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The Observer will publish letters and photos before the holidays. That means we need to receive your letter by noon, Friday, Dec. 14.

Bell ringers

The Plymouth Salvation Army is trying to fill a few paid positions ringing bells during the corps' annual Red Kettle Campaign.

Applicants should bring two forms of identification, such as a passport, state, ID or driver's license, Social Security card or original birth certificate.

The Plymouth Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main in Plymouth. For more information, call volunteer/ special events coordinator Sandy Kollinger, (734) 453-5464.

Pearl Harbor ceremony

President Franklin Roosevelt declared Dec. 7, 1941, a "day that will live in infamy." On Friday, Dec. 7, local veterans try to make sure that day is not forgotten.

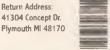
At 1 p.m., a Pearl Harbor Day ceremony takes place at Veterans Memorial Park, in front of Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth. The ceremony is a cooperative venture of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6695, the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter No. 528 and American Legion Post No. 391

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New middle school off table for now

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

Unless Plymouth-Canton Community Schools taxpayers say they want one in a survey likely to be taken over the next month or so, a new middle school on district-owned property in Canton likely won't be part of a \$117 million bond package the district's Board of Education is considering seeking this spring.

Instead, administrators have proposed a pair of options that include closing Central Middle School and expanding the district's four other middle schools to absorb displaced Central stu-

Dr. Jeremy Hughes, the district's superintendent, said he feared building a new middle school, at a cost of some \$38 million, would push the bond past the point where it could be absorbed without a tax hike, considering other changes needed to make the educational experience more equitable throughout the district.

"One of the reasons we

couldn't recommend (building) a new middle school is the equity issue," Hughes told board members Tuesday night. "If you build a new middle school, you wouldn't have the funds to build new computer labs (for instance). We feel so strongly about the equity issue we couldn't bring (a new building) to you."

Couple of options

One option would be to add 33 classrooms to the four remaining middle schools - nine at Discovery, six at East, eight at Pioneer and 10 at West - along with new or remodeled STEM additions at all four schools. This option would cost the district nearly \$28

The second option being discussed would add 27 classrooms split between Discovery, Pioneer and West; all four middle schools would still get new or remodeled STEM additions. The cost for this option is some \$25.7 million.

The bond proposal would also

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FRANK RUGGIRELLO

Plymouth High School junior Sydney Hicks sings with former 'American Idol' contestant Matt Giraud during his appearance at Salem High School Wednesday.

Students get 'Idol' exposure

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

Jennifer Kopp was hoping her Plymouth-Canton Educational Park choir students would be inspired following an appearance Wednesday from former American Idol contestant Matt Giraud.

That was no problem for Plymouth High School junior

Giraud, who graduated from Ypsilanti Lincoln High School and earned a communications degree from Western Michigan University in 2007, was in town to work with choir and music students in preparation for a fundraiser concert they'll do together in February.

Hicks, a self-proclaimed "biggest fan" of Giraud's, was one of several students who got to go on stage to duet with the former Idol contestant. And she couldn't have been more excited.

"When he was on (Idol), he was a really big deal at school," said Hicks, who also went to Ypsilanti Lincoln before transferring following her freshman year. "He's so soulful. He really feels

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Township extends pot zoning ban \

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth Township is extending its zoning ban on the growing, storage and sale of medical marijuana as officials wait for issues surrounding the state's medical marijuana law - which conflicts with federal law — to be sorted out.

The township Board of Trustees earlier this month unanimously approved the first reading of a six-month moratorium on the use of any property under the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act, which voters approved four years ago. The moratorium ordinance essentially prohibits township officials from approving any landuse permits for the sale, growing or storage of medical marijuana during thạt time frame, although there is an appeal

process. Township attorney Tim Cronin said the moratorium will give the township Planning Commission time to study the medical marijuana issue and recommend a zoning approach to regulating it.

"At a certain point, it's hard for us to justify any further

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New board faces issues old and new

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

A raft of financial, personnel and community development issues awaits as the Board of Trustees — made up for the most part of veteran elected officials begins a new term in Plymouth Township.

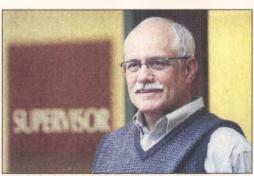
Supervisor Richard Reaume, who easily won a third four-year term earlier this month, said he

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wants to build on progress made as the township began recovering from the Great Recession, which cut into revenue, saw businesses shed jobs or fold and took a toll on local property val-

Reaume said he is committed to leveraging township resources to foster economic development and provide residents with

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Richard Reaume, who won a third four-year term as Plymouth Township supervisor, wants to build on progress made as the township began recovering from the **Great Recession, which** cut into revenue, saw businesses shed jobs or fold and took a toll on local property values.



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moratoriums," Cronin told board members.

The six-month extension followed a 90-day moratorium, which was approved by resolution only in September. A second reading of the moratorium ordinance is expected next month.

Following the legalization of medical marijuana in Michigan, the township had adopted a zoning regulation that, while not explicitly mentioning marijuana, prohibited the use

of any property for a purpose contrary to federal law. Growing, selling and using marijuana remains illegal under federal law despite medical marijuana laws in several states.

