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Julia Shen (left) and Anna Sun.

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Anna Sun won first place, while Julia Shen won second place.

The tourney was organized by the Michigan Chess Association.

Santa's back

Local residents can bundle up and help the community welcome back to Plymouth Santa, Mrs. Claus and Christmas Carol in the annual arrival by fire truck at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23.

The Salvation Army will be on hand for collections and sharing some hot chocolate. Santa and friends will be welcomed by city officials and will pull the lever to light all of the Christmas Trees in Kellogg Park.

Once the ceremony is finished, Santa will be welcoming children to his house in Kellogg Park until 8:30 p.m. and restaurants will be open for dinner and many shops will be open until 9 p.m. with holiday specials.

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There's an app for planning trip to downtown Plymouth

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Downtown Plymouth? There's an app for that.

The Downtown Development Authority's new downtown Plymouth app, released earlier this month, offers smartphone users an array of information about downtown, from event listings to Penn Theatre movie showtimes to DDA Facebook postings and links to the websites of businesses and restaurants. There are even maps, weather updates and information about downtown parking.

The app — app is digital-speak for application, meaning a small downloadable program for smartphones — is free and has seen at least 100 downloads since its soft launch Nov. 9.

"You take a look and there's an app for everything, and we said, 'Why not develop an app for downtown Plymouth?'" said Tony Bruscato, the DDA's operations director. "We thought it would be beneficial to people all over the area."

The app is free and available for both iPhones and Android-based smartphone systems. Smartphone users can find it in their phones' "app store" by typing "downtown Plymouth" in the search line; the DDA also has fliers with codes that, when scanned, will bring up the app.

It was developed by Popcorn App in Detroit, which specializes in building apps for bars and restaurants and has done other municipal apps. The cost was $1,395, and there is an annual hosting fee of $500.

The app, with the signature DDA logo on its opening page, can be accessed and updated by DDA staffers; Bruscato compared updating the app to updating a website.

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Honors for 'heroes'

Rotary awards spotlight public safety workers

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Local first responders joined with Plymouth Rotary Club members Friday to recognize four men who sometimes put their safety on the line to help ensure the public's.

The event was the Rotary's annual public safety awards luncheon, which honored a police officer from both Plymouth and Plymouth Township, a Huron Valley Ambulance paramedic and a firefighter from the Northville Fire Department, which has served Plymouth since the beginning of the year.

"When someone takes time out to say thank you, it's a humbling experience," said Sgt. Todd Siepenko of the Plymouth Township Police Department, who was honored for his leadership of an undercover unit in a western Wayne County task force that targets hard core felons.

Also honored were paramedic Marcus Sutherland of HVA, Lt. Jim Davison of the Northville Fire Department and Officer Justin Bulmer of the Plymouth Police Department.

Sutherland shared Siepenko's view of the honor.

"It's very humbling," he said. "My fellow paramedics, people that I work with, go out every day and do just as good a job as I do."

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Officer Justin Bulmer (left) of the Plymouth Police Department, Lt. Jim Davison of the Northville Fire Department and paramedic Marcus Sutherland of Huron Valley Ambulance were honored Friday during the Plymouth Rotary Club's annual public safety awards event.

Praised as heroes

Rotarian John Warner, who with John Folino co-chaired the event, put the honorees in a different light for members of their families who were present.

"It's sometimes easy to forget they're also heroes," in addition to being fathers and husbands, Warner said. "At least for today, we want to make sure we honor these heroes."

Siepenko, an 18-year township police veteran, took over the five-member undercover unit, which represents several police jurisdictions, in September of last year. Since then, said township Lt. Bob Antal, the group has initiated 75 investigations, made 150 felony arrests, served 40 warrants and recovered more than $100,000 worth of stolen property. Siepenko has demonstrated val-

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College Board honors district's AP program

MARY HOLALY

Students in Scott Milam's Advanced Placement Chemistry class at Plymouth High School observe labs on dilution and compounds.

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Over the last couple of years, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools administrators have removed some of the barriers to taking Advanced Placement classes, allowing students more opportunities to challenge themselves with a more rigorous curriculum.

As a result, more students are doing just that, and succeeding at it. And the improvement is drawing notice.

The College Board has recognized the Plymouth-Canton Education Park for the achievement, placing it on its "AP District of the Year 3rd Annual Honor Roll" listing as one of just over 500 districts nationwide to make such progress.

The award recognizes the district for "opening AP classroom doors" to more students while maintaining or improving the performance of its students.

"We have amazing teachers who have developed

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or and leadership, Antal said.

Davison, a Canton Fire Department retiree, has been with the Northville department for about two years, Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock said. Davison has provided department leadership, teaches cardiopulmonary resuscitation and fire safety and leads station tours, Sincock said.

Sincock drew laughs when he described Davison's and other firefighters' response to a medical emergency during Plymouth's Fourth of July parade a few years back. Davison and the others were in the parade as part of the Canton department's clown team, and helped a parade-goer who had collapsed.

"You come up, you've got a bunch of clowns taking care of you," Sincock said.

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City Manager Paul Sincock congratulates Northville Fire Department Lt. Jim Davison on being named Firefighter of the Year during the Plymouth Rotary Club's public safety awards luncheon on Friday.

Plymouth Police Officer of the Year Justin Bulmer with Chief Al Cox during Friday's public safety awards presentation at a Plymouth Rotary Club luncheon.

Rotarian John Warner presents a Rotary Club of Plymouth public safety award to senior paramedic Marcus Sutherland of Huron Valley Ambulance.

Extra motivation

Bulmer, a four-year Plymouth officer, was praised by Chief Al Cox for his drive and positive attitude. Bulmer, Cox said, has taken on a number of special projects in addition to his patrol duties, including as a field-training officer, radar instructor, liaison to the state's public safety communications operations and president of the Plymouth Police Officers Association.

Bulmer also recently took the training and steps necessary to revive the department's commercial truck traffic enforcement efforts, Cox said.

"All command knows, if we give him" an assignment "it will be done in the way that it should be ... often above and beyond that," Cox said.

Sutherland, an HVA paramedic for nearly four years, is often singled out by patients, responding to follow-up surveys, for his outstanding service, said Paul Hood, HVA vice president. The day after he was nominated for the Rotary award, Hood said, Sutherland and a paramedic partner revived a patient who had suffered cardiac arrest.

A native of Hawaii, Sutherland said a job serving the public had been a longtime goal. He formerly worked in real estate and moved to Michigan with his wife, Nicole Wipp, an attorney.

Sutherland said knowing he is making a difference keeps him motivated.

"You can't say that of many careers," he said.

The Plymouth Community Fire Department, which serves Plymouth Township, did not participate in this year's awards luncheon.

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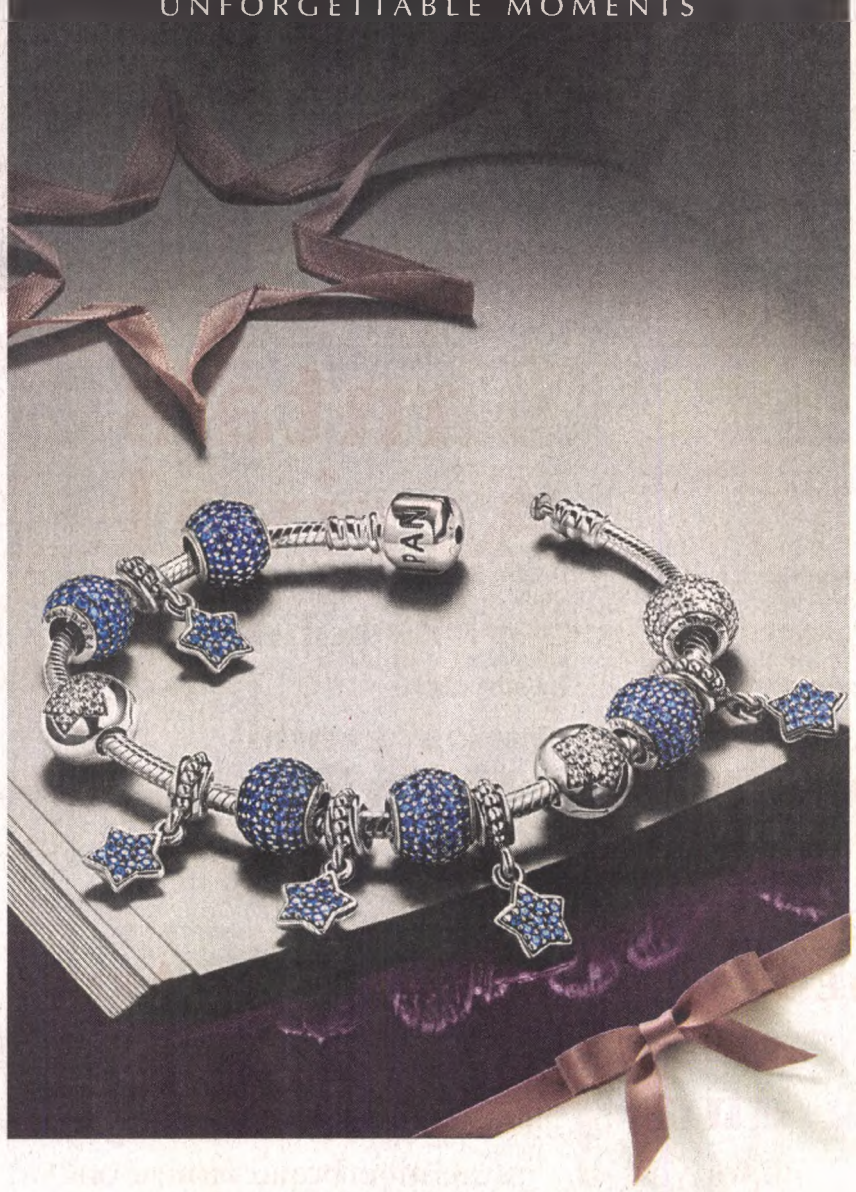

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Detroit pushes Dehoco probe

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

Detroit officials continue to study issues surrounding the 2011 tax-forfeiture sale of what was once city-owned property in Plymouth Township, even as one City Council member said the path could ultimately lead to litigation.

Councilman Ken Cockrel Jr. on Wednesday pushed city attorney Timothy Beckett to speed up his investigation into how 190 acres of former Detroit House of Corrections prison farmland came to be included in a Wayne County tax foreclosure, and how the situation can be remedied. The parcel was part of a 323-acre site, south of Five Mile and west of Ridge, that was purchased out of foreclosure by Plymouth Township for about $606,000 in back taxes.

"This has been on our agenda now for a couple of months," Cockrel told Beckett during a meeting of the council's budget, finance and audit committee, which Cockrel chairs. "It is an issue that needs to be dealt with. I think it needs to be brought to closure."

Beckett, who had issued a report to Cockrel's committee in September, told committee members "we are still pursuing this with urgency and earnestness" and that he would have another report ready a week after Thanksgiving. Cockrel said the committee will take up that report after its holiday break.

Detroit officials were made aware of the situation last summer by township resident Richard Sharland, who is familiar with the former Dehoco site and has a friend who used to lease it as farm property, and by Detroit resident Beverly Kindle-Walker.

Sharland, who unsuccessfully challenged township Supervisor Richard Reaume as an independent in this month's township election, has done extensive research on the foreclosure and the June 2006 purchase of 133 acres of the site, the part of the site east of Johnson Creek, from Detroit by Demco 54, an offshoot of the township-based DeMattia Group.

For reasons that are unclear, a property split was not recorded until months afterward, and taxes on the land went unpaid both by Detroit and Demco 54, leading to the 2011 foreclosure.

Deputy county treasurer David Szymanski said the county relied, during the foreclosure process, on ownership records provided by the township. He said he hadn't had any contact with Detroit officials about the matter since Beckett's September report was released. Reaume, likewise, said he hadn't had any dealings with the city on the issue.

Kindle-Walker was disappointed in the results of Wednesday's meeting and repeated her assertion that county Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz could void the foreclosure himself.

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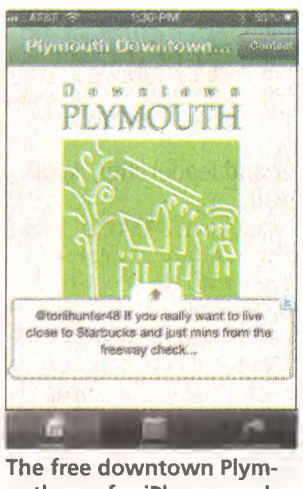
"Whenever we find out something is happening we put it on there, so people can keep a calendar of events," he said. They'll consider including information from businesses, too, such as special events, live music, bar trivia nights and more.

"The whole idea is to be able to get people into Plymouth, to share the many things we have going on here," Bruscato said.

The focus is on downtown, but goings-on in other parts of the city won't be automatically rejected, Bruscato said.

"Certainly there will be folks who come to our downtown events and end up in Old Village," he said.

Bruscato said the DDA plans more marketing of the app. "We're certainly starting to spread the word," he said.



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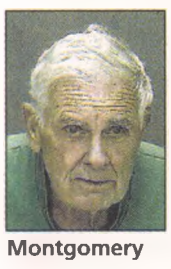
No contest plea entered in drunken driving death

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

A Plymouth man has entered a no contest plea to charges of driving drunk and causing the death of Garden City man.

Robert John Montgomery, 79, is scheduled to be sentenced Dec. 7 on charges of driving under the influence of liquor causing death and a second charge of causing serious injury while under the influence.

Gary West, 56, of Garden City was killed in the July 24 accident at Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Park Drive. His wife,


Montgomery

Susan, 54, was critically injured in the accident.

Police said Montgomery had a .11 blood alcohol level at the hospital following the accident. The legal limit for drunken driving in Michigan is .08.

The accident happened just before 9:30 p.m. Police said the motorcycle ridden by the Garden City couple was southbound on Hines Drive. As the motorcycle approached Ann Arbor Trail, police said a four-door sedan traveling northbound attempted to make a left turn onto Ann Arbor Trail.

"There were four witnesses at the scene who saw the defendant turn left in front of ongoing traffic," said Westland Police Officer Nathan McRae.

The motorcycle dropped to the pavement and began sliding. Police said the motorcycle struck the turning vehicle, causing both rider and passenger to be ejected.

Susan West suffered injuries to her shoulders, legs, arms and multiple broken ribs in the accident. Unlike his wife, Gary West was not wearing a helmet when the crash occurred.

The couple, Garden City residents for 28 years and the parents of three adult children, were known to ride their motorcycle on Hines Drive regularly.

There was no plea agreement made in connection with the no contest plea. Montgomery will be sentenced by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Margie Braxton.

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Damage contained in pair of fires

Canton Township firefighters limited the damage in a pair of house fires they had to fight this week.

Firefighters were called to a house fire in the 8200 block of Sandpiper around 9 p.m. Wednesday. When they arrived, they found flames visible from the attached garage and from a second-story bedroom above the garage.

Firefighters "made a quick attack" on the fire, fire department officials said, and contained significant damage to the initially affected areas of the home and garage.

The following day, firefighters were called around 5:30 p.m. to a house fire in the 5700 block of Coronation.

Upon arrival at this fire, firefighters found the fire contained to the basement and "executed an interior attack," department officials said.

Significant damage was contained to the basement, with smoke damage throughout the house. Firefighters rescued two cats from the house.

Officials said both houses were occupied at the times of the fires, and initial investigations, they said, reveal both were accidental in nature.

No injuries were reported in either fire.

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AP programs that appeal to a wide number of students," said Erin MacGregor, the district's director of secondary education. "I think they've taken a huge step in attracting more students."

Numbers up

The College Board used data collected over three years (2010-12, ending in June) to determine the honor. They pointed out Plymouth-Canton increased its student participation from 734 to 1,083, while also increasing the percentage of students who earn at least a "3" on the AP exam (the score typically needed to earn college credit) from 86 percent in 2010 to 89 percent in 2012.

The numbers jumped again this year; 1,283 students are taking 2,101 AP classes in 2012-13. The district, after adding AP classes in chemistry, micro- and macro-economics and English language/composition, now offers 19 AP classes.

Jeannie Farina, the district's assistant superintendent for instructional services, said the district has opened its AP doors by removing some barriers. For instance, students used to need things such as a letter of recommendation from a teacher, a certain score in certain classes, and prerequisite classes to qualify for AP placement.

"We needed to find ways to remove the barriers," Farina said.

Now, they just need the desire.

According to MacGregor, the atmosphere around the Park has changed. Teachers, he said, "have a new mentality," which is basically AP for all students.

Positive message

When the leadership structure at the Park changed a few years ago, and administrators started taking on a student workload, those administrators also encouraged more AP participation, MacGregor said.

"Those messages of challenge yourself are coming (to students) from a lot of people now," she said. "When they hear that over and over, the student realizes, 'Hey, someone believes in me.'"

Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Hughes said the district is trying to meet the message from Lansing, where he said Gov. Rick Snyder is pushing students to be college- or career-ready.

"We're trying to push kids to challenge themselves," Hughes said. "We're glad the efforts we've been making appear to be paying off."

Board of Education President John Barrett, himself a former high school administrator, said pushing students is the right way to prepare them for the "real world" that exists beyond high school.

"We're saying to our students, 'If you're going to college, you need to challenge yourselves while you're here in high school,'" Barrett said. "(AP) opens the door for all students to challenge themselves and be ready for a competitive society."

Achieve students collect candy for troops

Students at Achieve Charter Academy collected 480 pounds of candy to send to troops overseas through Operation Gratitude. The candy will be shipped out on Monday, Nov. 19.

This is the first year the students chose Operation Gratitude as their service project. Melissa Thorne, a community service teacher for seventh and eighth grade, said with the holiday season upon us, it made sense to express thanks to service men and women who are fighting for freedom each and every day.

"I, along with my students, felt that by collecting candy for our troops, we could in a small way express our gratitude for them and all they do," Thorne said. "Having a piece of home, when you are a thousand miles away, is priceless."

Achieve Charter Academy students (from left) Aseem Kaur, Neha Ray, Katelin Puda, Gagana Borra, Bhanu Makkapati and Amanda Owsley show some of the sweet treats they collected to send to service members on active duty.

Each month, Achieve Charter Academy focuses on a virtue and for November it is gratitude. The students came together at the beginning of the trimester and agreed Operation Gratitude was a great service project to get involved with and show their appreciation for service members.

"We are constantly protected by the soldiers and they show so much courage, it is amazing," eighth-grader Katelin Puda said. "Doing this project lets me give something back to them."

Operation Gratitude, a California based nonprofit, has been sending care packages to troops since 2003. The candy will be distributed into care packages that are shipped to members of the Armed Forces serving in foreign land and sea.

NHS seeks family for 5K run

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's National Honor Society will host the third annual 5K at the beginning of May on the high school campus.

The event, created in 2011, honors 16-year-old P-CEP student Jesse Lindlbauer, who suffered a sinus infection that turned into an abscess which ruptured, causing a traumatic brain injury. The SJ5K run was created in order to bring the community support to the family and raise money to help defray medical expenses.

After the success of the SJ5K the first year, National Honor Society leaders decided to make the SJ5K an annual event. Last year, the event brought the community together to support Canton High School's Valchine Family, Plymouth High School's Savage Family, and Salem High School's Cigile Family.

The Savage family includes mother Joanne and her children Colin, Nolan and Jack. In November 2011 the family lost their father, Pat, with unexpected stage - four cancer. Also battling cancer, Joanne faces challenges providing for her family and keeping up with her medical treatments to fight her incurable cancer.

The Cigile family includes father Rick, mother Patty and three kids Ricky, Ryan and Jeremy. During a vacation in Florida in 2011 Rick Cigile, an Oakland County Sheriff's deputy, was overthrown by the waves, crashing him into the rocky shore, putting him in a wheel chair as a quadriplegic.

The Valchine family includes father John, mother Angie, and two kids Katelyn and Jonathon. After receiving word from doctors that John was in phase four kidney failure due to Polycystic Kidney Disease, the family was crushed. Now awaiting a kidney transplant, all the family can do is hope. Having lost their insurance coverage, the medical bills are piling up.

