who might not be able to control a mouse, to control a cursor on a computer screen by moving their head. Sensors, seen on the side of Williams' face, monitor which direction he's looking at and relay that information to the computer. The school district recently received a grant for the system, which is only one of two in all of Michigan's schools.

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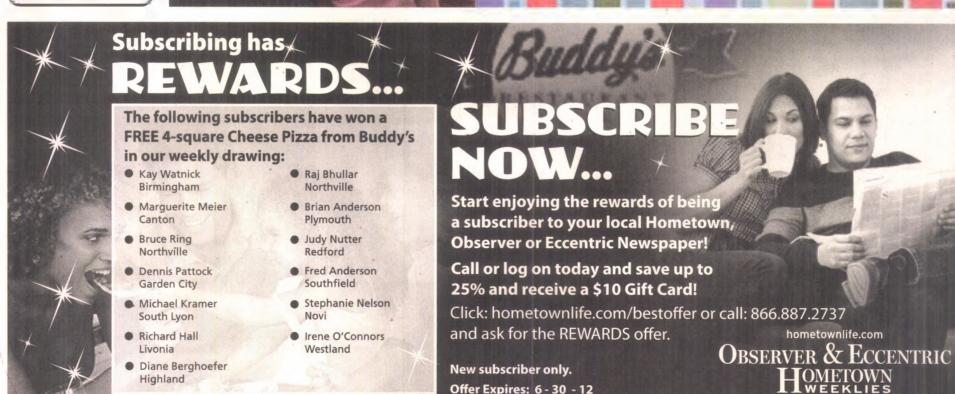
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Players tune in spring musical

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

Paul Bird performed in the musical, "Nine," while in college, and instantly fell in love with the music.

In his directorial career, Bird has often hoped to produce the play, and starting Friday, he gets his chance.

Bird will direct the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's Park Players in their spring musical, "Nine," starting Friday night at 7 p.m. The 54-member cast tackles the Tony Award-winning play, with a book by Arthur Kopit and music and lyrics from Maury Yeston, over the next two weekends on the stage of the Gloria Logan Auditorium at Salem High School.

"I've always wanted to do this play, and this year the stars just aligned,' said Bird. "It's not a play you see many high schools doing. Musically, it's very challenging."

"Nine" tells the story of film director Guido Contini, who is dreading his imminent 40th birthday and is facing a midlife crisis, which is blocking his creative impulses and entangling him in a web of romantic difficulties in early-1960s Venice.

Contini is torn by relationships with his wife, a girlfriend and an actress he insists on using in his films. As the play moves along, Contini eventually loses all of it.

It's that internal struggle that provides the biggest challenge to Alex Armesto, the Canton High School junior playing Contini.

"The biggest challenge is showing the difficulty of his struggle with his creative world and his reality," said Armesto, whose last Park Players role was Mr. Hesler in "The Pajama Game." "His work has started to leak into his personal life, and it's all affecting what's going on in his own

The cast, plus the 10-person crew and 36 musicians in the pit, started work on the play in early January. Bird called the 54-member cast "incredibly talented."

"They've embraced the challenges more than I thought they would," Bird said. "We have such an incredibly talented cast."

That cast includes Plymouth High School sophomore Emma Dwyer of Plymouth, who plays Contini's girlfriend, Carla, whose biggest lesson revolves around learning who you can depend on.

"She learns you have to be careful who you trust, and Guido obviously isn't someone she can trust," said Dwyer, last on stage in last year's Comedy Sketch show. "I've sometimes had a little trouble finding the depth in Carla. She's this risque, shallow, ditzy girl, but I know there's depth to her that's sometimes hard to bring out."

Like Bird, musical director Cathy DiPentu finds the music "wonderful." Unlike many shows, the musicians in the pit are nearly constantly playing, and having to time the music to correspond with certain dialogue. It's not an easy task.

"It's constant ... there are no video games in the pit this time," she said. smiling. "The music is more operatic, more orchestral."

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ON STAGE

What: Park Players present "Nine" When: 7 p.m., March 23-24 and March 29-31

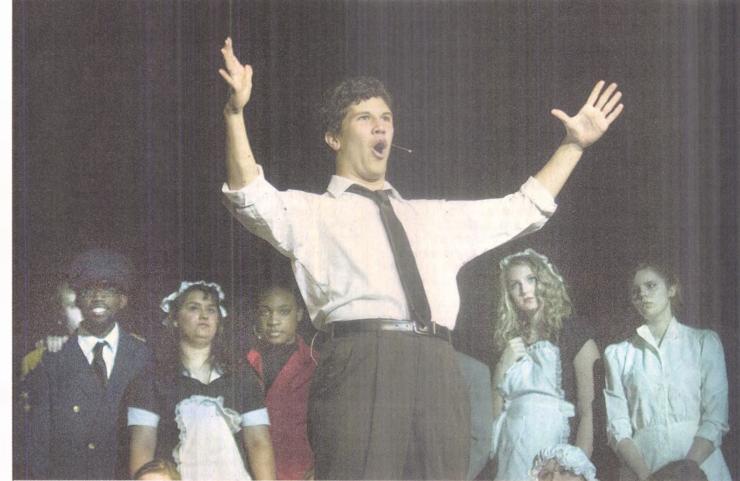
Where: Gloria Logan Auditorium, Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road in Canton

Tickets: \$12

Contact: For details, call (734) 416-7744



Producer Lillian Lafluer (Kelsey Anderson) is transformed, singing in Folies Bergere.



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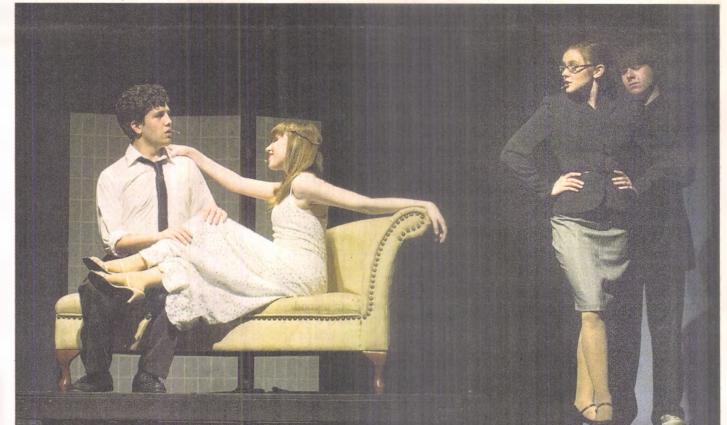
Alex Armesto is Italian film director Guido Contini in the park Players production of "Nine."



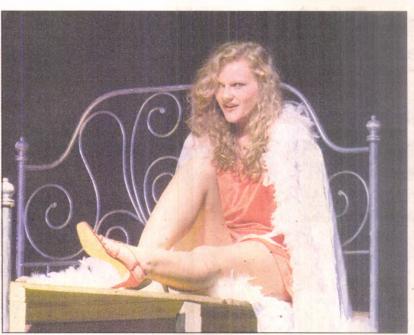
The orchestra for "Nine" features 36 musicians in the pit.



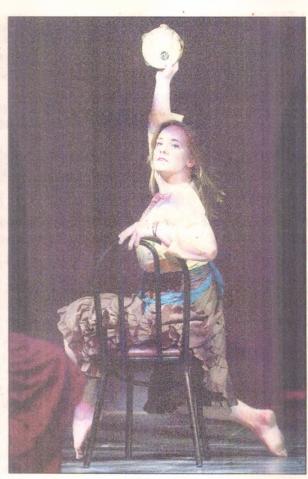
Germans at the Spa.



Guido Contini (Alex Armesto) is under pressure to come up with a new successful film project by producer Lillian Lafluer (Kelsey Anderson) and Leo Darling (Matt Whitehead). Actress Claudia Nardini (Lindsay Powers) is cast in all of Contini's films.

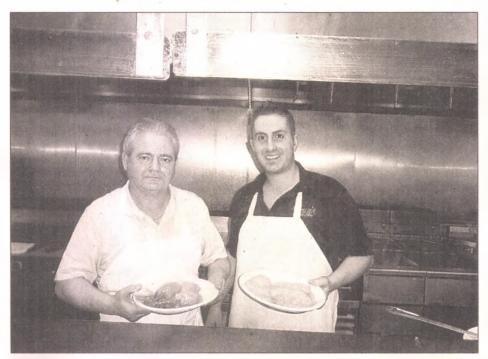


Carla Albanese (Emma Dwyer) pursues the great film director Guido Contini.



Dancer Emily Farhat.

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



Steve (left) and Danny Nedanovski run Steve's Family Dining with mom Julie and brother

Family eatery delivers homemade taste

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature?

Steve's: Our meals are homemade, including six or seven soups a day (chicken noodle, dill pickle soup, chicken dumpling, barley, etc). It's all homestyle food, specializing in Polish food but we also offer a variety of other, non-ethnic meals, as well.

Observer: Why did you choose Plymouth?

Steve's: We opened the Plymouth location in July 2006 because the location was just the style we were looking for. Then, as we decided we wanted to build the catering end of the business, we looked for another location, and we liked Livonia. The Livonia space is much bigger and gave us the space to upsize.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Steve's: We have a large menu of Polish food, including stuffed cabbage, kielbasa, potato pancakes, and we make it fresh every day. If you don't like Polish food, we have a lot of other menu items, including chicken, sandwiches, pork chops, etc. We cater to more than people who want ethnic food. We cater to people who want something other than that. And it's all homemade; you can't call Sysko or Gordon's and get what we give you. A lot of places buy food frozen. We make it from scratch. It's labor-intensive, but it really makes a

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Your name: Danny and Steve Nedanovski

Business opened: July 2006 Number of employees: 10-12

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Father-son team Steve and Danny Nedanovski load up plates with the homemade Polish food in which their family owned restaurant specializes.

difference.

Observer: How has it

changed since you opened? Steve's: The menu has expanded from Day One. We've added a lot of entrees. You play around with things; a lot of (menu decisions) are trial-anderror until you find what works.

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Steve's: The economy affects everybody. We can't say it never affected us. There's a trickle effect. Business slows down a lit-

tle here and there, but it's been pretty good.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Steve's: Work hard. It's a lot of hours and a lot of hard work. You have to dedicate yourself.

Observer: What's in store for the future of your business?

Steve's: We just want to keep putting out a good product. We don't want to get to a point where we lose the focus we've always had of putting out a good product. I guess the future will tell.

PLYMOUTH BUSINESS NEWS

Business news

From the desk of the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority:

 Look for Francis Jewelry Gallery to close soon. DDA officials wished good luck to owner Tony Mannarino, and said the storefront, on Forest Ave., "isn't expected to be empty long."

• The space formerly known as the House of Fudge will soon be occupied by four sisters who plan to open a juice store. The new venture, featuring natural juices, could be open in about a month.

 TranquiliTea hosts "A Harney Affair" tea sampling 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, March 31. Yvette Livingston will be on hand to answer any questions about the company and its teas. There will be lots of samples, drawings and a product sample given to the first 70 pur-

 Panache 447 is now opening its upstairs experience, "Level 447," which is open every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. For reservations call (734)

Board picks

Bourgon

Sommers Schwartz announced Plymouth resident Joseph H. Bourgon was elected to the board of directors and will serve as chairman and chief execu-

Bourgon will be responsible for strate-

gic planning, operations and financial management of the Firm.

Daniel D. Swanson and Matthew G. Curtis were re-elected to the Board of Directors. Swanson is a senior shareholder and a member of the firm's Business Litigation Department. Curtis

is a senior shareholder and a member of the firm's Tort Litigation Department.