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But that approach was struck down in July by a Michigan Court of Appeals decision against the city of Wyoming, which had a similar zoning regulation.

Cronin said it is possible the Michigan Supreme Court will hear an appeal of the Wyoming case.

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AAUW PARTY

Date/Time: Wednesday, Dec. 5, 6:00

Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in Plymouth

Details: The Plymouth-Canton branch of the American Association of University Women hosts its holiday party. Our speaker will be Tina Parce who is a nutritionist and will discuss current trends in nutrition. Please bring a pound of something to share, such as coffee, flour, cookies, etc. and put it in holiday wrapping. Everyone will have a chance to bid on it with proceeds going to the AAUW Legal Advocacy fund. There will also be a collection of men and women's toiletry items for Freedom House in Detroit. Appetizers and desserts will be served. Please come and join us!

Contact: For more information contact Becky Copenhaver at bgcopenhaver@yahoo.com or (734) 981-6023.

FARRAND FAIR

Date/Time: Thursday, Nov. 29, 4-8

Location: Farrand Elementary School, 41400 Greenbriar Lane, Plymouth

Details: Farrand Elementary hosts its fifth annual Craft & Vendor Fair, Find that last minute gift, or something unique and special for someone on your holiday shopping list. Admission is free. Raffle items, jewelry, candles, health & wellness, skin care, hair accessories and much, much more. Need a little bit of extra cash to shop? South Lyon Jewelers will be there paying you cash for your gold. Go through your jewelry boxes and find broken or unwanted gold to sell at this event. Babysitting will be provided from 4-6 p.m. in the school media center. Children will have the opportunity to watch a movie and make a craft.

MUSEUM CRAFT BAZAAR

Date/Time: Saturday, Dec. 1, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m

Location: Plymouth Historical Museum.

Details: The Plymouth Historical Museum will hold its annual juried Craft Bazaar and Open House. The Craft Bazaar is free and open to the public and will feature many crafts, such as knit, ceramic, jewelry, and recycled art. Stop by our bake sale and try our yummy treats and

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Thanksgiving thrill

Plymouth's own Fred Hill Briefcase Drill Team, seen from above, wowed the crowds in New York City last week during the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. It was the team's second trip to the Big Apple's parade; the first was in 2008. "Three million people lining the streets gave us an incredible reception with their applause, cheers and guffaws. No other parade compares," said Hill, the "general" of the drill team. "We strutted our stuff to nearly deafening crowd reaction and knew we were doing Plymouth proud." The team flew into New York on Nov. 20 and members were back at their homes on Thanksgiving night.

refreshments. Santa will be here all day so bring the whole family! Visitors are also welcome to explore the Museum's special exhibit for free that day.

The Plymouth Historical Museum will be holding its Bake Sale on Saturday, Dec. 1, as well. We need donations of baked goods. Cookies, cakes, candy, breads, pies, sweet rolls, and bars are all welcome—as are any specialties you may have in your recipe box. Please bundle your cookies or bars in packages of 6 or 12. Remember, festive holiday treats sell first. Please either label your treats (examples: Brownies with nuts or Santa's Favorite Sugar Cookies), or leave a note attached. Labels will be available in the kitchen. Please drop your goodies off in the kitchen on Friday, November 30, between 1 and 4 p.m.

Contact: Please call Heidi Nielson, (734) 455-8940, if you have any ques-

COLORING CONTEST

Date/Time: Now through Dec. 15, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday and Thursday, 8:30-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, or 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Location: Lou LaRiche Chevrolet, 40875 Plymouth Road

Details: Lou LaRiche Chevrolet will

be holding a coloring contest. The age groups are 0-3, 4-6 and 7-9. The winner from each age group will be awarded a \$50 Toys R US gift card. One entry permitted per child. While you are here, take a picture with Nick from the Chevrolet commer-

Contact: Call 734-453-4600 for more information

HOLIDAY ART FAIR

Date/Time: Dec. 1, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Location: Connection Church in Canton

Details: Connection Church in Canton hosts a Holiday Art Fair. If you have a craft and are interested in renting a table (\$35 & \$25).

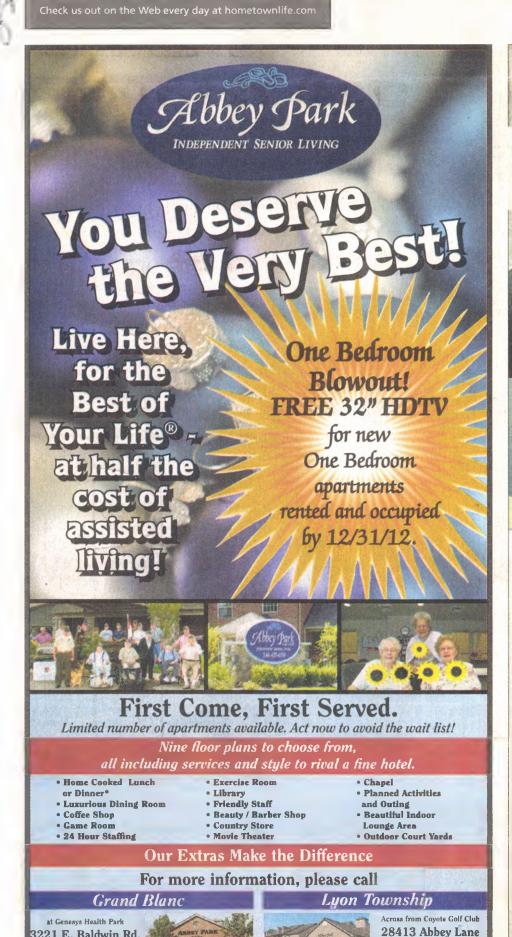
Contact: For more information please email Katy at cchoidayartfair@gmail.

