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Tell us a little about yourself, include your city of residence, your kids' ages and gender and e-mail it all to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@ hometownlife.com.

EEF auction

Plymouth-Canton's **Educational Excellence** Foundation is running an online auction with a variety of items designed to appeal to everyone, as well as unique items specifically for district families.

In conjunction with the online auction, the EEF is selling tickets for its second annual wine tasting event Friday, April 20. Tickets are \$40 per person and are available on the website (www.pccseef.com) as well as at Busch's, Showroom of Elegance and at the Board of Education, 454 S. Harvey St.

For questions, contact Carole Kody at (734) 416-2718 or carole. kody@pccsmail.net.

Giving hope

Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle hosts its spring educational meeting, featuring Dr. Debra Hollander, medical director of behavioral medicine services for St. John Providence Health System, talking about "The Impact of Stress on Our Bodies and Finding Our Inner Wisdom."

The meeting takes place at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, at the Courthouse Grille, 41661 Plymouth Road in Plymouth. Cost is \$10 per ticket (free to anyone under 21). Light refreshments and wine will be served. RSVP to (734) 495-1200 or email givinghopewgc@ gmail.com.

Songbook salute

Tickets are now on sale for "A Salute to the Great American Songbook," featuring six Las Vegas quality vocalists, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton 8 p.m. Saturday, April 14.

Tickets are priced at \$20 with a \$5 discount for seniors, youth 14 and under and groups of 15 or more. Tickets can be purchased at the Village Theater Box Office, online at cantonvillagetheater.org or by phone at (734) 394-5460.

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Casa de la Habana patrons Mark James (from left), John Lacny, Tom Gibbons, and Ken (Cap)

Smoke signals

Club marks new career for cigar enthusiast

By Matt Jachman **Observer Staff Writer**

Sigmund Freud was supposed to have said that sometimes a cigar is just a cigar, but John Lanier might beg to differ.

For Lanier, who lives in Canton Township, cigars are a personal luxury, an important means of taking time to relax in good company - and a second career. A recently retired executive and cigar smoker for more than 30 years, Lanier is taking over Plymouth's only cigar lounge and club, Casa de la Habana, after buying it March 30 from founder Ismail Houmani.

"I always told Ish I'd like to buy this, when I retire, if he's ever in the market to sell," Lanier said Thursday, sitting in the Green Room on the second floor of his shop. Lanier had met Houmani in the mid-1990s at a cigar store Houmani owned in Canton, and was a charter member when Houmani opened Casa in 2000.

"It's always been kind of a dream for me to buy this," Lanier said.

Casa de la Habana — Lanier is changing the name to Casa Plymouth ---



Casa de la Habana owner John Lanier of Canton said he's been smoking cigars for 30 years.

is a retail store with a large humidor that specializes in high-end cigars, plus a public lounge where cigars smokers can light up and have coffee, pop or iced tea and use wireless Internet access or watch television.

'Our tree house'

Upstairs is the private club, where each of Casa's 45 members has a humidor and where they have use of a kitchenette and a meeting room, and can hang out and smoke with other club members and their guests. On Thursday, a group of

smokers was watching the Detroit Tigers' Opening Day game, in which they defeated the Boston Red Sox, on a big-screen TV.

"It's kind of our tree house," Lanier said of the club. It's "primarily a guy thing," he said, but women will sometimes join the smokers, too.

"It kind of represents a place to get away after a tough day," said Lanier, who visited Casa daily, if he was in town, before retiring from automotive supplier Lear Corp.

With Michigan's two-yearold ban on smoking in most public places, clubs and lounges like Casa are one of the few buildings in which one can smoke a cigar outside of a private home.

"It's a nice place, real nice group of people, very professional," said customer Jim Meadows, who frequents the shop. Club members, he said, tend to be involved in the community and engaging raconteurs. "They're not going to sit in a corner," he said.

Casa, which has a Forest Place address, also features a private patio on its Ann Arbor Trail frontage,

Please see CIGARS, A2

considers boundary options By Brad Kadrich **Observer Staff Writer** Last week, the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education decided it would close Fiegel Elementary School and leave Gallimore Elemen-

Board

Now, the board will have to decide how the boundaries for the remaining 15 elementary schools in the district will be redrawn. To help them make the decision, board members will ask district residents what they think at a public hearing scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at Discovery Mi dle School.

A decision on the new boundaries is e ed to be considered at the board's meeting. 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, also at Disco Middle School.

With the closing of Fiegel, and crowded schools in other parts of the district, ad trators said they tried to come up wit

that had as little disruption as possible "We wanted to move (students), if at a possible, to adjacent schools to create co tiguous boundaries, not having people hop scotch over other people to get to schools,' Assistant Superintendent for Facilities Phil Freeman told the board. "In some cases, we found out that was not possible, (but) we did our best to make sure that didn't happen."

Some, not others

Parents at nine of the district's elementaries might want to pay particular attention. Those schools — Allen, Bird, Eriksson, Fiegel, Gallimore, Hulsing, Isbister, Smith and Tonda — are the only schools whose boundaries are being considered for change under the three options presented this week by the district's administration.

Administrators were sent back to the drawing board after the board decided to keep Gallimore open. The three options they came back with included (detailed maps and the entire presentation are available on the district's website at www.pccs.k12.mi.us):

• Option 2 — Makes minimal changes at Eriksson, but makes significant changes to the Allen, Bird, Smith and Isbister boundaries. The changes, according to Freeman, relieve overcrowding at Bird, Smith and Isbister elementaries. It also makes school boundaries more contiguous and leaves most displaced students at schools closer to their homes.

 Option 3 — Also makes minimal changes at Eriksson, and no changes at all to Field, Bentley, Hoben, Dodson, Workman, Miller, Gallimore or Farrand. Changes are designed, Freeman said, to ease overcrowding at both Smith and Isbister.

Art carts

This option, Freeman pointed out, leaves

Please see BOUNDARY, A5

Reaume challenged, but few signed up for races

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

With barely five weeks until the filing deadline, this year's Plymouth Township election is shaping up — but The four-year terms of

the seven-member Board of Trustees, including the township supervisor, clerk and treasurer, expire at the end of the year, and those interested in retaining office, or joining the board, must file petitions by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15.

So far, only Supervisor Richard Reaume and challenger John Werth, the public safety director in Northville Township, Republicans, have filed petitions, Clerk Joe Bridgman said

Bridgman and Treasur-



Reaume

Werth er Ron Edwards have said they will run again, but haven't filed the paper-

work. And the board's incumbent part-timers — Trustees Steve Mann, Kay Arnold. Michael Kelly and Bob Doroshewitz --- say they haven't completely made up

their minds. Doroshewitz and Kelly, though, say they are leaning toward seeking re-election.

"It has been an interesting and difficult first term, with the decline in tax revenues and the fire department staff reductions being the major focus these past three years," said Kelly in an e-mail. If he does run again and is successful, his second term would likely be his last, said Kelly.

Mann, a former township police officer and supervisor, and Arnold, a 20-year trustee, sound somewhat less certain.

"I don't know at this point whether I'm leaning one way or another," said Mann on Friday. He and Doroshewitz said they would make their decisions by mid-April; Arnold joked she would decide before the May 15 deadline.

Werth, who at recent board meetings has criticized the board's recent

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Passover lessons



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Marit Alsager reads the story of Passover, called the Haggadah. Marit's mother, Judi Fleischaker of Canton, has included Marit in preparing seder foods every year. Congregation Bet Chaverim hosts a practice seder every year to help teach the children about the foods and Passover traditions. For more, please turn to page B7.

CIGARS

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and during the warmer months, smokers relax there while people-watching or listening to concerts in Kellogg Park.

Lanier, who has been smoking cigars for more than 30 years, is passionate when he talks about their production and their flavors, sounding like a coffee-lover enthusing over the perfect espresso or a wine buff talking about an exceptional vin-

"I've been in the factories and seen the tobacco and seen the guys roll the cigars," he said. "There are a lot of really great cigars.'

His personal favorite is the Fuente Opus X, which is made in the Dominican Republic. That country and Nicaragua, he said, produce quality cigars, and Mexico, Cameroon, Honduras, Ecua-



Casa de la Habana store manager Christina Vega enjoys a good cigar.

CORRECTION

Editor Brad Kadrich's column in the April 5 Canton Observer, "Hair today, gone tomorrow for cancer research," should have said that Abigail Stonebrook is a freelance copywriter and social media marketing strategist.



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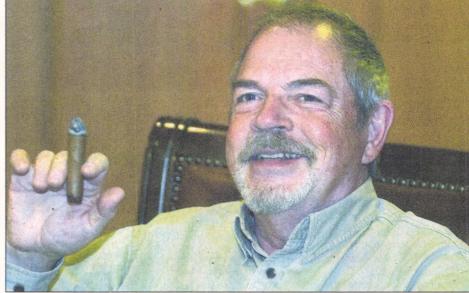
Casa de la Habana manager Christina Vega waits on a customer.

dor and Peru also have good cigar-making operations. Cigars from Cuba are banned in the U.S., but soil and climate conditions in Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic are close to those of Cuba, he said.

A cigar is all tobacco, even the wrapper, with no additives, except for those that are flavored with, for example, whiskey. Smokers generally don't take the smoke into their lungs, as cigarette smokers do, but there are health risks, especially for frequent and longterm cigar smokers.

'Formula that works'

Lanier's shop carries cigars - 90 percent of them high-end, he said and accessories. Many cigar prices are in the \$6 to \$12 range, but Lanier said they can go to \$35 each for the finer cigars. A club membership is



Casa de la Habana patron Tom Gibbons enjoying a cigar.

about \$100 a month.

The store is managed by Christina Vega, who began working in Houmani's Canton shop while still in high school and has been at Casa since it opened a dozen years ago.

"We're a family here," said Vega, herself a cigar smoker. "When people come here, they come to relax."

Lanier, who grew up in Texas but moved his family to Canton in 1994, says

he doesn't plan a lot of big

changes at Casa. "It's a formula that works, so I just want to make it better," he said.

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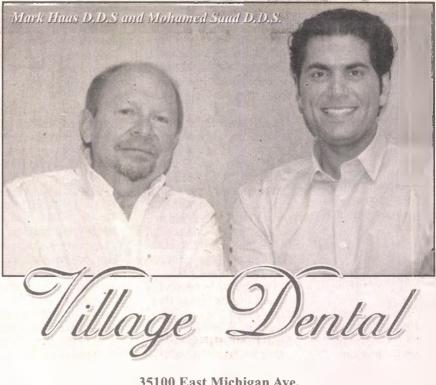
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Bentley goes nuts for math

If you wanted to know anything about math, the halls of Bentley Elementary School in Canton were the place to be as they were overflowing with Math Mania.

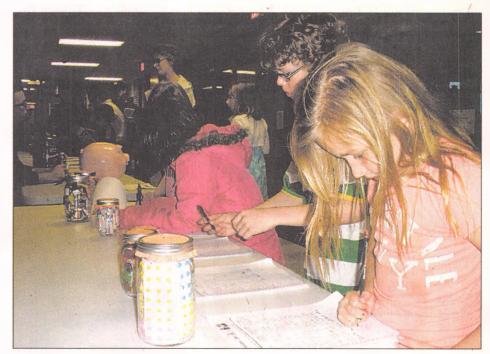
With nearly the entire Bentley family attending, staffers created their own math games and math activities to celebrate math with our families.

"Math is an imperative skill for our students' futures," Bentley teacher Kristi Schwartz said. "We wanted to show children that math can be fun."

Staffers showcased math games from everyday mathematics, including Number Grid Games, Number Top-It, Name That Number, etc. All of the games were working on essential skills for children to know "in a fun and motivating way," Schwartz said.

The school's media specialist read math stories to children. The school also "showcased our new technology, provided to us by our awesome PTO," she added.

The event also featured an "Estimation Station" with more than 15 jars of



Sophia Cervates tries her hand at the Estimation Station during Math Mania night at Bentley Elementary School.

treats for the children to estimate. The closest student won the jar of treats.

Bentley Principal Jerold Meier played "Beat the Principal" with the students.

"The children were so excited that he was challenging students all night, and even after the event was over," Schwartz said.



Bentley friends find out "Bentley Math Mania Night rocks."



Estimation Station drew an enthusiastic line of students at the Bentley Elementary School Math Mania night.

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Valuable volunteer

Dodson Elementary School volunteer Stefanie Trulock (second from left) gets the congratulations of Board of Education Vice President Adrienne Davis (left), Dodson Principal April Quasarano and Dodson Learning Interventionist Bonnie Goodrich upon accept the VIP Award from the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education recently. Said Quasarano: "We all see something and say, 'Someone will take care of that,' but (Trulock) sees it and says, 'I'll take care of that."

Grace College

Carissa Buttermore of Canton was named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2011 semester at Grace College.

Buttermore, the daughter of Cliff and Denise Buttermore, displayed academic excellence in and in doing so has earned the honor of being placed on the Dean's List.

To be eligible for the honor, students must be enrolled full-time and have a grade point average of 3.940 or greater for any given semester and a cumulative grade point average of 3.3 or greater.

Grace College is an evangelical Christian community of higher education located in the historic resort town of Winona Lake, near Warsaw, Ind.

Madonna University

Observer & Eccentric Newspaper-area residents named to Madonna University's Dean's List for superior academ-

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ic achievement during either the spring/summer and or fall 2011 semesters include:

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Folk music sets tone for PCAC fundraiser

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

They call if the Plymouth Community Arts Council, so who better to enlist for support than the community?

That's what executive director Jeff Burda is doing this year for the nonprofit PCAC's annual spring fundraiser, which is Friday, April 27, and Saturday, April 28.

Burda has enlisted members of the arts community - musicians especially - to give PCAC boosters something for their money that weekend. The event has a fundraising goal of \$25,000, higher than in past years, and with performers and an artist donating their services, Burda expects to reach



Maggie and Alex Zakem will take part in a folk 'hootenanny' at the Plymouth Community Arts Council on Saturday, April 28. The couple performs a mix of old and new songs and instrumentals from American and Irish traditional music, including bluegrass and the music of the Appalachians. The event is part of a two-day spring fundraiser for the PCAC.

that mark.

The free fundraiser kickoff will be 6-7:30 p.m. April 27 at the PCAC.

Food and drinks will be served while printmaker

Mike Mullen of Northville Township displays his 1891 letterpress, which he recently purchased and has been restoring, and talks about his craft. Ninety-five copies of a limited-edition print Mullen is preparing, Endless Possibilities, will be available for \$100 each, plus the first five prints in the series of only 100 will be auctioned to the highest bidders (bids are already being taken).

Later, beginning at 8 p.m., Mullen's folk group, the Pairadocs Trio, will perform. Drs. Tom Ditkoff, an orthopedic surgeon, and Jeff London, a child psychiatrist make up the rest of the trio. Tickets are \$25 each.

On April 28, from 7-10 p.m., a folk hootenanny, with musicians Kathy Nieman & Friends, The Folk Laureates, Marty Kohn and Craig Porter and Alex and Maggie Zakem, will be held. Tickets for that show are also \$25; food and drink will

be served both nights. Burda said the event is designed in part to showcase some of the arts programs in which the

PCAC is involved. Another event, planned for this fall, will offer visitors an even wider look at PCAC programs, he said.

The PCAC offers art shows, classes in painting, pottery, music and other arts, has arts summer camps for children, hosts regular BaseLine Folk Society concerts, serves as headquarters for the Michigan Philharmonic and sponsors special events such as the summertime family concerts in Kellogg Park on Wednesdays.

Event tickets can be can be purchased by phone at (734) 416-4278 or in person PCAC office, 774 North Sheldon, at Junction, during business hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Seating is limited for both concerts.