In addition, Richard L. Groffsky was elected to the board and was appointed as the chair of the Tort Litigation Department. Groffsky is a member of the Tort Litigation Department. Kevin J. Stoops was elected to the board and was appointed as the Chair of the Business Litigation Department. Stoops is member of the



Brewing success

Owner Teresa Pilarz, right, and barista Amy Hall at Espresso Elevado, a coffee shop at Main and Wing in Plymouth that marks its first anniversary this month. Espresso Elevado roasts its coffee beans on site and brews each cup of coffee individually. "I love what we do, our location in Plymouth, our staff, and the people we serve," Pilarz said.

Business Litigation Department.

The JB Ashtin Group, Inc., has announced that Tom Drake is the company's new vice president, business development. Drake is an innovative marketer with 25 years'



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The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts a business development workshop, "Success Strategies That Work," Tuesday, March 27, from 8-9:30 a.m.

Presented by Michael Jeffreys, the workshop will guide you through the Law of Attraction and how to take positive thinking and turn it into results that creates revenue and benefits your business. Beyond just achieving a positive mind set, this workshop provides practical strategies and techniques to improve anyone's performance in sales, customer service or business manage-

There is no charge to attend, and bagels and cream cheese will be served. For more information, call the cham-

ber, (734) 453-1540.

Community luncheon The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce presents its annual "State of the Community" luncheon noon-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, at Plymouth Manor, 345 N. Main in

Plymouth. The popular annual State of the Community Luncheon provides a great opportunity to network with fellow busi-

ness people and community leaders. The speakers will include Plymouth

Township Supervisor Richard Reaume, Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Supt. Dr. Jeremy Hughes, and a representative from the City of Plym-

To attend this \$20 event, e-mail teri@ plymouthmich.org or contact the Chamber at (734) 453-1540.

Home Tweet Home

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Presents "Home, Tweet Home," a Plymouth Birdhouse Tour through April 20. Join the retailers in downtown Plym-

outh celebrating spring with a tour of birdhouses, vote for your favorite and be entered into a prize drawing. Voting forms are available up at participating shops or on the chamber's website at www.plymouthmich.org.

Participating shops include Candy Trail, Creatopia Create Your Own Pottery Studio, Downtown Development Authority, Dearborn Jewelers of Plymouth, Genuine Toy Co., Hands on Leather, Isabella's Copper Pot, Jill Andra Young Photography, Kilwins Plymouth, Magnolia - A Fresh Flower Market, Old World Olive Press, Penniman Gallery, Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, Sun & Snow Sports, Three Dog Bakery and TranquiliTea.

OUR VIEWS

Rallying for a cure Sign up now for June 9-10 Relay for Life

Anyone who has been through cancer - either being diagnosed themselves or loving someone else who has - knows it is a difficult journey. It can destroy lives. It can rip apart families without regard to wealth or social status. Everyone is susceptible. Nobody is immune.

According to the American Cancer Society, more than a half million people died due to cancer last year — that's a total of more than 1,500 per day. Another million and a half people were diagnosed with some form of cancer in 2011.

The many thousands of people who annually get involved with the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event certainly know how destructive cancer can be. Most of them have been personally impacted by cancer in one way or another. That's why they have been fighting back since 1986, the first year of Relay for Life.

The event has grown tremendously since the mid-1980s. This year communities around the nation and the globe will organize their own Relay events. Organizers are gearing up for the annual Relay for Life in Plymouth. This year's event is slated for 10 a.m. June 9 through 10 a.m. June 10, again at West Middle School — nearly three months from now — but planning for the 24-hour event is well underway.

Teams are forming now for this celebratory, inspirational event. In addition to being a wonderful team-building event, Relay for Life provides an opportunity for family fun around a great cause designed to help find a cure for cancer and to raise for programs to help people who are suffering from it.

By getting involved with Relay for Life of Plymouth you personally are making a difference in the fight against cancer. Through your donations you are helping:

 Provide access to up-to-date cancer information, day-to-day help and emotional support 24 hours a day, 365 days a week through 1-800-227-2345 and cancer. org

 Transport cancer patients to and from their treatments through Road to Recovery.

 Fund nearly \$475 million in American Cancer Society research grants.

• Ensure cancer issues remain a focus for local, state and federal legislators.

Those who have been a part of a Relay for Life can tell you what an emotional roller coaster it can be. Even though every event is different, there are traditions that take place during the 24 hours of every Relay.

Celebrate - The Survivors Lap: The Survivors Lap is an inspirational time when survivors are invited to circle the track together and help everyone celebrate the victories They've achieved over cancer. It is an emotional example of how Relay participants are creating a world with more birthdays like those of each individual on the track.

Remember - The Luminaria Ceremony: A time to honor people who have been touched by cancer and remember loved ones lost to the disease. Candles are lit inside bags filled with sand, each one bearing the name of a person touched by cancer, and participants often walk a lap in silence.

Fight Back - The Fight Back Ceremony: There is a Fight Back Ceremony where one makes a personal commitment to save lives by taking up the fight against cancer.

The American Cancer Society says in recent years real progress has been made with cancer research. The survival rate increased dramatically from what it was just a couple decades ago. They attribute a lot of that success to the overall awareness of cancer, and the fact so many people are getting on board with the fight. Perhaps this is the year you

For more information, visit relayforlife.org and click on Find Events or call Community Representative Rachel Leas at (248) 663-3436 or rachel.leas@cancer.org.



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COMMUNITY VOICE

Do you think winter will make a comeback yet this year?

We asked this question Tuesday at the Plymouth District Library.



"I hope not. ... It's too late now. Now it's given me a taste of spring." Karen Layton

Plymouth Township



"Yeah. Cause this is Michigan and winter always comes back for a visit after spring has arrived."

Cam Kurmas Ann Arbor



"Possibly. Because it's still winter. ... You can still have what amounts to sloppy weather in April."

Jim McLaughlin Plymouth Township



"No, I don't. Because it's unusual for any year. ... I can't remember for us to have such an extended time" of warm winter weather.

Arthur Anderson Canton Township

LETTERS

Not about money

I believe, like a lot of parents out there, that my 5-year-old son should not have to shoulder the burden of a full school day simply because he is worth more money to the school district if he attends an all-day kindergarten program.

I have never seen or heard any information that the full kindergarten school day is at all more beneficial to our children, only that there will be less money for the district if it is not implemented. I understand that the district will be facing a million-dollar deficit if they do not receive the extra money from the state for children that only attend kindergarten half-day.

I am just wondering if all areas were explored to make up for this shortage. I do not feel that a burden like that should be placed on a kindergartner. That sounds like a problem adults should be able to figure out. The district should have anticipated this reduced funding and looked for alternative ways to cut back the way almost every other industry has

had to do over the last few years. I understand that for a lot of parents a full day of kindergarten takes away the high cost of day care, but I don't think that the primary function of education is to provide day care for our children. If that were so I am sure there would be many people eager to sign on for longer school days on Friday to get a much-needed "date night."

The district is saying that the full day of kindergarten will allow them to spend more time with our children, but there are a lot of parents who would rather that time be spent at home for that last year before they have to attend school all day. My little boy likes to spend his time playing outside, going to the library, going out to lunch, and occasionally taking naps.

To me, this special time with him is worth more than the \$3,500 the district will get for

> Sarah Niemenski Plymouth

Schools of choice What do Berkley, Troy, Walled Lake, Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield and many other school districts know that Plymouth-Canton does not? They all have schools of choice. This keeps quality programming in their districts and allows them to keep teachers, staff, buildings employed and quality programming running. Why is this not even a choice in our district, while closing schools is?

Why are we not bringing students into this district via schools of choice? In Canton alone, we have many neighborhoods that go to different school districts - Van Buren and Wayne-Westland. These parents continually ask if they can move their children

to our school district. Open up

the seats to them and you will

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Submit letters by the following for-

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bring in more funding.

In Wayne County, 24 of 34 districts offer this choice. The amount of money the district has available for its educational program is directly related to the number of students. A loss of enrollment in one year carries over to subsequent years. Without an infusion of students, the high school enrollment will continue to decline and the ability to offer comprehensive programming and a broad array of extracurricular programs may be diminished. More students, and the additional revenue generated by these nondistrict students, will be helpful to future programming.

Bloomfield Hills, which gets approximately \$2K more per student than PCCS does, started an open enrollment academy in 1996, which is now ranked second in the nation, according to U.S. News & World Report. Each year, Farmington School district and Troy evaluate number of students, empty seats, underutilized buildings, and that is how they determine how many seats are available for schools of choice.

PCCS also needs to be more competitive with the increasing charter school population in our district. The cap on charter schools has been lifted. Heritage Academies is opening two more schools next year, while PCCS shrinks, cuts teachers, closes buildings and cuts quality programming. We must have our district become school of choice and get the funding back into our district. Our district should not be short-sighted and not see this as a choice. We could have arts, technical, science, music, special education, gifted, athletic programs expanded in our district. We could employ more teachers and staff. We could maintain our buildings.

Think of the possibilities, rather than the limitations. No more closing talk. Open the district to Schools of Choice.

Anne Marie Graham-Hudak Canton

'Those' kids are kids

I have attended the facility utilization meetings over the course of the last couple of months, and one element seems to arise at each one: The pure ugliness residing in this community.

I am speaking of the parents who continue to state that they do not want "those kids," including Tanger and Title I students, attending their schools or being relocated to their current buildings. "Those kids" are just that, kids, and they need and desire a top-notch educational opportunity as much as any other child in this district.

I am both embarrassed and appalled by this ignorant display at these meetings. I would much rather have my kids in school with "those kids" than with the children of pretentious, judgmental and uncaring parents.

Emily Florence Canton

Absurd advice

Mr. Bloom,

I am embarrassed that the Canton Observer published such absurd advice in your newspaper in your article "Advice on disinheriting a child."

It's one thing to give this advice to someoné one-on-one, it's another thing to shame an entire community and make it appear that bigotry is normal and acceptable behavior in Canton. Hate is not OK with my family, and I know most families wouldn't support or condone his behavior.

Would you have posted similar advice to a parent who disapproves of interracial marriage in such a public manner? Somehow, I doubt it.

I know for sure I will never use you for financial advising, and I will not be reading the Observer anymore.

> **Steven Stapleton** Canton

National press is

It is truly sickening, the bias of our press. I guess it's OK to cover up the lies from our esteemed leader President Obama because they believe that the general public is plain stupid and sometimes I believe that they are. The figure they give on unemployment at 8.3 percent is so far off it is pathetic. What's the old saying, "Figures don't lie, but liars can figure"?

I remember how the press mocked George W. Bush because he always seems to have a smirk on his face and when George Bush walked it was with a Texan strut. I think Obama has a bad case of constipation. They never mention how President Obama gets on or off the plane or takes the podium to speak by drawing both of his hands up to his chest like he's getting ready to jog a couple of miles. One of the main points that our servicemen died for was for the freedom of the press. The journalists of today are a disgrace.

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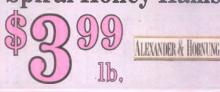
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BOYS LACROSSE PREVIEW

Teams could make noise

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

With the "Black & Blue" scrimmages in the rear-view mirror, the real deal starts for boys lacrosse teams.

For Salem and Plymouth, the 2012 season opened with games Wednesday night, after this issue of the Observer went to press. The Rocks visited Birmingham Seaholm while the Wildcats went to Ann Arbor Skyline.

Canton doesn't open up until 1 p.m. Saturday, against Skyline at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park

Coaches for the Rocks and Wildcats are enthusiastic and optimistic as to how their squads might fare in the KLAA Kensington Conference, although seniorladen Salem appears to have an early edge.

Following is a look at what the season might hold for Salem and Plymouth:

Salem

Rocks head coach Eric Hoffman has a roster filled to the brim of talent and experience, and he "can't wait to see how the season unfolds," with improvement on last year's 8-10 mark

Strong defense and junior "brick wall" goalie Justin Oldani give Salem a chance to compete

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BRIAN QUINTOS

Looking to pass the ball to a teammate Saturday is Salem's Kody Duhl (No. 13). He is expected to be one of the team's top attackers.