BLOOD DRIVES

Date/Time: Thursday, Nov. 29, 1:30-7:15 p.m.

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon in Plymouth **Details:** The American Red Cross has scheduled a blood drive at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Plymouth. Appointments can be made, but walk-ins are welcome.

Contact: To make an appt for any of these drives, call Diane at (313) 549-7052 or email diane.risko@redcross.org



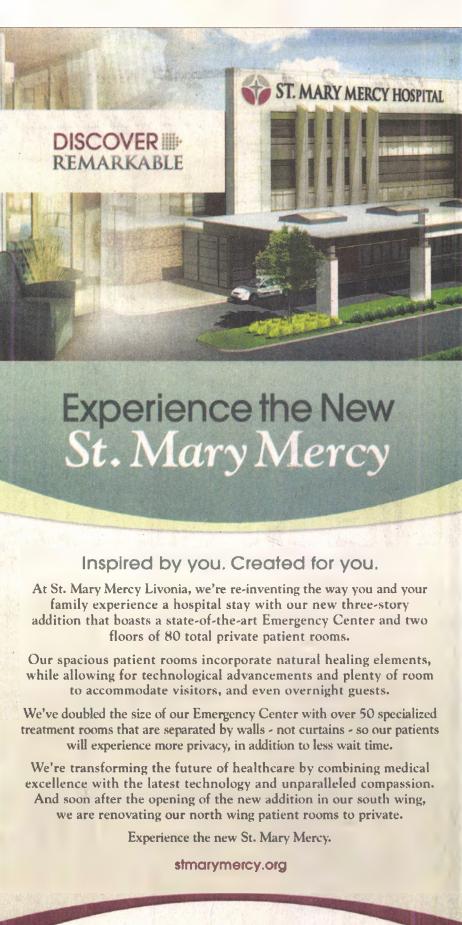
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Virginia Patton Moss, in this still from 'It's a Wonderful Life' with Todd Karns as Harry Bailey, Jimmy Stewart as George Bailey and Thomas Mitchell as Uncle Billy, will be in town Sunday as the Penn Theatre shows the 1946 holiday classic. Moss played Harry Bailey's

'Wonderful' actress to visit Penn with classic film

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

It's a Christmas time staple at the Penn Theatre, but Sunday's afternoon screening of It's a Wonderful Life comes with an added bonus.

Virginia Patton Moss, who had a small part in the movie as Ruth Dakin Bailey, will appear at the Penn to greet moviegoers about a half-hour before the 4:15 p.m. Sunday showing, said Ellen Elliott, executive director of Friends of the Penn. Elliott said Moss will be

available to chat and pose for pictures; the theater doors open at 3:45 p.m.

Moss, who is 86, lives in Dexter with her husband of more than 60 years, Cruse W. Moss, who had a long career in automobile manufacturing and marketing. Virgina Moss had a film career of about six years in the 1940s, beginning with 1943's Thank Your Lucky Stars and ending with 1949's The Lucky Stiff, according to imbd.com, the Internet Movie Database.

In It's A Wonderful Life, the Frank Capra-directed heartwarmer from 1946, Moss, who was then Virginia Patton, played the wife of Harry Bailey, the brother of George Bailey, the movie's central figure, played by Jimmy Stewart.

Elliott said a former Ann Arbor police officer who lives in Plymouth discovered that an area resident was in the Christmas classic, introduced himself to Mrs. Moss and arranged for her visit.

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spend some \$26.3 million to build 21st Century classrooms and instruction. It would spend some \$4.6 million on instructional classroom technology such as laptop/tablets for teachers and camera and audio equipment: some \$13.2 million for student computing devices such as computer labs; and more than \$8 million for districtwide wireless network improvements.

Hughes told board members nearby districts such as Northville and Ann Arbor have already passed technology bonds, while Livonia is considering one. He pointed out there are disparities even among the more modern of the district's middle schools in terms of computer availability and other equity issues.

"Achieving equity

among our buildings has driven us and is the primary factor in what we're proposing here," Hughes said. "If we can't be on the cutting edge, we need to be close, and we aren't."

Smoother rides

The bond would provide another \$9.1 million for transportation needs, including the replacement of 31 buses that should have been replaced the last two years, and another 57 buses over the next four years.

The average mileage on buses that would be , replaced immediately is between 104,000 and 158,000.