This year, the National Honor Society is once again looking for a family to support with the race. The goal, organizers said, is to select a local family or individual (defined as living within the boundaries of the Plymouth-Canton Community School district) who, as a result of unforeseen life-altering circumstances, finds themselves with a specific need (outside of normal living expenses) which could not be attained without the proceeds of the SJ5K.

Nominations will be considered by the SJ5K Committee.

For information, email NHS adviser Beth Savalox at beth.savalox@pccsmail.net.

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Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will **be no fee charged until after the case is won.** The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

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In accordance with the provisions of Section 324, subsection .35702 of Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended, twenty-five or more freeholders had Petitioned the County of Wayne, Michigan ("County"), to designate a portion of **Ridge Road between Joy and Ann Arbor Roads in Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan**, as a Natural Beauty Road, being more particularly described as:

All that portion of Ridge Road in part of the SE 1/4 of Section 31 and the SW 1/4 of Section 32, T1S, R8E, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan described as follows: Beginning at a point 60 feet North of the intersection of the centerline of Joy Road and the East line of said Section 31; thence Northerly along said East line and centerline of said Ridge Road approximately 1318 feet to a point 65.68 feet South of the intersection of the centerline of Ann Arbor Road and along said East line. Containing approximately 1318 feet of roadway, 0.250 miles.

In accordance with said Act, a Public Hearing was held on Wednesday, October 10, 2012 in the Town Hall Room within the Plymouth Township Hall located at 9955 North Haggerty Road, Plymouth Township, Michigan.

The Hearing Examiner of the County obtained all necessary facts and information concerning the advisability of either granting or denying said Petition and provided all findings of fact to the County's Natural Beauty Roads Evaluation Committee ("Committee") for their recommendation. The Committee made a recommendation to DENY the Natural Beauty Road designation request. The Hearing Examiner then accordingly provided his final decision within the thirty (30) day requirement as provide in said Act.

The Hearing Examiner's final decision is to DENY the Natural Beauty Road designation to a portion of Ridge Road between Joy and Ann Arbor Roads in Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan, as described above.

True copies of this notice are to be served, posted and published in accordance with the provisions of said Act, as amended.

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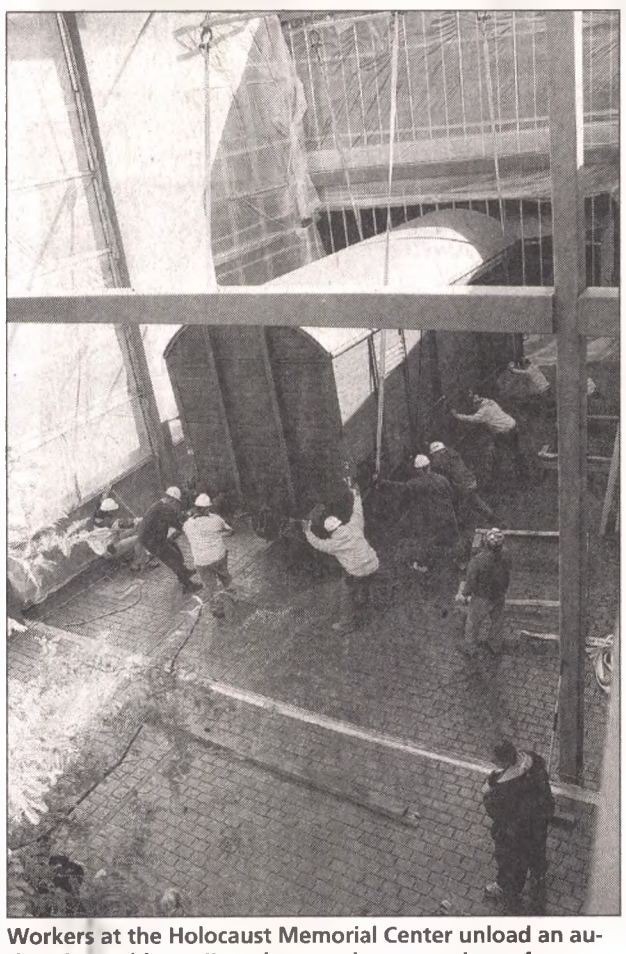
Holocaust Memorial Center to dedicate new gallery



Workers at the Holocaust Memorial Center unload an authentic World War II-era boxcar, the centerpiece of a new exhibit gallery at the museum.

By Jill Halpin
Correspondent

Farmington Hills is home to a piece of history representing one of the darkest periods in humanity: the Holocaust.

An authentic World War II-era boxcar that was used to transport millions of European Jews and other victims to concentration camps and their deaths during the Holocaust will be the centerpiece of a new gallery at the Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus.

The new gallery was dedicated on Tuesday, Nov. 20.

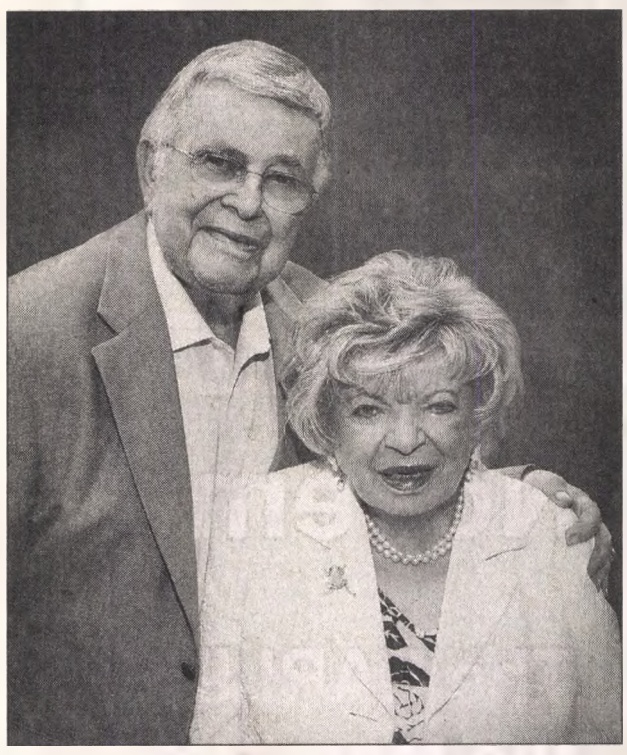
The gallery was made possible by a donation from Bloomfield Hills residents Henrietta and Alvin Weisberg, and stands in memory of Henrietta's family murdered in the Holocaust: her parents, Sara and Israel Gastfrajnd, and brothers, Rubin and Hershel Gastfrajnd.

Now 83, Henrietta Weisberg was just a child when the horrors of the Holocaust touched her family and she is hopeful the exhibit will serve as a powerful reminder of the tragedy.

She said she still has memories of being inside a boxcar as a child. Forced to endure crowded, deplorable conditions, many others perished in the boxcars before they reached their destinations.

"Nothing could have been worse," than being in of one of those boxcars, Weisberg said. "While they have done movies and written books, you cannot truly understand unless you were there. I want the world to know what happened during the Holocaust so that such inhumanity will never happen again."

The Holocaust Memorial Center acquired the boxcar in September 2011 with the cooperation of the German National Railroad and the Technical (Railroad) Museum in Berlin.



Alvin and Henrietta Weisberg

It is believed to be one of the last of such boxcars in existence and the only one exported to the United States from Germany.

"We are very grateful to the Weisberg's for this generous donation," said Stephen M. Goldman, executive director of the Holocaust Memorial Center.

Opened in 1984, the Holocaust Memorial Center is the state's only Holocaust museum and is visited by more than 85,000 people annually.

Founded by local Holocaust survivors with community support, the center's mission is to teach about the senseless murder of millions, and why everyone must respect and stand up for the rights of others if the world is to prevent future discrimination, hate crime and genocide, Goldman said.

He added that the center's exhibits create a call to action, teaching visitors through the examples of those who risked their lives to save others, and asking its guests to react to contemporary challenges such as racism, intolerance, bullying and prejudice.

"This gallery allows us to display an object of great significance that will not only educate our visitors, but stand as a reminder" of the Holocaust, Goldman said.

Goldman believes that the new gallery will provide important and realistic learning opportunities for visitors to the museum.

"Objects of an era, especially objects that carry an emotional content, are important in getting a message across: that it can never happen again," he said.

The new gallery will also play a role in conveying another important lesson and message of faith, he said, adding that the message is especially important for young people.

"There is hope. There is always hope," he added.

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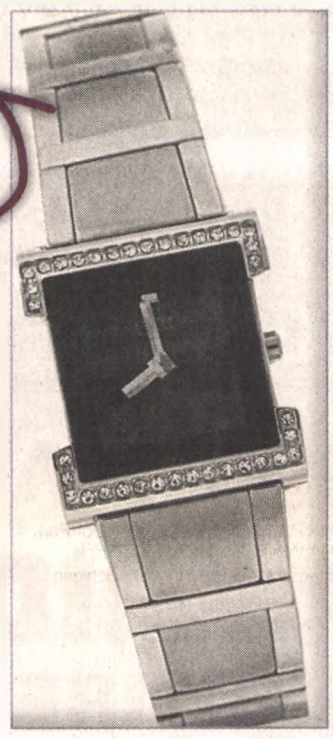

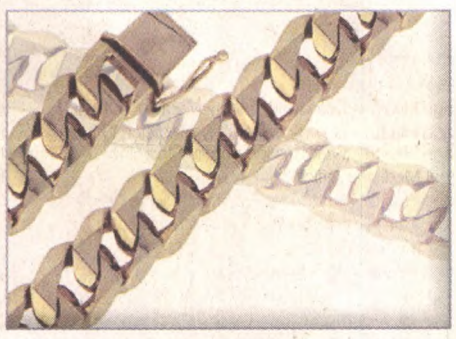

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Habitat holds homeowner orientation sessions

By LeAnne Rogers
Observer Staff Writer

If you're looking to buy a home, Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County is holding homeowner orientation sessions.

The approximately one-hour sessions will be held Fridays, Nov. 30, Dec. 7 and Dec. 14, at the Resource Network Building, 9349 Telegraph, Redford, in the Redford Plaza Shopping Center.

Qualified homebuyers can get a 20-year zero interest mortgage by meeting income guidelines and providing required sweat equity hours working on their home or homes that will be provided to other program participants.

The homebuyer orientation will include a video presentation, a review of the criteria to qualify for a Habitat home, a question-and-answer period and application distribution.

"I really glad that they are holding an orientation. We still have one vacant Habitat house (available)," said Westland Community Development Director Joanne Campbell.

In Westland, Habitat has constructed or rehabilitated seven homes — all sold and occupied except one home on Middlebelt.

The orientations are open to residents of communities served by the Western Wayne County Habitat for Humanity. That includes Westland, Garden City, Canton, Livonia, Plymouth, Redford, Wayne, Dearborn Heights, Romulus, Belleville, Northville, Taylor and Romulus.

Three eligibility criteria are considered for a Habitat home, including a need for adequate shelter, income and willingness to participate as a Habitat partner.

For more information on the program, visit www.habitatwwc.org.

Westland also works to rehabilitate or demolish blighted abandoned homes through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

"There are two homes for sale in Annapolis Park and one on Rosslyn," said Campbell.

The income levels for each program are the same, Campbell said, but Habitat is better able to deal with potential homeowners who are unable to qualify for conventional mortgages.

Earlier this month, the Westland City Council approved a $4,000 purchase of a duplex at 32245-47 Hillsdale for demolition. The purchase of a home at 29047 Brody for $84,900 for rehabilitation and resale was also approved.

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St. Mary Mercy Hospital opened its new Emergency Center to patients at 5 a.m. Wednesday.

Located in the new addition on the southwest side of campus, the new Emergency Center has more than 50 clinical rooms that include private treatment rooms and an expanded Senior ER. The new Emergency Center features include a "racetrack" layout where private patient rooms surround the clinical work area. A new helipad was also constructed next to the new Emergency Center.

The new Emergency Center is within St. Mary Mercy's newest building, a 154,000-square-foot addition that also contains two floors of 80 private patient rooms. The private rooms opened to patients Nov. 5. The hospital is also renovating the semi-patient rooms in the North Wing, converting most of them into private rooms.

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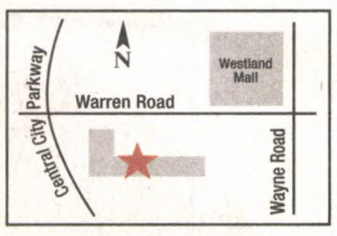

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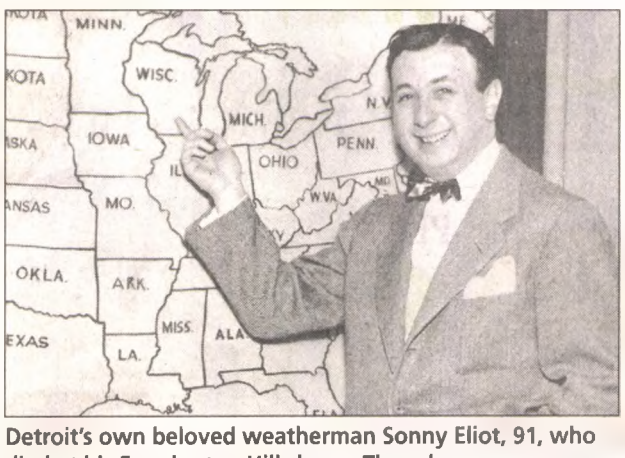
Eliot was same on or off air, friends remember

By Joanne Maliszewski
Observer Staff Writer

Back in the day, Bill Dwyer would run into famed Detroit area weatherman Sonny Eliot at the former Lindell AC, a gathering spot for Detroit police, journalists and politicians.

"The police and the news people always gathered there," recalled Dwyer, a former Detroit police executive and former Farmington Hills police chief. "Everybody loved him. He was always so congenial, friendly and always had jokes to tell."

Dwyer, an Oakland County commissioner, and other local folks remembered Detroit's own beloved weatherman Eliot, 91, who died at his Farmington Hills home Thursday. He last worked as the on-air weatherman for WWJ News Radio 950, which released news of his death early Friday.



Detroit's own beloved weatherman Sonny Eliot, 91, who died at his Farmington Hills home Thursday.

New York-based CBS Radio, corporate parent of WWJ-Radio, was expected to issue a release on Eliot's death sometime Friday.

Johnny Ginopolis called Eliot "a special person" who frequented his restaurant on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills. He remembers Eliot also coming by in later years to pick up a carry-out meal for his wife, Annette, who was ill at the time. "He was so concerned about her."

Eliot had a number of favorite hangouts in the Hills, including Ginopolis and the Kerby Coney Island on Orchard Lake Road.

"I remember when he would come in, he would greet me in Greek," Ginopolis said. "Then he always had a joke for me. He was a very funny man."

A former Eliot colleague remembered the weathercaster's kindness after hearing the news of his death. "I grew up seeing Sonny on TV. He made me laugh," said Jon King, news editor of WHMI Radio in Livingston County.

King worked at WWJ News Radio 950 for less than two years. His desk was right next to Eliot's. "He came over and introduced himself. I remember thinking, 'how cool is this?' I was blown away."

King remembers Eliot's ability to humorously spoof politicians, local personalities and other well-known people from Detroit or those traveling to and through the city.

The Sonny Eliot personality who was seen on television and heard on the radio was not an act. "That really was Sonny. He was just as funny off the air. He was the nicest guy. He always had a sparkle in his eye," King said.

That sparkle is what state Rep. Vicki Barnett of Farmington Hills remembers.

A couple of years ago when Barnett was seeking election and making the door-to-door rounds in Farmington Hills, she knocked on Eliot's door. "He answered the door! I introduced myself and asked him for his vote.

"'Of course I'm voting for you,' he told me. He still had that sparkle in his eye. We were very happy to have him in Farmington Hills."

A hometown boy, Eliot (born Marvin Schlossberg) graduated from Central High School in Detroit and then went on to Wayne State University.

During World War II he served as a B-24 bomber pilot and was shot down on while on a mission over Germany. He was captured as a prisoner of war and spent 18 months in a prisoner of war camp in Germany.

Eliot will be long remembered for his role in establishing the power of television in Detroit. He worked as a weathercaster and on-air personality for all network channels, as well as Channel 50.

He completed his career at WWJ-AM broadcasting twice every afternoon until about two years ago. Whether he was on television or the radio, Eliot was known for delivering portions of the weather forecast in Spanish or throwing in a joke when describing points on the map.

Funeral services for Eliot will be at the Dorfman Funeral Home in Farmington Hills today. His family has asked for a private service and shiva. A public service celebrating his life will be held at a later date, according to the funeral home.

All things equal, invest in commission-free funds

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Money Matters

Rick Bloom

Q: Dear Rick: I was at one of your recent library talks and I realized how much money I've spent on commissions over the years. I was upset so I called my financial adviser or, as you refer to him, my financial salesperson. When I asked him about the commissions I have paid over the years, at first he wasn't very happy with the question. He did respond, however, by saying that since I'm a long-term investor, there is very little difference between commission and commission-free funds. I don't believe him and I'm probably going to move my money. How would you respond to his answer that for long-term investors there is very little difference between commission and commission-free funds?

A: You should not believe your financial salesperson when he tells you that there is no difference between loaded funds (commission) and no-load (non-commission) funds. There is a difference. In fact, for the long-term investor, the numbers as to how much commission ends up costing are startling.

It is important to understand how commission works. Commissions in the mutual fund industry can run as much as 8.5 percent. What that means is that if you invest $10,000, $850 comes right off the top to pay the commission. Only $9,150 ($10,000 minus $850) is put into the investment. Therefore, if an investment earned 10 percent, then the person who had paid the commission would receive about $915.

The person who invested commission-free would receive $1,000. The difference over one year may not look like a lot, but when you start compounding the difference and multiplying it by the number of years you're in the investment, it is significant. Therefore, when he told you that there's very little difference for a long-term investor, he was not telling you the truth. Either way, you should look at making a change.

As long as I have been involved in the financial world, I have always recommended no-load funds. It is because they outperform the commission funds. Every independent survey shows that the average no-load fund outperforms the average commissioned fund. The bottom line is that people should invest in commission-free mutual funds because they end up putting more money in your pocket and that is where it belongs.

I recognize there are some very good financial advisers that work on commissions. They will tell you that they work for their client's best interest and commissions are how they get compensated. As a professional, obviously, I have no problem with a professional being compensated for services.

However, my problem is that when it comes to mutual funds and investments, commissions and sales incentives are generally hidden from the investor. The average investor that invests in a commission-based investment has no idea what they're paying in commissions or if there were any sale incentives involved. When fees and other types of compensation are not disclosed, there is a reason for that and that is they don't want you to know the high costs you are paying.

In general, I believe investors should stay away from commission-based products. Not because all commission-based products underperform, because that is not the case. There are some commission-based mutual funds that have solid performance. However, they are few and far between.

The reality is that commission-based products create a conflict of interest. There is a reason why so many companies offer sales incentives. They want the financial salesperson to focus on the sale.

Investing is too important to have conflicts of interest. When there are commissions involved, you never know if they recommend a product because it's good for you or good for them. I say take commissions out of the mix and you'll have a better chance to be a successful investor. Good luck!

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Give a cheer

Coach savors smiles of her special-needs team

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

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The VIP Team's routines include cartwheels, forward rolls and pyramids.

Debbie Cross points across the room to a ledge filled with trophies and proudly announces that three of them were received by her VIP team.

For the Wayne resident, the trophies are validation that hard work pays off. Cross is the director for Special Needs Cheer for Michigan Xtreme and the coach of VIP, a special-needs performance cheerleading team at Premier Athletics Michigan Xtreme in Plymouth.

"We have amazing athletes. They all have their individual struggles, but when they come together in the gym, they are just like any other athlete," Cross said. "Their big smiles and can-do attitude are infectious."

Cross started coaching the team three years ago after being approached by Lisa Hemmie, director of Premier Athletics Michigan Xtreme. Cross has coached for Special Olympics for 10 years and does softball in summer and has helped with the Autos for Autism car show for the Burger Center for Students with Autism in Garden City. However, she had "no experience" in coaching cheerleading. Hemmie told her that was no problem and the rest, as the say, is history.

"It's something I've been wanting to do for five years, but before I implemented it, I wanted to have everything in place to handle it and I finally did," Hemmie said. "The kids do a great job. I'm impressed with every kid in this gym."