BRIAN OUINTOS

Canton's Tim Popp (No. 18) jostles with an opponent during Saturday's Black & Blue Tournament at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

'Black & Blue' a bruiser

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

The battering of sticks on arm pads - audible way up in the bleachers - belied that teams were essentially scrimmaging during Saturday's annual "Black & Blue Boys Lacrosse Tournament."

Eleven squads, including all three of the teams from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, got after it during a daylong menu of 25-minute scrimmages on a summer like day.

But all the hard-hitting hockey-meets-football physicalitv proved quite welcome for coaches and players as they worked out the kinks and got up to game speed with the KLAA season starting this week.

"We're trying to cycle kids through," said Plymouth head coach Brian Walsh. "We kind of use this tournament like the last day of tryouts.

"We formulate lines, look at those last couple bubble kids. Can they play varsity or do they need more development down on JV?"

Taking notes

Concurring was Eric Hoffman, head coach of Salem.

"It's pre-season, that's what you want to do," Hoffman said. 'Get as much play time as you can, get everybody in to see the field and see where you stand for the season.

"They're basically learning



Kenny Fanelli of the Plymouth Wildcats (right) carries the ball during the Black & Blue tourney.

each other, how you trust each other, how the team flows and everything like that."

In addition to the running clock, scores were not kept on the scoreboard and a championship trophy was not awarded at the end of the 10-hour marathon, co-hosted by the Park

"Scores don't matter, we just do the best we can," Hoffman

said.

Most teams were able to play four contests. In addition to Plymouth, Salem and Canton, the tourney included Farmington, Walled Lake Northern, Tecumseh, Novi, North Farmington, Dearborn Divine Child, Saline and Haslett-Williamston. Salem senior Chris Contos

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Canton football camps

Football players of all ages have something they can benefit from thanks to a trio of camps being run in mid-late June by the Canton High School football program. All of the camps will take place at the varsity turf stadium at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. All participants will receive Chiefs football T-shirts.

· Kicking it off from June 11-14 is the "Football Skills Camp." for youngsters entering grades seven-nine. Prospective participants must pre-register by May 21 (\$45), although latecomers to sign up will owe \$55.

Sessions will run from 5-7:30 p.m. and focus on improving fundamentals while learning the Chiefs' football philosophy.

• Next up, June 18-21, is the "Wing T/3-4 Camp" for those going into grades 10-12.

Times are 2-5 p.m. June 18 and 5-8 p.m. June 19-21 with registration fees \$25 (if pre-registered by May 21) and \$30 (for latecomers).

On the agenda will be become a "tough and agile back or an efficient passing and throwing quarterback."

 Wrapping things off June 25-28 is the "Fundamental Football Camp," for kids entering grades three-six. Times are 9 a.m. to noon all four days. Fees to sign up are \$75 (if signed up by June 1) and \$100 for those who register after that date.

Campers will learn about blocking, running, throwing and catching on offense and "proper footwork defense.

For more information, e-mail Enza Lanava of the Canton Chiefs Booster Club at elanava@wowway.com or call him at (313) 300-1173. All checks must be made payable to the Canton Chiefs Football Boosters Club.

Changing seasons

After losing finale, Whalers turn attention to playoffs

By Tim Smith

The luck of the Irish was nowhere to be found for the team wearing green Saturday night at Compuware Arena.

Amid echoing sounds

of hard rubber clanging against iron goal posts and crossbars, the HOCKEY host Plymouth Whalers dropped a 6-2 decision to Sarnia on

St. Patrick's Day in the regular-season finale. With the loss and London's 3-0 victory over Erie, Plymouth finished with 97 points (47-18-2-1), two behind the Knights'

99. London wound up first

in the Western Confer-

ence and overall OHL.

"We hit four or five goal posts," lamented Plymouth head coach and general manager Mike Vellucci. "We had some chances and they scored some goals I think our goalie would have wanted back."

Vellucci said he didn't think it was a case of mounting frustration, however, especially the way pucks were hitting iron at one end and hit-

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

Following is the schedule for the Plymouth Whalers' first-round OHL series against Guelph. It is a best 4-of-7 series: Game 1 - 7 p.m. Friday at Plymouth (Compuware Arena) Game 2 - 6:30 p.m. Sunday at Guelph Game 3 - 7 p.m. Tuesday at Plymouth Game 4 - 7 p.m. Thursday, March 29 at Guelph Game 5* - 7 p.m. Saturday, March 31 at Plymouth

Game 6* - 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 1 at Guelph Game 7* - 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 3 at Plymouth

* if necessary (Playoff tickets can be purchased by calling the Compuware Arena box

office at 734-453-8400.)

ting the twine at the other - including two scored by ex-Whaler and Westland native Tyler Brown.

"Well, we won 10 in a row (before Saturday) so it's not that frustrating," Vellucci noted. "It's the

last game of the regular season, so now we got to get ready for playoffs."

Storm's coming

Entering Saturday, the Whalers had the chance to face either Windsor or Guelph. As it turned out, they'll host the seventhseeded Storm (31-31-2-4) beginning 7 p.m. Friday.

Game 2 is back in Ontario on Sunday with the third game slated for 7 p.m. Tuesday at Compuware. The teams went 2-2 against each other this season, each winning once on the road. Guelph outscored the Whalers 22-17 in those meetings.

"It's a whole new season now," said Vellucci, whose team qualified for the playoffs for the 21st year in a row. "It doesn't matter what you did during the regular season."

The Sting opened Saturday's scoring when defenseman Julia Luciani backhanded a rebound from the left of the Plymouth net past goalie Scott Wedgewood (28 saves) just 26 seconds into the contest.

The Whalers made it 1-

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JOHN KEMSKI

Showing off their college colors are cousins Anna Genrich and Jake Genrich, who are seniors at Canton and Salem, respectively.

College-bound cousins keep family tradition alive

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

Athletic success extending from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park to college campuses is in the Genrich family DNA.

Let's count the ways: Cousins Anna and Jake Genrich are graduating from Canton and Salem high schools, respectively and garnering Division 1 athletic

scholarships.

Anna, 18, will join Kent State University's gymnastics team while 17year-old Jake is slated to play soccer at Bowling Green University.

 Another cousin, Plymouth senior Sarah Dillon, won't play sports in college. But she earned an academic scholarship to attend Michigan State Univer-

Plus, their parents

went to the Park, as did numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Anna's parents are Diana and Bruno; Jake's are Mike and

The three cousins graduating in June will celebrate with a big party at Compuware Arena.

"We're having a trigrad party," Jake Genrich said. "Me, Anna and Sarah are all having a

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All-Area grapplers tough to pin down

FIRST TEAM Kyle Gillies, Jr., Westland Glenn (103): The junior was a state placer for the second straight year earning a fifth in the MHSAA Division 1 finals after placing runner-up at the regional and winning the district. Gillies, who sported a 49-7 record, also won Observerland, the Kensington Lakes Activities Asso-ciation and Salem Elks titles.

"Kyle has dedicated himself to the sport of wrestling for a few years now," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "He is a two-time state medal winner that has one more chance to win a title.

"He is only the third Jr. to have two medals going in to his senior year in John Glenn history. We look forward to another exciting year from Kyle in 2012-13 as he approaches his 150th win. He is also a great student and is the type of kid coaches love sending out in big matches."

Danny Martinez, Jr., Liv.

Franklin (112): The junior posted a season record of 59-4 en route to a fifth-place finish at the Division 1 state finals. Martinez, the first Franklin junior to reach 150 wins, also captured the district, KLAA, Observerland and Livonia City titles.

"Danny is every coach's dream," Franklin's Dave Chiola said of the academic all-stater. "He's a very hard worker, an all A student, a super nice kid, and has the matu-

rity and composure of an adult. "Danny has been one of the more talented kids I've ever coached. He was good as a freshman and has improved steadily since. Danny had a great year this year, but through it all he kept himself grounded. You would ever know that he is successful by talking to him. He just has a very good sense

about him. I'm glad we get him for another year." Ben Griffin, Soph., Canton (112): At the Division 1 individual regionals, Griffin battled through grueling matches despite a groin injury and qualified for the state

finals At the Palace, all he did was wrestle his way to the championship bout at 112 before finally

being subdued. The sophomore proved a tough opponent all season, finishing with a 47-7 record and already passing the 100-win mark for his

young career.
"Ben Griffin is one of the toughest wrestlers around," coach Cory Mancuso said. "He is an absolute technician on the mat.'

Gabe Martinez, Sr., Liv. Franklin (119): The senior finished with a career record of 172-35, including a third-place finish this year in the Division 1 state finals to cap a 58-4 season. Martinez also captured the

regional, district, KLAA, Wayne County and Livonia City titles. He also broke the school record for most career pins and winning percentage. Martinez also ranks second all-time in career wins.

"Gabe is a unique individual," Chiola said. "He is a perfectionist in everything he does. In 30 years of coaching, he is the most polite, nicest kid I've ever met. Other coaches and opponents have a hard time believing how he's so intense on the mat, and so mild mannered off the mat.

"His hard work will be missed in the room, but it's going to serve him well in whatever he does. He's a great student, a great teammate, a great leader. It has been a pleasure coaching him for four years.

Mannie Govantes, Jr., Farmington (125): Govantes had a successful state meet and fine finish to his junior season, taking fourth place (highest among non-seniors) in Division 1. He also placed second at Lakeland, fourth at Observerland, sixth at Oakland County, third in the district and fourth at the regional. His season record was 36-14. Govantes also led the Falcons with 27 pins, putting eighth on the team's all-time

"His biggest attribute is he's never out of match at any time,' coach Al Beyar said, adding Govantes trailed two opponents by seven and 11 points at the state meet and pinned both. "He could always come back and win it. He's one of those kids, if he catches you, he can put you away.

"Mannie is a happy-go-lucky kid outside the wrestling room, but he's completely different when he's on the mats. He's all business when he's wrestling; he does not like to lose.

"(Assistant coach) Courtland (Bartlett) has a great rapport with Mannie and has helped him develop into an all-state wrestler." Andrew Fialka, Jr., Farm. Harrison (125): Fialka finished seventh in the Division 1 state

2011-12 ALL-OBSERVER WRESTLING TEAMS

103 pounds: Kyle Gillies, Jr., Westland John Glenn; 2. Brandon Harris, Fr., Plymouth; 3. Mohamad Youssef, Soph., Plymouth.

112: 1. Danny Martinez, Jr., Livonia Franklin; Ben Griffin, Soph., Canton; 2. Nimantha Herath, Sr., Farmington; Trey Berry, Jr., Plymouth; 3. Josh Perez,

Soph., Livonia Churchill. 119: 1. Gabe Martinez, Sr., Franklin; 2. Cody Korpus, Jr., Salem; 3. Richard

DeMarois, Jr., Canton. 125: 1. Mannie Govantes, Jr., Farmington; Andrew Fialka, Jr., Farmington Harrison; Zachary Francis, Soph., Lutheran High Westland; Chase Kallil, Jr., Plymouth; 2. Quinn Dupraw, Jr., John Glenn; 3. Caleb Richter, Fr., Lutheran Westland; Jon Locklear, Jr., Churchill; Austin Pilmer, Jr., Canton.