"We're holding them together with a great maintenance crew," said Phil Freeman, assistant superintendent for facilities and operations. "We're working with a bunch of buses that have outlived their usefulness."

Assuming taxpay-

ers approve the bond in what would be a May 2013 election, the district would sell the bonds in two series — one next year for \$53.4 million, the other in late 2015 or early 2016 for \$63.6 million. District financial officials have said the bonds could be sold without raising taxes, although taxpayers would lose a small giveback they were scheduled to get as the district's debt levy went down.

Hughes stressed to board members there is no money in the general fund budget to fund such improvements.

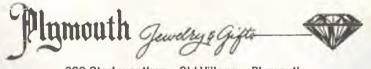
"We have spent months developing what we see as urgent needs in our schools," Hughes said. "Under every financial analysis available on Earth, there is no way we could do this utilizing the general fund budget.

A final decision is expected at the board's Jan. 8 meeting.

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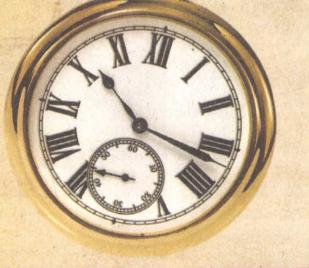
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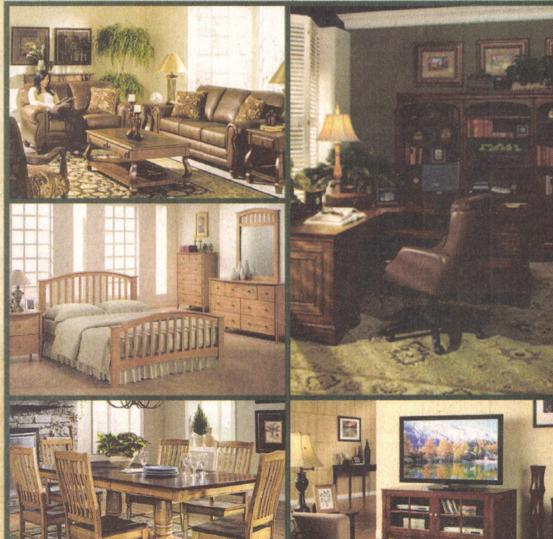
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PUBLIC SAFETY

Distraught driver begs for forgiveness in double fatality

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

Fighting back tears, Rufus Thomas Brandon II stood in court Monday, begged for forgiveness and said he wishes he could change places with two teenage girls who were killed in his car when he ignored a flashing red light while driving south on Canton Center at Michigan Avenue.

"In a heartbeat I would give my life to get these girls back," Brandon, 24, said, his head bowed at times as he faced 35th District Judge Ronald Lowe for a sentencing that brought heart-wrenching statements from the families of the two Belleville teens, Danielle Beavers and Brooke Kennedy.

Lowe imposed a 120day jail term on Brandon, but allowed him to delay serving his time until he finishes his semester finals at Eastern Michigan University. Lowe

called it one of the most difficult decisions he has made in his 18 years as a

"I believe there's a lot of pain that you feel," Lowe told Brandon. "I believe in some ways you're a broken man."

Brandon, who wasn't drinking or using drugs, was driving Beavers, 19, and Kennedy, 18, home shortly after 2 a.m. July 24 from the nearby Ruby Tuesday restaurant, where they all worked. Lowe called it "an intentional act" when Brandon ignored the flashing red light, resulting in his Chevrolet Cavalier being struck on the passenger side by a Monte Carlo driven east on Michigan Avenue by a 21-year-old Westland man.

Beavers's parents had sought leniency for Brandon, calling him a kind young man who made a tragic mistake that is haunting him. By contrast, Kennedy's fami-



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Rufus Thomas Brandon II, his head bowed during sentencing, says he wishes he could change places with the two young women who died in his car.

ly said even the harshest sentence Lowe could have imposed — one year in jail for a moving violation causing a death wasn't enough

Brandon faced an emotional sentencing Monday after he pleaded no contest to the charge in October. Authorities have said Brandon slowed but never stopped before he entered the intersection.

Lowe ordered Brandon to start serving his 120-day jail term before Christmas, after he finishes his finals Dec. 19. The judge also placed Brandon on probation for two years and accepted Brandon's offer to teach young people through his church and in schools the importance of obeying traffic rules.

Brandon also indicated he plans to start a campaign to warn others of what happened to him and his late friends. He

said he hopes to make a documentary, start a website and continue writing songs in repentance for his actions.

"I am without a shadow of a doubt very sorry," Brandon said in court. "I didn't mean for any of this to happen."

He said he has had difficulty sleeping and eating since Beavers and Kennedy died in his car.

"It feels like my soul is being tortured every single day," he said, adding he has had suicidal thoughts that prompted his defense attorney, Constance Ross, to suggest he seek professional help.

Brandon is expected to start serving his 120-day jail term before Christmas for the deaths of two girls he said he loved "like sisters." He begged for forgiveness Monday and said, "I can't express how sorry I am."