The VIP team members are 12-26 years old with disabilities ranging from autism and severe seizure disorder to being wheelchair-bound. They practice Sundays at Premiere Athletics and do exhibitions at venues around the Detroit area and in Ohio.

Cross shares coaching duties with Sharon Harding and has five junior coaches who have helped make the team what it is.

"The junior coaches made the team, they made it happen; they know what we want the team to do and they do it," Cross said. "Sharon came on this year to help me coach. What I miss or I don't see, she does and corrects it."

"I love doing this," said junior coach Wynter Nickles of Farmington Hills. "It's so much fun and I get service hours for school."

Getting started

When Cross said yes to Hemmie, her first phone call was to 26-year-old Holly Ranta of Canton, whom she coaches in Special Olympics. "She loves this. She looks forward to coming and going to all of the events," said her mother Judy Ranta.

Holly Ranta of Canton and Daniel Cross of Wayne hold up Kassidy Harding in one of the team's stunts.

Cheer is just one of the many activities she does. Holly, who has epilepsy and has seizures every day, also is in two dance classes — jazz and ballet — and swims "like a little fish in water." She plays soccer, basketball, bowling and softball for Special Olympics, but her big sport is track and field.

Despite having seizures daily, she has graduated from Schoolcraft College and has been accepted to the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She hopes to become a special-needs teacher, although she is taking a break this year, her mother said.

"Being accepted was quite an accomplishment," Judy Ranta said.

Janis Huff's daughter Nicole also has done cheer all three seasons.

"It's great when the kids get included in the things the others do," her mother said. "Nicole likes anything showy. She likes her sports, she's very athletic, but she likes the things that are showy and have costumes. She wants to go to Hollywood."

Huff said her daughter, who has Down syndrome, has a "pretty smile, is talkative and isn't bashful."

And it shows.

"I love it, it's really good," the 22-year-old Nicole said. "This is a good program for me. They make me feel welcome."

Coach Sharon Harding gives the thumbs up with VIP cheer team member Davette Cotton of Canton.

Her biggest achievement since joining the team has been being able to do a thigh stand as part of a four-person pyramid, she added.

Huff likes seeing the "big brilliant" smiles on the kids' faces and the support that's given by the other students.

"They show a lot of support, they cheer our kids on," she said. "It's good for them and it's good for our kids."

Diva D

Davette Cotton, better known as Diva D, has a smile that lights up a room. She's the wheelchair-bound member of the team. She holds poms in her hands and is wheeled around by one of the coaches as her teammates do their splits and jumps.

The cheer team was one of the things her mother, Stephanie Cotton of Canton, wanted to do with her daughter. She got connected with the group through Harding.

"She loves it, she's a people person," her mother said. "She likes the attention and they give her a lot of it. She really likes it and likes showing off while she's here.

"I'm very impressed with this team. Diva fits right in," she added. "They do treat them like VIPs."

The lone male member is Cross's son Dan, who attends Burger Center for Students with Autism in Garden City. He's the base of the pyramid and identifies himself as the team leader.

"I get to help everyone out on the floor," he said. "If they're not in place, I help them."

At 13, Natalie Anderson is the youngest team member. Her mother Sue found the team on the Internet. There also was one in Shelby Township, but Plymouth is closer to their home in Wixom. She had come thinking it would be a standard cheer team, but saw there was music and "shaking around."

For Nicole, each year has brought a new accomplishment. Last year, she learned to do a somersault. This year, she raises her hands above her head at the top of the pyramid.

"What's so nice with cheer is that if you're not so perfect, it's OK," her mother said. "This is something very doable for her. It's really been a nice activity for her."

Like Cotton, she likes how other students gather in front of team and cheers it on. They make them feel welcome.

"And these coaches have been awesome, they include her in everything," she said. "She loves her coaches, she's very comfortable with them."

According to Hemmie, each team member has different abilities and those abilities are put into the routines.

"Whatever they can do, we will try to incorporate them into the routine so they have their own highlight," she said. "It's really interesting to watch them. Debbie has done an amazing job."

"Everything we have them do accentuates their strengths," Cross said. "Natalie likes to do a forward roll, so we accentuate that. The first time she did one, she screamed, 'Miss Debbie, watch' and I had to. It's their huge, huge smiles that makes it all worthwhile."

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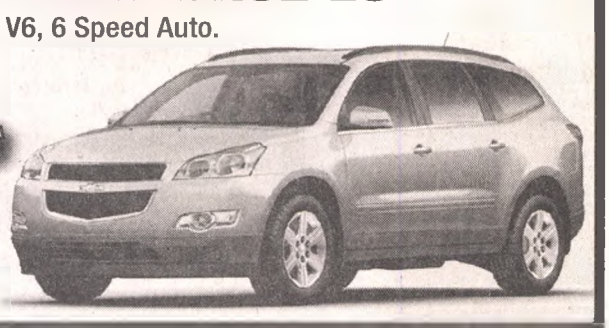
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Hungry diners fill career center for Thanksgiving benefit

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

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Darren Drewno and Dawn Schoenineer of Plymouth were among people who helped raise money for the Wayne-Westland Family Resource Center.

It was a pleasant surprise for chef Tony Paquette at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center: a line of people waiting to partake of his fifth annual Thanksgiving buffet.

"This was the biggest crowd we've ever had, we were jammin,'" said Paquette, the head of the culinary arts program at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center. "We barely have anything left."

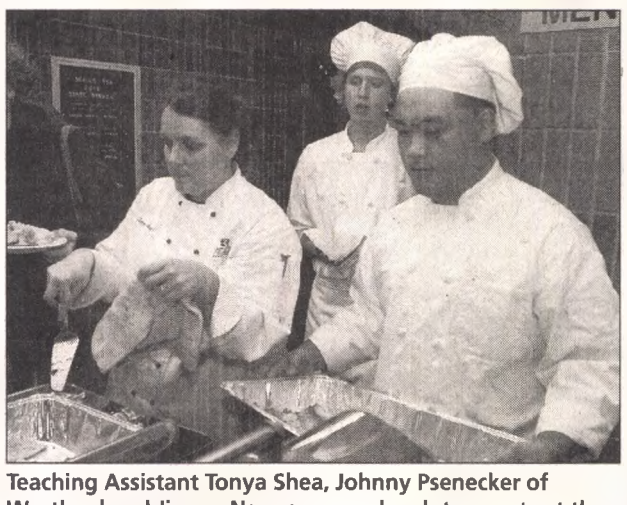
Paquette had planned on feeding between 160 and 180 people for the annual event which raises money for the Wayne-Westland Family Resource Center, but when the luncheon was done, the crowd numbered 235. Every table was filled in the center's Cafe Marquette and few seats were empty in tables set up in the atrium.

In fact, at 11 a.m. there was a line of people waiting for the doors to open.

Luncheon goers made a minimum donation of $10 for the meal that included turkey with all the trimmings, desserts and beverages. The money raised will be used to provide vouchers for precooked Thanksgiving meals for people who turn to the Resource Center for assistance. What money is left is used for requests at Christmas time, according to FRC program supervisor Amanda Faughnan.

"I'm in my fourth year with the resource center and I have not had to turn anyone away," said Faughnan. "I'm thankful for the community and for the community coming together and for having such a successful turnout."

"The needs are greater now, I like this because it serves our Westland residents," said 18th District Judge Sandra Cicirelli, who was among city officials who attended. "I usually come and make a donation because I think it's important to help Westland families, and I see that happening with this."



Teaching Assistant Tonya Shea, Johnny Psenecker of Westland and Jimmy Nguyen serve lunch to guests at the Thanksgiving buffet.

Tablemate Paul Motz, director of Westland Youth Assistance, praise Faughnan for the terrific job she does working with displaced students in the community.

"When they become homeless, she sees that they get what's required, Youth Assistance is very appreciative of the Family Resource Center," he said.

This is the fifth year, Paquette has put on the benefit. It started "as a whim." His students had been making pumpkin pies for food baskets and Paquette decided to go one step further. He and his students had prepared a Thanksgiving feast, and Paquette invited his friends to come for lunch and help provide meals for needy families.

"Now I see the end results now it's to the point where we have a good client base," he said. "As I walked down the line of people, I saw a lot of friends. It was good to see them. I'm really pleased how this turned out. If $35 feeds a family of six, think of how many people will we be able to feed today."

Faughnan told guests that help can come in all shapes and sizes like the four used Matchbox cars that a youngster gave her. The donation came in just before a family in need of shelter after losing everything in a house fire.

"He was so proud to donate those cars," she said. "I saw the family and I saw those cars, so I asked the mother if her son could have them. Those cars made that woman and her little boy's day."

"It's not a question of how much you give, it doesn't matter," she added.

Support for what she does comes not only from the community, but from her family. Faughnan's father Chuck was among guests.

"I think this is terrific," he said. "The kids here do a nice job, chef Tony does an excellent job working with them. For us to be able to come and eat and then Amanda be able to help as many as she does is good."

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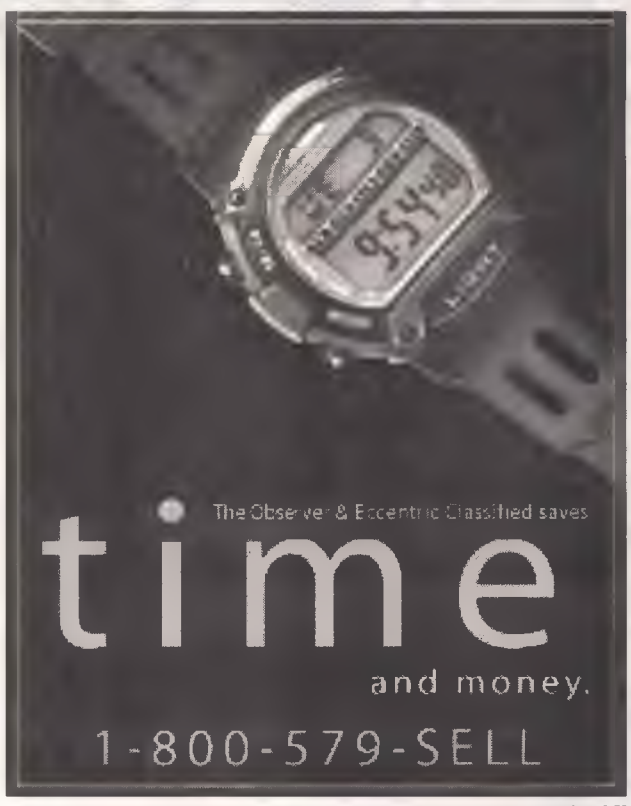

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By Karen Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Two staff members at St. Michael's School in Livonia drove a truck full of food and other basic necessities last week to Hurricane Sandy victims in New York.

The donations went to families of Public School No. 15 in Red Hook in Brooklyn, N.Y., where their sister, Jenna Utter, teaches third grade.

Laura Rea, an after-school care provider at St. Michael's, and Christen Tice, who teaches fourth grade at St. Michael's, made the trip Nov. 8-10 in a truck donated by Bob Sellers Pontiac GMC in Farmington Hills.

"Parents from Jenna's school asked for help," Rea said. "A lot of the families at Jenna's school live in the projects. The amount of aid getting to them isn't enough. They don't have enough food and basic necessities. Rather than go through some of the larger traditional organizations, Christen and I decided we could drive there directly."

Red Hook is among the parts of Brooklyn hit hardest by the hurricane Oct. 29, Rea said. "It is right on the waterfront, and the school was under 25 feet of flood water," she said.

Tice said the residents of Red Hook, home to the largest housing project in the United States, already live with very little and many of them lost what little they had.

Cleanup efforts are still in the beginning stage, she said.

"The lights did not have any power, and we saw many downed trees. We did see work crews cleaning up the mess, but lots of people were outside walking around," she said.

"The thing that stood out for me was the fact that I still saw noticeable damage even though the storm happened two weeks ago. In addition, we passed by several gas stations, most of which were closed. The gas stations that were open had long lines of people waiting for gas with gas cans."

Tice said her sister's class has been going to another school in the Red Hook neighborhood since Nov. 1 and sharing classrooms with those teachers and students. On the first day "back" at school, her sister had two students. On Friday, the day her sisters arrived with the truck full of donations, she had 15 of her 17 students back in class. The two absent students were staying with family.

Utter's home did not have any damage since she lives more inland than her school neighborhood.

The food and necessities were donated mostly by St. Michael's families.

"As soon as my sister Jenna told me about the damage at her school, I knew the St. Michael's community would be able to help," Tice said. "It humbled me that in only two days our families donated so much."

Donations included blankets, hats, gloves and mittens, non-perishable food, hand sanitizer, cleaning products, diapers, toiletries, socks, snacks and gallon-size Ziploc bags.

Help came from beyond St. Michael's as well.

"Co-workers of parents gave monetary donations," Tice said. "I personally had a student who put out letters in her neighborhood and her dad brought the items collected with him to conferences."

Tice said the experience showed her students at St. Michael's how blessed they are and how gratifying it can be to help others.

She said Bob Sellers provided the truck with only a day's notice. "It shows me there are still giving people out there," she said.

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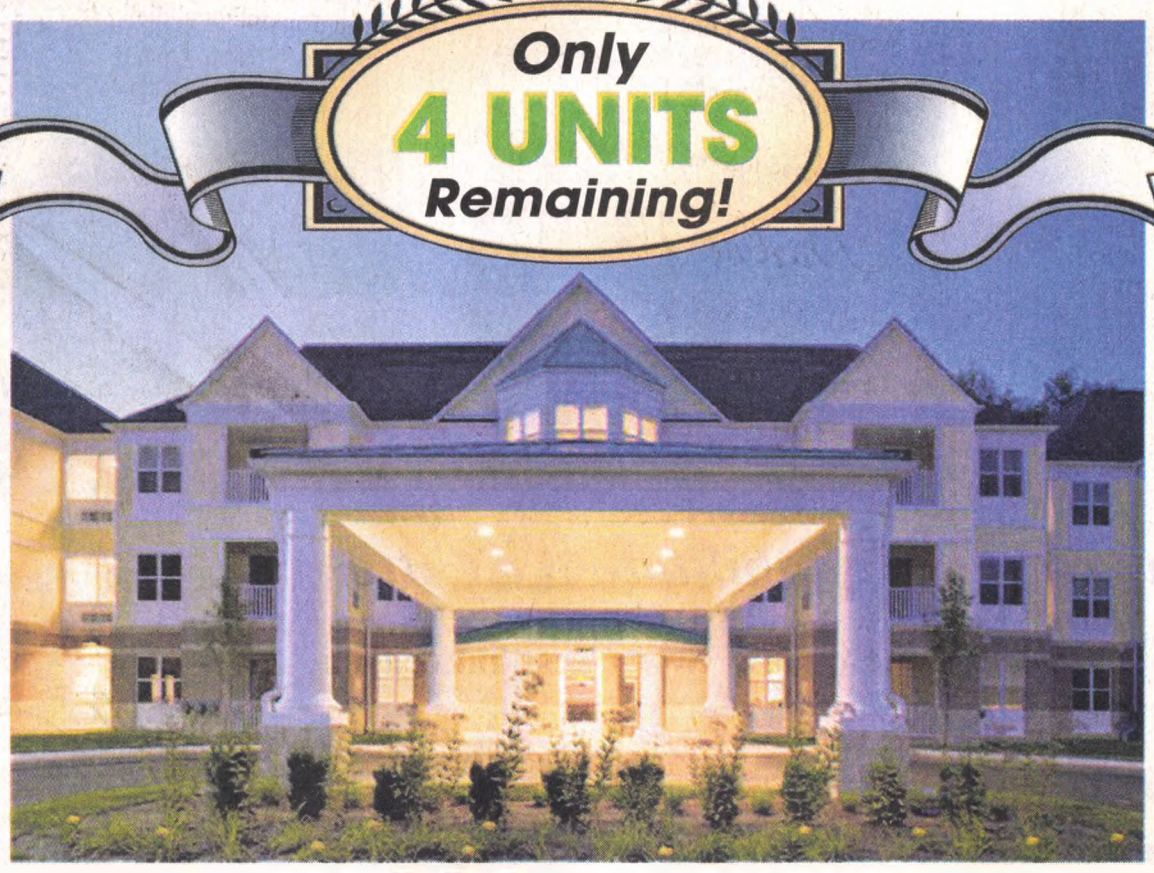

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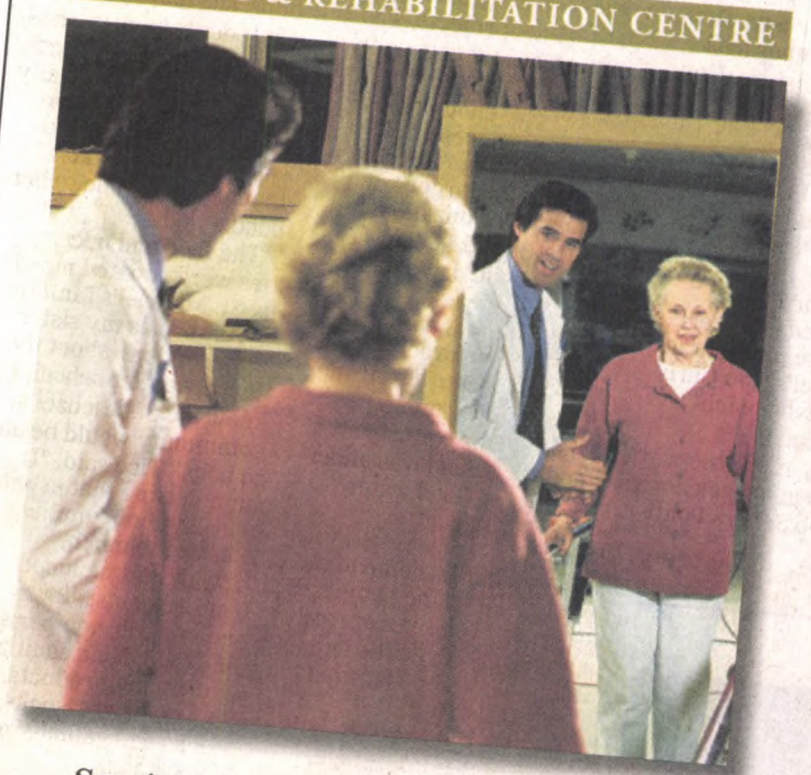

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BOYS HOCKEY PREVIEW — PART 2

New-look Chiefs eye quick start

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

The first week for Canton's varsity boys hockey team will be a challenging one, featuring matchups against campus rivals Plymouth and Salem.

Yet Chiefs second-year head coach Jeremy Majszak prefers to take the longer view as to whether his team will be one to reckon with in 2012-13.

He said it will take a while for the group to mesh, largely because there are so many newcomers vying for regular minutes.

"We only returned three kids on forward but we added a lot of speed and creativity to our lineup," Majszak said. "We've got a lot of young players that are eager, tenacious and ready to play."

Canton's offense could light it up inside KLAA rinks once players gain some experience.

"I think our offense is pretty prolific," Majszak said. "We have some very good depth where we can roll most of the lines. They move the puck really well and they're really fast.

"Offense might not come out right away, but game by game, period by period the offense is really going to make a jump."

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Members of Canton's varsity boys hockey team listen to practice assignments as detailed by head coach Jeremy Majszak (right) at Arctic Edge Arena.

At the top

On the top line will be senior captain Matt Cox, centering junior Colin Smith (a defenseman in 2011-12) and sophomore Connor Wherrett.

Majszak is banking on natural center Cox piling up goals and assists thanks to moving up from the second line and shifting over from the wing, his previous spot.

"The big thing is Cox played winger for the past two years for us," the coach said. "Which really did not play to his type of game."

As for Smith, one of the team's top blueliners last

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Rocks pin big hopes on the 'little things'

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

After stringing together several outstanding seasons, Salem's varsity boys hockey team struggled through an up-and-down 2011-12.

Veteran head coach Ryan Ossenmacher and returning players want to hit the ice in full flight this time around, looking to return to the top of the KLAA South Division standings.