130: 1. Jesse O'Neal, Sr., John Glenn; 2. Jon Conn, Soph., Plymouth; Alec Breckenridge, Jr., Plymouth; 3. Larone Mack, Jr., Harrison. 135: 1. Alec Pantaleo, Soph., Canton; 2. Kody Roy, Jr., Livonia Stevenson;

3. Kienuwa Davis, Sr., Farmington. 140: 1. Said Youssef, Sr., Plymouth; 2. Jordan Atienza, Soph., Franklin; 3.

Allen Parker, Jr., Wayne Memorial. 145: 1. Zach Marsh, Sr., Canton; 2. Ryan Derry, Sr., Franklin; 3. Mike

Rankin, Sr., Farmington; Marcus Shepherd, Sr., Harrison. 152: 1. Travis Mann, Jr., John Glenn; Anthony Long, Jr., John Glenn; 2. Nick

Frazier, Soph., Franklin; Avery Opperman, Sr., Franklin; 3. Kyle Lake, Sr., Harrison; Martin Kemp, Jr., Lutheran Westland. 160: 1. Tyler Gross, Jr., Salem; 2. Allen Steele, Jr., Franklin; 3. Sam Ekanem,

Jr., Wayne 171: 1. Danny Croft, Sr., John Glenn; 2. Sultan Hubbard, Sr., Harrison; 3. Colin Rankin, Jr., Redford Union.

189: 1. Kevin Miller, Sr., North Farmington; 2. Jacob McCabe, Sr., Salem; 3. Devin Korzetki, Sr., Wayne. 215: 1. Dimitrus Renfroe, Sr., Wayne; Jacob Range, Sr., Stevenson; 2. Jor-

dan Brandon, Soph., John Glenn; 3. Adam Drucz, Jr., Garden City. **285**: 1. Omar Haymour, Sr., Franklin; Manny Haddad, Jr., Churchill; 2. Majd Mokbel, Sr., North Farmington; Dylan Morantes, Jr., John Glenn; 3. Ali Ajami, Sr., Salem.

COACH OF YEAR Steve Vasiloff, Wayne HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Ben Leck, Justin Baker, Jake Hale; Franklin: Jack Newa, Matt Horne, Ryan Simmons; **Stevenson:** Samer Shebak, Corey Davis; **John** Glenn: Rod Watts, Ed Maya, Kevin Huynh, D'Andre Moore, Donovan Reilly, Keven Wacker, Chris Donaldson; Wayne: Devon Adams, Michaeil Hood, Sharif Hegazi, Kyle Szalai; Nick Wagnitz; Lutheran Westland: Jacob Richter, Alex Reardon, Brad Hura, Matt Sankey, Nic Wisner; Livonia Clarenceville: Mikey Weiss, Ian Bunker, Joe Walker, Aaron Bibik; Farmington: Eric O'Neill, Brandon Schulz, Wesley Kuuttila, Ryan South erland; Harrison: Michael Volyanyuk, Bobby Mathieson, Austin Jarvis; North Farmington: Mike Williams; Salem: Matt Lang, Alex Brown, Tony Agostini, Riley Doxtader, Alex Arble; Redford Union: Tristin Styles, Jayson Walton, Roderick Howard, Carl Keeney; Plymouth: Hussein Youssef; Canton: K.J. Wooley; Garden City: Rob Doane, Nick Doane, Brian Spehar, Brendan Spehar, Matt Wisniewski.

meet and ended the season with a 35-17 record and 18 pins. He was the district champion at Hartland and regional runner-up at Davison. He also placed second in the OAA and fourth in Oakland County. Fialka's career record is

71-40.'Andrew is a great all-round athlete," coach Jim Stuef said. "He plays varsity lacrosse and, if he was a little bigger, he would play football. He's definitely tough enough; he loves the physical part

of contact sports. "He is the strongest guy pound for pound on our team and loves the weight room. He is a leader in our room and in the classroom with a 3.75 GPA. I look forward to next year, to see his senior season. I'm sure it will be filled with great

things. Zachary Francis, Soph., Luth. Westland (125): The sophomore finished 44-4 and captured five of six tournaments including Observerland (MVP), Romulus Summit Academy (MVP), Madison Heights Bishop Foley, Franklin and

Francis was also undefeated in

Division 4 district

"As a coach it was nice to watch Zachary mature on-and-off the wrestling mat," Lutheran Westland coach Joe Schmidt said of the state qualifier. "His dedication and love for the sport shows every time he wrestles. Zachary is the hardest working young man in the room and I'm glad he will be around for another two years. He is nothing but a pleasure to coach.

Chase Kallil, Jr., Plymouth (125): The junior and third-year varsity wrestler went 40-17 this season, with stellar showings in the KLAA tournament (third). districts (second), regionals (third) and state finals (eighth). With the team district title on the line, Kallil pinned Salem's Cody Korpus in the third period, an indication of his ability to rise to

"Chase has been a very hard worker in the off-season since he came in to high school as a freshmen who was forced into the varsity lineup," noted coach Quinn Guernsey. "He handled himself well then and has constantly been working to improve ever since

that year. "It was great to see all of the hard work finally pay off for him by achieving an eighth place finish this year at the state tournament. (But) placing this year isn't enough, he's already hard at work to improve his placing next season because that is the type of hard worker he is."

Jesse O'Neal, Sr., Westland Glenn (130): The senior finished 27-22 this season earning a berth in the state finals after a fourth at both the regional and district tourneys.

"Jesse finished the season with some of the most exciting matches of the year," Polk said. "He had a bit of a slow start, but was peaking at the right time.

When he wanted to – and believed it - he could beat anyone we sent him out against. We often bumped him up and down the lineup to take on the stronger opponents at 130 and 135. Because of this he suffered several losses against some of the best wrestlers in the state. He was much better then his record would indicate. I stress to our kids that it is all about being ready at the right time, and Jesse was. I was very pleased that he had an opportu-

nity to wrestle at the Palace."

Alec Pantaleo, Soph., Canton (135): The talented sophomore comes from a wrestling family and his dad is an assistant

coach for Canton. But it was all his talent and determination on the mat that carried him through to the D1 champion-

Pantaleo defeated Novi-Detroit Catholic Central nemesis Malik Amine in the title bout; the two wrestlers also squared off in the district and regional finals — each

prevailing once.
Also champion in the KLAA and districts, Pantaleo finished with a 53-3 record and team MVP honors. "Alec Pantaleo is lightning fast on his feet," Mancuso said. "He is fun to watch wrestle. Explosive is

an understatement. Said Youssef, Sr., Plymouth (140): The senior capped an outstanding prep career with a fourth-place finish at 140 at the Division 1 state finals — earning the honor of being Plymouth's

first-ever state placer. Guernsey said Youssef's 12-5 win over Ryan Foley of Brighton clinched fourth place. His record of 43-11 included championships at the Observerland Invitational, D1 districts and

regionals. He also was third in the "Said has been quietly working for his four years setting records across the board at Plymouth and graduates as certainly their most accomplished wrestler," Guernsey said. "He currently has set the career and single season records for takedowns and wins.

"Always a unassuming hard worker and team leader he sets a great example for all the members of the team on how to behave both on and off the mat. His leadership and talents will be greatly missed on next year's Wildcat

Zach Marsh, Sr., Canton (145): There were a number of excellent performers and leaders for Canton in 2011-12, and the senior 145-pounder topped the list. Marsh was a standout, with a record of 40-13. Season highlights included winning the regional

championship at Saline High School after defeating Franklin's Ryan Derry 8-6; and finishing in seventh place at the D1 individual

"Zach is one of the best technical wrestlers in the history of Canton wrestling," Mancuso said. "He was our only senior on the team. The team looked to him for leader-

Travis Mann, Jr., Westland Glenn (152): Posting a 43-7 record, the junior placed fourth in Division 1 after being regional runner-up and capturing a district. Mann also took home an Ob-

serverland crown.
"Travis is one of the toughest kids pound for pound I have ever coached," Polk said. "He shows no fear of any opponent and is always ready to wrestle. We put him up against the best 152 and 160 pounders in the state and he battled with all of them.

Travis is a product of what can be accomplished if you put time into this sport; he has wrestled for a long time. He drills harder then anyone in our room and his wrestling successes display that. His senior class should be very tough to beat next year and he will be a front runner in 2013.

Anthony Long, Sr., Westland Glenn (152): The senior state placers (eighth) finished 34-19 which also included a runner-up finish at the district and a fourth at the regional.

Long was a Wayne County finalist and took third at Observerland. "Anthony was the character in our wrestling room everyday, Polk said. "He was an extremely hard worker, but always knew how to make everyone laugh. Anthony was very dedicated to our program and his teammates. He was a light 152-pounder that was often bumped up to 160 to

"He didn't care what weight her wrestled and made no excuses win or lose. He was that kid the always stayed after practice to study and get better for his next match. I am very proud that he is leaving our program with all-state honor

Tyler Gross, Jr., Salem (160): The Salem captain continued to improve in his junior season, registering a 39-12 record. He had plenty of success, reaching the district championship match at 160 before falling 9-5 to

Catholic Central's Nick Mason. Then at the Saline-hosted regionals, he qualified for the state meet thanks to a fourth-place finish. "Tyler's work ethic not only got him to improve from last year, but the team as well," coach Pete Israel said. "Even though the state meet didn't turn out like Tyler

planned I see that as a motivating factor for him for this off season. "It's young men like Tyler that making coaching exciting and if he puts his mind to it I see even better things for him for his senior

Danny Croft, Sr., John Glenn (171): The junior placed eighth in Division 1 after taking third at the regional and first at the district. The two-year captain was also the Salem Elks champ and runnerup at the Wayne County meet.
"Danny will be missed in our wrestling room," Polk said. "He was a leader in many ways. His family has been around our program for several years. It was fun to watch Danny develop over the years into the all-state wrestler he

'He was always that kid that wrestled the best kids in practice when he was younger and got beat up. Well, it didn't take him to long before he was the one putting out the beatings in practice. He is also a good student that has worked hard in the classroom as well. He has been the 'kid brother' of our program since the early 2000s when his uncle Eric (Schambers) was wrestling for us (now my assistant coach). I'm sure Danny will do great things with his future.

Kevin Miller, Sr., N. Farmington (189): Miller had an outstanding senior season, posting a 46-6 record and placing fifth in the Division 1 state meet. He won the Garden City Christmas, West Bloomfield and Observerland tournaments, and he was a district and regional champion, too.
All six of his losses were to wres-

tlers ranked in the top 10 in the state, and two were to the eventual state champions in Divisions 1 and 2. Miller, who has a football scholarship to Michigan Tech, ends his career with a 118-33 record. "Kevin has the fourth most wins

in the history of our program at North," coach Tom Seremet said. "He is a three-sport athlete and a fantastic student with a 3.86 GPA. Kevin is a great young man, and he has been a fantastic ambassador for the wrestling program

and North Farmington in general. He is what we want our graduates to be like when they leave our school. I could not be more proud of him."

Dimitrius Renfroe, Sr.,
Wayne (215): The Division 1

state runner-up won 49-of-52 matches his senior year including titles at Observerland, KLAA and Wayne County. Renfroe racked up 153 career

"I couldn't be happier with the way Dimitrus wrestles, and for all his achievements over the last four years," Wayne coach Steve Vasiloff said. "He is the most coachable wrestler we have ever worked with, and it showed at the 'states' this year and last year. We had a plan for each one of his matches,

and he wrestled accordingly.
"I am sad that I will not get the
privilege of coaching him anymore, but it eases my mind to know that what we have taught him will be used in the future in college. Because for this young man, his wrestling career has only just begun."

Jacob Range, Sr., Liv. Stevenson (215): The senior wound up the season 44-12 overall en route to a sixth-place finish in Division 1. Range was also runner-up at the

district and regional, as well as taking third in the KLAA meet.
"Jacob leads by example and has done everything that has ever been asked of him," Stevenson coach Dan Vaughan said of the three-year varsity member and captain. "If the team needed him to bump up and wrestle a tough heavyweight, he would.

"He does all the right things to be successful on the mats. When you combine Jake's love for the sport and year-long dedication, his success is not surprising. His Spartan family looks forward to watching him grow into a fine col-lege wrestler."

Omar Haymour, Sr., Liv. Franklin (285): The senior finished with a 48-10 record including titles at Observerland and the Livonia City tournament.