BOUNDARY

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portable classrooms in place at Bird, which would also still have "Art on a Cart." Without expansion of the TAG program, this option would leave four-six

 Option 4 — This option makes the fewest changes. There would be no changes to 11 of the district's 15 remaining schools, and minimal changes at Eriksson. Students who are displaced, Freeman said, would be moved to schools closer to their home. This option leaves

gram at either Gallimore or Hoben, plus four-six classrooms for an expanded TAG program at Dodson.

It also leaves portable classrooms and "Art on a Cart" at both Bird and Smith elementa-

Parents have already started

outh resident Allison Phillips said the plan seems to revert to last year's idea of closing Fiegel, and urged the board not to rush into it.

"This process seems to have gone from an organized plan to chaos," Phillips said. "We'd like to respectfully ask you to do

do what's best for the district, the schools, the teachers, the families and, most of all, the students. Do not disrupt more kids than need to be disrupted ... do not move neighborhoods just to pretty up a map."

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Ex-bookkeeper gets diversion in church embezzlement case

By LeAnne Rogers Observer Staff Writer

A Canton woman will avoid having a criminal record on a charge of embezzling from St. Theodore Catholic Church in Westland, if she completes paying restitution within the next 120 days.

On Wednesday, Wayne **County Circuit Court** Judge James Chylinski allowed Kathleen Galoch, 63, to enter a diversion program. The former parish bookkeeper has repaid about a third of the \$13,169 she was charged with steal-

ing.
"People are furious.



16 of us went to court. We were so surprised we could have fallen out

About

of our seats," said parishioner Loretta LaBerge.

Galoch was charged with embezzling only a fraction of the \$143,000 reported missing from the parish where she had been employed since 1986 to handle bookkeeping and other administrative duties until being laid off early in 2011.

When interviewed as

tion, police said the Rev. Gary Michalik, who had been the St. Theodore parish priest, reported

part of the investiga-

authorizing the bulk of the spending by Galoch. The audit prepared by the Archdiocese of Detroit showed checks written to pay mobile home rental fees, utilities and other expenses for Galoch's adult son, James E. Galoch, and wages for her hus-

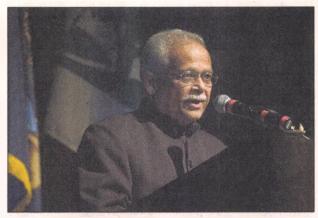
still works for the par-

band, James J. Galoch. Both men had done maintenance-type work at the parish. Personal bills were also paid for their money." Galoch's former daughter in-law, Shannon, who

Parishioners aren't happy that Galoch isn't being held criminally responsible or repaying more of the missing funds, said LaBerge.

"I want to know if the archdiocese insurer will go after her for the money and the IRS (over tax irregularities)," said LaBerge. "I put a call into the priest who will be our new pastor July 1. I think it's imperative for him to call a town hall meeting within two weeks. People will react to this by withholding

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Canton Township Trustee Dr. Syed Taj has officially filed petitions to challenge U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-

Canton trustee files for U.S. House seat

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

U.S. House hopeful Dr. Syed Taj, a Canton Democrat, has officially filed as a candidate for the 11th District seat held since 2003 by U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia.

Taj's campaign announced Monday he filed over 2,000 signatures he and his supporters collected before turning nominating petitions over to the state Bureau of Elections.

The announcement from Taj campaign manager Natalie Mosher came five months after Taj confirmed he would seek election in Michigan's newly redrawn 11th Congressional District and not pursue a new term in his fourth year as the only Democrat on the Canton Township Board of Trustees

Taj recently retired as chief of medicine of Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn, where he worked over 29 years as a doctor. His candidacy comes after Mosher unsuccessfully challenged McCotter in 2010.

"Dr. Taj is picking up where I left off," Mosher said in a statement. "He is a great candidate and a compassionate doctor. With his experience and hard work, I know that

we can win this seat in November."

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McCotter hasn't yet officially announced his

re-election bid. Taj told the Observer earlier this year he believes he can mount an

effective campaign. "This is the year of anti-incumbency," he said, saying voters are tired of what he called the paralysis of "a do-nothing Congress."

Monday's announcement said Taj hopes to use his experience to protect Medicare and Social Security while fighting for new jobs in Michigan.

The new 11th District includes Canton, Livonia, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville, Northville Township, Novi, Novi Town-ship, Farmington, Birmingham, Auburn Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Commerce Township, Highland Township, Lake Angelus, South Lyon, Lyon Township, Milford Village and Township, Troy, Walled Lake, Waterford Township, White Lake Township, Wixom and part of Clawson, Rochester Hills, West Bloomfield and Troy.

Taj's website is www. tajforcongress.com. McCotter's is www. mccotter2012.com.

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The City Commission of the City of Plymouth has scheduled a Public Hearing for Monday, April 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., at the Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

This meeting has been scheduled to hear comments related to the Rezoning application submitted by Grand Sakwa Plymouth, L.L.C. for the rezoning of what is commonly known as 909 N. Sheldon Road from its current I-1 Light Industrial to B-3 General Business

If there are any questions prior to this meeting, please contact the Building Department, or the City Manager at 734-453-1234.

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> Linda Langmesser, CMC City Clerk

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> Linda Langmesser, CMC City Clerk

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Temple hosts health fair

By Darrell Clem . Observer Staff Writer

Marking its 10th year of providing health screenings for people who can't afford to pay, the Hindu Temple of Canton plans to roll out its next health fair 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, April 15.

Jatin Desai, a Hindu Temple board of trustees member who chairs the health care committee. said 300-400 people from across the community typically get help from the event.

The Hindu Temple, on Cherry Hill Road east of Canton Center, hosts the health fair with Oakwood Annapolis Hospital and the Michigan Association of Physicians of Indian Origin.

The fair offers a bloodscreening panel including a complete blood count and a comprehensive analysis of blood sugar, cholesterol, hemoglobin A1C (for diabetes) and a

PSA test to help detect prostate cancer.

Those who plan to have their blood drawn should not eat food after midnight before attending the health fair. Minimum age for the blood test is 18 years.

Desai said those who participate may return 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, April 22, for a physician consultation and to receive a report of their blood screening.

Registration is requested by stopping by The Hindu Temple, 44955 Cherry Hill Road, or by visiting www. thehindutemple.org.

The health fair also will include a blood pressure check, a hearing test and health-related discussions with primary care physicians and specialists such as cardiologists, urologists, OB-GYNs, rheumatologists, podiatrists, endocrinologists, internists, ophthalmologists, dentists, nutritionists, orthopedic surgeons and physical therapists.

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Girl Scout gala

Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan Chief Executive Officer Denise Dalrymple (left) of Plymouth and Troop 43095 were part of the sell-out crowd of 400-plus Girl Scouts supporters at the 4th Annual Cookie Gala held at the Atheneum Suite Hotel in Detroit. The event raised more than \$85,000 for the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan.

COLLEGE SAVINGS

Date/Time: Tuesday, April 17, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plym-

Details: College savings experts from the Michigan Education Trust (MET) will be available to answer questions and help parents, grandparents and others through the process of purchasing a MET contract.

Purchasers will need social security numbers for themselves, the contract beneficiary and any third party named on the contract.

Contact: 1-800-MET-4-KID (1-800-638-4543)

NEW HOPE DINNER Date/Time: Friday, May 18,

Location: Italian American Banquet Center in Livonia **Details: New Hope Center**

for Grief Support hosts a Spring Appreciation Dinner to honor Executive Director Cathy Clough for her dedication and service to the success and history of New Hope Center. Hors d'oeuvres are at 6 p.m., dinner's at 7 p.m., live music from 9-11 p.m. The event features strolling musician trio and live and silent auctions. Celebrity emcee is WDIV traffic reporter Ashlee Baracy.

Contact: New Hope Office at 248-348-0115 or register online at www.NewHope-Center.net

ART EXHIBIT

Date/Time: Through May

Location: Liberty Street Brewing Company, 149 Liberty in Plymouth

Details: David Stanton's artwork will be on view in the "upper hall" gallery. What makes Stanton's painting so engaging? Exhibit organizers said, "They aren't just windows into his own soul, they're invitations for the viewer to open up their own and maybe let their inner child come out and play for a bit."

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layoff of six firefighters and its restructuring of the fire department, and Reaume, who is in his second term as supervisor, both indicated they will soon make formal announcements

"Before I make the official announcement, I want to make sure they're (petition signatures) accepted," Werth said Friday. Werth said he turned in 60 petition signatures and has supporters ready to collect more if needed.

People interested in seeking township office need to turn in to Bridgman's office petition signatures from a minimum of 50, and a maximum of

100, people registered to vote in the township. The number of signatures required is based on the township's population.

Would-be candidates must also file an affidavit of identity. They can file petitions for multiple offices, but must withdraw from all but one race by the withdrawal deadline or all their township candidacies will be considered invalid, Bridgman said.

The deadline for people to drop out of the race without having their names appear on the ballot is 4 p.m. Friday, May 18.

The township primary election is Tuesday, Aug. 7, and the general election is Tuesday, Nov. 6.

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Don't ignore any 1099 forms even in case of bankruptcy

By Rick Bloom **Guest Columnist**

Q: Dear Rick: Last year was very difficult year for me financially. I ended up filing for bankruptcy. I just got done doing my 2011 tax return. I used the free IRS service that you mentioned in your column. My problem is that it turns out that I owe more money to the IRS than I made. I received a number of 1099Cs for the

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debts that were wiped out during my bankruptcy. I'm not sure what I should do. I don't have the money to pay the taxes. My friends have told me don't file the return, ignore it and wait until the IRS contacts

me. I need help. What should I should do? I am desperate. worry. There's no rea-

A: Don't **Money Matters** son to be **Rick Bloom** desper-

ate. Even though you received a 1099C and you have to report the amount, it's not subject to tax. Complete IRS Form 982 and attach that with your tax return. In addition, when you complete that form, you need to check box 1A (discharge of indebtedness in a title 11 case). I know you did not file Chapter 11 bankruptcy, however, that is the box you need to check. In addition, you need to complete line 2 on that form.

Something that always fools individuals is the tax liability when a debt is forgiven. When you have debt forgiven such as a charge card, that amount is taxable. In the past, most banks and credit card companies never issued 1099 forms, now they do. I just saw a recent report from the IRS that said over six million 1099Cs were issued this year alone. In 2010, the number was four mil-

However, just because you receive a 1099C does

not mean it is taxable income. There are a few exceptions where forgiveness of debt is not taxable. The first major exception deals with forgiveness of debt on a mortgage. During the financial crisis, Congress passed legislation that forgave most people of that tax liability. Another exception deals with debts that were discharged during a bankruptcy proceeding. The third major exception deals with individuals who can show that at the time the debt was discharged, their liabilities exceeded their assets. In all of these cases, by completing IRS Form 982 you

avoid any tax liability. As I've mentioned many times, the IRS website offers a wealth of information. If you need a copy of Form 982, visit the IRS' website (irs. gov). For further information, IRS Publication 4681 could be of assistance to you.

Under no circumstances should you ignore a 1099C. Remember, the IRS is also given a copy that will match the copy from the issuer, with your tax return. If that number doesn't appear on your tax return, there are going to be issues. You don't want any issues with the IRS.

There have been all sorts of stories of people who have been issued

1099Cs in error. If you have received a 1099C and it is not correct, contact the issuer to see if they will issue an amended 1099C. If not, you'll have to attach Form 982 or an explanation, to your tax return. Again, under no circumstances should vou ever ignore a 1099C or, in fact, any 1099.

If you're in a situation where you've completed your return and legitimately owe money, but you cannot afford it, under no circumstances should you not file the return. The IRS has all sorts of installment plans. The problem with not filing your return is that not only will you be assessed with interest, but also penalties.

My experience in dealing with the IRS is that if you have a problem, it is much better to contact them and deal with them up front, as opposed to avoiding them. People who avoid the IRS will have lots of sleepless nights and eventually they will get that dreaded letter. Then it will be more difficult and certainly more expensive.

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

Good luck!

Former Tigers pitcher to speak at fundraiser

Former Major League Baseball pitcher Dave Rozema, who played for the Detroit Tigers, will speak at a fundraiser dinner for Lincoln Behavioral Services at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18,

at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. Rozema will be avail-

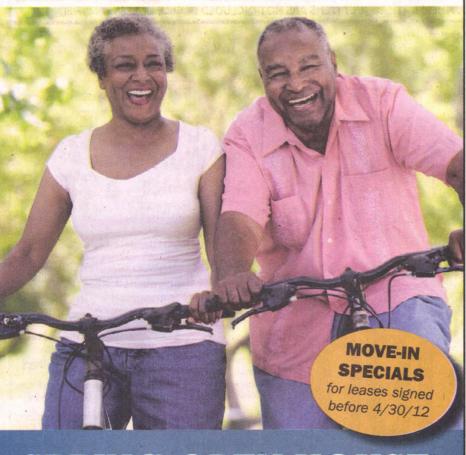
able to sign memorabilia during the silent auction prior to speaking at "Swing Into Spring." The Redford Union

High School Jazz Band will provide the entertainment. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m.

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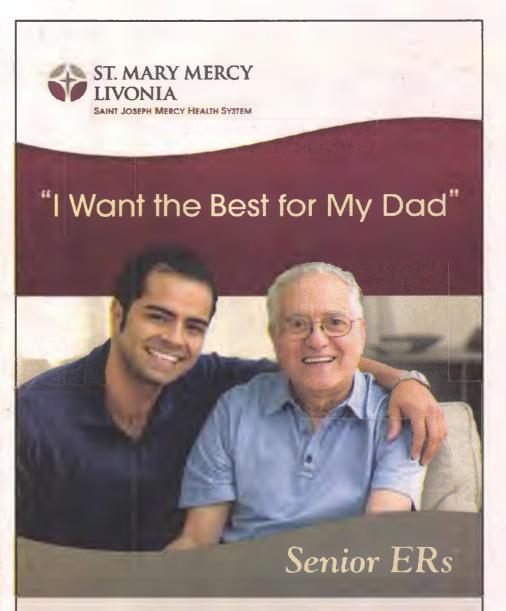
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Bowl-A-Thon helps summer camp for kids

A Bowl-A-Thon will be held Sunday, April 29, at Westland Bowl to help raise the money needed to provide a one-week summer camp experience for abused and neglected children.

The April 29 fund-raising event will help raise public awareness and financial support for Royal Family Kids Camp (RFKC) held July 29 to Aug. 3 at a camp near Fenton, sponsored locally by Detroit First Church of the Nazarene in Northville and Northville Christian Assembly church.

The \$20 per person

charge for the Bowl-A-Thon includes two games of bowling, shoe rental, pizza and soda. Checkin will be at 1:30 p.m. and bowling will begin at 2 p.m. There also will be a silent auction room, door prizes and other opportunities to receive a prize.

Royal Family Kids, Inc. is a concentrated program of recreation, education and affirmation to aid in the process of healing the emotional scars of childhood abuse experienced by children involved in the foster care system in Wayne County.

Royal Family Kids,

Inc. has a proven track record with more than 155 camps scheduled for 2012. More than 80 volunteer staff members from throughout metropolitan Detroit will spend a week to help provide a positive, life-changing summer camp experience for some 48 children ages 7-11. The camp is provided at no cost for the campers who are selected to attend the camp by Wayne County Depart-

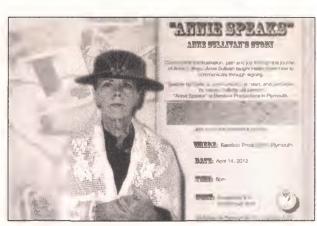
The camp budget is met through fundraisers, such as the bowl-a-thon and from contributions made

ment of Human Services.

by local businesses, from grants, and from other donors who share a concern for this population of children.

Northville Christian Assembly and Detroit First Church of the Nazarene are both a recognized 501(c)3 organization so any contributions made to RFKC are taxdeductible.