CRIME WATCH

Auto burglaries

Electronics were reported stolen from three vehicles on the morning of Nov. 21 after separate burglaries in Plymouth Township's industrial park, according to township police reports.

At one business on Clipper Drive, a Chelsea man reported the theft of a combination stereo, navigation and digital video disc system from a Chrysler Town & Country van. The man said he had locked the vehicle, but police found no signs of forced

At another business, on Galleon Drive, a stereo and two video discs were reported stolen from another Town & Country. The vehicle had been left unlocked,

At another business, on Port Street, a combination radio and navigation system was reported stolen from a Dodge Caravan. The minivan had locked but a window was broken, police said.

Domestic dispute

Police went to The Crossings, an apartment complex southeast of Joy Road and I-275, to investigate reports of a violent domestic dispute between a woman and a boyfriend who is the father of her four chil-

Police received the call shortly before 10 a.m. Sunday of an incident that had started about 1 a.m., when the boyfriend came to her apartment and an argument ensued. According to a police report, the boyfriend had dated another woman and became upset when the mother of his children didn't became angry

The woman said her boyfriend took a modem from the apartment and left, though he returned later. grabbed her cell phone, looked through her messages and tossed it in the toilet, the police report said. He then smashed a laptop computer and printer in an upstairs room and left, again, around 4 a.m., the report

The woman told police she went to a bank, withdrew money from a joint account to pay for the damages and returned home, where she eventually went to sleep. She told police she awoke when the boyfriend was kicking in the door. She said he took her purse before she could get the money she had taken out of the bank account.

A police report said authorities found pieces of wood where the apartment door had been dam-

The woman told police she didn't want to prosecute the man and that she only wanted her purse back.

Smashed windshield

A 54-year-old man at Windsor Woods Apartments, northwest of Warren and Morton Taylor, contacted police around 1:30 a.m. Saturday to report that someone had broken out the driver's side window and smashed the windshield of a 1988 Buick Century. A man who owns the car said it had been parked for three days.



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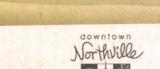
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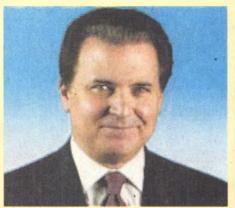


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First lawsuit filed in Webster School abuse case

LOCAL NEWS

By Karen Smith **Observer Staff Writer**

A lawsuit was filed Monday in U.S. District Court on behalf of a specialneeds preschooler allegedly abused by a former Livonia Public Schools teacher. The suit seeks in excess of \$75,000 for physical pain and mental anguish the boy suffered.

The lawsuit is the first of at least three expected to be filed on behalf of children in the Webster **Elementary School class** taught last school year by Sharon Turbiak.

Attorney Ven Johnson of Detroit, who represents Jayden Gohl, 4, of Plymouth, had expected to file the suit last week. but the filing was delayed to ensure "that all necessary information was obtained prior to filing," said Amanda A. Krzystan, an attorney in his office.

LPS Superintendent Randy Liepa, one of the defendants in the suit, said Tuesday he had not Read lawsuit online at www.hometownlife.com

seen a copy and would not comment on specific allegations. He said last week that parents have a right to seek a grievance through the court system.

"If that's what they wish to do, I certainly understand that's an option for them," he said.

Besides Liepa, the suit lists as defendants Livonia Public Schools, Turbiak of Livonia, former Webster Principal Shellie Moore and Nancy Respondek of Redford, a parapro who worked with Turbiak in the classroom.

The suit alleges that a social worker witnessed Turbiak assault Jayden on March 5, grabbing him by the top of his head, jerking it backward and yelling directly into his face, "You need to listen to me."

Jayden was born with hydrocephalus, has had seven brain surgeries and has a brain shunt. Any severe head movement



Jayden Gohl is held by his mother, Lauren.

and/or injury is potentially life-threatening to Jayden, Johnson said.

The social worker reported Turbiak's assault of Jayden to Moore, who in turn reported it to former LPS human resources chief Dorothy Chomicz, who soon after informed Liepa, the suit alleges.

But none of those individuals reported it to **Child Protective Services** as required by state law, the suit says.

Liepa, Moore, Respondek and others knew that Turbiak had verbally and physically abused children in the past and failed to protect Jayden, whose rights were violated, the suit says.

LPS also knew that its administrators, in particular, Liepa and Moore, were not adequately supervising and/or disciplining Turbiak for her use of excessive force, the suit says.

An internal report recently released by LPS includes witness statements saying Turbiak slapped and yelled at the children, let them fall and laughed about it instead of supporting them when they moved to the floor or a chair and put a boy confined to a wheelchair in the bathroom for timeout for 15 to 20 minutes. The report says Respondek spanked a child. The first documented complaint against Turbiak was dated Oct. 24, 2011, the report says.

The class was part of a

Wayne RESA center program serving students from multiple districts. All 12 of the children who were in the class are cognitively impaired and some also have physical impairments.

Mark Schultz, the district's public safety administrator and a former police officer, reported the issue to Livonia Police Department on April 24, the day after he began the internal investigation. Livonia police sought warrants from the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, but those warrants were denied and the case was closed.