"Omar is one of the more gregarious characters you'll ever meet," Chiola said of the regional qualifier. "He's one of the most popular kids in the school, and one of the most well-known kids on our team. Omar never wrestled before getting to Franklin, and took some beatings early on. By the time he was a junior, he was one of the better heavyweights in

the area. "He got hurt his junior year and I think it derailed his ultimate goals, but he was a great kid to have on the team. He supported everyone else, was a very vocal leader, and showed great determi-

Manny Haddad, Jr., Liv. Churchill (285): The junior finished the year 25-16 after taking fourth at both the district and regional tournaments. Haddad also earned a runner-up finish at Observerland "Manny's year started slowly, but as the season progressed he just

kept getting better and better, Churchill coach Marty Altounian said. "By the end of the year he was beating people he was not supposed to beat. He was a great competitor winning many matches in sudden death overtime and competing in many of these matches with numerous injuries. He was great to have on the team, and the best thing is he is coming

back next year."
COACH OF YEAR Steve Vasiloff, Wayne: The seventh-year coach led the Wolfpack to one of their most successful seasons sporting a 14-2 dual-meet record and a co-title with Westland John Glenn and Livonia Franklin in the KLAA's South Division (it's first divisional crown since 1996).

Under Vasiloff's direction, Wayne was also runner-up at the Wayne County and Wyandotte invitationals, while taking firsts at the Garden City Christmas and Lincoln

Park tournaments. Wayne started the season with an 84-0 victory over Romulus to tie an MHSAA record for most points

scored in a dual-meet win. Wayne added team academic allstate honors for the fourth year in a row and boasted its first KLAA champion (Dimitrus Renfroe) along with four regional and two state qualifers.

"Dimitrus was my first state finalist, and it felt good to put on that suit," Vasiloff said. "I remember my first three years coaching, when I never once had a wrestler in every weight class or had a winning record. We took a lot of lumps over those years, but the hard work we put in got us where we are today. And I couldn't be more proud of what we've done, and how we have turned this program around."





Travis Mann



Anthony Long John Glenn



Tyler Gross



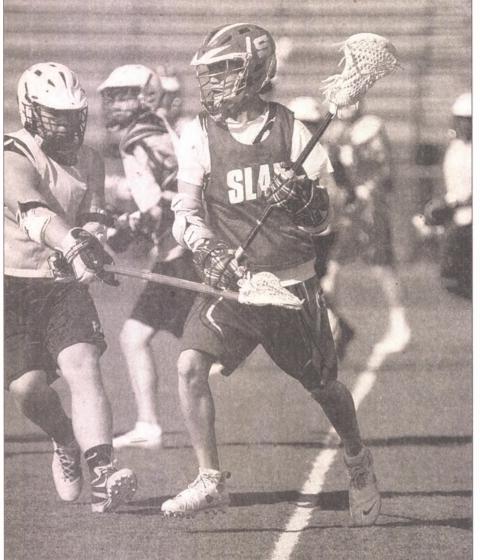
Danny Croft John Glenn







Steve Vasiloff Coach of Year



BRIAN QUINTOS

Salem midfielder PJ Rogers (right) looks to fling the ball to a teammate during Saturday's Black & Blue tournament.

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said having the tournament is beneficial to the team as it gauges itself against rivals.

"It builds camaraderie with the team and stuff like that," Contos said. "You get to spend the whole day with your teammates and work together, get in the groove with lines on offense and defense.

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(for the season) with this tournament, I feel."

According to Plymouth junior John Halpin, the scrimmages spice up what normally would be pre-season practices. He also likes having the running clock.

"It's a little bit of an adjustment, it makes the game a little faster pace," Halpin said. "But it's really the same type of thing.

"I feel we did pretty decent, I think we still need a little bit of work. But for the regular season I think we'll start

pretty well."

Another plus for the teams was the unseasonably hot weather, hovering in the 80s throughout the day

"Usually it's a lot different early in the season," Walsh emphasized. "You got to worry about muscle pulls and sprained ankles, things like that.

"It's nice to have the nice weather and skip some of those nagging injuries."

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every night.

In the back will be fourth-year varsity player Chris Contos, along with senior defenders Jack Vida and Josh Howell.

Another positive for the team will be Oldani's penchant for making crisp outlet passes following

"He is a great ball stopper as well as a good outlet passer," Hoffman said. "After a save, Justin is going to make great outlet passes this year. That's something we didn't have in previous seasons."

At long-stick midfield will be seniors Kody Hutchinson and Nick Tro-

"Those two have the tough task of defending the best midfielder on the other team," Hoffman said. "They both are up for the challenge.'

Three midfield lines will give Salem's opponents plenty to think

Seniors Nick Giannini, Joe Stephan and junior Jake Perkins comprise the top line. But "the thundercats" are on the second unit of juniors Brandon Lee, PJ Rogers and senior Mason Amin.

Five other players will rotate on the third line. Those include juniors Cameron Hussey, Peter O'Connor, Turner Solterman, Sam Allan and senior Jacob Nosewicz. Providing depth is junior Nolan Reich.

"Our first two middle lines have outstanding faceoff guys," Hoffman said. "We should win the majority of the faceoffs."

A mix of youngsters and experienced players could provide Salem some offensive pop on the attack.

At the top of the list is senior Kody Duhl, along with junior Patrick Kretschmer and sophomore Jason Newel.

"The attack is expected to control and push the ball in our offense, (keep) the defense guessing,' he said. "I expect lots of good things from our attack this year."

Plymouth

Also looking to bounce back from a sub-.500 record are the Wildcats, a team that went 6-11 last spring.

Head coach Brian Walsh likes the makeup of his team, but said the key to the season is how well players make up for the loss of the 2011 squad's starting defense and goaltender to graduation.

"We will be a young team with talent and potential but unproven," Walsh emphasized. "... We have talent, but we need some role players from last year to step up and

fill our holes. "If we put everything together as planned we will have a successful

season." Plymouth does boast a nucleus of solid players, with Walsh counting on them to either reprise or build on last year's performances.

Four-year varsity player and co-captain Phil Flesch leads the front line and has a chance to set a new school record for points this season.

Kenny Fanelli (thirdyear starter) and returnee Jeremy Cigile also should provide strong offense.

In the midfield will be co-captain Gabe Osorio, who "came on strong at the end of (last) year" along with Tyler Zalewski — moving up the ladder from utility player to one Walsh will count on for "big plays" in 2012.

Returnees on defense are co-captain Chris Jones, a hard worker described by the coach as the "Kris Draper of the team," and second-team all-state defender Shaun Austin.

Charlie Miller is another returning player for the Wildcats.

New to the varsity are freshmen Ben Stover, Connor Koviak and Kyle Robertson. They will have the chance to earn valuable experience.

Moving up from the junior varsity are Phil Avromoski, Conor Browne and Do-Hyung

In goal will be Brad Conley (who likely will see most of the action) and Avery Carr, getting the start in the opener.

Co-captain Tyler Riley and John Halpin round out the roster.

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WHALERS

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1 at 3:50. Forward Stefan Noesen collected a loose puck in front of Sting goalie JP Anderson and drilled it into the top of the net for his 38th of the season.

With 1:48 left in the first, forward Rickard Rakell gave Plymouth a 2-1 lead with a power-play marker.

Rakell one-timed a perfect pass from defenseman Austin Levi (who signed last week with the NHL Carolina Hurricanes) and sent the puck high over Anderson's trapper for a power-play tally.

But the Sting evened things up 2-2 when Brett Thompson drilled a shot past Wedgewood at 1:41 of the second period.

Then came the bad puck luck for the Whal-

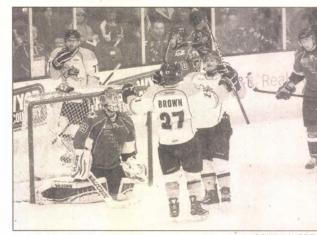
With 14:17 to go, Mitchell Heard's shot bounced off the crossbar. JT Miller and Noesen

each hit goal posts two minutes apart following the midway point of the stanza.

To make matters worse, Rakell was rocked at center ice by an open-ice hit and left the game with an undisclosed injury. He did not return.

Brown does it

Sarnia finally regained the lead at 3:45 of the third. Scoring his 20th of the season was Brown (a Whaler from 2007-10; not Tyler G. Brown, a former Whaler who last year



RENA LAVERTY

Sarnia forward Tyler Brown (No. 27) celebrates after scoring Saturday night against Plymouth goaltender Scott Wedgewood. Brown played from 2007-10 with the Whalers and hails from Westland.

signed with Philadelphia). Brown slid a backhander from the left of Wedgewood into the Plymouth cage.

Two minutes later on the power play, Plymouth defenseman Dario Trutmann blasted a shot off the post and Craig Hottot followed with an unassisted goal at 10:15 for a 4-2 Sarnia edge.

Adding insult to injury, the Sting chipped in two more goals in the final 70 seconds. The first, by Reid Boucher, hit the empty Plymouth net.

Finishing the game's scoring was Brown, tapping the puck in from close range for his 21st.

The two-goal night was especially sweet for Brown, because it came against his old team and in the area he grew up.

"The first game of my OHL career was here and the last (regular season) game's here today and it felt good to get two goals and end it off on a high

note," Brown said. "Hopefully that keeps going for playoffs.

"I still talk to a lot of the guys over there, a few guys have changed over the years but I still have a couple close friends."

One of his former teammates, Levi, said the team would need to quickly turn the page following the disappointing loss.

"We came off a 10-game winning steak," Levi said. "So it's tough to swallow this loss but we're going to bounce back and be ready for playoff time here.'

Had Plymouth earned a win, they would have at least shared the top spot in points in the Western Conference and overall OHL.

Sarnia finished fourth with 75 points and will have the home-ice advantage in its first-round series against Saginaw.

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graduation party at Compuware, It's just going to be a crazy, fun time.

"We're going to have big (cardboard) statues of ourselves with like our different (college) sweat shirts."

According to Anna Genrich, being the latest in a long line of family members is "cool, because the teachers are always like 'Oh, are you related to so and so?"

"People ask me about my uncles or my aunts and even my cousins. It's cool that we're recognized here, I guess.

It's not a case of oneupsmanship, however.

"I don't think of it as a (familial) pressure," she stressed. "I'm just proud to be a part of it."

Chipping in But folks outside the

family circle earned kudos for helping Anna and Jake along the way. Having the chance to

career with the Golden Flashes at Kent State is something Anna credits her coaches at Euro Stars - Peter and Tania Gueorguiev. 'They (Gueorguievs)

continue her gymnastics

disciplined me and they've been helping me with my work ethic," Anna said. "And they just push me to the point where I can self-motivate myself and get me where I'm good enough to get a college scholarship. I owe a lot to them.

"Without them I don't think I could have reached it. They're like my second parents."

For Jake, he has been ably directed during his career by soccer coaches from his youth all the way to those with the Crew Soccer Academy Wolves club team and Salem varsity coach Ed McCarthy.

One of the common themes was to always give maximum effort. Now comes the payoff.

"I was shocked and kind of excited that I get to continue my soccer

career and what I've been doing for 11 years," Jake said. "Showing that my hard work kind of paid off. I'm excited to get the opportunity to play in college."

And believe it or not, there could be more cousins in the PCEP pipeline. Alyssa Dillon is a soccer and basketball player at Plymouth while Jordan Rockov played freshman football at Canton.

But they can stand in line as the family keeps churning out solid student-athletes.

"We're pretty blessed that we have such an athletic family," Jake said. "We always are competitive against each other, it just feels really cool to carry on the honor of the

Genrich tradition." Are there any family

secrets to tell? "I think it's kind of (just be) hard-working, never give up," he summarized. 'Like, if we want something we're just going to go for it."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

AAU openings The LaZers AAU Girls

16U Elite Basketball Club has openings for the spring / summer season. Varsity level players are sought for the team. Call Coach Z for information at (734) 286-1009 or e-mail him at zgodadominic@sbcglobal.net.