It will mean paying more attention to "the little things" in games that hurt the Rocks last season, when the team let numerous leads slip away and wound up fourth in the division (3-6-1-1) and 9-15-1-1 overall.

With that in mind, a wall inside the revamped team room at Plymouth Cultural Center features an inscription — picked by players over the summer.

"The seniors picked out a quote this year that

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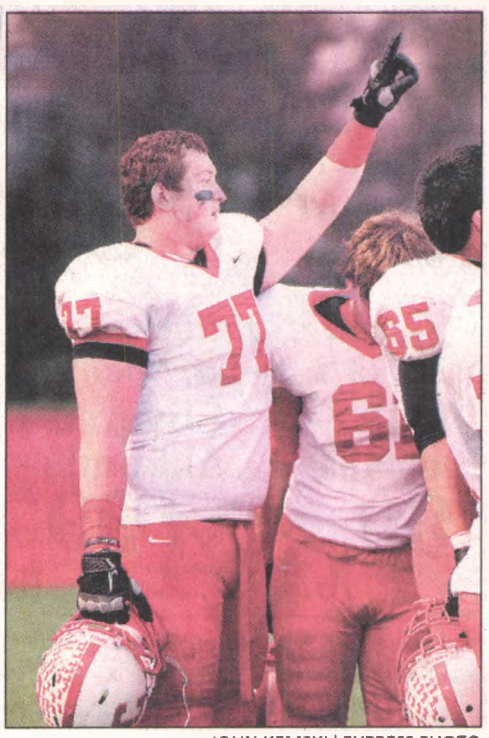
One of the returning players for Salem is speedy forward Jack Driscoll (No. 28), shown in action from last season.

Dillard ready for life's next chapter



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Canton senior lineman Cameron Dillard (No. 77), holding his decal-covered helmet, points the way for teammates during pregame warmups.

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Cameron Dillard has plans to go a long way in life, even if he wasn't able to make it to Ford Field to try for a football state championship.

Make no mistake, the Canton Chiefs senior lineman — who is verbally committed to playing Division I football at Florida — loves to make things happen on the gridiron.

But he won't take any credit that comes his way. Instead, he points squarely to his strong faith and family. Or he'll deflect attention away from himself toward his Canton teammates and coaches.

"I had a goal ever since I was on the varsity squad as a sophomore to help lead my team to Ford Field (where the state finals take place)," Dillard said. "Unfortunately, I couldn't make that happen.

"However, you do not always get what you wish for, you get what you work for and I know my teammates and I gave it our all.

"It is difficult to look ahead after a tough loss (in the playoffs against Plymouth) on my college career, but I have to say I am blessed because I get the privilege to use my God-given ability at the next level."

Plenty of pride

Dillard is a load in the trenches, standing 6-foot-4 and weighing 290 pounds. He's a friendly teddy bear once he removes his helmet — completely covered with "Pride Stickers" for individual and team accomplishments.

"One sticker that we wore on the back of our helmet that I wanted to point out was a gold ribbon honoring a local Canton kid who had childhood cancer," Dillard said. "We wanted to bring awareness to this cause."

Following that Oct. 26 pre-district loss to Plymouth, helmetless Dillard made the rounds. He gave out handships, hugs and shoulder-pad slaps to anyone who approached him.

Because the North Carolina native is as genuine as they come, there's nothing phony about those gestures, from those giving or receiving them.

And now, he gets ready to graduate and carry on to Florida. He'll make a pit stop in Texas first.

Heartfelt praise

Considered one of the elite linemen in Michigan, Dillard

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Holiday food drive game

Salem is hosting Canton at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24 at Plymouth Cultural Center for a big campus-rivalry boys hockey game. But pucks aren't all that will be dropped, if all goes to plan.

Spectators are asked to bring at least one non-perishable food item to the rink. Those items will be donated to Open Door Ministry in Canton.

Meanwhile, Salem players will also volunteer their time distributing food to those in need during December or January.

Bring toys to hockey game

High school hockey fans have a chance to catch a game and give to Toys for Tots.

On Wednesday at Canton Arctic Edge Arena on Michigan Avenue near Belleville/Canton Center Road, the Canton Chiefs and Plymouth Wildcats will drop the puck in the KLAA South Division opener for both squads.

Spectators, however, can get a $10 discount coupon for an oil change at Dick Scott Dodge in Plymouth provided they bring a brand new toy to the 6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve game. (It is requested that stuffed animals not be donated.)

Other highlights of the evening will include a raffle (with proceeds benefiting Plymouth-Canton Educational Park hockey programs) and Dick Scott-hosted "Score-O!" between periods.

With the latter, participants will be trying to score from center ice and win a 2013 Dodge Dart from Dick Scott in the process.

Baranovska All-Academic

Madonna University senior middle hitter Nastija Baranovska (Riga, Latvia) has been named to the Capital One Academic All-District first team as selected by the members of the College Sports Information Directors of America.

A first-time honoree by CoSIDA and Capital One, Baranovska now moves on to the national ballot and is eligible to earn Capital One Academic All-America honors this year.

A two-time All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference first-team selection, Baranovska is an English major with a 3.91 grade-point average.

She is a two-time Academic All-WHAC selection and earned NAIA Scholar-Athlete honors last season.

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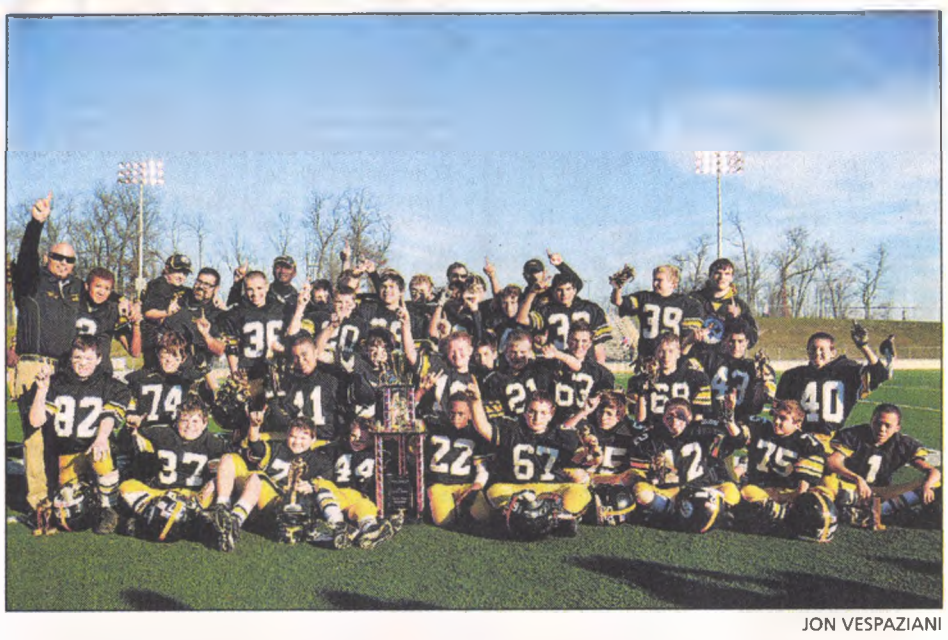

JON VESPAZIANI

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers junior varsity football team completed a perfect 10-0 season on Sunday by upending the Canton Lions, 29-12, in the Western Suburban Junior Football League's Super Bowl at Saline High School. The Steelers, who are coached by Angelo Lanava, outscored their opponents, 285-70, this season. The Steelers' varisty squad defeated the Dearborn Heights Redskins in Sunday's third Super Bowl contest. A team photo and a recap of that game — along with the Steelers' freshmen team's narrow loss to Ypsilanti in Sunday's first Super Bowl clash — will appear in Sunday's Observer.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Salem euchre tourney

Salem Wrestling Boosters are holding the annual Fall Euchre Tournament, slated for Saturday, Nov. 24, at the Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road.

Doors open at 6 p.m. with games starting at 7 p.m. The cost is $25 per player and participants must be at least 21 years old.

Awards will be given to the top three players with the highest scores. There also will be raffles and prizes.

Complimentary food and a cash bar also will be available. Walk-ins are welcome, but seating is limited.

For more information, call (734) 981-7913 or (313) 706-3282 or send an e-mail to rkddox@aol.com.

Salem girls track coaching spot

Salem varsity girls track and field coach Dave Gerlach announced he is looking to hire an assistant coach for the 2013 season.

The coach should specialize in sprints and relays.

Gerlach can be reached at (734) 416-7774 or via e-mail at Rockcoachxc@wowway.com.

Plymouth girls lax meeting

For anyone interested in playing Plymouth girls lacrosse in the spring, there will be a mandatory parent and player meeting 7 p.m. Nov. 28.

It will take place at Salem High School in the Salem Presentation Room (No. 2112).

Parents are asked to park near the main Salem entrance off of Joy Road near the flagpole.

WYAA volleyball

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association volleyball is underway and will last through mid-November for the following age groups: 9-10 (freshman), 11-13 (JV) and 14-17 (varsity).

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Salem's McEvilly tops all-area boys harriers

FIRST TEAM

Steve McEvilly, Salem: The fourth-year varsity runner had much to do with what coach Steve Aspinall called "one of our most successful seasons in a decade" with a number of top-10 finishes.

At the Wayne County meet, he earned first-team honors with a fourth-place showing of 16:18.68. He then placed sixth at the conference meet (16:31.91) and fifth at the Division 1 regional at Willow Metropark with a time of 16:24.42.

At the D1 finals at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, his mark of 16:05.9 earned him a tie for 53rd place. That time also was his personal best and ninth fastest in Salem history.

"Steve has been a leader, both officially and unofficially for our team since his freshman year," Aspinall said. "He is one of the most dedicated and consistent runners I have ever coached and coaching him has been a true pleasure."

The coach added McEvilly's "work ethic, leadership and dedication" will follow him to wherever he opts to run after graduation. Central Michigan, DePaul and Miami (Ohio) are among college choices he is considering.

Keenan Jones, Franklin: The sophomore saved his best for last by finishing 74th in the D1 finals with a time of 16:17.0.

Jones earned an individual qualifying spot by taking 10th at the regional (16:26). He also placed third in the Livonia City meet (17:27) at Cass Benton and placed 12th in the Kensington Conference meet (16:44).

"Keenan had a tremendous season capped off with an excellent performance at the state meet," Franklin coach Walt Reasor said. "Keenan was a leader who possesses a great work ethic for the team to follow. I look forward to his improvement and accomplishments in his junior season."

Zane Berlanga, Plymouth: The junior put together a consistently solid season, featuring a personal best of 16:22.5 at the D1 finals and second-place finish at the KLAA Kensington Conference meet (16:24.45).

Other notable performances included placing 10th at the Wayne County meet (16:34.42) and 12th (16:29.87) at the D1 regional (both at Willow Metropark) and coming in tied for 85th with Salem's Chaz Jeffress at the D1 finals at MIS.

"His second place at the conference meet showed that he is one of the top runners in the area," coach Jon Mikosz said. "Zane has so much talent and hasn't come close to reaching his full potential yet.

"I am looking forward to his senior year and seeing how much farther he moves up on the record board."

Berlanga won't have far to go, as he currently is the sixth- fastest runner in Plymouth school history.

Brandon Dalton, Plymouth: Dalton capped off an outstanding four-year career with his personal best of 16:23 at the D1 state finals at MIS, which earned him 89th place overall.

The seventh-fastest runner in team history, he also finished eighth at the Wayne County meet (16:31.46), 19th at the conference meet (16:55.79) and 15th at regional (16:30.85).

"His hard work paid off as he made it to his second state meet where he ran a PR of 16:23," Mikosz said. "Brandon is not only a great runner but a great guy outside of running.

"He is the type of runner you want as a coach because he never wants to disappoint you so he gives his all in every race. He will be hard to replace next season."

Chaz Jeffress, Salem: Thanks to the big-time success enjoyed his freshman year, it looks pretty certain that Jeffress will pick up Salem's baton from soon-to-graduate McEvilly.

One of the top freshman runners in Michigan, he improved times from the 18s to 17s to 16s along the way and made it all the way to the D1 finals.

Jeffress was instrumental to Salem's second-place finish at the D1 regional at Willow Metropark with a time of 16:19.63 (fourth place). His mile PR of 4:58 enabled him to lead the race through the one-mile marker.

He then finished in a tie for 85th at the D1 finals with a mark of 16:22.5. The latter was the fourth best by a ninth grader.

Other highlights included finishing 19th at the Wayne County meet with a time of 16:43.71 (third-team all-county) and placing ninth at the conference meet (16:37.99).

"Chaz is a rare talent who has the ability to be one of the top runners in the area for the next three years and we have set lofty goals for the future," Aspinall said.

Ross Cecil, Franklin: The sophomore earned an eighth-place finish at the regional (16:26) to earn an individual qualifying spot in the state finals.

Cecil took 159th overall in Division 1 meet (16:51.7) and added a fifth in the Kensington Conference meet (16:30), as well as a 14th in the Ypsilanti Coaching Legends meet where he turned in a personal best 16:18.

"Ross had a breakout season and became one of the top runners in our conference as a sophomore," Reasor said. " One of his most impressive performances was in the regional meet where he took eighth. Ross has unlimited potential and I look forward to his continued improvement next season."

Stephen Fenech, Stevenson: The junior helped the Spartans earn their first team berth in the Division 1 state finals in 10 years.

Fenech finished took 109th overall at MIS (16:30.6) after placing 13th at the regional (16:33.18).

He also placed sixth at Wayne County with a personal best of 16:25.4 and added an eighth in the Kensington Conference.

"Stephen was our number one man in most of our meets," Stevenson coach Chris Inch said. "He battled a groin injury the last quarter of the season. I am confident he will work hard this winter in preparation for a strong track season."

Drew Lindman, Farmington: The senior standout concludes his high school cross country career with a third consecutive selection to the All-Observer first team.

Lindman is a two-time recipient of the Mike McGuire Award as Farmington High School's most outstanding runner. In his final race, he ran a lifetime best time of 16:35 at the Division 1 state meet, finishing 120th and eighth among Observerland boys.

Lindman is a two-time Farmington Public Schools individual city champion. He retained that title with a 2012 time of 16:43 at Oakland Community College.

He was 20th in the Oakland County meet (16:46) at Kensington Metropark and 14th in the regional (16:41) at Hess Hathaway Park in Waterford. Both times are team records for those courses.

"Drew's competitive desire and dedication to off-season training have helped him steadily improve over his exceptional career," coach Charlie Stamboulian said. "In two of his four years, we were OAA White Division champions as a team, and the other two we were runners-up. Obviously, we couldn't have accomplished any of that without him.

"Drew will truly be missed on our team. He is not afraid to work hard and has a successful future in front of him. He is looking forward to the track season as well as continuing to run in college."

Ben Yates, Churchill: The senior was a state qualifier finishing 185th after finishing ninth and posting a personal best time of ninth at the regional.

"Ben had a very good senior season to end his four-year cross country career at Churchill," coach John McGreevy said. "Ben improved significantly from one season to the next and culminated his season by running in the state finals. He worked very hard in his off seasons to accomplish this."

Yates also placed seventh at the KLAA Invitational (16:54.3); ninth at Wayne County (16:34); 11th at Monroe Jefferson (17:16); 13th at the Kensington Conference (16:44.9); and 22nd at the MSU Spartan Invitational Green (16:56).

"Ben is a tremendous leader and role model who is loved by his teammates," McGreevy said. "He was a captain his junior and senior years. He is also an honor student, Eagle Scout, a talented musician and is very active in his church community. It has been a pleasure and an honor to have coached him these past three seasons."

Jacob Colley, Stevenson: The junior was the Livonia City champion and took 13th overall in the regional with a season-best 16:30.17.

Colley was 122nd overall in the state finals (16:36.6) and added an 11th-place finish at the Kensington Conference meet.

"Jake's leadership was the key to our team's success," Inch said. "He ran especially tough in the championship phase of the season. Without Jake our team doesn't make it to 'states.' I will miss his leadership."

COACH OF THE YEAR

Steve Aspinall, Salem: Although the second-year head coach of the Rocks earned the Observer Coach of the Year award, if it were up to him he would clone the honor for every runner on his squad.

Early on, victories were posted at the DeLaSalle and Traverse City invitationals. The Rocks went on to finish second both in the competitive KLAA Central Division standings and conference championship meet.

Perhaps the highlight was Salem's runner-up finish at the D1 regional meet at Willow Metropark. Another noteworthy showing took place at the D1 finals as the Rocks placed 18th.

Moreover, Aspinall said every varsity runner ran a personal best either at the conference, regional or state championships.

In addition to the excellence displayed throughout the season, the team earned academic all-state honors with 35 of 49 members earning a grade-point average of 3.0 or better.

"We had a very successful year as a team and it was a direct result of the work that was put forth during the summer," Aspinall said. "We had around 25 guys there nearly every day for summer conditioning runs, led by the senior class.

"The 15 seniors will be dearly missed, but we are confident some of the younger guys will step up to fill their shoes."

Aspinall added the program keeps growing and gaining competitive steam.

"This year, we had 13 guys break 18:00, the most in school history," he continued. "We return eight of those guys next year."

2012 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

FIRST TEAM

Steve McEvilly, Sr., Salem
Keenan Jones, Soph., Franklin
Jhaira Johnson, Jr., Garden City
Zane Berlanga, Jr., Plymouth
Brandon Dalton, Sr., Plymouth
Chaz Jeffress, Fr., Salem
Ross Cecil, Soph., Franklin
Stephen Fenech, Jr., Stevenson
Drew Lindman, Sr., Farmington
Ben Yates, Sr., Churchill
Jacob Colley, Sr., Stevenson

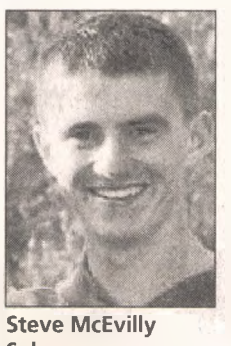
SECOND TEAM

George Bowles, Jr., Churchill
Michael Karizat, Sr., Salem
Dan Malcolm, Sr., Wayne
Max Bradley, Jr., N. Farmington
Liam Cardenas, Jr., Plymouth
Riley Doxtader, Sr., Salem
Billy Toth, Soph., Canton
Evan Dunklee, Jr., Canton
Devin Gibson, Soph., Wayne
Jonny Dalton, Soph., Plymouth
Max Rogowski, Jr., Plymouth

COACH OF YEAR

Steve Aspinall, Salem

Churchill: Jon Alessandrini, Matt Cohan; **Franklin:** Tony Floyd; **Stevenson:** Peter Walkuski, Michael Sopko, Luke Green, Tyler Reamer; **John Glenn:** Micah Orr, Ed Maya, Jess Osoria; **Wayne:** Michael Gibson, Zack Williams, Tim Flores; **Lutheran Westland:** Eric Smith, Daniel Bunge, Hunter Roedel; **Canton:** Tom Walkinshaw, Evan Childs, Andrew Stephens, Josh Joy; **Plymouth:** Matthew Pahl, Nick Williamson; **Salem:** Evan Bruyere, Donovan Drouillard, Jeremy Drouillard; **Plymouth Christian:** Jimmy Parks, Trevor Baloga, Ethan Levack, Jacob Bailey, Ian Rose; **Farmington:** Paolo Guarano, Mitchell Modzel, Brian Hanley; **Harrison:** James Weekley, Joe Blair, Marcus Reed; **North Farmington:** Jacob Lockledge.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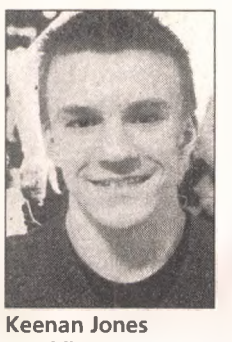
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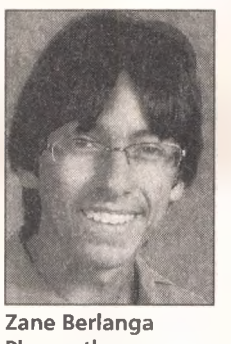
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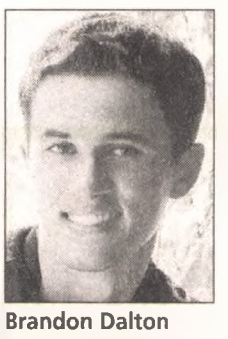
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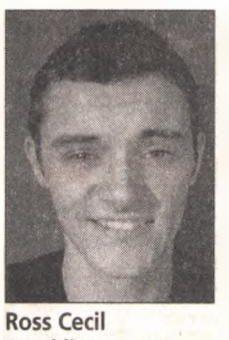
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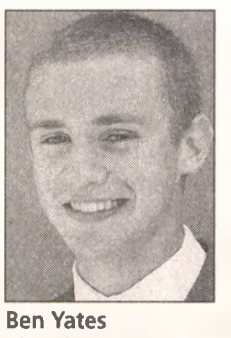
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Steve Aspinall
Salem coach

GIRLS SWIM RESULTS

KENSINGTON LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GIRLS SWIM MEET
Nov. 2-3 at South Lyon

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. South Lyon Unified, 764 points; 2. Northville, 756; 3. Novi, 651; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 564.5; 5. Canton, 548; 6. Salem, 506; 7. Plymouth, 464; 8. Livonia Churchill, 233.5; 9. Wayne Memorial, 108; 10. Westland John Glenn, 102; 11. Livonia Franklin, 88.