No one has been charged with a crime.

Turbiak was placed on leave in April, and the school board voted June 18 to recommend the state tenure commission terminate her employment. Turbiak then resigned, effective March 31, 2013, and the Michigan Tenure Commission dismissed the case against her. She remains

on paid administrative leave until March 31, 2013. She has not returned

calls from the Observer. Moore is on paid administrative leave through Dec. 31, 2012, the effective date of her resignation and retirement, Dana Whinnery, the district's new director of human resources said. She had requested and was granted a transfer from Webster and was reassigned to be the assistant principal at Riley Upper Elementary, he said. However, she requested and was granted a leave of absence Aug. 15 and then submitted her letter of resignation and retirement Sept. 7, so she never

Respondek was fired June 13 by the administration, but union representatives notified the district Oct. 31 of their intent to appeal her termination to arbitration, Whinnery said. "We're waiting for formal paperwork," he added.

worked at Rilev.



Former American Idol contestant Matt Giraud talks with Plymouth-Canton Educational Park choir students during an appearance Wednesday at Salem High School

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the music when he's singing. I connect with him really well."

Giraud, who finished fifth in Idol's eighth season in 2009, said the experience "changed my life." He's been traveling and performing, and is now a bigger name than he was starting out.

"I left Kalamazoo kind of an unknown," he said. "When I went back, I went into the same Subway I've been going to for years, and the same lady who'd been making my sandwiches for years was yelling, 'Matt Giraud!' and I thought, 'You never

knew my name before.' It's been crazy."

He spent Wednesday working with choir, band, orchestra and arts academy students. It's the latest in a series of school visits the musician has made recently, mostly to middle and high school groups. He said he prefers the older kids -"They're more focused; with middle school kids it's a little harder to keep their attention" because they're more the age he was when he got

"I started liking music when I was high school age, and I started singing and playing piano when I was a senior," Giraud said. "It's an important

started.

Kopp said she hoped the students, who are already pretty jazzed about music, would become even more inspired by their exposure to someone who is "in the business."

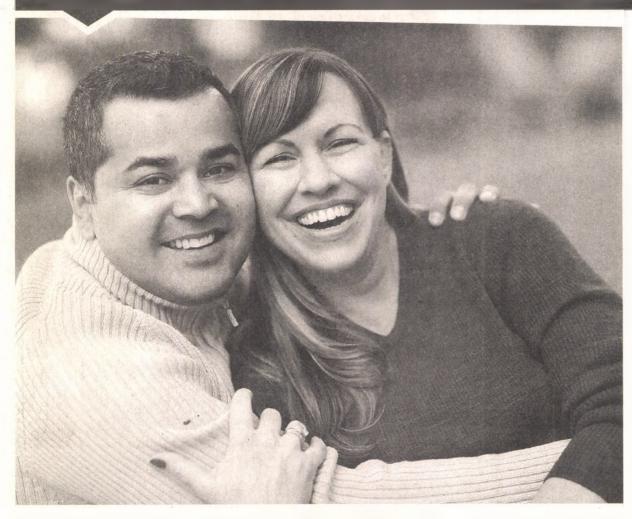
She said it would do students good to know something like that could be within their grasp.

"He's someone who has gone through all the steps of American Idol, he's produced CDs, and he's toured," Kopp said. "He's at the professional end of the business. I hope they see it's not beyond their reach."

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public safety and good services while keeping property taxes the lowest in Wayne County.

"You can do a lot if you have a big checkbook," Reaume said Monday during an interview about his next term. "This community is built on low taxes and, still, quality services and we're going to strive to continue that."

The years-long battle over the Plymouth Community Fire Department, reorganized in March after six firefighter paramedics were laid off, was township officials' most obvious costcutting move over the past four years. It was a response to a drop in revenue and the departure of the city of Plymouth from the shared department, which meant a reduction in the work load and a revenue loss of nearly \$1 million annually.

But budget-trimming has taken place at every level, and employee groups have taken significant concessions, Reaume acknowledges.



Plymouth Township officials, including new Board of Trustees members, are sworn in recently by Judge Patrick Duggan of the U.S. District Court. From left are deputy clerk Michelle Lozier, deputy treasurer Amy Hammye, Trustees Bob Doroshewitz and Mike Kelly, Supervisor Richard Reaume, Clerk Nancy Conzelman, Treasurer Ron Edwards and Trustee Kay Arnold. Not pictured is Trustee Chuck Curmi. The board members officially began their terms at noon on Nov. 20.

More change ahead?

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He also acknowledges the fight over the PCFD is not over, that it may yet be reorganized further, perhaps into a hybrid public safety-officer model that would have police officers cross-trained as firefighters and medical first responders.

"The evaluation will continue and additional change may still be needed," Reaume said.

The fire department's future is atop the issue list for Trustees Mike Kelly and Chuck Curmi. "We need to see some

more details and need to see some more examples, and see whether the model is a good model to change to," said Kelly, who won a second term.

"We have to clear that up and get input and make some good decisions," said Curmi, a 16year board veteran who is returning for a fifth term after sitting out the last four years.