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 1-8 will receive age-appropriate instruction from 2012 Plymouth varsity baseball coaches and players. Stations will include hitting, pitching, infield, outfield, catching and radar gun readings.

Sessions, in the Plymouth 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@canton-mi.org.

YMCA spring leagues

The Plymouth Family YMCA is accepting registrations for spring co-ed soccer and girls volleyball leagues.

Both leagues run from

April 16 through June 9. There will be one practice and one game each week. The cost is \$84 for program members or \$115 for community members. The registration deadline is March 30.

If interested in participating or coaching your child's team, call the YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

YMCA starts registration

The Plymouth Family YMCA is registering for its instructional clinics.

The focus of these programs will be on fun, exercise and social interaction through sports instruction. Clinics include Tiny Tikes Sports Sampler (ages 3-5), Preschool Basketball (ages 4-5) and Y Pucks (ages 6-

The programs run the weeks of March 6 through April 17. All classes are held in local schools during the week.

For more information. contact the YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or visit www. ymcadetroit.org.

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Age 91, March 16, 2012. Loving wife of the late Alfred. Mother of Angela (Jason) Becktold. Grandmother to Geoffrey, Greyson, Greenlea, Gideon and Gaspar. Cecile was an active member of St. Edith Catholic Church. Memorial gathering Thursday, March 22, 2012 from 6-9PM, with a vigil service at 7PM at Fred Wood Funeral Home, 36100 Five Mile Road (one block East of Levan), Livonia, MI. Mass Saturday, March 24, 2012 10:30AM at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh Road (South of 5 Mile Road), Livonia, MI. Memorials may be made to The Huron Forest Camp Cedar Ridge, 36208 Freedom Road, Farmington, MI 48335. Please share memories at:

Fredwoodfuneralhome.com

CAINCROSS. DENIECE LYNN

Age 53, of New Boston, died March 17, 2012. Born in Lapeer on December 17, 1958, daughter of the late Norma Jean Thomason. Deniece was a Reserve Police Officer with Van Buren Township, and dispatched for Belleville. She was a loving wife and mother who took great pleasure in her family and home. She enjoyed gardening and looking for four leaf clovers. She loved her new "Bumblebee" Camaro. Survived by husband, David, 3 children, Heather (Yacine) Belkadi of Wixom, Cory of Wayne, and Nicole of Canton, 5 grandchildren R.J. and Molly Belkadi, Zane Richter, Haley and Logan Brandess. Visitation will be 1-7 PM Sat., March 24, 2012 at Brown Funeral Home, Belleville,

with a 7 PM Memorial Service. www.davidcbrownfh.com



FARKAS, LESTER R.

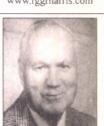
Age 82, formerly of Northville, passed away peacefully in the presence of family on January 5, 2012 in Barrington, IL. Beloved husband of the late Eleanor (Barkiewicz), loving father of the late Leslie (Bryan Fischer) and Drew (Lisa), and beloved grandfather of Alec, Kit, Annabelle and Eli. Lester was a star athlete at Central High School in Flint, MI and a US Army veteran, before graduating with a degree in music (violin) from Eastern Michigan. Lester taught music in the Livonia Public Schools and conducted the Livonia Youth Symphony, with one of his proudest moments being the direction of that orchestra in a performance of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. A Memorial for Lester for local family and friends will be held at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Sunday at 12 p.m. Family will receive visitors from 10:30 a.m. until service. Donations to the Barrington Fine Arts Boosters, at Barrington Fine Arts Department, Barrington High School, 616 W. Main St, Barrington IL, 60010, Attn: Judy Bruce, would be appreciated. Please share a memory of Lester at: www.rggrharris.com.



FISCHER, LESLIE E. (NEE FARKAS)

Age 52, formerly of Northville, passed away peacefully on October 23, 2011 in Waukesha, WI, after a courageous battle with cancer. Beloved wife of Bryan and loving and devoted mother of Alec and Kit. Leslie was the daughter of the late Lester and late Eleanor Farkas, survived by her brother Drew. Leslie was a graduate of Northville High School, attended the Peabody Institute of the John Hopkins University (violin), the University of Michigan (BA History) and Marquette University Law School (JD 1988). She was the champion of the Marquette's 1987 moot court competition and served as an Asst. DA in Rock County, WI. She loved her dogs Fox, Sophie and Teddi and was an active member in the Australian Terrier Club. A Memorial for Leslie for local family and friends will be held at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Sunday at 12 p.m. Family will receive visitors from 10:30 a.m. until service. Donations to HAWS shelter at www.hawspets.org, would be appreciated. Please share a memory of Leslie at:

www.rggrharris.com



HYDE,

Age 87. Husband of the late Ruth. Beloved father of Bonnie (Conrad) Richards & Debbie Hyde. Loving grandfather of Jonathan (Adriana) & Ryan (Charity) & greatgrandfather of Adelaide. Dear brother of June Fisher. Services were at Charles Step Funeral Home, Redford. Interment Christian Memorial Cemetery. Condolences to CharlesStepFuneralHome.com

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Age 88, March 20, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Raymond. Dear mother of Richard (Nanette), Kathleen (Karl) Neumaier, Denise (Ron) Muir, Michael (Donna) and the late Thomas (the late Sharron). Grandmother of 12. Great-grandmother of 20. Greatgreat-grandmother of two. Sisterin-law of Dorothy LeVasseur, Frances Markgraff and Josephine Risch. Doris was a longtime volunteer at Garden City Hospital. Visitation Thursday 1-9pm, with an evening Rosary at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill). In state Friday 9am until 10am Mass at St. Dunstan Catholic Church, 1515 Belton (2 blocks west of Inkster, 2 blocks south of Ford Rd.)

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ABDON JOSEPH Passed into God's hands March

SEVONTY,

11, 2012. He was born July 30, 1910, in Pierz, MN, into a large, hardworking farming family of 13 children. At 16, the entire family moved to Michigan where he began a long career in the automobile industry, culminating in his retirement at 60 from Chrysler, after 40 yrs. He was a man of great moral character, strong faith in God, and a tremendous father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was my role model, both as a child and as an adult. His legacy to his family is beyond measure. With deepest love, respect, and appreciation, we say "thank you." You are home. Your deeds speak volumes to the kind of man you were. Abdon is survived by his beloved daughter Janet B. Korte; two loving grandsons Jeremy and James Korte; four dear great-grandchildren Jonathon, Jordan, Joshua and Jamie; and two dear sisters Clarice Wamsganz and Margaret Danko. Abdon is preceeded in death by his beloved wife Simone Sevonty and loving son Robert Sevonty. Visitation Friday, March 23, 2012, 2-8 PM, with a Rosary at 7PM at John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd. (btwn. Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill). In state Saturday 9am until The Mass of Christian Burial 9:30 AM at St. Mel Catholic Church, 7506 Inkster (just north of Warren), Dearborn Heights, MI. www.SanteiuFuneralHome.com

VINCENT, **CAROLINE "KELLEY"**

Of Gregory, MI, age 66, died March 19, 2012. Funeral Friday, March 23 at 11:00am at Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea. Visitation Thursday 2-4 & 6-8pm. www.mitchellfuneral.com



Two-year search

Dostert

for priest ends for church

The Rev. Manisha Dostert has been named as priest-incharge of Advent Episcopal Church, ending a nearly two-year search for a new priest.

"I am excited and a little terrified that God has called me to Advent," she said. "But we will find our mission and where we'll be called to do that."

The church, located at 3325 Middlebelt in West Bloomfield, draws worshippers from Farmington Hills and the Birmingham-Bloomfield areas, as well as other communities.

Dostert, who is married and has a son, will focus on children, youth and youth-adult programs as well as adult faith and pastoral care.

A graduate of both Penn State University and Duke University, Dostert was ordained in 2002 and previously spent six years at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Troy.

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ENTERTAINMENT







Theater is a family affair for three Livonia sisters

By Sharon Dargay O&E Staff Writer

Christie Facione of Livonia savs she's "one proud Drama-Mama."

Three of her daughters auditioned for Motor City Youth Theatre's (MCYT) upcoming musical, Annie Jr. and all of them landed roles - including the lead.

Brianna, 14, a ninth grader at Franklin High School, plays Grace Farrell, Daddy Warbuck's secretary; Alyssa, 11, a sixth grader at Cooper Upper Elementary, is Annie; and Sophia, 8, a second grader at Grant Elementary School, plays an orphan named Punky.

All three have taken workshops at MCYT and the two older sisters have performed on stage. Punky is Sophia's first role.

"When we stumbled across the summer workshop four years ago we had finally found a youth summer theater program that we could afford and get all the kids involved in," said Christie Facione, crediting MCYT founder and director, Nancy Florkowski, for the pro-

Showing

February

25 & 26

March



Brianna Facione, center, works through a scene from "Annie Jr." with other actors on the Motor City Youth Theatre stage in Livonia.



Alyssa Facione (right) portrays Annie in "Annie Jr." That's her sister, Sophia (far left) along with Lauen Coin and Natalie Wilson, both of Livonia.

gram's success. "She is so patient and loving to all the children, I knew in an instant we found one of the best kept secrets

in Livonia - the MCYT group.

"I think theater is something that children can use in every aspect of

"ANNIE JR."

What: Motor City Youth Theater presents the musical, "Annie Jr." When: 7 p.m. March 23-24, and 30-31; 2 p.m. March 25 and April 1 Where: Grantland Street Playhouse, 27555 Grantland, west of Inkster Road, south of I-96, Livonia Tickets: \$10, all seats

reserved Contact: (313) 535-8962



Megan Troost (left) of Livonia, Jesse Williams III of Redford, and Chloe L'Ecuyer of Dearborn rehearse a scene from "Annie Jr."



Alyssa Facione takes on her first lead role in Motor City Youth Theatre's production of "Annie Jr."

their lives even if they do not go into acting. It has helped build confidence, good character and team building. It has been a great experience to see

all the kids work together and grow into wonderful actors."

"It's great. It's really rewarding and they like it so much," noted their dad, Russ Facione. who coaches daughters Sophia, Alyssa and her twin, Bella, in softball for the Hurricanes team, part of Devonaire Softball League.

All four sisters have taken workshops at MCYT, although Bella is more involved in athletics. The three others say there's no rivalry between them. They've never auditioned for the same roles.

Supportive sisters

"It has been a lot of fun being with my sisters and being able to share the experience with both of them. We all can help each other in some way," Brianna said, adding that seeing Alyssa in the lead role has been rewarding. "I love it because she put so much time into it and it shows so much with all the practicing she has done. I was so excited for her and she's been that same way for me all the way through it."

Brianna has logged 13-14 plays and is juggling rehearsals for High School Musical, which goes on stage in late April at Franklin, and Annie Jr at MCYT.

"There really isn't any

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Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, through April 13 Location: In the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills Details: Unique, edgy paper dress creations made of entirely recycled materials by artist Matt Richmond. Richmond's materials vary from plastic Kroger bags to Target holiday wrapping paper. The exhibit also features a wide array of fashion images by various photographers, starring Richmond's designs

Contact: (248) 473-1856

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays Location: 5200 Woodward, Detroit

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

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Through March

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: Anarchy of the Line; Drawing Comes of Age features works by 14 artists

Coming up: All-media, juried show from the Ann Arbor Women Artists runs April 6-21, with an artist reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 6

Contact: (248) 344-0497 or e-mail to arthouseoffice@ northvillearts.org

UNIVERSITY OF MICHI-GAN

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



Susan Tobocman will sing at Jazz @ The Elks March 27 in Plymouth.