Westland Bowl is at 5940 N. Wayne Road between Ford and Warren Road. For more information about the Bowl-A-Thon, contact co-director Bethann Parker at parkette@sbcglobal.net.



Barefoot Productions presents 'Annie Speaks,' a onewoman show detailing the work of Helen Keller's teacher, Annie Sullivan, April 14.

Barefoot brings to the stage one-woman show

Barefoot Productions presents "Annie Speaks" for a limited-engagement, special performance 8 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at the Barefoot theatre space.

"Annie Speaks" is an engaging one-woman show detailing the work of Helen Keller's teacher, Annie Sullivan whose birthday also happens to be April 14.

Barefoot officials said this "delightful blend of humor and drama" stars Dearborn actress Collette Cullen. As a veteran educator herself, the lifechanging work of Annie Sullivan resonates with

For 40 years, Cullen taught special needs students and also served as a supervisor of student teachers for Wayne State University. One highlight of Cullen's inspiring career was teaching in the agrarian village of the poorest region of Georgia, Europe (formerly the Soviet Union). In Tskaltsminda, Cullen worked with first-through sixthgraders in the most dire of learning conditions.

In an effort to continue the language program that she worked with in Georgia, Europe, a portion of the proceeds from "Annie Speaks" will be used to send much needed school supplies to the teacher and students in Tskaltsminda.

Barefoot Productions is located at 240 N. Main Street in downtown Plymouth. Tickets can be purchased by visiting justgobarefoot.com or by calling (734) 582-9688.

'Do Your Part' to prevent underage drinking

Youth violence, traffic crashes, property crime, treatment, and medical aid due to underage alcohol use costs the state of Michigan \$2 billion annually. Underage drinking only happens because adults allow it, because someone over the age of 21 has purchased, provided, or assisted an underage person to obtain alcohol.

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) is encouraging all adults to "Do Your Part" in preventing underage drink-

"Underage drinking is a major public health concern," said Olga Dazzo, Director of the MDCH. "Alcohol is the most commonly used and abused drug among youth in our

state. It's especially troubling since youth who start to drink before age 15 are seven times more likely to experience alcohol problems as adults."

Although strides are being made to reduce underage drinking, the Michigan Youth Risk Behavior Survey indicates that 69 percent of Michigan high school students, 9th-through 12thgrade, reported having at least one drink during their lifetime. For high school senior, the rate is higher at 77 percent. In addition, 35 percent of those high school seniors reported drinking alcohol within the past 30 days.

Recently, MDCH worked with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Adminis-

tration to develop a video that focuses on the fact that adults have a role in preventing underage drinking. Those adults may be parents, siblings or other family members. But it's also beyond family. Coaches, teachers, law enforcement, clergy and retailers can have an impact as well.

Regardless of their roles and identities, adults interact with youth on a regular basis and everyone can help send a clear message that underage drinking is not appropriate. For examples of what individuals can say in their unique roles to discourage underage drinking, "Do Your Part" videos can be found online at www.youtube. . com/michigandch.

MDCH reminds anyone over 21 that it is never OK to purchase or supply alcohol to a minor. Strategies to address youth alcohol use in the community and other information is available at www.michigan.gov/mdch-bsaas.



STOW & GO SELF STORAGE **AUCTION NOTICE**

Pursuant to state law, Notice is hereby giving that a public auction will be held at STOW & GO SELF STORAGE, 41999 ANN ARBOR ROAD, PLYMOUTH, MI on April 21, 2012 at 10:00 am, on past due tenants listed below. The entire contents of the following units will be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder on each individual unit. CASH ONLY! DESCRIPTION IS BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITEMS, MAY OR MAY NOT CONTAIN MORE OR LESS

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It was a 'weird winter' indeed, says local weather man

By Stacy Jenkins Observer Staff Writer

Everyone called it a "weird winter," followed by a freakishly warm and early start to spring.

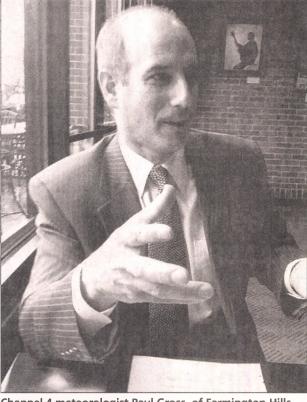
They were certainly right. Temperature records were broken, flowers and trees bloomed more than a month early and southeast Michigan had already experienced four tornadoes before spring even got started.

While most people didn't complain about the string of days in March that brought summer-like temps in the 80s, their brows would furrow as to the "why."

Paul Gross of Farmington Hills, a WDIV-Channel 4 meteorologist, confirms southeast Michigan had unusual weather through the winter and early spring — a phenomenon that has occurred all over the world.

"We (meteorologists from around the globe) are all talking about this," he said. "They're experiencing this kind of warmth in their countries, too."

Gross, who recently attended an international weather forum in Geneva, Switzerland, sat down with the secretary general of the World Meteorological Organization, Michel Jarraud, to discuss the global warming trend. Gross learned that the La Nina years, which are the cooler years, are getting warmer.



Channel 4 meteorologist Paul Gross, of Farmington Hills, confirms we've had a strange winter and an even more unusual early spring.

"It was very striking information to me," said Gross.

This past winter was supposed to be a cooler winter, with average to a bit above-average snowfall, due to the La Nina pattern in the Pacific.

It was a mild winter, indeed, but the pre-spring and first days of spring were record-breaking.

Southeast Michigan had 10 consecutive 70-degree days from March 14-23, breaking the previous record of nine days in April of 1886.

But, the 80-degree days

really grabbed the attention of everyone. March 20-22 were all in the 80s, breaking the record that was set in 2007. The warmest March day ever recorded was Thursday, March 22, when it hit 86 degrees.

"The weather affects everybody. My job is to try to take out some of the surprises that we saw with the heat wave," said Gross. "We saw that coming, but, on the other hand, the entire warm winter was a surprise to all us meteorologists."



Tulips are among the hearty plants that survived a recent hard frost.

So, what happened?

The La Niña pattern normally brings cooler weather down from the north, but this past winter, it was locked in northern Canada by the North Atlantic Oscillation, which, for some reason, remained in a positive phase for most of the winter.

"What caused the North Atlantic Oscillation to remain positive? The answer to that is, I have no idea," said Gross.

He said the warming climate trend did not cause the heat wave, but it may have intensified and prolonged it, he said. "One of the widely accepted and agreed upon theories of climate change is that we will see more heat extremes and fewer cold extremes," he said.

Gross studied the Detroit area's record high and low temperatures in the 1990s and from 2000 to 2010.

"In the 1990s, the record highs outnumbered the record lows by a 3-1 margin," said Gross. "From 2000 to 2010, the record highs outnumbered the record lows by 6-1. That is a clear signal, showing a warm forcing on our climate."

Gross acknowledges that global warming is a debatable topic between scientists and politicians, but, he said there's a consensus among those who study it.

"Ninety-seven percent of the world's climate scientists now agree the proximate cause of this warming is human activity," said Gross.

Common concerns
Some of the common questions or concerns

among local citizens, following the "weird winter" and warm, early spring, are the spring storm season, a hot summer, the health of Michigan's crops and the Great

Lakes lake levels.

Many people think
because it was a mild
winter, we're in store for
an unusually hot summer.

Not true, said Gross.
"There is no correlation
between the type of winter we have and the type of
summer we have;" he said.

And, for those who believe in the Farmers Almanac predictions, he has a few words about that, too.

"The Farmers Almanac is a comic book," he said. "If you really believe there's a way to forecast specific days a year in advance, don't you think we'd be doing it by now?"

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Cook eKitchen stirs love of cooking in young chefs

By Stacy Jenkins Observer Staff Writer

Taima Ezzeddine could be the next Paula Deen, Rachel Ray or Martha Stewart.

At just 9 years old, the foodie is a whiz in the kitchen.

From scrumptious Chocolate Peanut Butter Bites to rich and savory Spinach Stuffed Shells, she's perfectly at ease cooking all by herself.

And, her mother, Colleen McGowan Ezzeddine is fine with that, too.

This pint-sized chef has all the tools she needs, right on her computer screen, as she watches cooking videos — by kids for kids — on Cook eKitchen, a new program offered by Health Alliance Plan.

"This is something that I trust — I have no reservations," said her mom.

Taima, who collects cookbooks and loves to try new recipes — just like her mom — started out with the no-bake Chocolate Peanut Butter Bites.

"They were so good and easy to make. I love peanut butter cups and these were just as good, only healthier," said Taima. "The best part was that they were no-bake. They were a little time-consuming to make, but so totally worth it."

Colleen said they discovered Cook eKitchen after tuning in to the many healthy programs offered by HAP. She took advantage of HAP's partnership with Weight Watchers about five years ago, for example, and the results were nothing short of awe-

"I got down to a healthy (body mass index) and it just changed my life," she said.

The Cook eKitchen reinforces her family's quest for healthy meals and instills healthy habits in her three children.

"I'm just so grateful to HAP," she said. "They have great partnerships and they're always offering free opportunities to learn."

Her family was among the first to try out the Cook eKitchen. Colleen, a busy mother who home schools her children, and also teaches public speaking at Wayne State University, quickly realized that the Cook eKitchen could be a time-saver for her.

"It's easy to get in the habit to plan and prepare meals for your family, but this allows you to get your children involved," she said. "You're giving them such a great skill. It can make a parent's life easier."

Her son Hassan, 7, also enjoys cooking.

"He made pancakes this morning," said Colleen. "My husband is always cooking, and he would always watch his father cook."

Young chefs

Another family, the Lipscombes of Farmington Hills, are making good use of Cook eKitch-

DeAndre Lipscombe, who is HAP's vice president of community outreach, introduced his three sons, DeAndre II, 16, DeAnte, 13, and DeMarius, 11, to it.

"I love that the website is very easy to navigate," he said. "It is colorful and kid-friendly. My sons, especially my 13-year-old DeAnte, love the videos. DeAnte wants to be a chef and watches the Food Network all

the time. Cook eKitchen has been a great way for him to find recipes that are quick and easy make. He loves watching the videos of the chefs preparing the food. I also like that all of the recipes include nutrition information, so it's never a secret what you or your kids are eating."

His sons love to make the cheese quesadillas and the cinnamon muffins.

He also recognizes that Cook eKitchen can help kids make healthy food choices.

"Cook eKitchen is a great resource for working parents who want to make sure that their preteens and teenagers are eating healthy when they are not around to encourage them to make healthy choices," he said.

Healthy focus

HAP encourages families with children ages 8-14 to take advantage of Cook eKitchen's educational and entertaining content to help them cultivate healthy eating habits to last a lifetime.

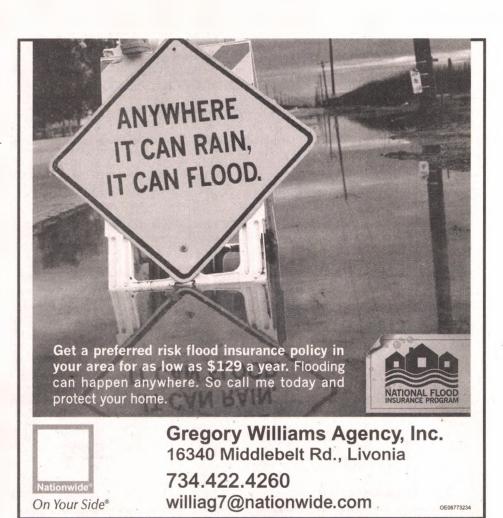
"Childhood obesity is threatening the health and well-being of our communities, and we're excited to introduce this wonderful, engaging resource to our youngest community members," said Terri Kachadurian, director, worksite health and wellness programs.

Cook eKitchen is not only for HAP members, it's free and available to anyone at hap.org/cookekitchen. Launched just over one month ago, the site already has nearly 11,000 page views and more than 1,580 unique visitors.

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DeAnte Lipscombe, 13, of Farmington Hills, is quite good at making cheese quesadillas by following the recipe and how-to video on the Cook eKitchen website.





Rescuers give 'Freeway' second chance

By Sandra Armbruster

Eccentric Staff Writer

"Freeway" blinked his eyes in the bright sun outside the Almost Home Animal Shelter in Southfield. If he was a bit overwhelmed by all the people gathered around to admire him, he certainly didn't show it. And after all he had been through, a few pats on the head might be welcome.

Freeway's story must have started long before Tom Salwoski of Milford and his son, Gage, discovered him running down the Lodge in Detroit, but that's where the story picks up. "I remember it was at mile marker 12," Salwoski said. It was the Saturday of the Autorama Show in February, and Salwoski, who owns a tattoo studio, was headed there for a promotion event with a radio station. Salwoski was in the left lane when, all of a sudden, cars in front of him started breaking and the swerving out of that lane.

"Finally, the very last car swerved (out of the lane), and there was Freeway, running right down the left lane of the Lodge," he said. Salwoski was not about to abandon Freeway. "I literally followed him for about four

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Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, the 17th day of April, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.,

prevailing Eastern Time in the Township Hall located at 9955 Haggerty Road, Plymouth,

Michigan, to consider the adoption of a resolution approving the Brownfield Plan for the

Plymouth Township Brownfield Redevelopment Authority pursuant to Act 381 of the Pub-

The property to which the proposed Brownfield Plan applies is the property located at

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miles. I put my flashers on ... I got a lot of hand gestures (from other drivers)."

A rescuer

Meanwhile, Salwoski called 9-1-1 to let them know what was going on. He said he didn't want to place Freeway in his car, since it was loaded with equipment for the Autorama and because he didn't know what to expect from the dog in terms of temperament. Then, "of all the hundreds of cars driving by," Sue Rudolph, a staff member from Almost Home, was also headed south on the Lodge when she saw Salwoski and the dog.

Maybe the dog would
have been better named

"Miracle.'

They put Freeway in the back of the Rudolph's car, who took him to the shelter.

Veterinary staff soon realized that Freeway was seriously injured. And the miracles started piling up. It turns out Freeway had been shot through and through his trachea. There was no bullet or fragments for police to examine, said Gail Montgomery, founder of the no-kill animal shelter. The Michigan Humane Society is offering a reward for information on the incident, but Southfield Police have no

"Now you wouldn't even know he had a bullet hole on his neck," Salwoski said.

But the story gets even more amazing. Remember that Freeway was running down the Lodge, making it a surprise when the staff learned that the dog's hip was broken.

Animals try to hide their injuries, said Leonard Schwartz of West Bloomfield, who also was admiring Freeway. Schwartza said that hiding an injury is a defense response of an animal.

"He is walking really well now, though we are trying to get him to run a little more," Salwoski said.

Freeway lifted his head, giving Salwoski and Gage both a string of wet kisses.

"The first time, I put out my hand and he sniffed it and licked me," Gage said in amazement. Shelter staff describe the dog as sweet and affec-



Tom Salwoski and his son Gage, 8, enjoy the company of Freeway, so named after Salwoski found the dog running down the Lodge. The dog suffered a bullet hole in his neck.

tionate.

The Salwoskis fostered Freeway, and then as soon as Freeway was eligible, they adopted him for good.

Montgomery estimates that it cost "several thousand" dollars for Freeway's surgery. Meanwhile another dog, Eli, was recovering from surgery in the waiting room at the shelter.

What it boils down to is the need for money to keep the shelter operating with eight full- and part-time employees, and to pay for animal medical care and food. So the shelter is having a fundraiser, Pooch-a-Palooza, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sat-

Mettala Park, 645 Mettala Drive, Wixom. Admission is \$5 for kids and \$7 for adults. The event will include animals up for adoption, vendors, kids activities, Zumba, refreshments, air brush tattoos and prizes.

"Times are really hard," Montgomery said, weariness creeping into her voice. Sometimes, people abandoning their homes due to foreclosure have left their pets tied up and alone.