Both Curmi and Kelly said they're not set on any specific fire department model, but want examples and data on how each would work and the savings they could bring.

Both also called for public input in the decision.

"There're a lot of good ideas that people have, but if they're not asked, we don't know what they are," Curmi said.

Development outlook

Reaume said economic development, which he called one of his strengths, will take much of his focus in the next four years.

"The board will continue to be pro-business" and work to bring new companies, and encourage business expansion, with local tax incentives, he said.

Reaume shares with other officials a grand vision for the Five Mile corridor, a 1,000-acre advanced technology industrial park between Beck and Ridge roads that would straddle Plymouth and Northville townships. Most of the land there is undeveloped, he said; the high-tech park would incorporate office and research and design facilities with businesses, such as restaurants and dry cleaners, that would serve the people who work there, plus recreation facilities, such as parks and bicycling and walking trails.

Reaume said that over the long term, the two townships will need to work on the development with county and state officials, and with DTE Energy, as not all of the corridor has the electric capacity that such a project would require. Local businesses — some of which already have a presence in the township's nearby industrial belt — can also help, he said.

Reaume said there has been some interest in the proposed tech corridor, but no commitments.

Other economic issues

Curmi said his development priority is to sell the site of the former township complex at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley and to sell, or at least lease portions of, the Department of Public Works building on Port Street. The plan when the new township hall was built, Curmi said, was to move the DPW to a smaller, cheaper facility as a cost savings.

"You've got to convert your assets to cash while you can," Curmi said.

Kelly pointed out that the board will also be dealing with the future of what is now the Automotive Components Holdings factory site, at Sheldon and M-14, in the new term, as ACH operations are being sold to a company that plans to move production to Romulus. That move will open up the site for redevelopment when competed by the end of 2014.

"That's a nice big chunk of land with great access to the freeway," Kelly said.

Reaume said encouraging tourism, by promoting assets like the Inn at St. John's and Compuware Arena, could be another economic development avenue for the township. He said the Concours d'Elegance of

America, an annual show of classic automobiles that came to St. John's for the first time in 2011, is an example of how tourism could benefit the community.

"Those people come with disposable income, and they spend it," he

Contracts and more

Other issues on Reaume's, and board members', radar include:

 Contract negotiations with township employees. The deals with the six employee unions are either expired or will expire by the end of March, and no new pacts have been reached

 The expansion of the Ann Arbor Road streetscape, a Downtown **Development Authority** project, westward from Haggerty. The design includes brickwork, decorative fencing and stamped-concrete sidewalks and small plazas.

 A continued search for savings, such as through consolidation or sharing purchases and services with other communities.

"They also have to have a demonstrated cost savings," Reaume said.

 Retaining residents and attracting new ones, by continuing to provide a safe community, services and recreation opportunities. Reaume said that while the residential areas of the township are largely built out, there is space for some smaller subdivisions.

Joining Reaume, Curmi and Kelly on the board are Trustee Kay Arnold, who won a sixth term; Trustee Bob Doroshewitz, who won a third term; Treasurer Ron Edwards, who won a fifth term; and Clerk Nancy Conzelman, the only first-termer on the board.

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A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the Charter Township of Plymouth, Clerks Office, 9955 N Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 during normal business hours

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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Seewald pleads guilty, Yowchuang no contest in McCotter petition fraud

By Ken Abramczyk Staff Writer

Two former congressional staff members entered pleas Tuesday to all but one of the criminal charges they faced in connection with former U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter's petition scan-

Don Yowchuang, 33, of Farmington Hills, who worked as deputy district director for the former congressman, pleaded no contest in Wayne County's 3rd Circuit Court before Judge Margie Braxton to 10 counts of forgery, a five-year felony, and six counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail.

Paul Seewald, 47, of Livonia, who worked as district director for the former congressman, pleaded guilty before Braxton to nine counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days

A sentencing hearing for Seewald and Yowchuang is scheduled for 9 a.m. Jan. 18 before Brax-

The remaining charge of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner, a five-year felony, remains pending against both Yowchuang and Seewald. Braxton will hold a hearing Jan. 9 to consider a motion filed by the defendants to quash the charge. The attorney general's office has indicated it will oppose the motion in court.

No plea or sentencing





agreement was offered, according to Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette. "As attorney general, I have a responsibility to enforce the law and ensure public integrity," Schuette said in a prepared statement. "After a thorough investigation, my office determined that criminal acts were committed, and the appropriate criminal charges were filed. We will continue to prosecute those involved with this disgraceful violation of the public trust."

On Aug, 9, Schuette announced the results of an investigation by the attornev general's Public Integrity Unit into the alleged fraud surrounding nominating petitions filed in May 2012 on behalf of McCotter. At that announcement, Schuette explained the former congressman was "asleep at the switch" and that four staff members faced criminal charges. Schuette alleged that members of McCotter's staff were involved in a deliberate fraud involving a pattern of copying and altering petitions in order to qualify the fiveterm congressman for the 2012 Michigan ballot.