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

Comedy

COMEDY JAM

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 24 Location: Michigan Firehouse Museum, 110 W. Cross, Ypsilanti

Details: Fifth annual jam features Rex Havens in his one-man comedy, "Bidding You A fond I Do" and benefits the museum. Tickets are \$25 for general seating and \$35 for premium seating Contact: (734) 547-0663

GO COMEDY! Time/Date: Various show

times Wednesdays through Sundays

Location: 261 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale

Details: Improv most nights. Open mic/jam session show for improvisers is 10 p.m. Wednesdays

Contact: (248) 327-0575; gocomedy.net

JD'S HOUSE OF COMEDY

Time/Date: Various show

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Matt Boonstra, an artist with work on exhibit at Northville Art House, created "Drill Bit" with used motor oil and charcoal on paper.

times Wednesday-Saturday evenings

Location: 25333 W. 12 Mile. inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield

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Road, Livonia Details: Horace HB Smith. March 21-24; Dave Landau,

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www.kickerscomplex.com **MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE**

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Location: 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak

Contact: (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

REDFORD THEATRE Time/Date: 9 p.m. Friday,

April 13 Location: Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser, Detroit

Details: Kevin Smith and Jason Mewes, popular for their roles as Jay and Silent Bob in "Clerks," "Mallrats,"

"Dogma," "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back," and "Clerks 2," will perform live, recording their comedy podcast "Jay and Silent Bob Get Old." Presented by The Crofoot, tickets are \$45, \$25, and \$20

Contact: www.thecrofood. com or www.redfordtheatre.com

Dance

CONTRA DANCE

Time/Date: Beginner instruction at 12:30 p.m.; dance starts at 1 p.m., Sunday, April 22

Location: American Legion Hall, 31775 Grand River Ave., Farmington

Details: Farmington Contra Dance; cost is \$10, \$5 for students, with all proceeds benefitting a charity

Contact: American Legion at (248) 478-9174

MOON DUSTERS

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday; dance les-.sons 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



Irina Mishura performs at OperaFest Friday, March 23 in Beverly Hills.

Film

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 23-24, 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 25 and 7 p.m. Thursday, March 29 Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "The Iron Lady,"

Coming up: "We Bought a Zoo," 7 p.m. Friday, March 30, 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 31 and April 1; "Joyful Noise," 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 6-7; and "The Artist," 7 p.m. and 9:10 p.m: Friday-Saturday, April 13-14 and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 15

Thursday classics: "Pride of the Yankees," April 5; "Field of Dreams," April 12; "Bull Durham," April 19; and "For the Love of the Game," April 26. Box office opens at 6:30 p.m., with screenings at 7 p.m. All

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REDFORD THEATRE Time/Date: 8 p.m. March

30 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. March 31 Location: 17360 Lahser, just north of Grand River Ave.,

in Detroit **Details:** Shirley Temple's "The Little Colonel," and "The Poor Little Rich Girl,"

tickets \$5 Coming up: Mary Pickford in "Suds," a silent film accompanied live by Dave

Calendine" 7 p.m. Saturday,

April 21; tickets \$12 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under

Contact: (313) 537-2560

Museums

CHARLES H. WRIGHT

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 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

Contact: (313) 494-5800

April 1

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

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

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 story of the site's excavation, which was initiated by the University of Michigan in the 1920s and 1930s

Contact: www.lsa.umich. edu/kelsey; (734) 764-9304

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other way I'd want to spend my time. I love it so much. I've tried a lot of other things before and nothing was the same as theater. As soon as I found it I was hooked. And I've stayed. I've been there (MCYT) for four years.'

Landing the lead

Alyssa got her start at MCYT playing a flower in Alice in Wonderiana. Since then she has appeared in several MCYT productions in both speaking and ensem-

ble roles. She knew all of the song lyrics to Annie Jr., Annie, the original and longer version is among her favorite plays — but didn't anticipate winning the lead role.

"The director, Nancy, kept making me sing this song. I had to sing Maybe a lot of times," she said, recalling auditions. "I never really sang by myself before or any-

> thing. "It's a big step from where I was at. It's really fun being the character. She's so determined and I love it."

Sophia, who said her first audition was a little nerve-wracking, is happy her sisters are involved in the play.

"I think it's very supportive and it makes me feel safer," she said.

All three sisters hope the audience will leave the theater this weekend smil-

ing and feeling uplifted.
"I think in the story line of Annie, there's one of the best lessons," Brianna said. "She goes to live with a billionaire and he realizes that even though he has money, that if he doesn't have someone to share it with, he can't be happy. That's a lesson some people forget, espe-

cially today. "I think this production does a good job of conveying it."

Learn how to audition for musicals

Toni Babineau. whose professional theater experience includes leading roles on national tours and Off Broadway, will lead a series of master classes, "Auditioning for the Musical

Theater Workshop,' next month for Two Muses Theatre. Two Muses Theatre was

founded by two Farmington Hills-based actresses and stages its shows in West Bloomfield. The workshop will run 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 7, 14, 21 and 28. Saturday in April at the Barnes & Noble Booksellers Two Muses Theatre Space, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, south of Maple, West Bloomfield. Enter the bookstore, and the theatre is on the left.

Babineau has performed the role of Audrey in The Little Shop of Horrors at the Orpheum Theatre in New York, and portrayed Peron's mistress in the national tour of Evita, and numerous other regional and local

The workshop will offer participants guidance in music selection and inter-



Toni Babineau

cises and critiques of individual performances. Particular attention will be given to the unique qualities of the performer, with song suggestions for future auditions.

pretation, and will

include vocal exer-

"It's simply not enough to have a good voice," Babineau said. "The key to successful auditioning is finding a way to differentiate yourself from the other performers in a positive and intelligent way directors look for those performers that bring a unique quality to the production.'

Diane Hill, co-founder of Two Muses Theatre, considers the theatre lucky to have Babineau.

"She's very humble about her experience. We are so proud and grateful to be working with her."

Interested adult performers and teens, age 14 and up, can register online at www.twomusestheatre.org or call (248) 850-9919. Cost is \$30 per session or sign up in advance for all four for a discounted price of \$100 for the series.

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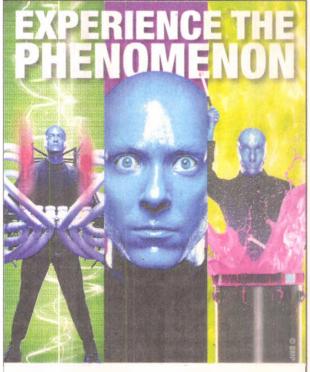
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It's time to spring clean the spice cabinet

Spring cleaning kitchen cabinets and drawers this month?

Don't forget to check your spice collection for any outdated products.

Spice Islands offers these tips to help you assess and maintain freshness:

1. To determine if your spices are fresh, check the color. Green, leafy herbs will fade as they age. Red spices such as paprika, red pepper and chili powder will turn brown in color; so make sure your spices and herbs are still bright and radiant for the fullest flavor potential.

2. Take one of your ground spices and place a small amount of it in your palm and gently rub with your thumb to check the aroma. The aroma should be rich, full and immediate. If not, it probably lost potency. For whole spices, break or crush to release their full fragrance. Then scrape with a knife or grater to determine freshness.

3. If you're in doubt about the freshness, throw them out. Herbs and spices are some of the least expensive ingredients in any entree. If you question their freshness, it's worth it to replace them.

4. To keep spices and herbs fresh store them in cool, dry surroundings, away from direct light, heat or humidity. Keep them in airtight glass jars and close tightly after

5. Don't shake over a boiling pot. Moisture from steam may diminish the potency of spices or herbs remaining in the jar. Instead, pour a small amount into your hand and then add to dishes.

After you've cleaned and replenished your spice cabinet, try the rejuvenating spring recipe, Lemon Pepper Garbanzo Salad, along with Cracked Black Pepper Burger, Picnic Potato Salad, and Hibachi Beef Kabobs, all perfect for a perennial spring event major league baseball's opening day:

Cracked Black Pepper Burger

- 1 pound lean ground beef 1 tablespoon pepper, black
- 4 hamburger buns
- Sliced tomatoes, onions and lettuce, as desired

Blue cheese burger topping or horseradish burger topping

Form ground beef into 4 burgers. Sprinkle black pepper over both sides of the burgers, gently pressing in. Grill burgers over medium-heat for 10 to 12 minutes, turning once, until cooked to desired doneness. Place burgers on hamburger bun, top with tomato, onions and lettuce as desired. Add blue cheese or horseradish burger topping.

Lemon Pepper Garbanzo Salad

This low-fat, colorful salad is the perfect accompaniment to grilled chicken, steak or burgers

1 can (15 ounces) garbanzo beans — also known as chick peas

1 cup canned reduced sodium black beans, rinsed and drained

½ cup celery, diagonally cut in 1/4-inch slices 1 cup red bell pepper, finely

chopped 1 cup green bell pepper, finely

½ cup red onion, finely chopped

2 tablespoons cilantro 2 teaspoons Spice Islands Lemon

Pepper Seasoning 1/2 teaspoon garlic, minced

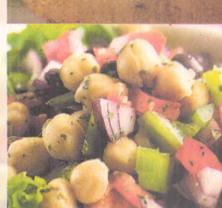
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar

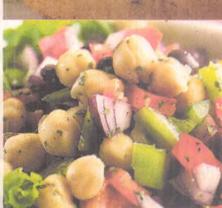
2 tablespoons lime juice

1-1/2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

Combine beans, celery, peppers and red onion in a large serving bowl. Mix cilantro, lemon pepper seasoning, garlic, cumin, vinegar, lime juice and olive oil in a separate bowl. Pour over bean and pepper mixture; stir to thoroughly combine. Cover; chill a minimum of 1 hour to blend flavors.







Picnic Potato Salad

- 2 pounds russet potatoes (about 6 medium)
- 1-1/4 cups mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon prepared yellow mustard 1 tablespoon Spice Islands Steak Seasoning,
- 1 cup thinly sliced celery 1/4 cup finely chopped onion

4 eggs, hard boiled, peeled and coarsely chopped Peel and quarter potatoes. Place potatoes in a large saucepan; add water to cover and bring to a boil. Simmer, uncovered, 12 to 15 minutes, or until potatoes are just tender. Drain, cool, and cut potatoes into 1/2-inch cubes. Combine mayonnaise, mustard, spicy steak seasoning, celery, onions and eggs in a large bowl. Add potatoes to mayonnaise mixture; stir to coat. Cover and chill for 6 to 24 hours.

Recipe note: New red potatoes may be substituted for russet potatoes. Add more Spicy Steak seasoning to your taste, or for a mild version, replace with Spice Islands Steak Seasoning.

Hibachi Beef Kabobs

- 1-1/4 pounds boneless beef top sirloin steak, 1-
- 2 small colored bell peppers, cut into 1-1/2-inch
- 2 small yellow squash, cut into 1/2-inch thick slices
- 4 ounces mushrooms
- 4 green onions, cut in 2-inch pieces
- 2 teaspoons sesame seeds Marinade:
- 1/4 cup corn oil
- 1/4 cup rice vinegar
- 2 tablespoons frozen orange juice concentrate,
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 3/4 teaspoon Chinese five spice 3/4 teaspoon pepper, black medium grind

Trim fat from steak; cut into 1 to 1-1/2-inch pieces. Combine marinade ingredients in resealable plastic bag; add beef, turning to coat. Marinate in refrigerator 2 to 24 hours, turning occasionally. Remove beef from marinade; discard marinade. Alternately thread beef and vegetables onto four 12-inch skewers or eight 8-inch skewers. Grill over medium coals 8 to 11 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness. Sprinkle with sesame seed before serving.

Recipe note: To broil, place kabobs on rack in broiler pan so kabobs are 3 to 4 inches from heat. Broil 8 to 10 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness.