FINAL EVENT RESULTS

200-yard medley relay: 1. South Lyon (Diedre Gerke, Kallie Kruger, Chanel Bonin, Stormy Malarik), 1:48.27; 2. Salem, 1:48.88; 3. Novi, 1:49.31; 4. Northville, 1:50.44; 5. Stevenson, 1:50.75; 6. Canton, 1:52.88; 7. Plymouth, 1:59.42; 8. Churchill, 1:59.49.

200 freestyle: 1. Sarah Dombkowski (Ply.), 1:54.01; 2. Rachel Green (SLU), 1:55.45; 3. Alissa Moore (N'ville), 1:57.92; 4. Sarah Cauzillo (LS), 1:58.24; 5. Madeline Madison (Canton), 1:59.05; 6. Grace LaFreniere (N'ville), 2:00.02; 7. Abby Aumiller, 2:00.26; 8. Julia Suriano (Salem), 2:00.58; 9. Evelyn Stein (LS), 2:01.2; 12. Merrill Froney (LS), 2:01.79; 13. Aiden O'Dowd (LS), 2:03.92.

200 individual medley: 1. Linda Zhang (Salem), 2:07.62; 2. Mallory Buha (Novi), 2:07.65; 3. Catherine Cui (N'ville), 2:09.3; 4. Emily Toro (Ply.), 2:09.9; 5. Alexa Earls (Ply.), 2:14.4; 6. Rachel Arceri (LS), 2:14.95; 8. Linda Erickson (Ply.), 2:16.91; 12. Shaelyn Dolinski (LS), 2:18.45.

50 freestyle: 1. Maranda Buha (Novi), 24.23; 2. Kara Berg (Novi), 24.42; 3. Lisa Zhang (Salem), 24.53; 4. Destinee Hicks-Barmore (Canton), 24.71; 6. Malarik (SLU), 24.77; 6. Briana Schoenek (N'ville), 25.23; 7. Janice Burnett (Novi), 25.43; 8. Emily Meier (Canton), 26.19; 11. Brenna Gabrielson (LS), 25.58; 12. Molly Jarvis (LC), 25.75.

1-meter diving: 1. Andrea Meister (N'ville), 401.75 points; 2. Rachel Aepelbacher (Novi), 393.45; 3. Autumn Smith (SLU), 370.35; 4. Kayla Marquardt (SLU), 369.90; 5. Madison Canadi (SLU), 356.85; 6. Heidi Surdyk (SLU), 345.35; 7. Emma Bauer (SLU), 325.75; 8. Lauren Harrington (Novi), 319.10; 15. Sydney Grenier (LC), 254.20.

100 butterfly: 1. Bonin (SLU), 56.09; 2. Lisa Zhang (Salem), 58.05; 3. Toro (Ply.), 58.85; 4. Sara Stemen (LS), 59.03; 5. Lia Nagata (N'ville), 59.45; 6. Delaney Adams (Canton), 59.6; 7. Kelsey Shurmur (Novi), 1:01.7; 8. Erickson (Ply.), 1:02.15.; 10. Brittany Gates (LC), 1:02.08;

100 freestyle: 1. Green (SLU), 52.27; 2. Maranda Buha (Novi), 53.24; 3. Gerke (SLU), 53.65; 4. Malarik (SLU), 53.77; 5. Amanda Washko (LC), 53.86; 6. Barmore-Hicks (Canton), 54.02; 7. Gabrielson (LS), 55.15; 8. Kara Berg (Novi), 55.3; 11. Cauzillo (LS), 55.75.

500 freestyle: 1. Dombkowski (Ply.), 4:58.35; 2. LaFreniere (N'ville), 5:16.94; 3. Earls (Ply.), 5:14.0; 4. Moore (N'ville), 5:16.01; 5. Suriano (Salem), 5:19.21; 6. Claire Green (Canton), 5:20.02; 7. Froney (LS), 5:20.65; 8. Stein (LS), 5:28.28; 9. O'Dowd (LS), 5:23.81; 10. Dolinski (LS), 5:23.99; 16. Kelly LaPorte (LS), 5:33.38.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Toro, Erickson, Earls, Dombkowski), 1:39.66; 2. Northville, 1:40.51; 3. South Lyon, 1:41.55; 4. Novi, 1:42.60; 5. Canton, 1:42.61; 6. Stevenson, 1:43.49; 7. Salem, 1:45.95; 8. Franklin, 1:52.83.

100 backstroke: 1. Andra VanderMay (Novi), 56.61; 2. Mallory Buha (Novi), 56.99; 3. Bonin (SLU), 57.86; 4. Aumiller (Salem), 59.5; 5. Gerke (SLU), 59.86; 6. Washko (LC), 1:00.31; 7. Dana Morgan (Novi), 1:01.7; 8. Meier (Canton), 1:03.73; 11. Stemen (LS), 1:02.59; 14. Emily Roque (LS), 1:03.92.

100 breaststroke: 1. Cui (N'ville), 1:04.72; 2. Linda Zhang (Salem), 1:05.28; 3. Sarah Lohman (N'ville), 1:08.63; 4. Krueger (SLU), 1:09.75; 5. Lauren Kim (Novi), 1:10.62; 6. Adams (Canton), 1:10.83; 7. Lauren Jarzembowski (N'ville), 1:11.45; 8. Meg Darrow (SLU), 1:11.84; 9. Arceri (LS), 1:12.0; 10. Julia Hurley (LS), 1:12.37; 16. Erickson (LS), 1:16.91.

400 freestyle relay: 1. South Lyon (Gerke, Malarik, Bonin, Green), 3:32.42; 2. Salem, 3:37.06; 3. Northville, 3:38.69; 4. Novi, 3:39.57; 5. Stevenson, 3:40.34; 6. Plymouth, 3:40.41; 7. Canton, 3:43.73; 8. Churchill, 3:56.69.

Outlook bright for Crusader women's basketball team

By Brad Emons
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WOMEN'S HOOP PREVIEW

It may be hard for Madonna University women's basketball coach Carl Graves to temper his early season optimism.

The Crusaders have impressed in two exhibition games losing by only 11 to NCAA Division I foe and Mid-American Conference champion Eastern Michigan (75-64) and by just five to NCAA Division II opponent Northern Michigan (58-53).

MU was picked third in the WHAC preseason coaches poll, behind only No. 7-ranked Concordia and No. 12 Davenport.

The Crusaders, who finished 8-10 last year in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, will more than likely start five seniors.

"We've got great leadership and we'll start five seniors that are all pretty good basketball players," Graves said. "They're being great role models for a lot of the young kids in the program that are really talented.

"Our practices are at a higher level, so when we go into a game they're all really confident and they play hard. Right now it really doesn't matter who we play."

Michelle Lindsey, a 5-foot-9 senior guard, returns as the team's leading scorer after averaging 13.1 points en route to WHAC Newcomer of the Year and third-team All-Conference honors.

Lindsey, a transfer from Hillsdale College, was joined on the All-WHAC preseason team by Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson), a 6-1 senior center who averaged 12.7 points and 6.8 rebounds per game last season.

Rounding out the starting five are 5-8 senior guard Shantelle Herring (9.0 ppg), who poured in 23 points against EMU; 5-7 senior guard Heather Pratt (9.2 ppg); and 5-9 senior guard Kristie Porada.

An added bonus is the return of 5-9 sophomore guard Rachel Melcher, who missed all of last season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament after averaging 8.6 ppg as a freshman.

The Crusaders will also relay on three local products to provide bench support, including Chelsea Williams (Livonia Franklin), a 5-8 sophomore transfer from Wayne State; Molly Knoph, a 5-1 walk-on point guard from Stevenson; and Justice Dean, a 5-7 freshman guard from Garden City.

The MU roster is guard-heavy, for sure.

Among the other backcourt hopefuls are sophomore Yazmeen Hamid, freshman Dominque Mosby (Farmington Hills Mercy via University of Dayton), freshman Whitney Fox and freshman Taylor Hinkson.

Reserve frontcourt players include 6-4 freshman Connor Morrish, a transfer from McNeese (La.) State who won't be available until after the volleyball season, along with 6-0 sophomore Hayley Stempien and 5-10 junior Carrie Kloster.

"We definitely have more depth," Graves said. "Usually we're looking at maybe one or two seniors that are leaving the program, and very rarely are those senior kids that have played for four years. Out of this group, four of the five have been here for four years and the other (Lindsey) is a transfer."

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year, it won't be a problem moving to forward.

"Colin has a really good shot, amazing vision and he dominates the corners when he's in there," Majszak said.

The team also will rely on the line of returning juniors Christian Flack, Ian Fagan and sophomore newbie Matt Taliaferro to light the lamp with regularity.

"Taliaferro has potential to be a breakout player and be a leading point getter," the coach said.

Both Flack and Fagan, meanwhile, provide experience and ability that Majszak said is key to the line's success.

"They're both returning juniors after pretty good sophomore seasons for us," he said. "But now with a very, very depleted roster, being a returning player brings a lot of weight. They're really stepping up."

On the third line will be returning senior Charlie Steslick, paired with junior Kurt Snow (JV points leader in 2011-12) and sophomore Tom Kiddle.

"He (Kiddle) brings a lot of size, he's really good in front of the net," Majszak said.

The fourth line is comprised of junior Cooper Rice along with senior Drew Oldani and sophomore Jon Winberry.

Smith's move from defense opens up a spot on one of the top pairings, but the Chiefs should be in good shape thanks to senior co-captain Brad Ceci and senior Chandler Berlin.

Getting in some work on drills are Canton's Matt Taliaferro and Colin Smith as the Chiefs gear up for the start of the 2012-13 season.

Focus on defense

They are the two returnees who saw significant ice time last year when Canton (8-3-0-0) won the KLAA South Division and finished one point below conference winners and eventual state champion Brighton.

Augmenting Ceci and Berlin will be first-year senior and co-captain Dillon Schlampp, senior Craig Allard (a first-year varsity player) and sophomore Hunter Schlampp (Dillon's brother).

"The big thing we're focusing on this year, as we do every year, is defense first," Majszak emphasized.

Strong play on the blueline will help ease the burden for the goalkeeping duo of varsity newcomers senior Jacob Dugan and junior Justin Kolbicz. They follow Spencer Craig (2012 grad) and Robbie Beydoun, who decided to play AAA hockey this year.

Majszak said Dugan and Kolbicz each will see plenty of ice time, with decisions about who to play often depending on their recent showings both in practices and games.

Rounding out the roster are senior defensemen Steven Miller, Mark Montante and sophomore blueliner Bryan Eastman.

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recently was named to play in the inaugural 2013 Football University International All-Star Games, slated for Jan. 1-5 in San Antonio, Texas.

"I definitely feel blessed with the honor and opportunity to play on such a national scale in January," Dillard said. "It wouldn't have been possible if it wasn't for the support of my parents, my coaches and, most of all, my teammates."

When Dillard does reach his college home for the next four seasons, he will bring with him the same work ethic, tough-as-nails character and unflappable belief system that were prevalent at Canton.

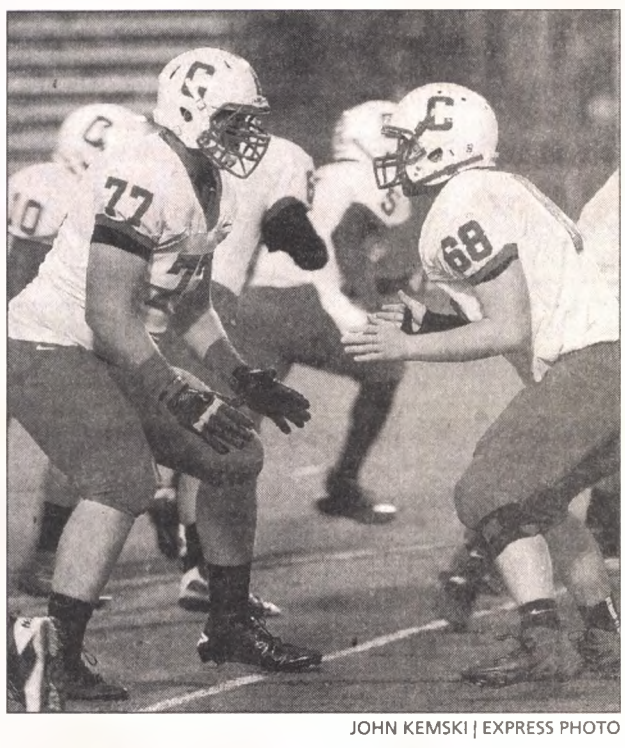
"When I first moved to Michigan from North Carolina and drew Canton as my high school," Dillard said, "I didn't realize I would be a part of a great program with the best coaches who have treated me as their own.

"One thing coach (Tim) Baechler and the rest of the staff always taught me that I will carry with me beyond Florida is never give up on my dreams, regardless (what) people say."

Giving up on anything isn't in the vocabulary of Dillard, Baechler or anybody connected with his team. That especially held true for the seniors on Canton's 2012 squad.

"This team, it didn't matter what their won-loss record was, these seniors gave everything they had," Baechler said following the loss to Plymouth. "In the off-season, our chemistry was great.

"That's what I'm really sad about is we got to say good-bye to these guys. ... I love these guys, they're a great senior class."



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Going through some drills before a recent game are Canton's Cameron Dillard (No. 77) and Nolan Gilo (No. 68).

Keep it going

Even though Dillard is about to make an impact in Florida, he led by words and example to help teammates who will be back with the Chiefs next fall.

"I tried to show my teammates that if you sacrifice, commit and learn how to deal with failure at times," he said, "achieving goals will be easier in life. Additionally, 'Pain is temporary, success lasts forever.'"

Especially for quality people who never quit, such as Cameron Dillard. That high standard is what he wants future Chiefs to aspire to.

"I would like for the underclassmen to continue what we started as seniors," he said. "Which is do what's important and what is right, rather than to do what feels right."

Who knows, those who do might get the biggest helmet sticker of all.

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ROCKS

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they wanted to put on the wall in the locker room," Ossenmacher said. "They came up with 'Greatness is a whole lot of little things done well.'

"And that translates to hockey, little things like winning faceoffs, taking the body, backchecking, things that don't necessarily show up on the score sheet but in the end add up. I think last year some times when we gave up leads it was just the little things."

Ossenmacher stressed that, despite their below-.500 record, the 2011-12 Rocks were very competitive most of the time. But for 15 returning players, they will be fired up to smooth out some of the rough spots.

"Last year's team, we played pretty well," said the coach, prior to Wednesday's scrimmage against D1 finalist Grosse Pointe North. "We held leads in 18 games but only won nine games. We competed.

"If you look back at some of our games, we competed against some of the better teams. We tied Brighton and they won the state championship."

A knee injury suffered in August by senior defenseman and assistant captain Evan Patton will challenge the rest of the blueline corps (led by senior captain Kyle Downey) until January at the earliest.

Tough to replace

Yet despite Patton's injury and the graduation of D1 all-state first-teamer Mark McGee (who led Salem with 29 goals last year), Ossenmacher is confident this season's squad will be more balanced and feature improved depth.

"You don't replace guys like that (McGee), we don't expect somebody to step up and score as many goals as he did," Ossenmacher noted. "He was pretty much a goal-a-game guy. But in the meantime, I don't think we have to replace him with one guy.

"I think we've got more guys this year spread throughout the lineup that can score and I find sometimes as a coach that can be a little easier."

The Rocks will be counting on two "pretty high-end" lines to put pucks behind opposing netminders — hopefully beginning with season-opening games Wednesday at Novi and 8:30 p.m. Saturday against Canton at PCC.

Centering one of the trios is senior and assistant captain Alek Zultowski (the top point-getter in 2011-12) with junior Jake Sealy centering the other.

Mixing and matching as their linemates will be juniors Jack Driscoll, Nick Danis, Jason Newell and senior (and assistant captain) Jake Fedel.

"We've got more speed up front than we've had in a long time," Ossenmacher said. "They'll be centering Driscoll, Danis, Fedel and Newel.

"Between those six guys I think that's where the bulk of our scoring's going to come from."

Other forward lines will include returnees (senior Adam Marthaler, juniors Cam Nixon, Spencer Thompson) and newcomers (senior Kory Johnston, junior Jon Clark and sophomore Noah Willer).

They'll be on D

With Patton sidelined, the Rocks will be relying on Downey and juniors Cam Clark and Colin Pietron to bolster the defense. All are returning blueliners who "know what to expect."

They will be joined by three players who Ossenmacher is optimistic will be top contributors. Those are juniors Justin Katulski, Stephen Homrich and sophomore Noah Saad.

"He (Saad) is one of the more-gifted defensemen we've had," the coach said. "So he's going to play quite a bit.

"Justin and Stephen are both from our prep (JV) team. This year, every single player that made our team except one came from our prep team."

Salem goalies Anthony Veresan (senior) and Parker Godfrey (junior) will vie for playing time.

"Not only do we expect more from our defensemen and forwards this year, the returning guys, we expect more from our goalies too," Ossenmacher said. "They're going to compete for a job.

"Whoever is playing well is going to play. We don't have a clear-cut No. 1."

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PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, December 6, 2012 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

The applicant is an R-1 zoning district and is requesting five variances. This is an existing non-conforming parcel asking to be able to construct a new home with a detached garage that is aesthetically pleasing to the neighborhood.
First variance is a request for a proposed lot area of 6400 sq ft where 7200 sq ft is required. Variance requested is 800 sq. ft.
Second variance is for a proposed side yard abutting a street of 14 feet where 25 feet is required for the house. Variance requested is 11 feet.
Third variance is for the minimum lot width. This lot is a non-conforming lot of only fifty (50) feet while sixty (60) feet is required. Variance requested is ten (10) feet.
Fourth variance is for proposed lot coverage of 31.7% where maximum allowed lot coverage is 25%. Variance requested is 6.7%.
Fifth variance is for a proposed side yard abutting a street of 14 feet where 25 feet is required for a detached garage. Variance requested is 11 feet.