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Youngsters swap marshmallows for prizes

By Sue Mason Observer Staff Writer

Alexis Alcala had her game plan in place when it came to the 27th annual Wayne County Parks Marshmallow Drop.

"I'm going to run as fast as I can and get some," the 11-year-old Redford resident said.

Alexis and her family - mom Ginny and sisters Celia, 7, Lilli, 5½, and Peiton, 1, along with their grandmother Tracy Kemp of Garden City and aunt Kristina VanSlyke and 10½-month-old daughter Kayla - were among thousands of people who packed the Nankin Mills area of Hines Park in the hunt for marshmallows Friday.

"This is our first year doing this," VanSlyke said. "My sister saw the sign and we're always looking do something with the kids, especially when it's free.'

The adults also had

"We've already told them that if we get separated go to the (lost child) tent," Alcala said.

"I'll be the watcher," Kemp added. "Mimi will be watching them, too."

Mother Nature cooperated, providing blue skies and cool weather for the Marshmallow Drop, and bringing out large crowds. Last year, 5,000 people turned out for the event. At least 3,000 were expected this year.

Eager youngsters were held back until the count of three and then turned lose to gather marshmallows. While only one was needed to get a coloring book and sketch pad, many youngsters filled baskets, their hats and pockets in their hoodies and jackets. And even



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Brandon Bartolucci of Canton found two marshmallows and couldn't resist sampling one.

though they were encouraged to throw them out, some youngsters snacked on them.

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The event, which was duplicated earlier in the morning at Elizabeth Park in Trenton, was divided into three age groups -4 and under, 5to 7-year-olds and 8- to 12-year-olds. Every child got a prize, but those who found special colored marshmallows received an extra one — a filled Easter basket.

The estimate is that 20,000 marshmallows were dropped during the event, which was sponsored by ITC Holdings,

Meijer, Wayne County Community College District, N-Zone Sports and the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights.

"We can't do this without our sponsors. They make this possible, especially this year," said Wayne County Chief **Executive Robert Fica**no, who welcomed the crowds to the park. He also thanked the Detroit Zoological Park, which brought out some of its mascots to mingle with children during the event.

Noah Piontek was too shy to talk, but the 5year-old Redford resident

was ready to "marshmallow." He was there with his father Tim and older brothers Brendan and Joshua.

"I just saw it on the news and decided to do it," Tim Piontek said. "He has a cousin who's gone the past couple of years and said it was a lot of

Shannon Eggleston and Megan McGowan of Taylor skipped the drop in Trenton to attend the one in Hines Park.

"It's easier to get three kids ready by 11 o'clock than 9 o'clock," said Eggleston, who was there with her children Kylie,



8, Travis, 5, and Taya, 17 months.

McGowan was their with her son Landon, 5. This was Eggleston's second year attending the event; McGowan was a

newbie. "I dragged her along," Eggleston said.

The youngsters had a game. Kylie planned on being "right in the front row" when they hollered go. Her brother was thinking the same thing, although his post-drop plan was a stop at the playground.

Under the pavilion, volunteers from the Westland Civitans and Westland Youth Assistance were handing out the coloring books and sketch pads to youngsters.

"I've been doing this since 1990," said Barbara Polich, who served a traffic director, sending strollers to their own line. "It's one of the first things I did as a Civitan. Now I'm here with Youth Assistance. I love it. I enjoy doing this.'

Within an hour of the first drop, the prizes had been given out and the crowds dispersed, except for the playscape, where youngsters took advantage of the nice weather and the chance to play.



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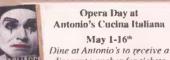
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Abby's road returns to PCA

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

To anybody stopping by to catch a recent Plymouth Christian Academy girls soccer practice, one would be hard-pressed to distinguish the coach from the players.

Abby Lorion, the new PCA coach, wore a T-shirt and shorts to the practice and even kicked the ball around. And Lorion, 23, looks like a high school

"I think they like having a younger coach," Lorion said. "They can relate. But, I'm still in charge.'

She flashed a smile when she made that dec-

Her own youth should help the coach connect with the girls, but so should the fact she is a PCA soccer alum who went on to play two years of college soccer at Concordia.

Lorion played four seasons with the PCA varsity as a forward and midfielder, graduating in 2007.

After Concordia, she went to Michigan State University to finish her bachelor's degree and now is attending graduate school at Eastern Michigan University.

"It's fun, I think I've been having a lot of fun out here," Lorion said. "It's cool to see a lot of the girls I played with, their little sisters are on the (2012) team. So it's kind of cool to see how PCA has graduated generations.'

On the current squad are Jessica Rich and Jenna Abraham, whose older sisters (Melissa, Peggy, respectively) were Lorion's team-

Lorion said she found out about the coaching vacancy from assistant coach Nathan Yates, who also taught her Bible school when she was a

"I am very grateful for the opportunity," she said. "I think it's a very good start for me."

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Returning to lead the team she once played for is new Plymouth Christian girls soccer coach Abby Lorion. The 2007 PCA grad doesn't look any older than the youngsters shown here practicing in the background.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Brendan Swanson, shown diving back to first base in a 2011 game, will be one of the key players for Plymouth this spring.

Wildcats to roll up sleeves

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Write

Teamwork and elbow grease might help get the Plymouth Wildcats to the brink of contention this baseball season.

And a solid group of players could very well push them over the hump.

Third-year head coach Bryan Boyd and assistant coaches Brett Wells and Bill Holbrook are optimistic about how the Wildcats might fare in the competitive KLAA South Division.

"Our coaching staff has worked hard to kind of instill what we want in these guys," Boyd said. "They've all come up through the program and we're real pleased with the results

"In terms of their swings, their defensive prowess on the field, we're just very pleased with where we can go. We got a lot of flexibility, we got a lot of versatility."

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OHL PLAYOFFS

Whalers can't solve goalie

Observer Staff Writer

Nothing came easy for the Plymouth Whalers in their opening playoff series against Guelph. And that's apparently not going to change in

their second-round OHL Western Conference series against Kitchener.

The Whalers pelted Rangers goalie John Gibson with 40 shots, but came up empty in a 2-0 loss Friday night before 3,026 at Compuware

"We played hard, we just got to do a couple things differently, but our effort was there," Plymouth assistant coach Don Elland said. "We played hard, we hit two or three posts. It was a good game. You're not going to win every game, and we can win in their building as easily as they won in ours."

That may be the case. But Plymouth will have to find its offense without top gun Stefan Noesen. (Game 2 is Sunday in Kitchener, with the teams returning to Compuware for the third contest, set for 7 p.m. Tuesday.)

The forward, who led the first-round series

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Mulligan Tour Tin Cup golf

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For more information, visit www.themulligantour.com.



Plymouth's Stephanie Sheridan (No. 16, left) strikes the ball during Wednesday's 1-1 tie against Northville.

Last-second goal ties 'Cats

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

Despite Plymouth giving up the tying goal with seconds remaining Wednesday night against Northville, Wildcats' varsity girls soccer coach Jeff Neschich preferred to take a

glass-half-full outlook.

"It's so early in the season." said Neschich, about the 1-1 tie at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. "It was a good game, both teams are strong.

"Both teams had a lot of chances and it could have been a 5-5 game."

Plymouth's lone goal came in the first half, when Madi Lewis scored on a brilliant individual play.

"Madi picked up a turnover, beat her girl and had a one-onone with the goalie and put it in," Neschich said.

He added that such maneuvers by Lewis could become a nightly occurrence because "her speed is unbelievable."

That goal held up for almost the rest of the game. But the

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Salem kids could be all right

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Youth will be served this spring with Salem's varsity baseball team, with just five of 17 seniors on the roster.

How younger players fare in key roles will determine if the Rocks can improve upon last

BASEBALL year's 8-11 record (6-PREVIEW 10 in the KLAA Cen-

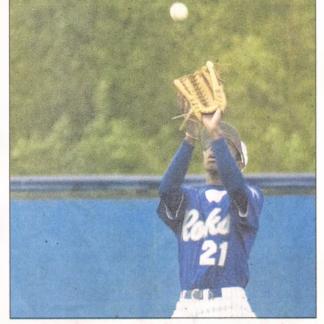
tral, fifth place). Veteran head coach Dale Rumberger will begin to find out when Salem hosts Dexter 3 p.m. Tuesday for a season-opening doublehead-

Three of the Rocks seniors will comprise a good chunk of the pitching staff, namely Scott Theisen, Zack Bird and Andrew Miller.

Also slated to pitch include juniors Jeremy St. Laurent, Austin Silletti, Corey Jose and sophomore Nick March.

All of the pitchers will be throwing to senior catcher Brett Ramirez, who also is an outstanding hitter. The backup catcher spot goes to junior Lucas Salinas.

Around the infield will be Silletti and Bird at



Salem outfielder Demetrius Dunlap, shown from a 2011 game, brings a solid all-around game to the Rocks lineup.

first; juniors Kyle Penn and Derrick Vergolini at second; sophomore Jack Driscoll at shortstop and juniors Aaron Moore and Jose at third.

Salem's other senior, Zak Widlak will play left field along with St. Lau-

In center will be junior Demetrius Dunlap, who showed as a sophomore in 2011 that he has the abil-

ity to run, catch and hit with the best of them. He could enjoy a real breakout season.

The Rocks will have junior Alex Starr and sophomore Justin Svdlowski for duty in right

In an e-mail to the Observer, Rumberger noted that "these are good boys and a good

PCA opens with 5-2 win

Plymouth Christian Academy opened up the season with Tuesday's 5-2 victory at Oakland Christian.

Starting and going four innings for the victory was Daniel Slater, giving up one run and no hits. Pitching the final three innings of the MIAC contest was younger brother Michael Slater.

Leading the PCA offense with two hits was Daniel Jipping, with one each by Daniel Slater, Michael Slater, Ben Cockrum, Josh Fitzpatrick and Trevor Gogo-

Thursday's scheduled home game against Lutheran South was postponed to a later date.

The next game for the Eagles is Monday, April 16 against Melvindale Acad-

HVL 10, BAPTIST PARK 4: On Tuesday, sophomore Ryan Schaffer scattered seven hits and one walk over seven innings to pick up the victory as Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (1-0, 1-0) earned a MIAC Red Division win at Taylor Baptist Park (0-1, 0-1).

Schaffer struck out 11 and helped his own cause going 2-for-4 with a double and RBI. Alex Harris chipped in with two hits, including a triple and three RBI, while Justin Howell went 2-for-4 for the victorious Hawks.

Baptist Park starter Daniel Eubank went five innings allowing five runs on five hits and two



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Pitching depth

Strong pitching will be the catalyst for the Wildcats. Seniors Justin Thompson, Austin Ebeling and junior Brian Schmid will likely be at the top of the rotation.

"All of them have a bulldog mentality on the mound," Boyd said. "All three of them are going to eat innings and all three are intelligent baseball players."

Complementing that right-handed trio will be senior lefties Andrew Page and Chad Schroeder and senior righty Nick Sandberg.

"We have a lot of guys who can throw," Boyd said. "We may not have the top, top level guys in the area. But we got a lot of guys who are smart, a lot of guys who have worked really, really hard to put themselves in a position to pitch for us."

The Wildcats also have big thumpers in the middle of their lineup, such as senior first baseman Tyler Goble and senior catcher Rich Guglielmi.

"Tyler hit two homers (Monday) in a scrimmage against Davison," Boyd said about Goble, who hit .430 last year. "He hits the ball hard all over the field."

And Guglielmi, who is excellent defensively and in handling a pitching staff, is being counted upon to improve offensively.

"He's a big key to our success this year," Boyd said. "He had a fantastic defensive season last year and offensively he's looking to build on last season as well.

"He looks real good right now. He's going to do some good things for us."

Backing up Guglielmi behind the dish will be senior Brandon Congdon and junior Casey Sudz.

Plymouth's offense won't begin and end with Goble and Guglielmi if everything goes according to plan. For example, Boyd said he will try to get Sudz in the lineup somewhere, perhaps in the outfield, when he's not catching.

the 2011 junior varsity team in offensive production and average.

Sparkplugs

Junior Jamarl Eiland, who will play center field and bat in the top third of the lineup, will set the table.



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Letting a pitch fly during a 2011 game is Plymouth's Justin Thompson, who is one of the team's senior returnees.

"Jamarl Eiland is a very good hitter, he has really quick hands," Boyd said. "He can bunt the ball well, he's a smart baserunner. ... We think he's going to do a great job."

Junior shortstop Brendan Swanson will be another big piece of the puzzle.

"Brendan could really hit anywhere in our lineup," Boyd said. "He does a lot of things well with the bat.'

Swanson played second base as a sophomore, but moved over to short to fill a vacancy created by losing last year's starter to graduation.

"He'll do it amply," the coach said. "He's really developing into a good leader, a guy the other guys respect and look to."

At second base will be juniors Brandon Waack and Matt Janke, who are described as "scrappy little players" who will chip in with their fair share of hits.

Over at third base will be the platoon of Schmid and Sandberg, backed up by Congdon.

In the outfield, the only certainty from day to day will be Eiland in center. There are seven others in the mix for playing time in the corner spots.

On days Thompson isn't pitching, he could be out in the outfield.

"Justin's been hitting a ton all spring," Boyd said. with his swing."

Sudz and senior James Willey also can hit the ball hard, while either Waack or Janke often will be in one of the spots (with the other at second base).

Page and junior Matt Carravallah should log playing time in the outfield.

Road test

Plymouth, 23-11 in 2011, will gear up for the tough KLAA South schedule with a week-long road trip to Ohio.

But first, the Wildcats open up the regular season with a doubleheader Monday at Anchor Bay. Then they will swing down to Ohio for games Thursday against Chaminade Julienne and Wyoming (daynight split) and Saturday at Oak Hill, a Cincinnati-area school deemed one of the best baseball programs in that state, Boyd said.

"It's great team bonding," Boyd said about the trek. "We have a really, really special of kids, we feel. We may not be the most talented team in the area, but we feel like we're going to be the best team in the area.

"We're going to play as a team better than anyone in the area. That's our goal, and one of the things is we think we got to get these guys out of town a few days and have them spend some time together."

When Plymouth returns to the Park, it will be for a doubleheader Friday, April 20, against Livonia Churchill.

Then over the following week will be games against Pinckney, Novi and Canton (April 25).

"Our first five games are oing to tell us a ference," Boyd said. "We got to make sure we're ready and that's why we're playing some very good teams in Ohio.

"We'll know what we have by that point."

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WHALERS

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win with seven goals and seven assists, broke his finger in the April 1 clincher over Guelph. A teammate shot the puck and it struck Noesen's finger.

"He's definitely out for this series," Elland said. "But everyone's going to have a chance to step in and pick up his slack, because he's a big loss.

"That's playoff hockey, you can't look back. Everybody has injuries this time of year, you got to deal with

Elland noted that the Whalers did get captain and defenseman Beau Schmitz (Howell) back after he missed the entire Guelph series due to an ankle inju-

According to Schmitz, who said he felt fine physically in his first game in quite a while, the team isn't about to let Noesen's injury and the Game 1 defeat get it down.

"We've had it (adversity) all year, and we're still having it," Schmitz said. "I think we've learned over this year to overcome it and I think we'll come up strong."

Don't let up

PNCBANK

They'll have to figure out

how to solve the 6-3, 212-

heim Ducks prospect who

pound Gibson, an Ana-

improved to 5-0 with a 1.99 goals-against average and .953 save percentage in the playoffs. "We're just going to have

to get traffic in front," Schmitz said. "I mean, the bounces have to go our way eventually. He played a great game, we just got to get traffic, shoot the puck and just keep shooting it."

Plymouth goalie Scott Wedgewood (28 saves) matched Gibson for nearly two periods. But the complexion of the

game changed late in the second, a period in which the Rangers were outshot 17-6 yet came out on top. First, the Whalers rushed

into the Kitchener zone with less than a minute left, and forward Rickard Rakell took a pass from linemate J.T. Miller in the slot and let a dangerous shot go that Gibson somehow deflected.