Fresh springtime sautés

Spring brings warming weather, more sunshine - and juicy vegetables. It's the perfect time of year to incorporate garden-fresh favorites into your mealtime repertoire. Whether it's peppers, onions, mushrooms or tomatoes that suit your springtime fancy, try combining them with your favorite protein, like pork, in a sizzling, simple saute. Because pork chops are so easy to work with, they're the perfect companions for fresh vegetables. You can cut and cook them up fresh, or repurpose leftover chops in many delicious sautes.

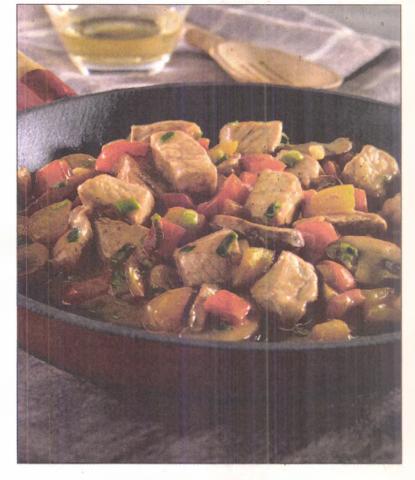
If you're looking to spice up your saute skills, follow these simple tips:

• Keep It Uniform: The high heat of a saute pan causes meats and vegetables to cook quickly. In order for items to cook evenly, it is important to cut and slice items in a uniform

• Keep It Juicy: Use tongs or a spatula instead of a fork when placing pieces in the pan or when turning. Piercing meat with a fork allows juices to escape.

• Keep It Uncovered: Cook in an uncovered skillet over medium-high heat, turning occasionally.

For more inspiration, tips and sizzling chop recipes to enjoy all year long, visit www.Pork-BeInspired.com, "Like" the National Pork Board on www. Facebook.com/PorkBeInspired, follow them on Twitter @allaboutpork, and "Circle" them on Google+.



Italian Pork and Vegetable Saute

Makes: 4 servings Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 12 minutes 2 tablespoons olive oil, divided

1 large red bell pepper, cored and cut into ½-inch dice 10 ounces cremini mushrooms, sliced

3 scallions, white and green parts, thinly sliced

1 pound boneless pork sirloin chops, cut into 1-inch cubes Coarse salt

Freshly ground black pepper 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour

½ cup dry white wine, such as Pinot Grigio, or non-alcoholic varietal grape juice, such as Chardonnay ½ cup water

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in large ovenproof skillet over medium-high heat. Add red pepper and cook, stirring often, until beginning to soften, about 1 minute. Add mushrooms and cook, stirring often, until juices evaporate, about 5 minutes. Stir in scallions and cook until wilted, about 1 minute. Transfer to a

Season pork with ½ teaspoon salt and ¼ teaspoon pepper. Add remaining 1 tablespoon oil to skillet and heat. Add pork and cook, turning occasionally, until browned and meat is slightly pink when pierced to the center with tip of sharp knife, about 5 minutes. Sprinkle with flour and stir with wooden spoon to coat

Add wine and ½ cup water; and bring to a boil, scraping up browned bits in pan with wooden spoon. Return vegetables to pan and cook until sauce is nicely thickened, about 1 minute. Season with salt and pepper. Serve hot.

Serving Suggestions: Serve saute spooned over cooked orzo or corkscrew pasta tossed with green peas and freshly grated Parmesan cheese.

Nutrition per serving (pork and sauté): Calories: 230; fat: 11g; saturated fat: 2g; cholesterol: 55mg; sodium: 55mg; carbohydrate: 8g; protein: 20g

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ter Living Seminars presents Vegetarian **Nutrition and Cooking** school 2-5 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at Metropolitan Adventist Academy, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile, in Plymouth. Participants will learn the latest scientific discoveries from the field of nutrition, how a plant-based diet can reduce risk of diseases, techniques for preparing quick and easy, healthful and nutritionally-balanced meals and why vegetarian eating can make the best waistlinefriendly diet. In addition to cooking demonstrations with recipes and other handouts, cookbooks will be available for purchase. The event includes a vegetarian buffet. Suggested donation is \$15 for individuals and \$20 for couples, payable at the door. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 531-2179 to register.

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Local nonprofits make cut in 'Aprons in Action'

Jewish Family Service's Project Build! program, winner of the January Aprons in Action contest, The Home Depot Foundation's yearlong Facebook voting program, will compete against 10 other monthly winners for \$250,000 in the final round of the contest. Voting began March 1 and runs through March 31 at www.facebook.com/homedepotfoundation. The organization with the most votes at the end of the month will win the \$250,000 grand prize. Organizations with the second and third most votes will receive \$150,000 and \$100,000 from The Home Depot Foundation, respectively.

During the Aprons in Action Contest, which began in April 2011, The Home Depot Foundation's Facebook fans have already helped 11 nonprofit organizations win \$25,000 each to better their communities. In the March 2012 round of the competition, Jewish Family Service is competing against 10 other monthly winners from across the country. Competing finalists include:

 April 2011: Great Falls Children's Receiving Home (Great Falls, Mont.)

• May 2011: Ronald McDonald House of Detroit (Detroit)

• June 2011: Jerusalem House (Atlanta, Ga.)

• July 2011: New Orleans Area Habitat for Humanity (New Orleans, La.)

• August 2011: Northwest Hospital Fdn. (Seattle, Wash.) • September 2011: Taylor VFW Post #4422 (Taylor)

 October 2011: Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans (Wheaton, Ill.)

 November 2011: Utah State Veterans Home (Salt Lake City, • December 2011: Lifebuild-

ers of Detroit (Detroit)

• January 2012: Jewish Family Service of Metropolitan Detroit (West Bloomfield)

• February 2012: Veterans Guest House (Reno, Nev.)

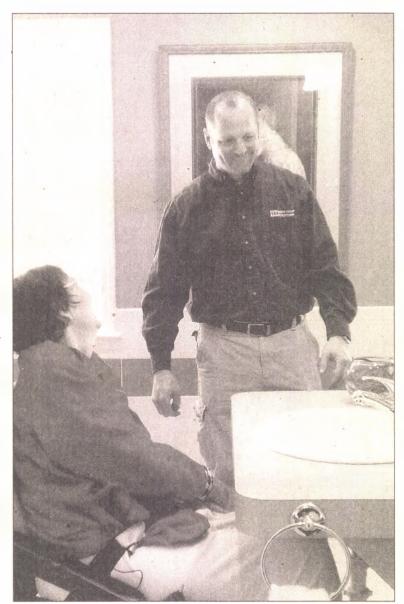
"Winning \$25,000 from The Home Depot during the first round of Aprons in Action was such an honor, and we are so thankful for the recognition," said Perry Ohren, CEO of Jewish Family Service. "If we actually win the grand prize of \$250,000, we would be able to grow this essential program and help hundreds of people in Southeast Michigan live in safe and functional homes for many years to come. So we encourage everyone to go to Facebook and vote for us.'

Working together, Jewish Family Service's Project Build!, The Home Depot Foundation and the local The Home Depot Commerce Township store recently teamed up to complete an extensive home repair. It took seven days over a period of three weeks to replace rotted flooring, paint all of the walls, replace the lighting and oven, and repair the gutters outside. In the end, JFS's Project Build! and The Home Depot turned the client's house into a home.

"Everyone at work tells me how happy and healthy I look these days," said the client. "I tell them that every day I walk into a new home. I'm not worried about things anymore."

Across the country, The Home Depot Associates give back to their communities by volunteering their time and talents with local nonprofit organizations, like Jewish Family Service. The Aprons in Action Program recognizes these successful partnerships and gives each of the featured nonprofits the opportunity to do additional work with Team Depot volunteers to better their commu-

"Aprons in Action is our \$1 million effort to support the most active and engaged nonprofit organizations across the country," said Kelly Caffarelli, president of The Home Depot Foundation.



Jewish Family Service recently renovated a Huntington Woods home. The agency is involved in an effort to win \$250,000 from The Home Depot Foundation, to support its Project Build! program providing home repairs for those in need.

"Through Aprons in Action, we have already distributed \$440,000 to 44 deserving organizations from across the nationwide Team Depot network, allowing them to continue their great work serving our communities.'

Voting runs through March 31 at noon ET. Aprons in Action is on Facebook at www.facebook.com/homede-

\$103,000

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pot or www.facebook.com/ homedepotfoundation.

The final percentages of votes for each nonprofit will be posted on The Home Depot and The Home Depot Foundation's Facebook pages.

For more information and to view the program rules, visit The Home Depot on Facebook or go to www. homedepotfoundation.org.

Website roomies raises issues

By Robert Meisner Guest Columnist

Q: Can you tell me whether the Fair Housing Act applies to roommates picked through a website organization which is becoming an ever-increasing set of circumstances?



Robert Meisner

A: At least based upon a recent decision from the United States Court of Appeals Ninth Circuit,

the anti-

discrimination provisions of the Federal Fair Housing Act do not extend to the selection of roommates. The case at hand involved a website that was operated to help roommates find each other. Two local fair housing organizations sued the website alleging that the website violated the Fair Housing Act by requiring users to disclose their sex, sexual orientation, and familial status and then matching users based on those characteristics. In that case, the court found that their activities did not violate the Fair Housing Act in that finding same would interfere with the constitutional privacy rights of those that share living quarters. The court specifically said that it did not find it unlawful to discriminate in selecting a roommate.

O: I understand that they take American money in Ecuador and I am wondering whether or not there are opportunities to live there cheaper, particularly in Quito, than in other places such as Mexico?

A: In discussing the residential environment in Quito, Ecuador, I am advised that there are many Americans who are moving there because it is relatively cheap and because of the problems in Mexico. Quito is one of the most Americanized cities in South America and the currency is actually the dollar. Since it is about 9,000 feet above sea level, and surrounded by mountains, the temperature is much cooler than other places in Ecuador and many parts of South America. The city is relatively clean and the people take pride in maintaining it as such. You can buy a good condominium in a high end area of Quito, say a two or three bedroom, for around \$300,000 to \$450,000. Again, you are advised to consult with a real estate professional and attorney in the local area, but you may well also be advised to have an attorney from the States overseeing the transaction.

Robert M. Meisner is a lavvyer and author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition, available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping/handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping/handling, Call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@ meisner-associates.com

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21937 Meridian Ln	\$208.	
31130 Seneca Ln	\$125,	000
41709 Steinbeck Gln	\$80,	000
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440 Second St	\$110,	000
23511 Spy Glass HI N	\$289,	
SOUTHFIELD		
21001 Andover Rd	\$80,	000
18519 Autumn Ln	\$145.	
20405 Brookshire St	\$99.	
26717 Franklin Pointe Dr	\$44,	
23337 Grayson Dr	\$26,	000
27730 Larkmoor St	\$75,	000
16256 Mayfair Dr	\$41,	000
28715 Monterey Dr	\$101.	000
21944 Murray Crescent Dr	\$100	000
16400 N Park Dr # 302	\$29,	
30543 Shoreham St	\$126,	
18454 Westover Ave	\$20.	
WHITE LAKE		
9387 Gale Rd	\$160,	000
1919 Howland Blvd	\$170,	000
588 Rumson Ct	\$310,	
8446 Strada Ct	\$135.	
315 Woodsedge Ln	\$225,	

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS **New location, good**

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RE/MAX Classic of Canton office has made the move to its new location at 42078 Ford Road from the previous longterm home at 43435 Joy Road. The new space has allowed the Classic office to expand their Realtor staff and the location is accommodating with close access directly from the I-275 freeway.

"We are up, running and settled in and continue to actively sponsor the Cell Phones for Soldiers program," said Carol Boji, broker/owner. As a supporter for the Cell Phones for Soldiers program, area residents and businesses can now drop off and donate their unused cell phones and accessories at the new Ford Road location Monday through Friday until 6 p.m.

and Saturdays until 5 p.m. "Calling cards are also available to those who have service personnel stationed overseas or in the states upon request," said Boji.

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