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

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

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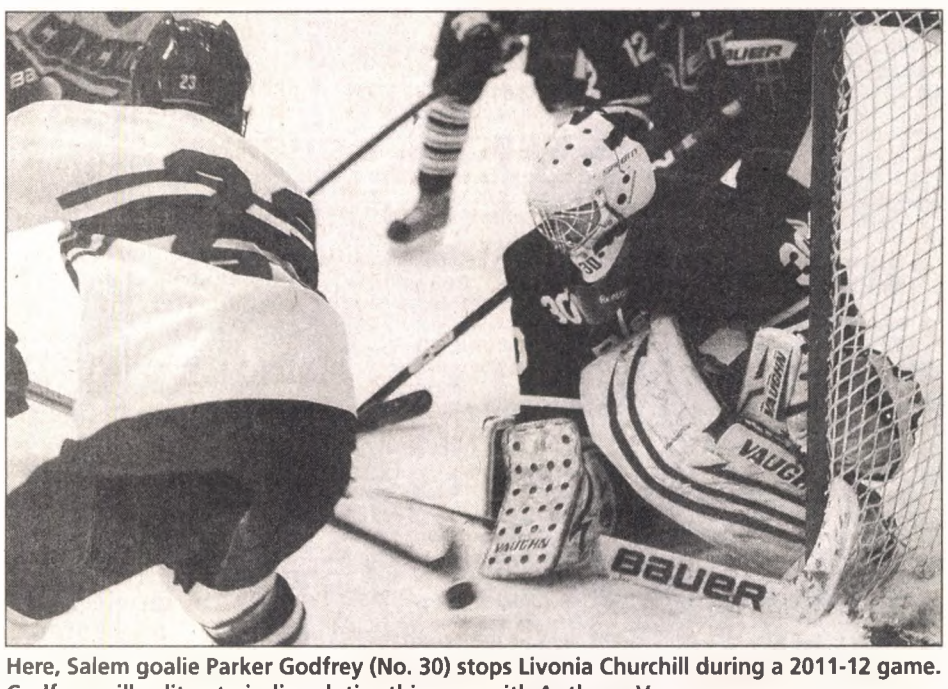

Here, Salem goalie Parker Godfrey (No. 30) stops Livonia Churchill during a 2011-12 game. Godfrey will split netminding duties this year with Anthony Veresan.

Wildcats hang on to down Farmington

By Dan O'Meara
Observer Staff Writer

It was a rough opening night for the Farmington Public Schools hockey teams Friday as both lost in the Metro High School Invitational at Novi Ice Arena.

Livonia Stevenson skated to a 5-2 win over North Farmington-Harrison, and Farmington came up short in its game with Plymouth, 4-3.

The Falcons had a breakaway in the first minute, but they didn't get a shot on goal. When play went the other way, Josh Smith scored the first of two goals for the Wildcats (2-0-0).

Farmington made it 1-1 with a goal by Nick Gensheimer, but Plymouth went ahead 3-1 in the second with power play goals by Smith and Michael Schultz.

The Falcons got within one again when Nick Kozoro netted a goal midway in the third period. But the Wildcats answered again 26 seconds later as Zack Taverne restored their two-goal lead, 4-2.

Drake Cole's goal with 2:27 remaining gave the Falcons some hope. They pulled goalie John Lethemon with 1:15 left, but they were unable to tie the score.

DJ Rankin and Heffron assisted on the first Farmington goal, Cooper McLean and Austin Meltzer the second. Cole's was unassisted.

Saginaw outguns Whalers in 8-7 decision

OHL HOCKEY

Saginaw's four-goal outburst in the first period Wednesday put the Plymouth Whalers in too deep of a hole to escape as the host Spirit hung on for an 8-7 victory.

The Whalers (10-7-2-1) fell behind 4-1 (with their lone goal by Rickard Rakell) as Saginaw (9-11-2-1) chased Plymouth starting netminder Matt Mahalak.

Netting two goals each in the frame were Saginaw's Jimmy Lodge and Vincent Trocheck.

Plymouth's Ryan Hartman cut the deficit to 4-2 before the end of the opening stanza.

In the middle stanza it was the Whalers' turn to score four goals, sending the Ontario Hockey League contest into the third tied at 6-6.

Stefan Noesen (2 goals, 2 assists) lit the lamp twice while Tom Wilson (1 goal, 2 assists) and Matt Mistele also scored for Plymouth in the second.

But Saginaw Eric Locke broke the tie, scoring consecutive goals in the first eight minutes of the third against Plymouth goalie Riley Corbin (24 shots, 19 saves), who relieved Mahalak at 12:23 of the opening period.

Plymouth did close the gap to one goal when Mistele scored his second of the night and sixth of the season, from Garrett Meurs.

The Whalers continued their road trip with games Saturday and Sunday at Belleville and Ottawa, respectively.

They will return to Compuware Arena for games 7 p.m. Wednesday against Windsor and 7 p.m. Friday against Kingston.

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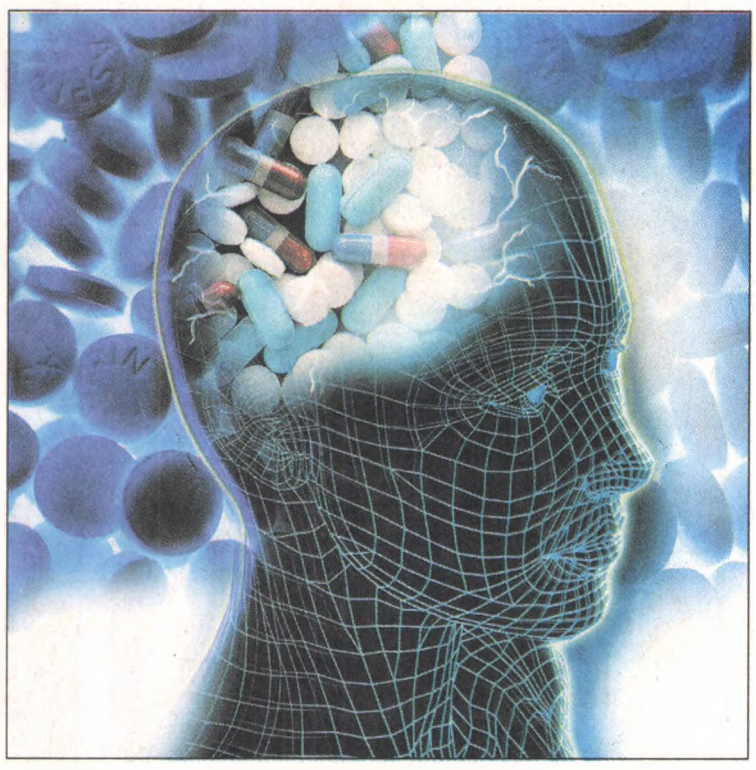
Research on placebos could improve treatment testing



Are you resilient? A straightforward individual? Will you help others without expecting anything in return?

Those personality traits might do more than help you win a popularity contest. According to new University of Michigan-led neuroscience research, those qualities also might make you more likely to get pain relief from a placebo.

Researchers showed that it's not just your mind telling you the fake drug is working or not. Your brain's own natural painkiller chemicals may actually respond to the pain differently depending on your personality.

If you're more of an angry, hostile type, they find, a placebo won't do much for you.

For the first time, the new findings link specific, established personality traits with an individual's susceptibility to the placebo effect from a sham medicine for pain. The researchers showed a significant link between certain personality traits and how much relief people said they felt when given the placebo, as well as the level of a specific chemical that their brains released.

The work was done by a team of U-M Medical School researchers and their colleagues at the University of North Carolina and University of Maryland.

The results build on nearly a decade's worth of work on the placebo effect by the team led by Dr. Jon-Kar Zubieta, M.D., Ph.D., the Phil Jenkins Professor of Depression in the U-M Department of Psychiatry, a professor in the Department of Radiology and a member of the Molecular and Behavioral Neuroscience Institute.

The findings show that about one-quarter of placebo response was explained by the personality traits of resiliency, straightforwardness, altruism or anger/hostility, as measured on standardized tests. Other personality traits didn't appear to be linked to placebo response. The new results come from a few dozen healthy volunteers, so the experiment must be repeated in larger, more diverse groups to be confirmed.

If confirmed, the findings could help researchers who study new drugs and other treatments. Placebo responses can make it unclear if the treatment really works. In the future, researchers may be able to adjust their results to account for the individual placebo responses of volunteers in their clinical trials.

Zubieta noted that the new findings came from a study involving pain, but that it may also apply to how personality influences a person's response to other stress-inducing circumstances.

"We started this study not just looking at measures that might seem more obviously related to placebo responses, such as maybe impulsivity, or reward-seeking, but explored potential associations broadly without a particular hypothesis," he stated. "We ended up finding that they greatest influence came from a series of factors related to individual resiliency, the capacity to withstand and overcome stressors and difficult situations. People with those factors had the greatest ability to take environmental information — the placebo — and convert it to a change in biology."

He and his team hope to continue the research in individuals with depression, and to continue to explore how genetics as well as personality influence placebo response.

He said that the findings may even have implications for the doctor-patient relationship. Patients who have certain personality traits and placebo-response tendencies also may be more likely to partner with their doctors on their care, and discuss concerns they have about their response to treatment.

Wellness class benefits diabetics

Jewish Family Service is offering a new free program called Wellness Empowers, to help adults with Type II diabetes live a healthier and happier life. The one-year program is designed for individuals who are low-income and could benefit from life coaching, as well as cooking, nutrition, stress reduction and exercise classes. The program concludes with a 5k family walk.

The organization seeks 100 individuals with Type II diabetes who fit the eligibility criteria to participate in the year-long program.

Adults with Type II diabetes who are interested in Wellness Empowers may call Linda Klein at (248) 592-2318or e-mail to lklein@jfsdetroit.org.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

November

ALZHEIMER'S AND ZUMBA
In observance of National Alzheimer's Month, Lenore Wengert will sponsor a ZUMBA event, 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 30, at World of Pole, 32669 Warren Road, Suite 6, Garden City, to benefit the Alzheimer's Association. The cost is $10 in advance, or $15 at the door. For more information contact Wengert at (734) 765-5448 or Patty at the World of Pole at (734) 306-0909.

LUPUS SUPPORT
The Lupus Alliance of Michigan will hold a support group meeting 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, at Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. Meetings are free and designed to assist people with lupus and their family and friends to get connected with one another, and to get a better understanding of this disease and how to fight it. For more information visit www.milupus.org, or call (800) 705-6677.

December

THYROID CANCER
Thyroid Cancer Support meets monthly and is free for all thyroid cancer patients and survivors as well as their family and friends. Its next meeting is 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 1641 Charlevois Drive, Troy. For more information, contact Gwynne at (248) 515-0348. Or visit Thyca.org

Ongoing

AQUATIC CLASSES
The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m.-noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and nonmembers of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join or for more information, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

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

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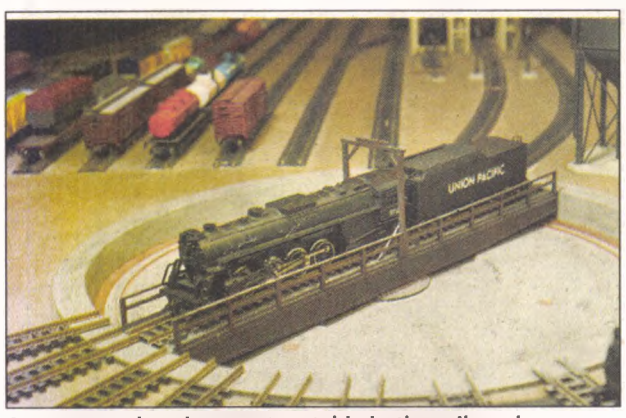

A steam engine sits on a turntable in the rail yard.

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Ed Beamish keeps an eye on a train across the room. His railroad is built along the four walls of the room.

Model railroad enthusiasts show their trains and tracks at Livonia show

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

A steam engine sounded an audible "ch-ch-ch-ch-ch-ch" and an occasional "whoo-whoo" as it clattered along the tracks in Ed Beamish's Livonia basement last week. Its headlight shone as the locomotive chugged out of Howell, skirted a Lilliputian-sized forest at Annpere, passed a lumberyard at Genoa Township, rounded the corner at Delray and cruised along Detroit's skyline, before stopping to let another train move onto a siding.

"It's my only engine that has sound on it," Beamish said, prodding the model train back into motion. "It's not common in this scale. They are just starting to come out with it."

As a kid, Beamish woke up every Christmas morning to find his father's Lionel O scale train moving beneath decorated boughs in the family's Wixom home. He and his brother collected their own slightly smaller HO scale engines, cars and tracks for their own layout, set on a 4-feet-by-8-feet plywood board.

Today, at 42, Beamish still plays with trains, although his involvement is more sophisticated and the layout for his small N scale trains — which are powered by a digital controller — is more elaborate. It runs on two levels along the perimeter of an activity room in his basement and replicates portions of southeastern Michigan through painted scenery and model-sized buildings.

MODEL RAILROAD SHOW AND WORKSHOP

What: Model railroad displays by District 6 members of the North Central Region of the National Model Railroad Association
When: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25
Where: Civic Park Senior Center, located at 15218 Farmington Road, at Five Mile, in Livonia
Details: Demonstrations on power systems, scenery, structure building, kit building, backdrops, wiring, track laying tips, basic building techniques, video shows and operating model railroad layouts. Refreshments will be available. Attendees can participate in a raffle for many prizes of model railroad items, an open model railroad model contest and a "Build and Take" Clinic ($3-$5 fee) with help from master modelers
Admission: $4 per person; children under 12 are admitted without charge
Contact: Mark Ellis: (734) 421-2673 or emark@sbcglobal.net

Upcoming show

By day, Beamish, who is married and the father of two children, is a computer technician working on contract to Henry Ford Hospital. During

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Train-a-thon helps local nonprofit

CoreFit Fitness owner and personal trainer, Rod Dowdell will lead an endurance and fundraising event to benefit Wayne County Family Center, beginning at 6 a.m. Dec. 9, at his studio in Novi.

Extreme Train-A-Thon Fitness Challenge will include seven days of training, with the last 48 hours nonstop. Dowdell will train 90-100 clients continuously and without rest during the final two days of the fundraiser.

All proceeds from the sessions will buy gifts and fulfill the wish list for homeless children at the Wayne County Family Center. Dowdell plans to hand deliver gifts to as many children as he can on Christmas day.

The Wayne County Family Center program matches needy families with "services, providing transitional shelter for homeless families." It welcomes two-parent families, single mothers or fathers with children and pregnant women. It also offers assistance to help clients after they leave the shelter.

Dowdell grew up in an environment with no positive associations at the holidays. He received no gifts as a child.

"This personal pain and disconnection with the holidays is something that I do not want any child to have to experience and so I'm on a mission to change the lives of as many children and families as I can with the talents and skills I have developed as a personal trainer," he said, in a press release. "If pushing myself physically and mentally to the extreme to train 90 to 100 clients for seven days, the last 48 hours of them non-stop, can make a difference in people's lives for the holidays, I'm going make it happen. It's nothing compared to what many people at the Wayne County Family Center are going through."

Individuals can participate in his Extreme Train-A-Thon Fitness Challenge to benefit Wayne County Family Center by signing up for an hour-long training session from Dec. 9-16. Cost is $60. Call (248) 943-7179, or e-mail to trainerrod@corefitfitness.com. CoreFit Fitness is located at 22807 Heslip Drive.

Plymouth arts council offers drum classes

The Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC) is registering students for its January 2013 drum lessons.

Pat Paul Sorise will teach two sections of four-week drum classes at the PCAC's Artsco House, located next door to the Council, 774 Sheldon, Plymouth.

Intro to Rhythm & Drumming is aimed at ages 5-7 and will run 4:30-5 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2013. Cost is $50 for members and $60 for non-members. Classes will introduce students to holding drum sticks, drum rudiments, how to count and play quarter and eighth notes and will introduce the drum set.

Drum Set 100, for ages 13-adult, will run 5:15-6 p.m., also on Wednesdays in January 2013. Cost is $64 for members and $74 for non-members. Classes will include information about drums and cymbals, show how to hold the sticks, teach wrist and hand techniques and basic foot patterns, as well as counting, measures, time signatures and different tempos. Students will play the full drum set.

Sorise studied at East Detroit Conservatory under Ray Parker. He continued to drum through junior and high school and then attended Eastern Michigan University and played with various bands. Sorise has taught classes at Apollo Music in Ann Arbor, Drum Shop in Dearborn and East Detroit Conservatory. For more than 30 years, he has taught privately for students in Lenawee and Washtenaw counties, as well as in Ohio. He also plays in the band All Directions, which performs at concerts, clubs and private parties.

For more information or to register for the drum classes, call the PCAC at (734) 416-4278; www.plymoutharts.com.

Healthful holiday fare

Kelli Marqutte (left) of Northville and Amber Bayer of Livonia served "Mindy's Marvelous (a lacto-ovo vegetarian recipe) Meatballs," vegan roasted garlic mashed potates, green beans and double-layer vegan pumpkin cheesecake at Better Living Seminar's recent annual Vegetarian Holiday Tasting Extravaganza in Plymouth. Better Living also will sponsor A Christmas Potluck on Saturday, Dec. 8, at 15585 Haggerty Road, Northville Township. For information, call (734) 420-3131 or (734) 420-4044.

ABOARD

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his spare time he works on his train layout, sometimes enlisting the help of other model enthusiasts. He's also a member of the District 6 chapter of the North Central Region of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA). He'll be on hand when the District, which covers Wayne County, presents its fall show, Sunday, Nov. 25, at the Civic Park Senior Center in Livonia.

Beamish said the event is designed for demonstrations only — it's not a swap meet — and aims to muster interest in model railroading.

"We'll have people who are displaying all the different scales. That roundhouse has been built strictly at the shows," he said, referring to a portion of his own layout. "I bring that every year to the show and build a little more on. It's strictly scratch built, so I'm showing people, if they come several years, how I'm building it."

Visitors will see everything from kit construction to wiring to power systems and more.

"It's to show people this is the hobby, this is what it's all about. It's more than just collecting stuff. You can actually make stuff and turn it into art, history."

Recalling his childhood

Beamish has researched the Pere Marquette Railroad in addition to modeling it, along with the Pennsylvania, Wabash and Ann Arbor systems. He focused on the Pere Marquette because its tracks went through Wixom — and interchanged there with the Grand Trunk line — when he was a boy. However, by that time in its history, the Pere Marquette already had become a part of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad, which is now CXS Railroad.

"Some people don't do as much research and some people do way more. There is a gentleman in our division who took 10 years to figure out all his research. Finally, his wife said either you build it or you don't," Beamish said, adding, "He built it."

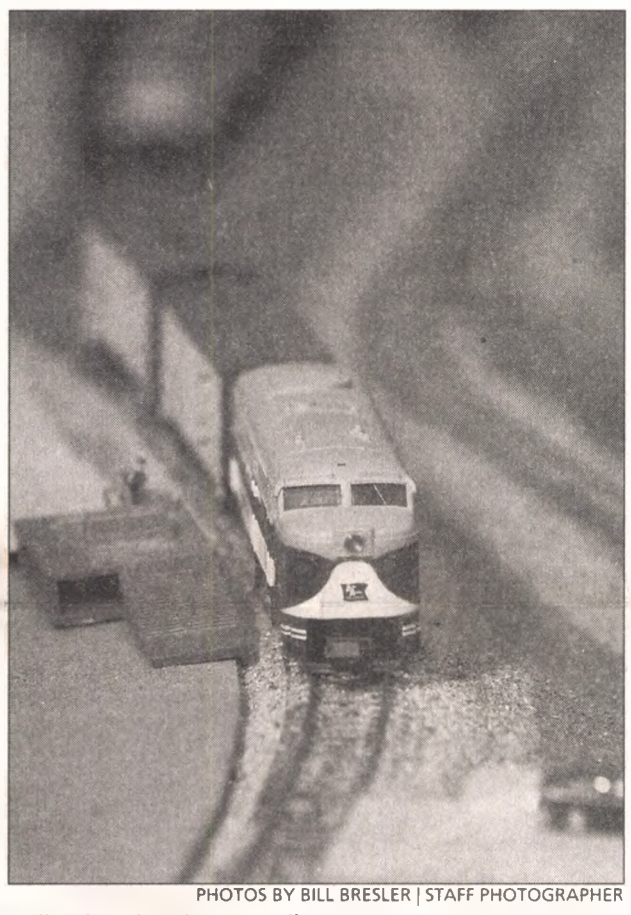
Because the Pere Marquette is less popular than some other railroads among modelers, pieces sometimes are more difficult to find. Beamish often acquires engines that bear the names of other systems and then repaints them. He aims for historical accuracy in the scenery and buildings that help reproduce history in small scale in his basement.

"I like history. And it's fun. Sitting down and putting stuff together, painting, it takes your mind out of the every day. You break free from everything and just relax."

Although some modelers simply enjoy creating layouts and then tearing them down just to rebuild again, Beamish has been working on his display since 2004.

"Now I'm building it to look good," he said, adding that "Operating it is going to be part of the fun."

For more information about model railroading, visit the National Model Railroad Association website at www.nmra.org.