Kitchener then skated right back down the ice and scored with 27.9 seconds remaining. Center Michael Catanacci set up winger Tobias Rieder below the hash marks and Rieder flipped a shot over Wedgewood's glove.

Gutsy effort

Early in the third, the Whalers had to kill off a two-man disadvantage for 1:45 and nearly gave up a power-play goal.

But officials waved it off after a lengthy review. They ruled that Zach Lorentz, stationed near the left post, batted the puck in with a stick that was above the crossbar.

Kitchener got that lost goal back at the midway point of the period. Catanacci sent a saucer pass from the left wing across the front of the net that forward Ben Thomson dove headfirst to swipe past Wedge-

"Their guy dove, hard work, that's a playoff goal," Elland said. "That's exactly what it's going to take, that kind of effort.'

Meanwhile, the victory tasted sweet for Kitchener defenseman Max Iafrate (Livonia Stevenson). He briefly played for the Whalers at the start of his OHL career before being traded to the Rangers.

"I just try to think it's another game," Iafrate said. "But it feels good to prove the Whalers wrong."

It doesn't hurt knowing Gibson is back between the pipes, either.

"He's probably the best goalie outside the NHL,' Iafrate noted. "I mean, I've heard scouts say that. He probably could be a backup at Anaheim. He's unbelievable.

"And, against a great offensive team, if you maybe make a mistake he bails you out," he addeed. "It happened a couple times (Friday) here."

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All-Area cagers are full-court threats

FIRST TEAM

Jasmine Harris, Sr., G, N. Farmington: Harris is one of North Farmington's alltime greats. She is among a select group of players who scored more than 1,000 career points, finishing with 1,224. A fouryear starter who will play next season at Massachusetts, Harris averaged 16.3 points the past season and 14.6 for her career. The 6foot guard also had nearly nine rebounds, 1.5 steals and 1.1 assists per game as a senior.

"(Her scoring total) truly reflects her talent and consistency, and anytime an individual player achieves such accolades or accomplishments it reflects on the quality of the teammates that she played with for those four years," coach Tim Carruthers said.

"Jasmine has been a pleasure to coach as she has continued to improve as a player and a leader. I know how much the younger players look up to her. What's also impressive is how she carries herself off the floor. She is a leader in the halls and classrooms at NFHS. She will be missed."

Robyn Mack, Sr., G, Canton: The starting point guard's career record of 84-14 with the Chiefs speaks for itself as to the kind of player and winner Mack's been throughout her four-year Canton

Her efforts helped the Chiefs reach the Class A semifinals in 2010 and 2011 and she spearheaded another successful season (16-6) her senior year. Mack averaged 13.1 points, 3.8 assists, 2.8 steals and four rebounds per contest.

Mack earned all-conference honors while being called upon to drastically change her duties from playmaker to top offensive threat for Canton coach Brian Samulski.

"I can say enough good things about Robyn,' Samulski said. "She had a great senior season and an outstanding career at Canton. She took it upon herself to make sure we were competitive in every game that we played this past

"She did it all on the court: scored, defended, rebounded and made her teammates better. She will truly be missed by me and the Canton basketball program.'

Erica Covile, Sr., F, Westland Glenn: The 6-1 senior forward, bound for Temple University, overcame extensive summer knee surgery to average 12.7 points and 6.8 rebounds per game for the KLAA, Kensington Conference and South Division cham-

"Erica was our best overall player," Glenn coach Eric Kovatch said. "She can play all five positions at the high school level.

2011-12 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS BASKETBALL

FIRST TEAM Jasmine Harris, Sr., G. N. Farmington Robyn Mack, Sr., G, Canton Erica Covile, Sr., F, John Glenn Joslyn Massey, Sr., C, John Glenn Andie Anastos, Jr., G. Liv. Ladywood Candice Leatherwood, Soph., G, F.H. Mercy SECOND TEAM

Brijanae Durrough, Soph., G, Thurston ShaKeya Graves, Jr., G, John Glenn Aaron Howell, Jr., G, Farmington Ashley Bland, Soph., G, Wayne Molly Knoph, Sr., G, Liv. Stevenson Sarah Benson, Sr., F, F.H. Mercy THIRD TEAM

Kylie Robb, Soph., G, Plymouth Justice Dean, Sr., G, Garden City Charlesann Roy, Soph., F, Liv. Stevenson Paige Aresco, Jr., G, Canton

Frin Menard, Sr., C. Liv, Churchill **FOURTH TEAM** Kylie Gorski, Sr., F, Liv. Ladywood

Amanda Terrenella, Sr., F, Luth. Westland

Emily Gerulis, Soph., F, Plym. Christian Kiara Schneider, Jr., F, Canton Kairlyn Kendall, Jr., G, N. Farmington Kaira Barnes, Soph., G, John Glenn FIFTH TEAM

Ayanna Buckley, Soph., F, Clarenceville Karen Windle, Jr., G, Plym. Christian Cherrish Willis, Sr., G. Farmington Tiera Parker, Sr., G, F.H. Harrison Jada Woody, Jr., G, Plymouth Katelynn Krause, Sr., G, Salem Aldreanna Fikes, Jr., F, Luth. Westland **COACH OF YEAR**

HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Cecilie Hansen, Franklin: Katelynn Devers, Alexis Smith, Julie Magdowski: Stevenson: Jorden York, Mara Murray, Canton: Rachel Winters Gabby Malec; Plymouth: Shelby Cheston, Alyssa Dillon, Kate Watson; Salem: Bri Berberet, Breanne Beaver; Harrison: Joslyn Wilcox, Kyla Roland; Farmington: Keshia Todd, Maria Peurach; Mercy: Sam Bauer, Allie Gorcyca; North Farmington: Stevie Jones, Holly Snabes, Megan Keller, Jessica Carruthers, Megan Carter, Redford Union: Kim D'Arcangelo; Redford Thurston Taylor Hunt; Garden City: Hillarie Werda, Aleiah Smith, Heather Chiti; Plymouth Christian: Jennifer Malcolm, Jenna Abraham; Lutheran Westland: Hannah Conley, Taylor Wiemer; Huron Valley Lutheran: Julie St. John; Ladywood: Briana Combs, Morgan Chops, Sara Even, Shelby Walsh; Clarenceville: Ashley Murphy; Wayne Memorial: Holland Boertje, Tiara Childers; John Glenn: Kierra Jordan, Abbey Wright.

She was recovering from a knee surgery all season and she never complained. The sky is the limit for her at the next level. She comes from a basketball family and her older brother plays professional basketball in Europe. I expect her to do the same in a few years if she stays healthy."

Joslyn Massey, Sr., C, John Glenn: The 6-1 senior center, who has signed with Purdue, averaged nearly a double-double with 9.5 points and 9.3 rebounds per game for the 20-3 Rockets.

Massey scored 25 points and grabbed 20 rebounds in a win over Livonia Franklin.

"Joslyn is the best female athlete to play for Glenn," Kovatch said of the all-KLAA pick. "She was the hardest working girl on the team, and she was our unquestioned leader on and off the court."

Massey shot 50 percent from the floor (92-for-183) and 72 percent from the line (36-of-50).

"She is a once-in-a-lifetime player to coach in terms of her combination of athleticism, basketball ability and leadership," Kovatch said. "I have already told her that when she becomes a college head coach after her playing days that I want to be an assistant on her staff. Although we were joking around with each other when I said that, I truly believe if she goes into coaching she would be an excellent coach and mentor"

Andie Anastos, Jr., G, Liv. Ladywood: The 5-9 point guard averaged 12.5 points, 6.6 rebounds, 4.5 assists and 2.4 steals per game en route to all-Catholic League honors.

A first-team all-Observer pick a year ago, Anastos led the Blazers to a second straight district crown.

"Andie is one of those special players that has an innate ability to impact a game without scoring a

single point," Ladywood coach Anthony Coratti said. "She is the kind of player that you love to have on your team, but hate to play against because of her ability to see the floor, share the ball and her overall tough and scrappy nature, which allowed her to play way

bigger than her height." Anastos is also a standout hockey player who carries a 3.85 grade-point average.

"Andie has a special skill set and ability to think the game that, coupled with her relentless passion to compete, will be a huge asset to our team next year as I know she will lead us to some special accomplishments," Coratti said.

Candice Leatherwood, Soph., G, Mercy: Only a sophomore, Leatherwood is a two-year starter at point guard and has helped Mercy compile a 33-12 record during that time. She averaged 11 points and led the Marlins with three assists per game. Leatherwood shot just under 80 percent from the free-throw line (82-of-103) and was one of 20 players selected to participate in the BCAM Best Free Throw Shooters contest at Breslin Arena. Leatherwood also averaged three rebounds and was named

to the All-Catholic team. 'Candice followed up an excellent freshman season by continuing to add to her game," coach Gary Morris said. "She makes the right decisions on offense. and she has improved her outside shot. She's an excellent floor leader and an outstanding on-ball

defender." **SECOND TEAM** Brijanae Durrough, Soph., G, Thurston: Durrough was the primary catalyst for the Eagles, both on the offensive and defensive ends of the court. She led the team with a 15.0 scoring average while swiping 2.5

steals per game. Durrough was dangerous from 3-point range

and when she attacked the rim. She also broke down defenses with drive-anddish plays.

Durrough capped her fine sophomore season with fireworks when she poured in 31 points in the Eagles' Class A district semifinal loss to Livonia Stevenson.

ShaKeya Graves, Jr., G, WestlandGlenn: The 5-8 junior guard and all-KLAA selection was Glenn's top point producer this season (277) while averaging 12 points per game.

Graves also hit 193pointers on the year, many from NBA range. She was a 67-percent foul shooter.

"Keya is great with the basketball in her hands," Kovatch said. "In her best game, she scored 31 points against Wayne. She has all the ability in the world, and we are looking for a great senior season from

Aaron Howell, Jr., G, Farmington: Howell's allround ability and talent is reflected by the fact she had 15 double-doubles the past season.

She led the Falcons in scoring with 16.6 points per game, and she also averaged 9.3 rebounds. 3.6 steals and nearly two

The 5-foot-8 junior guard is a three-year starter in basketball, and she's also an all-state high jumper and hurdler in track and

Ashley Bland, Soph., G, Wayne: The sophomore point guard averaged 15.9 points per game while shooting 42 percent from 3-point range and 36 percent from the two-point

Bland also averaged 65.2 percent from the foul line (94-of-144).

"Ashley is a mature, explosive guard who can score as a stand-up shoot-er or off the drive," Wayne coach Leslie Williams said. "She's a floor general who can see the floor from multiple vantage points. She's coachable and a team player with post high school potential."

Molly Knoph, Sr., G, Liv. **Stevenson:** The four-year varsity player and captain averaged 10.7 points, 4.8 assists and 2.5 steals per game for the 16-7 Spar-

The 5-2 Knoph, an all-KLAA selection, also notched 29 3-pointers on the year. "Molly has been a lead-

er on and off the court in her four years of playing Stevenson basketball," coach Jen Knoph said. "She is a terrific role model for younger players. She's tenacious on defense. has great court sense and is confident on the offensive end. She's passionate about the game and I am proud of the young lady she is and the player she

has become. Sarah Benson, Sr., F, Mercy: The 6-foot senior is a versatile player who



Jasmine Harris N. Farmington



Robyn Mack Canton



Erica Covile John Glenn



Joslyn Massey John Glenn



Ladywood



Mercy



B. Durrough **Thurston**



John Glenn



Aaron Howell Farmington



Wayne



Stevenson



Sarah Benson Mercy

played every position but the point, depending on the opponent and the situation. She was the team's coleader in scoring with 11 points a game, and she also averaged five rebounds and three steals. Benson helped lead Mercy to a 15-6 record, runner-up finish in the Catholic League and a consolation victory over Detroit Pershing in an Operation Friendship game.

"Sarah was a three-year varsity player who made steady improvement each year," Morris said. "She took a big step defensively this season and was often matched up against the opposition's leading scorer. She led our team in scoring and steals, and she was a co-leader in rebounding. Sarah had a very good senior season and was selected All-Catholic.'

COACH OF THE YEAR Sandi Wade, Lutheran Westland: The second-year coach guided the Warriors to a 15-



Sandi Wade Coach of Year Our Lady of the Lakes.

9 record and the Class D regional final before losing at three-

time state champion Waterford

"Coming into this season I knew we would be more successful than we were last year," said Wade, who struggled with a 2-19 record her first season. "I had the same starters and a great team of leaders. We had our ups and downs like every team has, but we never dwelled on the loss. We just learned from it and moved onto the new game. One of the struggles we had as a team was playing with confidence." In 2011-12, the War-

riors earned a district title against Plymouth Christian and won its first regional game in school "Once we started win-

ning and playing well, our confidence grew and that was a big part of our success," said Wade, who played four years of basketball at Concordia University and was an assistant coach at both Madonna University (four years) and Plymouth High School (three seasons). "We were successful because the girls believed in each other, our program and in what we did.

played 'Warrior basketball.' We were a close-knit team from the beginning and will cherish these memories from this season for a lifetime."

"As I always put it, we

Salem girls nip Mustangs

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

Every new accomplishment is something Salem's varsity girls lacrosse team puts away in the memory

Case in point, Wednesday night's 10-9 victory over KLAA rival Northville in the Rocks' conference

It took three goals each from sophomores Jenna Carter and Kiersten Valla, along with a couple clutch saves by goaltender Samantha Howe in the final minutes as the Mustangs pressured for the equalizer.

"I thought our players involved each other in everything they were doing on the field," noted Salem head coach Dave Medley. "They spread the field offensively, made good decisions with the ball with



JEFF CARTER

Salem sophomore Kiersten Vala (No. 15), shown from a recent game, scored three goals Wednesday.

some key assist plays and on the defensive front took away the middle lanes on the field."

The victory over Northville was Salem's first in the two years since the combined PCEP team was split into three squads (Canton, Plymouth, Salem).

The see-saw contest saw the Rocks fall behind 7-5 at halftime, rebound to lead 9-7 early in the second half and then hold off the charging Mustangs.

Also scoring for Salem were juniors Lauren Harber, Sarah Bowerman, Bridget Maul and Shannon Fitzpatrick.

Medley credited co-captains Leah Schrauben and Alissa Amell with doing a great job protecting Howe in the defensive zone.

Salem will next square off on April 16 against Dexter and follow that up with games April 18 (Waterford) and April 20 against campus rival Canton.

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Different now

(CP)

In the weeks since taking the job, Lorion's observed that things are much different with the PCA soccer program than just a handful of years ago when she played.

"I think this team; individually there's more talent than when I was here," Lorion said. "We kind of went through the building stage. When I was a freshman we were getting smoked by teams, we were getting mercied by Oakland.

"Then in my second year, we closed that gap and only lost to them by one or maybe tied them. Then for the rest of those years in high school we always beat them."

But in those years, most players did not play on top-notch club teams the rest of the year. She did, however, playing in Northville and later with the Novi Jaguars.

"Almost all of these girls play on a club team," she said, looking out as players such as Rich, Abraham, Emily Gerulis and Abby LeMerise did their running and other drills.

"With this team, we have very strong players, and so it gives me a lot more options to work with," Lorion stressed. "We can try different types of formations, whether to be a defensive team or an attacking team depending on who we're playing.

"Having them be more technical with their feet, overall better players is fun for me."

Not only does Lorion clearly remember what it was like to play high school soccer for PCA, she understands teenagers and their need for mentors. It is why she wants to earn her master's degree in counseling.

"I like to be kind of a mentor to these girls," she said, "because especially in today's world there's so many bad things that go on and girls don't have a lot of older women to look up to that are kind of close to their age.

"My goal is for them to have fun, learn more about the game, to enjoy it as much as I did."

Lorion said it helped her immensely to have a mentor in former PCA teacher Michelle Bahr (Stoller) and she is enthusiastic about being there for her players when they need advice

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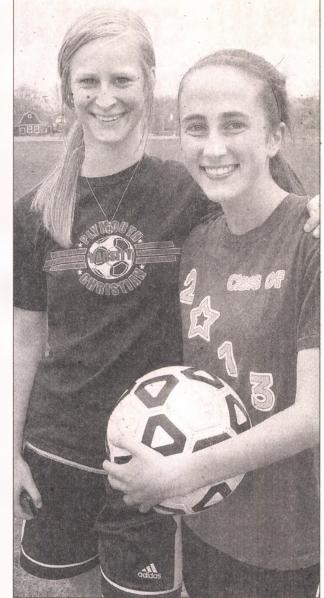
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Mustangs finally put a

ie Kylie Robb just as

time was running out.

shot past Plymouth goal-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Shown are Plymouth Christian girls soccer coach Abby Lorion (left) and team member Jenna Abraham. Abby played soccer with Jenna's sister Peggy Abraham while attending PCA.



about more than perfecting a corner kick.
"I love working with

high school age students, that's my passion," Lorion said. "I thought I was going to teach high school biology, but I don't so much want to be their teacher, an authority. I like being a friend.

"Out on the soccer field, I am their authority, but at the same time it's a different type of relationship. It's not an academic-based relationship.

"You get to see a different side of them, ... you get to spend one-onone time with them."

She figures to have the inside track on connecting with them, too. Abby and her three older siblings (Sarah, Andrea, Bob) attended PCA from

It was a solid kick by

Emily Bush from inside

the goal box that found

the back of the 'Cats

Still, Neschich said

goal again. "She made

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ABBY LORION
PCA SOCCER COACH

did.'

preschool all the way to graduation and played varsity sports.

"We know the ropes more than most people here," she added.

She also knows about soccer — and about how to put the hammer down if she needs to with her not-much-younger players

All she has to do to get their attention is mention anything about running extra laps after practice.

"They don't want to do any extra running, so they make sure they're here on time," said Lorion, sounding more and more like a coach than a buddy.

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The team (1-1-2) now

memorable stops."

will enjoy all of this

week off due to spring

break, resuming play

Westland John Glenn in

a KLAA South Division

Tuesday, April 17 at

matchup.

Plymouth doubles up Canton

Strength in singles play Wednesday lifted Plymouth to a 6-3 victory over Canton in a KLAA South Division girls tennis matchup.

For the Wildcats, senior Lindsay Stemberger set the tone by winning at No. 1 singles over Canton senior Janani Shanmuga, 6-1, 6-4.

Freshman Keerthi Chekuri earned a 6-2, 6-2 win at No. 2 over Canton junior Hannah Ferree and, at No. 4, sophomore Miranda Cerny prevailed 6-3, 6-3 over sophomore Maddison Johnson.

Canton's lone singles win came at No. 3 when senior Haylee Cook earned a 6-3, 6-4 victory over Plymouth junior Kirthi Duraiswamy.

The Chiefs bounced back to take the first two doubles flights. The duo of seniors Sydney Liedel and Erin Fowler came away with a 6-3, 6-4 triumph over Plymouth seniors Sarah Mitchell and Erin MacKenzie.

Also victorious for Canton was the No. 2 doubles tandem of senior Claire Babala and junior Jennifer Ghandour. They bested junior Marlowe Susselman and freshman Sarah Gamble by identical 6-4 scores.

Plymouth swept the



JOHN KEMSK

Plymouth senior Lindsay Stemberger gets set for the return volley from Canton's player at No. 1 singles Wednesday.

final three doubles matches, however.

At No. 3 doubles, seniors Sarah Dillon and Katie Bartek tallied a 6-1, 6-2 win over Canton seniors Kristen Hollingsworth and Emily Erley.

Winning 6-4, 6-3 at No. 4 were seniors Lauren Chipman and Ellie Anderson. They bested Canton seniors Jamie Emens and Kinari Shah.

Then at No. 5, it was Plymouth seniors Carly Curvin and Lindsey Dean by a 6-1, 6-2 count over Canton freshmen Jasmine Henry and Alexis Madau.

On Monday, the Wildcats dropped a 5-4 decision to KLAA South opponent Livonia Churchill.

All of Plymouth's wins came in doubles play, posted by the following: at No. 2, Chipman-Dillon; No. 3, Curvin-Dean; No. 4, Anderson and senior Calley Kiethler.

Lions entice, but Shaw remains a Titan

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

Tim Shaw flirted with wearing the Honolulu Blue and Silver, but the Livonia Clarenceville High grad will wear similar colors as a Tennessee Titan.

The free agent special teams standout and line-backer confirmed Monday morning that he'll sign a three-year contract and stay with his current NFL club in Nashville.

Shaw, who appeared in all 16 Tennessee games last season and tied for the team lead with 15 special teams tackles, had visited the Detroit Lions' facilities in Allen Park prior to making mission trips last month to Costa Rica and Haiti.

Ironically, Shaw's best game as a pro came during the 2009 regular season finale in Detroit at Ford Field when he notched a career-high eight special teams tackles (the most by a Chicago Bears' player since 2004).

"It was so tempting,"
Shaw said of Detroit.
"Probably the only place that would tempt me away from Tennessee.
Just all the things coming with being in my home town and just a lot of good things the Lions have going on ... being close to family and just a lot of opportunities I think that were there for me at home."

But the former Penn State standout decided to



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Former Clarenceville football standout Tim Shaw re-signed for three seasons Monday with the Tennessee Titans.

stay in Nashville where he has development relationships in the community.

"At the end of the day it really just wasn't the right fit for me and the right thing to do," said Shaw, who has logged 64 NFL games in five seasons. "I really love Tennessee and I love where I'm at. And I love where this team is going. It was very enticing to come home, but I really knew I was supposed to stay

here in Tennessee."
The 6-foot-1, 236-pound
Shaw was a fifth-round
draft pick (164th overall) in 2007 by the Carolina Panthers where
he played 14 games his
rookie year.

He's also had stints with Jacksonville (three games in 2008), Chicago (15 games) and the past two seasons in Tennessee (32 games).

"It took longer to negotiate," Shaw said. "Just the whole process of free agency ... but at the end of the day I also knew I've gotten to this point I my career and I needed to explore the options and really see what was out there for me. It was well worth the process.

"It definitely wasn't money and it definitely wasn't a feeling/ It was a combination of things. What I've established here and the comfort level – as far as the respect - and the things was starting to feel here, and being in the position of captain ... just the leadership role I was going to have, and the direction we were going for sure ... the way coach (Mike) Munchak has things going and I really want to play for him ..

"It was just kind of the whole deal."

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Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.

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Celebrating 50 years

Easter, anniversary festivities keep churches busy

> **By Sharon Dargay** O&E Staff Writer

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and St. Matthew's **United Methodist Church** have celebrated Easter for half a century each.

Early risers at St. Matthew's will welcome the Christian holy day with an annual sunrise service, Sunday, April 8, at historic Greenmead in Livonia.

Afterward they'll attend breakfast at the church, where they can mingle with members preparing for the Easter festival service at 10:30

Across town at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. the celebration starts with Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 7. The following day worshippers attend festival services, a brunch prepared by high school students and an egg hunt.

Later this month, both Livonia churches will continue the celebration with 50th anniversary observances.

Holy Trinity will mark its milestone year with a Jubilee Gala Dinner/



The Rey, Linda M. Golden (left) is pastor at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia and the first female chaplain for the Michigan State Police. Associate pastor, the Rev. Michelle Y. Werner, focuses on youth ministry at the church.

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia sends teams to mission projects every year. This team rehabbed homes for Habitat for Humanity in Americus, Ga.,. last year. A group of 18 members will leave this month for a weeklong stay in Joplin, Mo., to rehab homes devastated by tornados last year. The church also serves at Cass Community Social Services and Ronald McDonald House, both in Detroit, and the Baldwin Center in Pontiac.

Dance April 27 at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia, followed by a worship service with guest preacher and former pastor the Rev. Robert Seltz on Sunday, May 20. Former pastors, church and community dignitaries will be invited to the luncheon after the

St. Matthew's will hold its congregation banquet on Nov. 10 and a classic car show on Aug. 5. The congregation is inviting a guest speaker to the worship service on Sunday each month through November. On April 22, Ed Simmons, executive director of Mountain T.O.P., will talk about his mission in Tennessee.

Both churches are

heavily involved in outreach and mission work.

"We're calling it our jubilee year and celebrating all the things we've done in the past and what we're looking to do this year and at what we'll do in the future," said Mary Anne Duluk, jubilee committee chair at St. Matthew's. "We're not just looking back at 50 years. "We're honoring the past, celebrating the present and embracing the future.

"We do a lot of mission work. This year we are trying to do 2012 hours in mission work.'

Duluk and Jan Kirby, who is organizing 20 boxes of historical data and photos for a church timeline, say the congregation likely will reach its goal. "We've got a whole

team going to Joplin, Mo., at the end of the month," Kirby said. "We have a group that goes to Baldwin (Center) in Pontiac once a month to cook for the homeless.'

Many of its 250 families pitch in at Cass United Methodist Church in the Cass Corridor in Detroit. They also support Livonia Cares, in addition to a school in Honduras. Teens volunteer at the Mountain T.O.P. mission every year and the congregation makes 500 sandwiches annually for a feeding program in Detroit.

At Holy Trinity
Laura Kloiber, head of Holy Trinity's anniversary committee, says the 230-family church also practices what it preach-

"We are a missionsbased church and we support a lot of missions around the world," she said. "The emphasis is on helping others as God has asked us to do. We have a strong sense of community in the church."

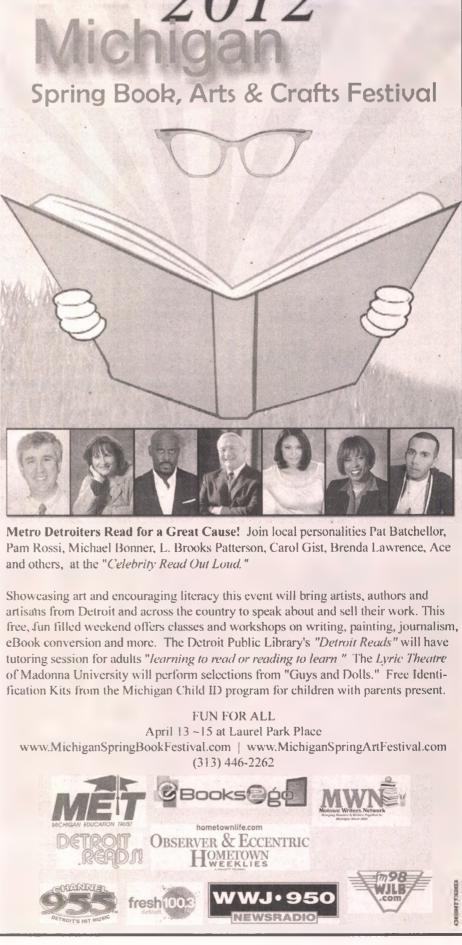
The congregation supports the Coalition On Temporary Shelter and makes 2,000 lunches a year for a Detroitbased hunger program. It sends youth on mission trips every summer and has "adopted" families through Randolph Elementary every Christ-

"They've really grown in their outreach to the community," said the Rev.

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Synagogue youth learn about Passover seder

By Sharon Dargay O&E Staff Writer

Congregation Bet Chaverim's religious school students know their charoset from their maror.

They can tell you why they dip parsley into salt water and what's inside the kiddush cup at their family and synagogue seders this weekend.

None of the foods or traditions of Passover — an eight-day Jewish holiday that began at sundown Friday, April 6 - are likely to trip them up. That's at least in part to a practice seder the children attend a week before the authentic version happens in their homes. "We do it ahead of time for them because it's a long meal and we want them to understand what's expected of them. So we give them an opportunity to have it here where they have more chances to talk out of turn and ask questions," said Ilene Honiss, congregation president. "The foods are special for the holiday and they might not have encountered them before, like gefilte fish and charoset. We want them to have a taste of it so there is no surprise.

'They enjoy the things they recognize and those they don't recognize they'll understand the next time they see it.'

Commemorating freedom

Passover marks the freedom of the ancient Israelites from slavery in Egypt. According to the biblical book of Exodus, Pharaoh allowed the Israelites to leave after God inflicted 10 plagues on the Egyptians — the final being the slaughter



The plate holds the essentials of the Passover Seder.



of their first-born sons. The Israelites escaped the slaughter by marking their doorposts with the blood of a lamb. They left Egypt in such a hurry that they didn't have time to let their bread dough rise. During Passover, the Jewish faithful refrain from eating leavened bread and instead, consume matzoh, a flat, unleavened bread. Matzoh is included along with several other symbolic foods at the seder, a dinner held within the first few nights of the holiday. Seder participants use a special text, the Haggadah, to recall the

story of Exodus, taste the symbolic foods in order, sing blessings and recite responses.

"Every Jewish person around the world over one of these couple of nights will sit together and invite their friends and families and even strangers off the street to come and sit at their table and share in this wonderful storytelling. There is an order to it. There's a story to it. There are prayers to it and it's something that you feel connects you with the entire world," Honiss said.

The annual practice seder is an abbreviated version of a typically longer family seder or the congregation gathering on Saturday, April 7. Each youngster received a Haggadah to follow along as Rabbi Peter Gluck discussed the Exodus story and led the blessings at the session, held Sunday, April 1. They followed his cue and tasted pieces of matzoh, sipped grape juice, ate celery dipped in salt water — symbolizing new growth and tears of the Jewish slaves and dipped maror or bit-



Rabbi Peter Gluck talks about Passover with youngsters in the religious school classes at Congregation Bet Chaverim. Below, lighting the Passover candles.

ter herbs into the charoset made of ground nuts and apples. They correctly identified the egg on the seder plate as a sign of spring and the shank bone as a reminder that at the first Passover, participants ate a roasted lamb with matzoh.

"Every year he has more and more questions as he understands more,' said Meredith Dunlap, whose son, Seth, 6, attended the practice seder. "He's excited to hide the afikomen and get a little reward." The afikomen is a piece of matzoh hidden during the seder that nets

its finder a prize. "In the beginning it's all about the reward and then they start asking questions about what the dinner represents," Dunlap said. "It's unique that it's a whole dinner that is ceremonial."

Judi Fleischaker of Canton has included her daughter, Marit Alsager, in preparing seder foods every year.

"Including the matzoh ball soup, which is a three-

day production," Fleischaker said. "You have to make the soup stock and strain off the fat and use the fat to make the matzoh balls. They have to sit another 24 hours and the third day you put it all together."

Tasting foods

She and other parents served traditional holiday foods, including gefilte fish and matzoh ball soup, after the ceremonial portion of the seder concluded.

Gluck offered a few thoughts on the impor-·tance of gathering together for a meal.

We see food as a physical thing. The ancients saw food as a spiritual moment. We see food as a necessity that fulfills our carbohydrate and

protein requirements. They saw food as a way to communicate with the source of life that we call God," he said. "We see food as a moment to get through to what's really important on our schedule, so we have drivethrough this and microwave that. They saw food as a moment to commune with their families and friends and community in the spirit of the one God.

"So may it be when we gather all the time, not only for seder, but for your breakfast Cheerios, your peanut butter and jelly lunch and your dinners. May you commune with your families and bring to them the love and joy that is meant to be theirs."

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For example, in patients with fibromyalgia, the doctor makes the diagnosis from the pattern of aching, what brings it on, where the pain migrates and what steps the patient has undertaken to control the pain. Laboratory studies confirm that no rheumatoid arthritis is behind the pain.

Laboratory tests are deceptive. A patient with rheumatoid arthritis may have a "negative rheumatoid factor" on blood testing but have swollen finger and foot joints which are the hallmark of the condition. Also, a woman may show a positive rheumatoid factor on testing and have no arthritis at all; the positive rheumatoid factor being a result of past contraceptive pill use.