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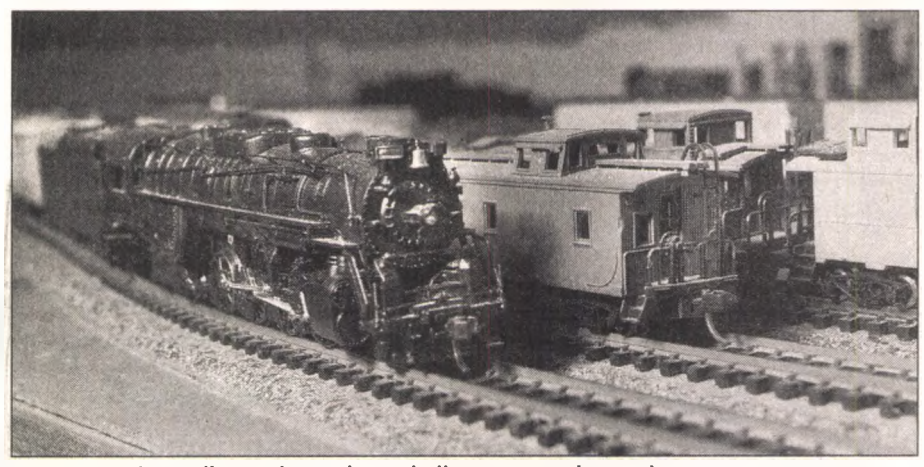
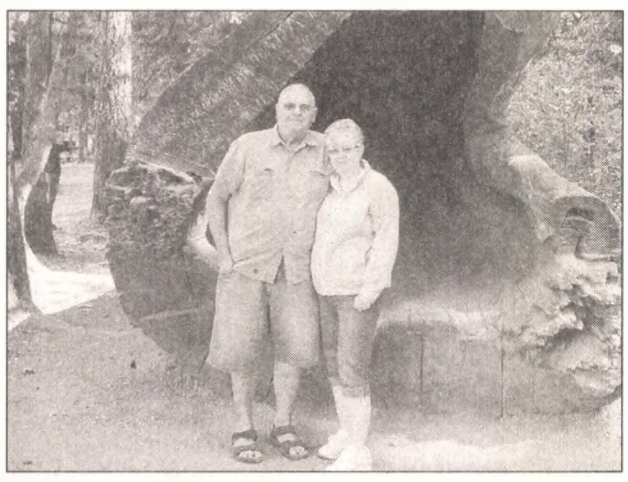
A diesel engine sits on a rail spur.



A steam engine pulls a train on the main line, next to the yard.

Milestones



Charles and Sharon Falk of Redford

50th wedding anniversary

Sharon and Charles Falk on their wedding day in 1962.

Charles and Sharon (Husted) Falk of Redford marked their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 17. The couple married in 1962 at Guardian Angels Church, in Manistee.

They have four children: Tim and Shari (Hoard) Falk of Mesa, Ariz., Tammy (Falk) and Darin Engle of Livonia, Michelle Falk of Redford, and Michael and Beth (Hagen) Falk of Northville. They also have 8 grandchildren.

Charles is a retired machinist who formerly worked at Michigan Tool, XLO and Gehring.

Sharon, also retired, formerly worked at Van Brocklin's, Dahl's, and Kmart.

They now enjoy travel and spending time in northern Michigan.

They celebrated their milestone anniversary with family in Greektown in Detroit.

Leonard and Carol Michaels

Siblings celebrate anniversaries

William and Nancy Novak

Brother and sister, Leonard Michaels and Nancy Novak, their spouses and family members, recently celebrated their wedding anniversaries together at a dinner.

William and Nancy Novak of Livonia marked their 30th wedding anniversary Oct. 23. They were married in 1982.

Leonard and Carol Michaels of West Bloomfield marked their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 3. They were married in 1962 and have two children, Robert and Kelly. They also have two grandchildren, Michael, 12, and Sara, 11. They have plans for a cruise.

GARDEN & NATURE

Send garden and nature information and photos to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Plymouth Nursery

• Santa will be on hand 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 23-25 and weekends through Dec. 9 at Plymouth Nursery, 9900 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Customers can pose for a free photo with Santa, visit a petting farm, campfire and enjoy refreshments. A percentage of proceeds from the sale of fresh-cut trees and wreaths will benefit the Make A Wish Foundation.

• Girls Night Out will run 6-8 p.m. Nov. 30. The first 50 women will receive a free goody bag. The event will include vendors, door prizes, sales and fun.

Call (734) 453-5500 for more information.

English Gardens

The store is accepting donations to provide fresh-cut Christmas trees to US troops and military families. For each $30 donation, English Gardens will give one tree to a military base in the US or overseas.

• A fundraiser for THAW, the Heat & Warmth Fund, will run 5-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29 at the Royal Oak store and will include demonstrations in LED holiday lighting, decorating tips, visits with Santa, family and pet photos with Santa, live music, pizza, hot chocolate and cookies. Tickets are $15 per family (maximum six individuals) in advance and $20 at the door. Each family will receive a $10 English Gardens coupon. All ticket sale proceeds will benefit THAW. Get tickets in advance at www.englishgardens.com.

• Make a Christmas floral arrangement at a "Make It and Take It Workshop" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13 at stores in Dearborn Heights, Royal Oak and West Bloomfield.

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

REUNIONS

FARMINGTON HARRISON

CLASS OF 1982

7 p.m.–1 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 24, at Uptown Grille, in Commerce Township; www.hhs1982alumni.info

LIVONIA BENTLEY ALL CLASSES

Class of 1972 will celebrate its 40th reunion, Friday, Nov. 23 at the Marriott Hotel - Laurel Park, in Livonia and invites all Bentley alumni to the party. Steve King and the Dittilies will entertain. For information about the event and to register, e-mail the reunion committee at Bentley72@QPA.US.COM

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

CLASS OF 1982

30-year reunion 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, in Livonia. For information or to register contact Sharon at (734) 261-3264 or e-mail rsculbert@sbcglobal.net.

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BALDWIN, MICHAEL JAMES

Age 50. went to be with the Lord on Sunday November 4, 2012 after a two year battle with Melanoma. Michael is survived by his life partner Danton Adair; his parents Claire and Linda Baldwin, siblings, Carl and Carol (Baldwin) Pistolesi, John and Trisha Baldwin, David and Jacquelene Baldwin, along with nieces and nephews and many loved family members. Visitation at:

St Patrick's Catholic Church
411 Rickett Rd., Brighton, MI
on November 26, 10 a.m.
• Mass at 10:30 a.m.
Donations to Shelter To Home
www.sheltertohome.com
would be appreciated.

EMERSON, JANET M.

Age 68, November 1, 2012 of Bloomfield Hills, MI. Janet was the loving wife of Arthur for 48 years; the beloved mother of Todd (Rosemary) and Lisa Emerson; and dear grandmother of Caitlin and Andrew Emerson. Sister of Joanne (Kevin) Zaner. Daughter of the late William and Olga Prew and sister of the late William Prew, Jr. A Memorial Service will be held at Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills on November 30, 2012, at 11am. In Lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials may be made to either the

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International (jdrf.org) or the National Kidney Foundation.
Please share memories at:
www.cremationmichigan.com

KEARNEY, FAYE (MORGAN-TISON)

Age 82, went home to be with the Lord on November 14, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Thomas Kearney. Former wife of the late John Tison. Loving mother of Deborah Rodriquez, Craig Tison, Pamela "Summer" (Cas) Ploski and Scott Tison. Dear grandmother of Raquel, Rudy John, Ramiro, Ruth (David), Philip, Stephen (Ashley), Lydia (Kevin), Mark (Courtney), Deborah, Adam and Benjamin. Great grandmother of Lana, Shailen, Houston and Penelope. Sister of Eugenia "DeeDee" (John) Holmes, Gary (Beverly) Morgan, Alice (Bob) Pratt, Carol (John) Bul, and the late Constance (Jack) Schneider and Dennis (Gloria) Morgan. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Sunday from 2 - 9 pm and at Alpha Baptist Church, 28051 W. Chicago, Livonia, Monday from 10 am until Funeral Service at 11 am. Share your thoughts and memories at:

www.rggrharris.com.

ROBERTS, MARY (nee. Maynard)

November 14, 2012. Longtime resident of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills. Loving wife of the late William E. Caring mother of Bill Jr. (Ann), Mindy, John (Julie), Heidi Brandewie (Doug). Cherished grandmother of Jenny Cailteux (Andy), Bill III (Julie), Andrew and Matt Brandewie, Jack and Michael. Devoted great grandmother of Tyler and Brady Cailteux and Will Roberts. Services will be held privately. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to The Epworth Church Association, Youth Activities, 1161 N. Lakeshore Dr., Ludington, MI 49431. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500.

View obituary and share memories at
DesmondFuneralHome.com
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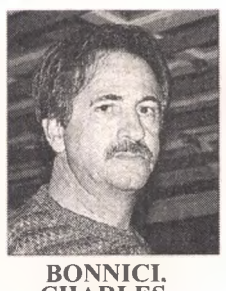

BONNICI, CHARLES

Born February 1st, 1954 - passed away November 9th, 2012. Charlie succumbed to renal cancer at 58 years young in Las Vegas, Nevada. He was raised by his parents Charlie and Tessie Bonnici in Livonia, Michigan with his six brothers and sisters. Charlie married Jeri Bennett in 1977 and went on to have four children. Throughout his life in Michigan, Charlie enjoyed such things as horse racing, bowling, car-racing in the NHRA, and coaching little league football. Charlie and his family relocated to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1996, where he came to work with his brother Tony and extended family at Lotus Broadcasting as an advertising executive. He loved Snowballs, Orange Crush, and not eating vegetables! Charlie was survived by his wife, Jeri, daughters, Christine, Stephanie (Corey) and Jackie, son, Jared, grandson, Griffin and the brightest light in his life, his granddaughter Haven. Charlie was also survived by his mother, Theresa, brothers, Bill, Tony (Linda) and Eric, sisters Jane (Walt), Dee and Margie. Charlie will be missed by all whose lives he touched. There will be a celebration of life service held on Friday November 23, 6pm at Burton Manor in Livonia.

If you wish to attend please contact the family at bonnici0212@gmail.com.

FISHER, MARGARET O.

November 5, 2012, Age 81 of Plymouth. Cherished wife of Eugene A. "Gene" Fisher. Loving mother of David (Jeanne) Fisher of Brownstown, Michigan and the late Stephen J. Fisher. Proud grandmother of Charles D. (Melanie) Fisher of Pasadena, California, Richard P. (Audrey) Fisher of Boulder, Colorado and Margaret G. Fisher of Ann Arbor, Michigan. Great-grandmother of Penelope "Penny" and Jack Fisher both of Pasadena, California. Dear sister of O. James (Ann) Owen of South Carolina. Mrs. Fisher attended the University of Illinois. Margaret was a long-time member of P.E.O. Chapter A.U., she was also involved with the Friends of the Plymouth District Library, Plymouth Community Arts Council, and the Perdido Bay United Methodist Church of Pensacola, Florida. She was a former member of the Nomads Travel Club, with whom she and her husband traveled the world. Memorial Service will be held Sat 11 AM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth with a gathering from 10-11 AM. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice. To share a memory, please visit

vermeulenfuneralhome.com

LAWTON, SPENCER, MARGARET E.

Saline, MI (Formerly of West Bloomfield, MI). Age 94, passed away on Tuesday, November 5, 2012 at the Saline Evangelical Home. She was born April 6, 1918 in Windsor, Ontario Canada, the daughter of George and Ethel (Richardson) Lawton. She married Carleton B. Spencer and he preceded her in death in 1987. Margaret was a Teacher at Kingswood School for 30 years. Survivors include her daughter, Alayne Spencer Evans (Mark Evans), her son Jay Lawton Spencer and two grandchildren Aryn Evans Sothbarr and Ian Evans. Graveside services were be held on Thursday, November 15, 2012 at 2:00 P.M. at Pine Lake Cemetery, W. Bloomfield, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Kingswood-Cranbrook Schools in her name. Arrangements entrusted to the Robison - Bahnmiller Funeral Home, Saline. To leave a memory, for more information or for directions please visit:

www.rbfhsaline.com.

TINNEY, PATRICIA (SLOAN)

Age 66, died in Texas October 28th. Pat was the loving mother of Marlo Tinney and Janelle Grimes and grandma to Savanah, Colby, Delaney, and Bianca. Pat's faith, creative talents and outgoing personality were vividly expressed in all she did. She enjoyed chocolate, cooking, and entertaining. Her attitude towards life… Eat dessert first. Pat graduated from Redford Union High School in 1964, where she was active in theater and music. She received her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Detroit. Pat was a writer, motivational speaker, and media specialist. She served as Redford's deputy treasurer, then video producer for Redford Union schools. She later worked at the L.A. Times and Unity Village Church. Pat retired as Associate Editor of the Daily Word Magazine. She was preceded in death by parents Wallace Sloan and Florence Sloan Burke, brother Warren Sloan. Pat, the eternal optimist, fought bravely and tirelessly against complex medical problems. Memorial service: Dec 1st, Unity Village, Missouri. Her family suggests donations to saintlukesgiving.org or the pet rescue furrykidsrefuge.org

CHURCHILL, MARILYN

November 15, 2012, age 86. Beloved wife of the late Winston for 64 years. Dear mother of Melody Lepley, Perry Churchill, and Winston Churchill II (Gloria). Past President and Secretary of several philanthropic clubs including the Federation of Women's Clubs of Metropolitan Detroit, and Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan. Marilyn also served as Deacon and Elder of St Paul's Presbyterian Church. Sister of Wanda Meredith and the late DeForrest Gilbert. Visitation MANNS-FERGUSON FUNERAL HOME 17000 Middlebelt Road (South of Six Mile Road) on Sunday, 12 Noon to 7:00 pm. In State on Monday, 10:30 a.m. until time of Services, 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church 27475 Five Mile Road (one block West of Inkster Road,) in Livonia.

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GRUBBS, PAMELA JUNE

Age 57, of Westland, November 11, 2012. Beloved mother of Rhonda Nestor, Randy (Toby) Grubbs, Tiffiney (Jason) Hamlett, Jeremiah Brooks and Christiane Brooks. Loving grandmother of Brittney, Dominick, Dominique, Tabitha, Dakota, Joseph, Brennen, Jarrett, Trent, Jason and Keagan. Dearest sister of Emily Brock. She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Ruth Berkey and her sister, Vicky Berkey. Funeral service is Sunday, 1PM, at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., 734-783-2646. Visitation was Friday, 6-8PM and Saturday, 12-8PM.

www.michiganmemorialfuneralhome.com

MESLER, MICHAEL ROY

November 14, 2012 Age 60 of Wayne. Loving husband of Julie. Beloved father of Krystal Mesler, Leah (John) Houghton, Trisha Mesler, Jason Patterson, Cyndi (Steve) White, Steven (Jamie) Jones and James Jones. Proud "Papo/Papa Mike" of eleven. Dear brother of Terry (Celia), Richard (Michelle), Sheree (John), Scott (Ann)and Jodie (Chris). Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral Sunday 1:00 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 North Newburgh Road (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill) Westland. Visitation Saturday 2-9 PM. Memorials may be made to Henry Ford Hospice.

To share a memory, please visit
vermeulenfuneralhome.com

DEO, THELLEN

Born June, 1. 1923. 89 years old, passed away at Garden City Hospital on October 26, 2012. Preceded in death by husband, Edwin Deo, a builder in the City of Wayne. Cremation by Uht's Funeral Home, Wayne, Michigan. No services were held.

WASSELL, WILLARD "BUD"

Age 79, November 9, 2012. Beloved husband of Ann for 54 years. Loving father of Thomas (Cindy) Wassell and Tracy (Jim) Favaro. Dear grandfather of Roy and Daniel, Josh, Coley and Bethany. Bud was a retired supervisor at Rouge Steel and enjoyed spending time with family and watching sports. Visitation at Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, Saturday from 10 a.m. until time of Memorial Service at 11:30 a.m. Memorials contributions may be directed to Residential Hospice. Please share a memory at www.rggrharris.com.

PORTER, OLIVE V.

Age 87, of Farmington Hills, MI, passed Nov. 14, 2012. Thayerrock Funeral Home, Farmington.

ROSS, LOIS MAXINE

Jan. 26, 1915 ~ Nov. 11, 2012
Of Redford and Northville. Husband, J. Ronald Ross. Services by Walker Funeral Home, IN.

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Milestones

Chau-Brown

Melinda Chau and Bernard Patrick Brown announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Han and Sy Chau of Dearborn Heights. Melinda graduated from Michigan State University in 2007 with a B.A. degree in advertising. She is employed by Universal McCann.

Her fiance, son of Patrick and Jane Brown of Farmington, earned his B.S. degree in mechanical engineering from Michigan State University in 2005. He currently is working on his MBA from Michigan State University and will graduate in April of 2013. He is employed by Toyota.

A June 2013 wedding is planned at St. Kenneth's church in Plymouth Township.

Clark-Musleh

Shelley Elizabeth Clark and Nathan Eyad Musleh are happy to announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Jim and Dawn Clark of Plymouth, graduated in 2011 from Eastern Michigan University and now works for Blue Horseshoe Network as the office manager.

Her fiancé, son of Mike and Catherine Musleh of Canton, graduated from Kettering University in 2011 and now works as an engineer at Ford Motor Company.

After dating for nine years, Nathan proposed in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth, where the couple first met.

They bought their first home together in Plymouth and look forward to sharing their lives as newlyweds after their September 2013 nuptials at Tollgate Farm in Novi.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

November

BOOK SIGNING

Time/Date: Noon-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24

Location: A. Mateja Church Supply, 30762 Ford Road, Garden City

Details: Pro-life activist Monica Migliorino Miller will sign her book, "Abandoned." The book is a first-hand account of the pro-life movement and includes stories of victory and defeat in sidewalk counseling, a look at the inner-workings of abortion facilities, and more. The book will be available for $22, a discounted price

Contact: (734) 513-2950

BREAKFAST

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 18

Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: All-you-can-eat pancake, French toast, scrambled eggs, applesauce, ham, sausage, coffee, tea and milk. Adults pay $3; children, 2-10, pay $1.50. Sponsored by St. Theodore Men's Club

Contact: (734) 425-4421

CLOTHING BANK

Time/Date: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24

Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton

Details: Free clothing and shoes to anyone in need

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

CONCERT:

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25

Location: Zion Lutheran Church, located at Woodward Ave., and Albany, south of Nine Mile, in Ferndale

Details: Twelfth Night Singers, an a capella choral group, will present its Christmas concert. The singers, under the direction of Mimi Gass, will perform secular and sacred works, including several celebrating the joy and cheer of the Christmas season. A free-will offering will be taken. The group, now numbering 39 voices, was founded in 1980. Members perform in Renaissance costume at churches, for service agencies and institutions

Contact: (248) 544-4631

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, located at 12 Mile and Farmington Road in Farmington Hills

Details: The church invites the community to attend this Thanksgiving Day eve service

Contact: (248) 553-3380

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: The Rev. Gregory Gibbons will preach on the theme "Pray, Praise and Give Thanks"

Contact: (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523

December

CONCERT

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Dec. 9

Location: St. Aidan, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia

Details: 31st annual concert featuring the St. Aidan Adult and Children's Choirs, and the St. Aidan Contemporary Ensemble. Minimum donation is $5, along with two non-perishable food items. All proceeds will go toward food baskets for the needy

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Ten things to do after the interview

How to keep the momentum going

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The interview may be over, but your chance to make an impression is not. Here are ten strategies to continue boosting your employment candidacy.

1. Show that you're still interested.

Leave no doubt in the interviewer's mind about where you stand. Ask for the job at meeting's end with a phrase such as, "I would really like to contribute to this company and am hoping you select me." Also, don't leave the room without a clear idea of what will happen next in the hiring process. Will select applicants be invited back to meet other people? By what date do they hope to fill the position? Such questions demonstrate enthusiasm for the job, and knowing the hirer's time frame will help keep you from panicking if a week has passed without a phone call.