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Linda Golden, pastor of Holy Trinity. "For the last eight years we've been tithing our offering to go to missions. Rather than wait to see how much we have left, we tithe every month to two organizations. This is a congregation that is very generous when they know there is a need. There is good leadership from lay people and they are faithful and diligent."

During its first 20 years, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church was affiliated with the Missouri synod. It became a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America during the 1980s.

Leading the way

St. Matthew's was the first church in the nation to become a United Methodist Church.

"The Methodist Church is well over 150-200 years old but officially the United Methodist Umbrella is a little less than 50 years old," Duluk explained. "What



Church in Livonia.



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Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia

happened in Livonia was that the EUB (Evangelical United Brethren) church and the Methodist church combined."

On the national level, participants at a Methodist Church conference had begun talking about bringing the fold together under the United Methodist banner. But the Livonia churches had taken steps toward that goal.

"We'd started the combination process with our two churches. We received the okay from the board to finish it." Other Methodist churches soon followed suit.

"We're one of the many United Methodist Churches, but we were the first.'

Holy Trinity Lutheran also boasts a "first." Golden was the first female to serve as a chaplain to the Michigan State Police. She rides along with a troop-

er once a month and con-

siders it part of her out-

reach to the community. With the addition of associate pastor, Michelle Werner, last year, Holy Trinity also became one of only two churches in its 125member synod with two women at the helm.

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COMMUNITY LIFE

By Joe Gagnon **Guest Columnist**

he Appliance Repair industry has made tremendous strides in cleaning up its image especially in the past 10 years. I remember the days of incompetency and the unethical behavior by some companies and it takes a long time to erase the negatives from a consumers mind.

I'm proud of many appliance repair companies that have managed to instill a sense of confidence back into our industry. Most of the training of technicians today is done by individual owners without the help of schools to actually educate the persons coming into your home. The



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their own. They are the ones who can make or break the reputation of a company and cause a great loss in future revenue.

An example of what I speak is the following email which describes a very poorly trained technician or a very dumb individual. Linda writes: "Hi Joe, I have read your col-

umn in the Livonia Observer for years. My husband is an electrician and he ran across an issue last week that I thought your readers and yourself would be interested in. We were doing some electrical work for an elderly lady that we worked for in the past. She mentioned her stove wasn't working and had a local appliance repair store out to diagnose the problem. They charged her a service call and told her she needed new igniters (she currently had been using a match to light the stove). The customer asked my husband to take a look at the stove. Even though appliance repair is not his specialty, he did what I assumed most professional repair persons would do and checked to make sure the stove was

getting electricity. Well guess what, it wasn't. The GFCI was tripped and my husband pushed the reset button and voila, the stove works (minus \$200 for new igniters). I don't know if the repairman was a con artist or just really inept at his job. The lady was very happy that she only had paid for the initial service call and not the \$200 for the igniters."

This e-mail tells the story of an individual who must have had a severe memory lapse or is just plain stupid. We all know that a gas range must have electricity to make the igniters work. I don't believe he was trying to con the homeowner into unnecessary repairs, he just simply blew it. I hope this person reads this column and calls

the guilty company owner and demands reimbursement on that initial service charge. They should not be paid for misdiagnosing the problem. There is a law in Michigan called the Joe Gagnon Appliance Repair Act that can be used to prosecute in a court of law. If I owned this appliance repair company, I would sit my technicians in a room and explain the consequences of this kind of error.

Anita writes: "I have a 25year-old Kenmore washer that has been leaking what my husband says is transmission fluid. It's been so reliable that I'm in favor of repairing it. He is in favor of using it until is seizes up, then getting a new one. I'd value your opinion. Also, our 15-year-old dishwash-

er doesn't clean very well anymore. I'm going to try the Tang treatment to see if that helps. Any other id eas?"

Please take your husband out for a very expensive dinner. The cost of repairs is very high and then shortly down the road, something else called rust will eat through the washer and you will kick yourself with your left heel. As for the dishwasher, try a product called Lemi Shine which is solving the complaint like yours for thousands of Americans across this country. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@ twmi.rr.com.

Dan Rather to speak at book luncheon

Journalist Dan Rather and three other top authors will talk about their new books at the Metro Detroit Book & Author Society's spring book luncheon Monday, May 21, in Livonia.

Dan Rather was anchor of the CBS Evening News for 24 years and a 60 Minutes contributor. He is now managing editor and anchor of Dan Rather Reports on cable. His memoir of his impressive reporting career, from the JFK assassination to 9/11 to interviews with many presidents, is titled Rather Outspoken: My Life in the News.

Other authors are Delia Ephron, Jane Gross and Ann Packer.

Ephron is a bestselling author and screenwriter. Her movies include The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants, You've Got Mail, Hanging Up (based on her novel) and Michael. She has written novels for adults and teenagers as well as essays. Her writing has appeared in The New York Times, O the Oprah Magazine, Vogue and the Huffington Post. She collaborated with her sister Nora Ephron on a play, Love, Loss, and What I Wore, which ran for two years Off Broadway. Her new novel is titled *The Lion*

Gross is a former New York Times reporter and founder of the Times' New Old Age blog, a primer for older Americans and the adult children who take care of their parents. Her moving new book, A Bittersweet Season: Caring for Our Aging Parents - and Ourselves, is about being a caregiver during her frail mother's final four years. It offers practical advice for dealing with doctors, Medicare and other

Packer is an award-winning author of novels and short stories. Her critically acclaimed first novel The Dive from Clausen's Pier was a national best seller. Her new book is Swim Back to Me, made up of a novella and five short stories.

Book sales will start at 11 a.m. and the event will begin at noon, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft at I-96 in Livonia. Tickets are \$30 and include lunch, the lectures and the opportunity to buy books and have them autographed by the authors.

For tickets see the ticket request form at the society's web site, bookandauthor.

FUNDRAISER AIDS HOMELESS PROGRAM

Grace Centers of Hope, a nonprofit Christian organization, will hold its 14th annual "Women Helping Women" luncheon and fashion show, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 5 at the Royal Park Hotel, 600 University, Roch-

The event will include a fashion show by fashion and style expert, Mary Alice Stephenson, featuring her favorite red carpet looks from the world's most glamorous designers.

Tickets are \$100 per person and include a silent auction preview and

Grace Centers of Hope runs a full recovery and rehabilitation campus for homeless men, women and children who have been abused or addicted to drugs and/or alcohol. The organization aims to change the lives of the homeless, addicted and unwanted through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, personal accountability, life skills education and work-related programs. The foundation of change is the local church. It encourages residents to strengthen their faith and independence while it promotes a sense of belonging within a commu-

For tickets or more information, call (855) HELP GCH or visit www. gracecentersofhope.org.

Ieens can weigh in on parks

Wayne County is looking for energetic, diverse teens, 13-17, for the Wayne County Parks Youth Advisory Board.

The Board offers input on programming and park issues, including parks along Hines Drive, Elizabeth Park, Bell Creek Park, Inkster Park and Crosswinds Marsh.

Applications must be received no later than May 1. Interviews will take place at Nankin

Mills, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland.

Get an application by calling Wayne County Parks at (734) 261-1990 or e-mail Kim at khealy@co.wayne.





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ALLEN, DONALD C.

Age 89 of Livonia. Beloved husband of Doris. Loving father of Sharon L. (Kenneth) Snodgrass, Patrick R. (Lynne) Allen, Rebecca M. (David) Blossom, Dr. Sybil A. Allen, Jennifer Jo Allen, Jeffrey J (Kim) Allen, and Sara K. (John) Grivas. Dear grandfather of 13, great grandfather of 4. Donald leaves behind many other friends and family. A Memorial Visitation will be held Monday April 9th at Fred Wood Funeral Home Rice Chapel, 36100 5 Mile Rd (E. of Levan) Livonia. 1pm to 3pm with the funeral service at 3pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Angela Hospice, or the Humane Society of Huron Valley.

Please share your memories at Fredwoodfuneralhome.com



HILLYARD, LOURAE LILE

98 horn December 30, 1913 in Greenville, KY died April 4, 2012 in Lake Forest, Illinois. She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years Rupert O. Hillyard, her father and mother Arthur and Eliza Lile, her sister Kate Richmond and brother Trent Lile, her daughter Kathryn Reynolds and granddaughter Paula Hamlin. She is survived by her daughter Elizabeth (Tom) Hamlin and son Rupert L. (Peggy) Hillyard. Also surviving are 12 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great grandchildren. She graduated from Greenville High School in 1930; she lived in Wayne, Michigan for many years and retired to Arizona and then Cape Coral, Florida. She was a "Rosie the Riveter" in WWII starting at the Lockheed Plant in Los Angeles and then moving to the B-24 plant (Ford) in Ypsilanti, Michigan. She served on the planning commission in Wayne. She loved bridge, knitting, traveling and good food. The family will sorely miss her fried chicken and cornbread. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to First Congregational Community Church, 312 Santa Barbara Blvd., Cape Coral, Florida 33991. Services Private. Interment will be in Greenville, Kentucky. Info: Wenban Funeral Home, Lake Forest, IL (847) 234-0022 or

JAROS, MARGARET BERNHARD

www.wenbanfh.com

Of Perrysburg, Ohio passed away suddenly of natural causes on Sunday afternoon, April 1, 2012. Margaret, a devoted Mom, is survived by her son Dakota Luke Jaros, her parents Dr. William F. and June L. Bernhard and four sisters, five brothers and their families. Margaret began her career in the Merrill Lynch Bloomfield Hills, Michigan office and most recently, she was Administrative Manager and Vice President in Compliance for the Ohio-Michigan Complex. Margaret was a graduate of Dana Hall School, Wheaton College and received her MBA from Wayne State University. A memorial liturgy will be held on April 20, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Rose's Church of Lima Parish in Perrysburg, Ohio. Wishes for the family may be shared through George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home at www.gfdoherty.com. Donations in Margaret's memory can be



made to www.Livestrong.org.

LEWIS, **CHELLA ABBOT**

Age 86, March 30, 2012. Loving mother of Diane (Dan) Costlow Don (Pam), John, Mary (Steven) Kaercher, Mark and Jane (Bruce) Riddle. Dear sister of James (her twin) and Jessie Abbot. Also survived by 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Chella is Retired from the Detroit Public Schools and the City of Livonia. A Funeral Service for Chella was held Monday, April 2 at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home in Livonia. Memorial contributions may be directed to Send International or the Alzheimers Assoc. Please share a memory of Chella at: www.rggrharris.com

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.



McLONE, **ROSEMARY (MILLER)** Passed away March 30, 2012.

Rosemary was born November 8, 1922 in Farmersburg, Indiana and was raised in Flint. She married Joseph McLone in 1939 and began what was to become a large family. They and their seven children moved to Grand Blanc in 1955. From the 1940's through the 50's, she was a telemarketer. In the late 50's and early 60's she was in sales for the Musical Tent. The highlight of her career was escorting movie star, John Ireland and Broadway and television star, Molly Goldberg on touring trips of Flint and GM facilities. She later worked outside the home selling furniture for Ross and Manny's People Furniture stores. She was named a "First Lady in Business" in the Flint area in 1975 and became the first female furniture store manager People's. She managed the Clarkston store until she retired and moved to Florida in 1979. She returned to Michigan in 1998 and most recently resided in Plymouth. If there is one word to describe her, it is "determined". A trait that led to her personal success and longevity and one which she has passed on to her children. Surviving are 6 daughters and 1 son: Rosemary Wilson, Ann Arbor; Marcia (Joe) Sayles, Plymouth; Dr. Joanne Sherman Price, Fenton; Susan McLone, Arcadia, Ca; Joseph McLone, Ottawa Lake; Margaret McLone, Grand Blanc; and Catherine Amorose, Davison; fifteen grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Joseph on April 16, 1999. Funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, 2012 at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 1227 E. Bristol Road, Burton, Rev. Fr. Steve Anderson officiating. Mrs. McLone will lie in state at the church at 1 p.m. Interment at New Calvary Catholic Cemetery. The family will also receive friends Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Hill Funeral Home, 11723 S. Saginaw St., Grand Blanc. A Vigil Service will be held 7 p.m.

MURRAY, SHIRLEY MYNATT

Tuesday at the funeral home.

Contributions may be made to

Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley

Condolences may be shared with

the family at www.hillfh.com

Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

Age 85, April 3, 2012. Lifelong resident of Farmington. Beloved wife of the late Orbie Mynatt and the late Robert Murray. Loving mother of Sue (Francis) Zelinko Bill (Donna) Mynatt. Cherished grandmother of Brian (Carol) Mynatt, Jeff (Stacy) Mynatt, Jennifer Zelinko and the late Aaron Zelinko. Great-grandmother of Natalie Mae Mynatt. Dear sister of Frank (Marie) Barber and the late Tom (Helen) Barber. Also survived by many special nieces and nephews as well as good friends. She was dearly loved by her family and friends. Funeral service Saturday a.m. at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Visitation Friday 2-8 p.m. at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., (I blk. W. of Farmington Rd.) Downtown Farmington. Memorial contributions may be made to Michigan Leukemia Foundation.

OLDAKER, **ELIZABETH (BETTY)**

Age 86, beloved wife of the late Floyd Oldaker. Loving mother of Roseann (Jim) Ludwig, Gary (Maryanne) Smink and the late Keith William Smink. Dear grandmother of 3. Great grandmother of 5. She had 4 brothers and is survived by many nieces and nephews. Memorial service Thursday April 5th at 11:00 am at St. Raphael Catholic Church 31530 Beechwood, Garden City 48135. Family suggests donations be made to the church or to the American Heart Association.



PASCOE, DEBRA ANN

Age 54 of Canton, MI. April 1, 2012. Loving wife of Thomas E. Dearest mother of Thomas L. Dear sister of Mary Carlson, Ella Fuhrman, Donna Borg, Tammy Lang and the late Buddy Survived by many Lowenstein. nieces, nephews, cousins, and in-laws. Visitation Wednesday 2-8 pm, and Thursday from 12 noon to 4:00 pm. Funeral Services Thursday 4:00 pm at R. J. Nixon Funeral Home 2544 Biddle Ave. Wyandotte (734) 284-1600.

Online obituary at www.nixonfuneralhome.com



SANBORN, **AMY**

Died on April 5th after a prolonged illness. Her strength and grace during this ordeal were inspiring. She died peacefully surrounded by her loving family. She was a loving and dedicated friend, mother, grandmother, and wife She will be missed deeply by all.

SPAGNUOLO, JOSEPHINE K.

of Grand Ledge, formerly of Birmingham, died April 6, 2012. Estes-Leadley Greater Lansing Chapel www.estesleadley.com



TUPAJ, LOTTIE

Age 88. Beloved Wife of the late Stanley. Dear Mother to Tom of Colorado, Patricia Robak, Laurie (Kerry) Banka, Gary (Teresa) of Virginia, and Carol (Jim) Sheehan. Much loved grandma of 7. Dearest Sister of Walter Macek and the late Helen Roland and Sophie Gacek, Famously known for her "Lottie Tupaj Cakes" with her secret buttercream frosting. Visitation will be held at Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel 36100 5 Mile Rd. Livonia (E. of Levan) Friday 3-9pm with 7pm Rosary. Funeral Service Saturday at St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Rd. Livonia. In-State 9:30am Service 10:00am

Please visit online guestbook fredwoodfuneralhome.com



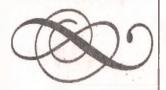
WARD, (NEE: WHITE) HELEN BLANCHE

Of Farmington Hills and formerly of Livonia & Novi. Cherished Wife of the late Robert G. for over 65 years. Loving Mother of Thomas (Frances FitzGerald) of Farmington Hills, Bill of Laurium, MI, Nancy Mininger of Christoval, TX and Betty (Ron) Rainville of Westborough, MA. Proud Grandma of Wesley, Keely, Andrew, Scott, Ward and Yulia, and Great-Grandma of Clinton and Trevor. Also survived by many other loving family and friends. Helen was pre-ceded in death by her parents Thomas and Dorothy White and her brother Jack White. Helen will be laid to rest at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI. with her husband Robert. Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army and/or The Gleaners Food Bank. The family would like to extend their special thanks to the staff of St. John's Hospital and Hospice and the great many family and friends for their kindness, care and concern. A Celebration of Helen's Life will be held at a later date. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel Livonia, MI.



WELDON, PAULA

March 30, 2012. Loving wife of Winfred. Mother of Michael (Kate) Rogula and Michelle (Mark) Waranoski and Win's children, Stephen Weldon, Gregory (Anita) Weldon, Thomas J. Weldon, Mark (Jill) Weldon, Victoria Weldon and Lisa (Dave) Mobus. Also survived by 8 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Funeral Mass was held at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 16101 Rotunda Dr. Monday, April 2nd at 11:00 am. Visitation was Sunday at the Dearborn Chapel of the Howe-Peterson Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Oakwood Center for Exceptional Families or Charity of your choice. www.howepeterson.com



REUNIONS **DEARBORN HEIGHTS**

ANNAPOLIS

CLASS OF 1982

For information about the 30year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Fr. Patrick O'Kelley Knights of Columbus in Dearborn, visit the "AHS Class of 82" page on Facebook, or contact Diane Goodreau at dianeschofield@ sbcglobal.net or (313) 363-0523; Jim Linaras at godofouzo@ yahoo.com; or John Zadikian at zman6754@aol.com.

DETROIT CODY CLASS OF 1962

Looking for Classmates from January and June graduations for 50th reunion, 6 p.m. Sept. 29, at the Holiday Inn, 17123 Laurel Park Dr. North, Livonia. Call Neal and Barb Gehring at (248) 568-2254; NGBG@comcast.

DETROIT MACKENZIE CLASS OF 1962

50th reunion, Friday, June 1. For more information e-mail mackenzie1962@gmail.com or phone Mavis (Higgins) Farrand at (734) 675-5675 or Sandy (Turnbull) Dillaha at (734) 281-

FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1967

Organizers of the 45th reunion on July 21 are looking for classmates. Send your e-mail address to Susan (Himmelspach) Whittaker at 5_whittaker@comcast. net or Fred Gregg at fredge1@ comcast.net to receive a reunion

GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL

CLASSES OF 1968-1973

Reunion Sept. 22. Looking for classmates. Check out the "Garden City High School (East) Reunion 2012" on facebook. Or e-mail to Cindy Eads Frens at irish4200@hotmail.com, Debi Cassidy Haller at debi.haller@ gmail.com, Doris Fugaban Williams at doris1226@wowway.com, Lee A Gilligan at ee.gilligan@att.net, Sue Cook at stasselmyer@charter.net, SuzieWright Rogiero at suzierogiero@yahoo.com, Jackie Kalifut at jackieideson@gmail.com or Jeff Fordell at jeffreyfordell@ comcast.net.

LINCOLN PARK HIGH **CLASS OF 1962**

50-year reunion for January and June graduates is set for 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Marriott Hotel, located at Six Mile and I-275 in Livonia. For more information or to RSVP e-mail Jean Badoud-Riddell at fictionweaver@sbcglobal.net, Marilyn Roy Snyder at Marilyn@MarilynJSnyder.com, or Carol Jehle at jehlecarol@ vahoo.com

NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1971-75

The classes are joining together to celebrate with a reunion on Aug. 4. Reunion organizers are searching for classmates from those years. Send your name, address, phone and e-mail to nhs40yearreunion@gmail.com. The organizers will send more details after receiving your information.

REDFORD THURSTON HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1962

Looking for classmates for reunion on Sept. 8. Contact: nikkiwestberg@yahoo.com or Sue (Hughes) Morman at (734) 414-9941 for more information. **CLASS OF 1972**

40th class reunion planned for 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 12 at Mama Mia's restaurant, located on Plymouth Road west of Inkster Road in Livonia. Dinner served at 7 p.m. Advance payment is \$23 per person and includes a two-course dinner with "fixens" and a cash bar. To reserve a spot, send your check payable to Rick Bennett, 42021 Waterwheel, Northville Township, MI 48168. Or pay via PayPal and send to rickbennett@ peoplepc.com **WAYNE MEMORIAL HIGH**

SCHOOL

ALL CLASSES

Wayne High Schools Alumni Association 28th All Class Reunion Banquet will be held 5-10 p.m. Friday, May 18 at Wayne free Manor, 35100 Van Born, Wayne. Dinner served at 6 p.m. The organization will honor the class of 1962. For more information call Wanda Boice at (734) 326-777 or www.waynehighalumni@aol.com

CLASS OF 1957

Looking for classmates for the 55th class reunion to be held May 19. For more information contact Wanda Putman Boice at boice@aol.com or pollygirl219@ aol.com. Or call Richard Smith at (248) 747-6817.

CLASS OF 1962

Looking for classmates for 50th class reunion on May 19. E-mail to Judy (Ramsey) Oleson at joleson@sbcglobal.net or call her at (586) 268-1663 or e-mail to Kathy (Quinn) Hayes at bustchr@aol.com.

Voices & Views:



Milestones

Heinrich-Cotu

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heinrich of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill, to Christopher Cotu, son of Gloria Attardo of Boyton Beach, Fla.

The future bride graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree. She is employed as an operations manager at a post production facility in Los Angeles, Calif.

The future groom received a degree in finance from the University of Rhode Island. He is employed as a senior art director at an entertainment advertising company in Los Angeles, Calif.



A June 2012 wedding is planned. Upon their return from a honeymoon on Catalina Island, Calif, the couple will take up residence in their newly purchased home in Los Angeles.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Photos must be in jpg format, attached to the e-mail

April

AUCTION

Time/Date: 6-10 p.m. Saturday, April 21

Location: St. Mary Parish Activity Center and School, 34516 Michigan Avenue, Wayne

Details: St. Mary 1st Annual Auction A Night on the Town will include a silent auction, live auction and more. All proceeds benefit the St. Mary Parish and School. Tickets are \$25 and include a strolling buffet, dessert and two beverages. Pre-registration is a must

Contact: auction@stmarywayne.org

BLOOD DRIVE

Time/Date: 1-7 p.m. Friday,

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland

Details: Walk-ins are welcome

Contact: (734) 722-1735 **BREAKFAST**

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, April 14 Location: St. Theodore Social

Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland Details: All you can eat

ham, sausage, applesauce, scrambled eggs, coffee, tea, juice and milk. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, 2-10. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club

Contact: (734) 425-4421 **CLOTHING BANK**

Time/Date: 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 11 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 28 Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy Road, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton **Details:** Free clothing to

anyone in need Contact: (734) 404-2480 or (734) 927-6686

EASTER SERVICE Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Sunday,

Location: Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia

Details: "The Thorn Easter Experience" worship service features realistic videos of the Easter story, live drama and inspiring music

Contact: 248) 476-8222; www.kenwoodchurch.org

EASTER SERVICE Time/Date: 10:30 a.m. Sun-

day, April 8 Location: New Life Church, 33111 Ford Road, Garden City Details: Worship, music and "Silent Praise" sign team Contact: (734) 326-7000;

www.newlifegardencity.org **GRIEF SUPPORT**

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, beginning April

Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: "From Grief to New Hope," is a free, eight-week workshop open to the community. Talk about one aspect of grief followed by small-group participation led by trained facilitators. You will be placed in a group with others who have had similar losses. For registration information, call (248) 442-8822 Contact: New Hope Center for Grief Support, (248) 348-0115 or visit www.newhopecenter.net

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. April 16, 23,30, May 7 and 9

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth

Details: Deacon Bob Irvin, the Rev. John Riccardo, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization, will present "Grieving with Great Hope." Registration forms are online at www. goodmourningministry.net or call the church

Contact: (734) 453-0326; olgcparish.net

POMEGRANATE GUILD Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday, April 22

Location: In the community room of the Prentis Apartments located on 10 Mile, east of Greenfield Road in Oak

Details: The group will lead a community-wide needlecraft workshop teaching the techniques of cross stitch, needlepoint and huck embroidery. \$5 materials fee

Contact: Judy Galperin at (248) 661-5337

PARENTING SERIES

Time/Date: Dinner, 5:30 p.m., followed by the series, 7 p.m., Wednesdays, April 18-May 2 Location: First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville

Details: "Have a New Kid by Friday!" is the new parenting series by Kevin Leman. Cost for dinner is \$5

Contact: (248) 348-7600

PARENTING STRATEGIES Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday,

April 22 **Location:** Canton Christian Fellowship Church, 8775 Ronda Drive, Canton

Details: "Spring into Summer: Strategies for Keeping Your Child on Track this Summer" is a workshop designed to help parents create engaging activities for their children during the summer. They'll learn about reading activities, everyday math, summer camps and free fun trips. The workshop will include suggestions for kids of all ages with plenty of time for questions

and answers Contact: RSVP by April 18 by calling (734) 404-2480 or email to info@cantoncf.org

Time/Date: April 20-21 Location: Embassy Suites, 19525 Victor Parkway, Livonia **Details:** Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church presents a women's retreat. Guest speaker is Suann Dibble. Cost is \$85 per person

Contact: Barb Karowich at (734) 480-1644 or visit www. christoursavior.org

RUMMAGE SALE Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Saturday, April 21 Location: Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, at Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Donations of slightly used but-still-in-good-condition items are being accepted and can be dropped off 9 a.m.-3 p.m. weekdays. No admission for the sale and all profits will benefit the adult day ministry and other ministries within the church

FACEBOOK: HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Tuned in: Doctors visit patients via iPad

A Henry Ford Hospital surgeon checks in on a patient the day after removing a tumor from his kidney, examining the surgical scar and seeing on the patient's face that he's still in a bit of pain. But this isn't your typical post-surgical hospital rounding.

The surgeon and his patient are actually 25 miles apart in two different hospitals, each armed with an iPad equipped with the live video chat software FaceTime.

Through face-to-face video calls on iPads and other tablets, Henry Ford is initiating the next wave of high-tech communication at hospitals called "telerounding." In January 2009, Henry Ford became the first hospital to live-tweet surgery using Twitter, starting a trend still popular today at hospitals across the country.

"Using the iPad to communicate really appeals to the type of patients that are seeking state-ofthe-art, minimally invasive robotic surgery at Henry Ford," says Dr. Craig Rogers, M.D., director of Renal Surgery and director of Urologic Oncology at Henry Ford.

"Patients are looking for us to use current technology in a way that improves their care, and 'telerounding' with the iPad really fits that need in enhancing the communication and care following surgery."

The iPad fills a critical need for Henry Ford surgeons like Rogers -



A patient uses an iPad to meet with his doctor.



Rogers

who perform operations each week at both Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit and Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital — to communicate with their patients in the clinic or inpatient setting, even when they're not in the same city.

Previously, the surgeon would call the patient on the phone if he wasn't on site.

By replacing a phone call with a video-chat on the iPad, patients are able to have a personal and confidential conversation with their surgeon. The surgeons also benefit by being able to actually see their patients to get a better sense of their post-surgical condition.

Face-to-face video calls on tablets are inexpensive, private, reliable and easy for both surgeon and patient to use. Their size makes tablets easy to transport for surgeons and easy to hold for patients.

Henry Ford Hospital provides an iPad to the patients, as well as assistance from a medical resident or another member of the patient's health care team during the video chat. Soon, patients at Henry Ford West Bloomfield also will have access to iPads, allowing more physicians to teleround.

"I've been surprised that even those who are not as technically savvy have really liked using the iPad for face-to-face communication," Rogers says. "For me, it's a great way to stay in touch with my patients, no matter where I am.'

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

April

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BALANCING HOR-MONES

Dr. William Civello will hold a free workshop, "Balancing Women's Hormones Naturally," at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 12, at 34441 Eight Mile, Suite 116, Livonia. Learn about the five major culprits of hormone chaos and what you can do naturally to feel and look better. Seating is limited. Call (734) 525-9588 for reservations; www.drcivello.com.

MENTAL HEALTH

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Metro family support group will meet from 7-9 p.m. April 10 at the Providence Hospital Heart Institute, located at 47601 Grand River Ave.. in Novi. The meetings are free and open to the public. Family support group meetings are held the second Tuesday and Thursday of the month.

NEWBORN CLASS

Learn about caring for your newborn, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 12 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Marian Women's Center, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. A registered nurse will teach about the basic characteristics and needs of a newborn to include diapering, bathing, feeding, growth and development patterns.

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5 Job-search tips for career changers

You've hit a turning point in your career. Whether it's because your job has slowly become less satisfying over the years, or you woke up one morning and realized you hated going to work, you've decided it's time for a change.

If only you knew what you wanted to do next. Details. The "I don't know what I want to do, but I know it's not this" predicament is confusing at best. Besides the issue of figuring out what you want to do, there's also reality to consider. You might think you'd make a great marriage counselor, but do you really have the time, energy and means to get the necessary training? Will your career change require you to relocate? How will you convince potential employers that, after 10 years in one career, you have the necessary experience for a new one?

Because the career-change process is complicated, it's important not to rush into anything. Take time to explore your options and answer all of the questions you have about the career paths you're considering. Or, as "What Color is Your-Parachute?" - the best-selling career guide - puts it:

"Good career choice or career planning postpones the 'narrowing down' until it has first broadened your horizons and expanded the number of options you are thinking about. For example, you're in the newspaper business, but have you ever thought of teaching, or drawing or doing



fashion? You first expand your mental horizons, to see all the possibilities, and only then do you start to narrow them down to the particular two or three that interest you the most."

Once you've got a short list of potential careers, it's time to begin your job search. Mark C.D. Newall, senior vice president at Keystone

Associates, a career transition and management firm in Boston, offers the following quick tips for job searching in a new field.

1. Play the game

As newbie, you're going to have to put in a lot of footwork. "Intensively networking, utilizing technology, honing your

interviewing skills -- all of these things are important and need to be done," Newall

2. Identify your edge

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3. Be willing to move

Flexibility can go a long way when breaking into a new career. "Expanding your geography will also expand your opportunities," Newall

4. Speak to your passion

"Know what is important to you -- what really gives you that sense of accomplishment -- what gets you out of bed in the morning. Hiring managers will see your passion and how it relates to their business, and they want to hire that," Newall says. Given the amount of selfreflection career change usually requires, rattling off a list of things that make you tick shouldn't be too hard.

5. Have a solid methodology

Like in any job search, you'll need a game plan, Newall says. "Organize your time, your contacts, your approach, and conduct your job search in a planned and thoughtful manner. Then be ready to toss aside your plan, and be able to react to that last minute call."

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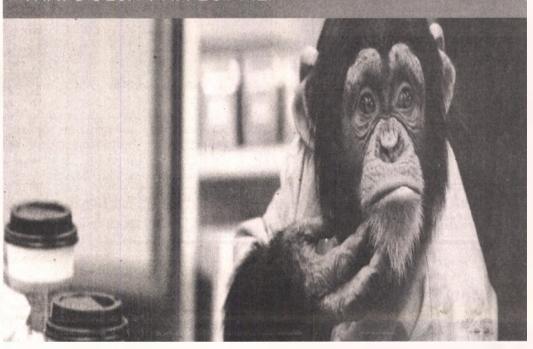
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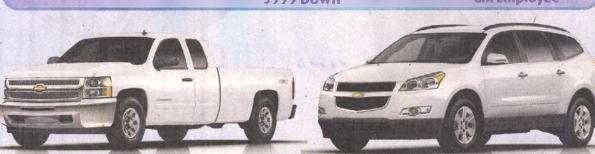
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