2. Set the stage for further contact.

Nobody wants to be a pest, but could your silence as days pass be misinterpreted as indifference? Avoid the guesswork by finding out before heading home what the employer prefers in terms of checking in. Lizandra Vega, author of "The Image of Success: Make a Great Impression and Land the Job You Want," suggests asking the recruiter about her preferred method of follow-up communication and whether it would be okay to touch base again.

3. Be punctual.

If you tell the interviewer you'll send a list of references tomorrow morning, make sure you do it. Keeping your word and answering requests in a timely manner speaks volumes about the type of employee you might turn out to be.

4. Know when to sit tight.

If an interviewer requests that you follow up by phone in a week, respect her wishes. Calling the next day can be construed as pushy and desperate.

5. Send a prompt thank-you note.

A positive, non-intrusive way to stay on an employer's mind is to send a thank-you note. Vega recommends emailing one within 24 hours of the interview, then following up with a handwritten note that arrives in one to three business days.

6. Send each interviewer a personalized, powerful follow-up letter.

This piece of communication is another chance for you to shine, so don't waste space with generalities. Ford R. Myers, a career coach and author of "Get the Job You Want, Even When No One's Hiring," recommends including specific references to each person you met and tying your accomplishments directly to the company's stated challenges. You also can use the letter to introduce achievements that didn't get discussed and to elaborate on interview answers that you felt lacked punch.

7. Address one of the company's needs.

Another effective way to follow up is to act more like a consultant than an applicant. "During the interview, you learn a lot about a company's weaknesses and/or areas where the company wants to expand," states Linda Matias, president of CareerStrides.com and author of "201 Knockout Answers to Tough Interview Questions." "Consider creating a proposal on how you would address one of those areas. Doing so will demonstrate that you have the knowledge and also the enthusiasm to make a significant contribution."

8. Keep thinking and learning about the company.

Be prepared for additional interviews or follow-up phone calls by continuing to research the organization and the field. Gain new information about a topic brought up in conversation. Think of additional questions you'd like answered. These actions show the hirer that you didn't stop caring about the company after the interview was over.

9. Leverage outside resources.

Networking never stops. "If you have contacts and connections with anyone who might influence the hiring decision, or who actually knows the interviewer, ask her to put a good word in for you," Myers says.

10. Accept rejection with grace.

Finally, keep emotions in check and don't burn bridges if someone else gets hired. One never knows what the future might hold. The accepted candidate may not work out, or a different position may open up. "If you are rejected, the first thing you should do (ironically) is send a thank-you note," Myers says. "This will help distinguish you from other rejected candidates and put you in a positive light."

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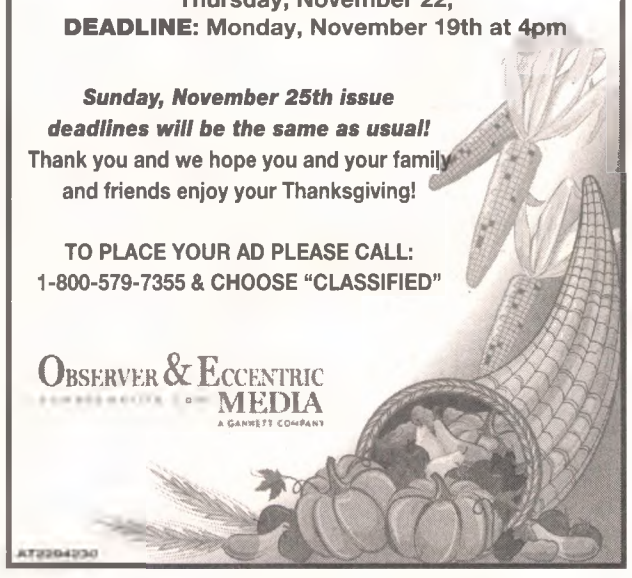

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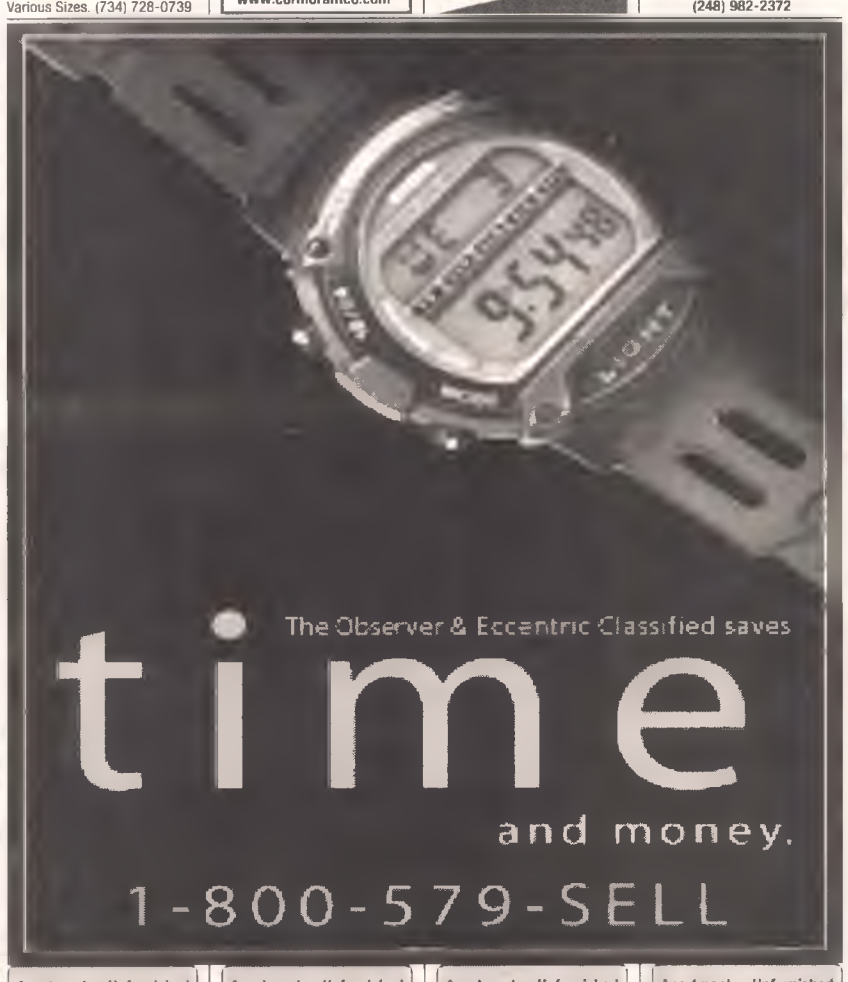

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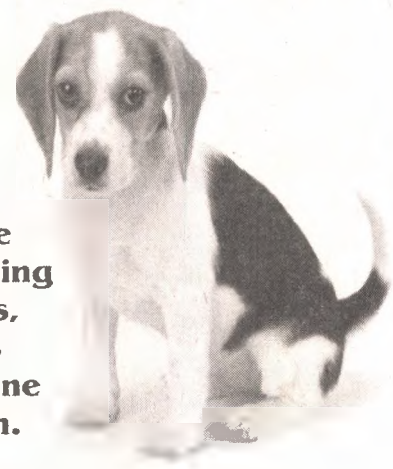

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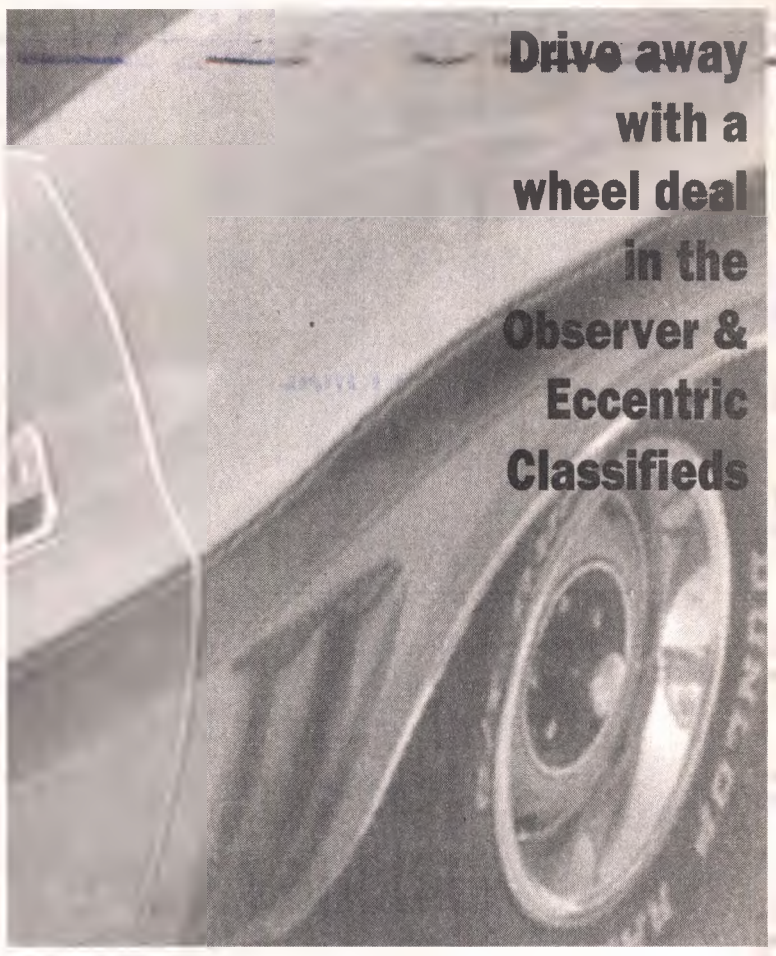

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8 Pat gently
11 Bailed out
12 Yale alumnus
13 Future fish
14 Pizza order
15 Not a winner (hyph.)
17 PC key
18 Bulletin'
20 Furtive whisper
22 Geese formation
23 Europe-Asia range
27 Pitcher in a basin
29 The Donald's ex
30 Half-shell item
33 Dartboard, for one
34 Bombay nannies
35 Unfrequented
36 Chaucer offering
37 Speaker pro —
38 Like lumber
42 — in (curbed)
45 Monastic title
46 Cornstalk tips
49 Drama awards
51 Through
52 Alumna identifier
53 Roll
54 Devious
55 Fabric meas.
56 Arduous journey

DOWN

1 Fish organs
2 Does magazine work
3 Toshiba competitor
4 Idyllic spot
5 Better organized
6 Dragon puppet
7 Great Lakes st.
8 June bug
9 Filmdom's — Gardner
10 Keep off the air
11 Cousin of PDQ
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19 Finished
21 Ties to a stake
24 Dust cloth
25 "Wheel of Fortune" buy (2 wds.)
26 Caesar's lang.
28 Montgomery or Craven
29 Fleming of 007 fame
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31 Ms. Sumac
32 — ammoniac
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35 Frame inserts
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39 Ignited
40 Demolish
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43 Counting-out start
44 Nincompoop
46 HBO receivers
47 Feel under the weather
48 Put into words
50 Prickly husk

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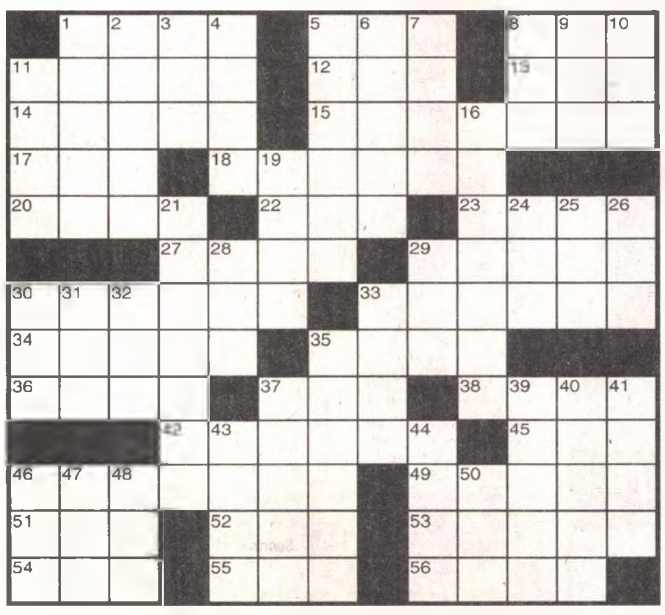

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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BROILER
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CHICKEN
CHUCK
CONSUME
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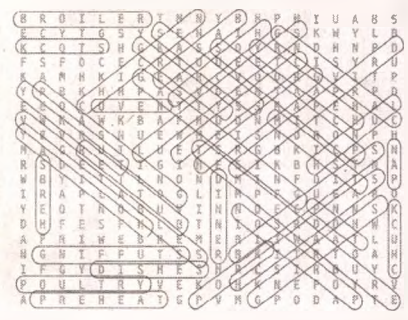

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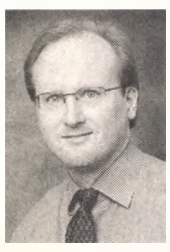

By Dale Buss

It might seem a little strange to see Infiniti ads with snowflakes already swirling around a spiffy new JX SUV, when the only notable snow so far this season has been on top of tippy-top mountain peaks — and in parts of West Virginia and Virginia, thanks to Sandy. But you're going to be seeing that ad for a while, at least through the end of the year.

And welcome to the auto-advertising "holidaze," the annual two-month, end-of-the-year promotional bonanza in which car brands in the U.S. market use holiday-themed promotional incentives and other marketing to attempt to reach their year-end sales and profit goals, or just try to make sure they're not left out of the scrum.

Or, as in the case of BMW and Mercedes-Benz, they feel compelled to use the promotions to get the better of a particular competitor. The two leading-volume German auto brands in the U.S. market once again are locked in a neck-and-neck race to secure the 2012 luxury-sales title, just as they conducted last year.

At this point, Mercedes-Benz is trying to hold off a surging BMW, whose 21-percent gain in October sales brought the brand to within 2,748 year-to-date sales of Mercedes — down from nearly double that amount, 5,221 vehicles, just a month earlier. BMW won the crown last year, taking it from a supply-constrained Lexus.

And the prize might be even more dear this year because Lexus is widely assumed to want the volume title back in 2013, when all of its output problems will be long behind it and the Toyota-owned brand will have a slew of new and refreshed products in its stable.

The industry is abuzz with interest in accelerating efforts by BMW and Mercedes to best each other and with speculation about what forms they may take in the weeks ahead. For example, Mercedes is letting some American buyers skip more monthly payments than BMW and offering as much as $5,000 discounts to "VIP customers."

Meanwhile, other brands are chasing their own goals for the holidaze more quietly but with determination as well. Audi, for instance, launched its annual "The Season of Audi" promotion featuring sales incentives on many 2013-model vehicles across its lineup.

It includes national TV spots and regional dealer-driven TV advertising, as well as social-media marketing, online advertising, brand web-site messaging and radio spots in certain markets, Jessica Thor, manager of retail marketing for Audi of America, told me.

"It's an incredibly crowded marketplace in terms of trying to get your message through," Thor said. "But the good news is that many consumers just expect that there's something going on [at your dealerships], even if you were a brand that went dark and didn't advertise."

The 2013 Audi A6 is a crucial model for The Season of Audi.

As BMW and Mercedes-Benz battle away at volumes far above Audi in the U.S., Audi's goal for the period is to continue to show strong and steady growth.

"I see fierce competition again between those two brands in terms of who will come out on top for 2012," Thor said. "I can only imagine that both of them are really going to pull out the stops."

Thor said that the BMW-Mercedes battle, and the general promotional atmosphere in the luxury segment as all brands introduce their seasonal marketing, boosts the market for Audi and the entire premium category.

"It's natural when you see everyone on the air with a special event happening that it has a halo effect for everyone," she said.

But Thor noted that, while it has stiff internal goals for sales during "The Season of Audi," the overall objective for the brand is to "maintain our focus on sustained growth. We have our goals [for the promotion] and feel comfortable that we're going to hit them.

The Infiniti Limited Engagement promotion has become a holiday staple in the luxury segment.

"But we're not going to duke it out at the end of the year and try to hit a number just for the sake of hitting a number. We want to continue to grow in a healthy way."

Audi is promoting a variety of 2013-model vehicles but not its highest-end and least available vehicles such as R8 and the "S" performance models.

And for the first time, the brand is putting a special emphasis on getting its dealers revved up for "The Season of Audi."

"Typically we've kind of kept things quiet on the showroom floor" during the promotion, Thor said. "But this year we're having a bigger presence." Audi is helping dealers, for example, host a breakfast for their employees as a kickoff for the promotion. The brand is providing point-of-sale banners and tent cards, Thor said.

"We want dealers and their personnel to get excited about The Season of Aukdi this year," she explained.

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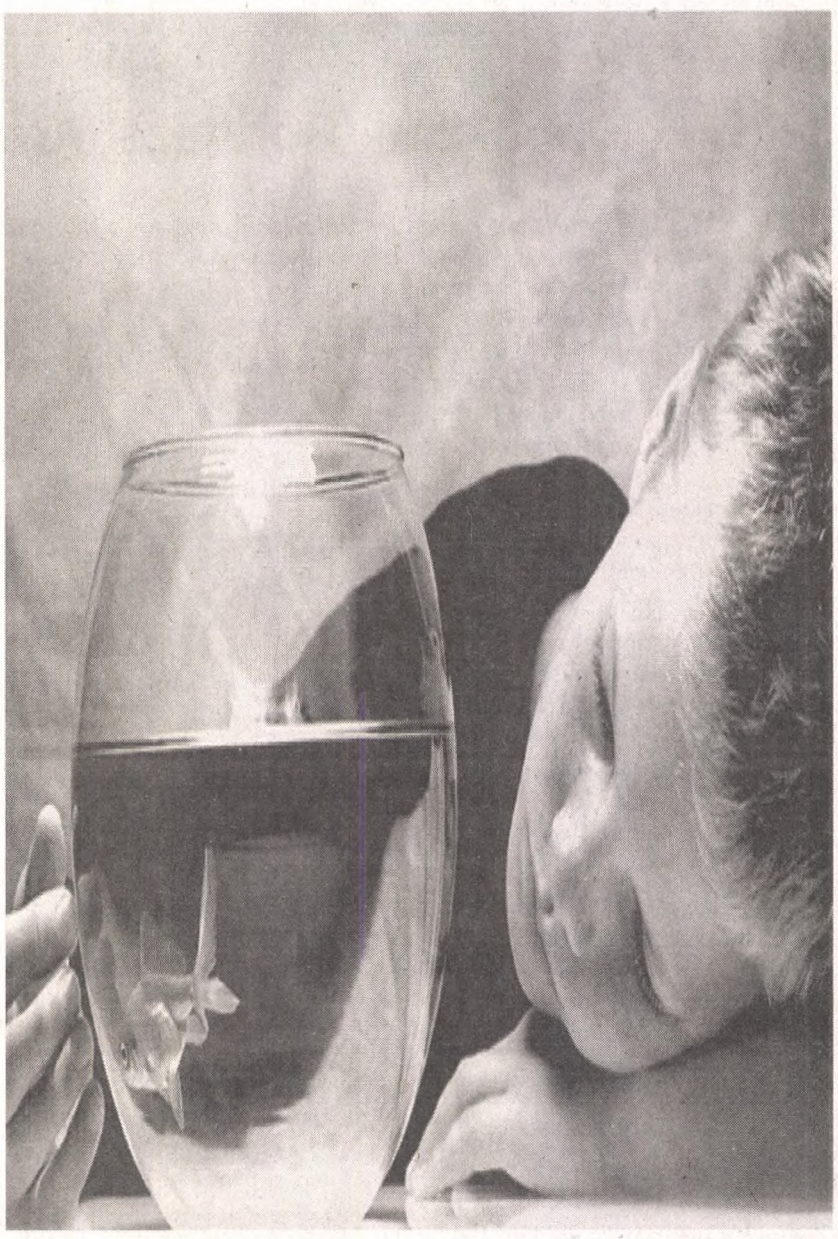

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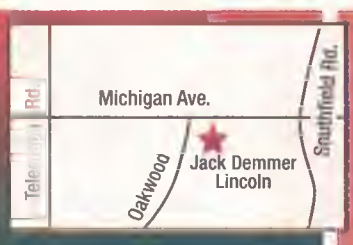

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