On Sept. 18, Lorianne O'Brady, 52, of Livonia, who worked as a scheduler to the former congressman, pleaded no contest in Wayne County's 16th District Court before Judge Kathleen

J. McCann to five counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail.

O'Brady was sentenced to 20 days in jail or 20 days in a work program. Following that sentence, she will serve 18 months probation, with the first 12 months as reporting probation. O'Brady was also ordered to pay \$2,625 in fines and court costs.

The fourth staffer. Mary Melissa Turnbull of Howell, faces one count of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator and one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner. She was bound over for trial Nov. 1 on both charges by Judge Dennis Drury of Troy's 52-4 District Court. Turnbull is next due in court Jan. 8 for a pre-trial hearing before Judge Leo Bowman.

McCotter was not charged, as there was no direct evidence of his involvement, according to Schuette.

Tim Dinan, Yowchuang's attorney, said his client "took responsibility for his actions and cooperated fully at all times with the attorney general's office."

"I was very surprised that he was not offered any plea bargain based on his cooperation with the investigation," Dinan

Dinan believed Schuette "played politics" and "had anoth-er agenda." When asked what that agenda was, Dinan said: "I don't know, but I've dealt with professionals over the years

and when defendants cooperate, it engenders some sort of plea bargain because of the time and effort saved in the investigation."

Mark Mandell, Seewald's attorney, said Seewald signed what he believed was a petition with valid signatures, but acknowledged that Seewald was not the actual circulator, which Seewald took responsibility for.

"Absolutely no justice was served," Mandell said. "He's never even had a traffic ticket and dedicated his whole life to Livonia youth football and public service, yet the attorney gener-

al would not even offer a plea agreement for this not to be on Paul's record."

Mandell pointed out that drug offenders and domestic abusers who commit far worse crimes than misdemeanors are allowed to complete probation to clean their records, yet Seewald is

"The attorney general started this case off by characterizing the staff as the Keystone Kops, but the only Keystone Kops here was the investigation by the attorney general," Mandell said. "There are over 800 cutand-pasted, invalid signatures that have still not been accounted for as to who committed the act," he said of the signature fraud.

Mandell said Seewald believed the signatures were valid, but did not collect them and only signed the petition.

"Paul knows he did something wrong," Mandell said, but added that no one in state history has ever been convicted of signing a signature petition knowing that they did not collect signatures as the circulator.

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chased at Sisters Art and

By Mary Quinley Correspondent

The next time you head out to tackle the holiday shopping crowds, think Michigan. From apparel and fine art to jewelry, edibles and toys, the possibilities are endless of made-in-the-state products appropriate for holiday gift giving. An added perk - you'll be supporting Michigan's economy.

Here are some local businesses that feature Michigan made merchandize.

The holidays are extra special at the Huron Valley Council for the Arts in Highland. Gift seekers will find a vast selection of "pottery, jewelry, paintings, note cards, glassware, baskets, sweaters, scarves, purses, quilts and more," said Dianne Deinek, events and communications committee member.

The gallery will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each Saturday through Dec. 21 for the Festival of Trees Holiday Artist Market.

Got pets? Maestros Dog Haus in Bloomfield Hills features made-in-house goodies for furry friends. "I make my own chicken jerky. Dogs love it - and people do, too!" said Ken Platt, who is co-owner with his wife Janet. Custom gift baskets, as well as chicken breast chips, apple chips, cheese bits with flaxseed, pup cakes and bone cakes, are other options.

In Plymouth, the Three Dog Bakery also specializes in edibles, like cookies, biscuits and personalized birthday cakes, for dogs and cats. Custom orders are welcome.

If you're in the market for a diamond ring, consider Jeffrey Allen Jewelers in Milford. "The stone setting and all of the repair work is done by me." owner Jeffrey Orzech said. Halo and pave, he said, are the most popular settings, especially for customers looking for engagement

Michigan goodies

A stroll through Canton's Holiday Market reveals a variety of statemade goodies, from Petoskey-based American Spoon Preserves and Jams and 15 flavors of Detroit's Towne Club Soda, to bottles of Saginaw's Billy Bones BBQ sauces and rubs and Michigan wines and beers. Made-in-Canton Mama Mucci's Pasta and Pasta Sauce is also available.

Other area grocers, like Hiller's in Northville, Plymouth and West Bloomfield; the Westborn Market in Livonia and Berkley; and Livonia's Joe's Produce, sell a wide variety of Michigan edibles, beverages and sweet treats. Kroger, Meijer and Costco carry products (salsa, guacamole and tortilla chips) from the Ferndale-based Garden Fresh.

When Maggie Cytacki and friends visited The Northville Winery recently, the foursome sampled wine and shopped.

Sanders products are featured in the Michigan Favorites basket from Basket Kreations in



The Michigan Sampler from Basket Kreations in **Plymouth** includes cherries, chocolate, **Better** Made Potato Chips and other treats.

Your Michigan Connection in downtown Northville carries gift baskets filled with made in Michigan poodies.

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Salsas and fruit flavored butters from Michigan-based Cherry Republic are available at local grocers and shops.

"I bought a bottle of red, raspberry-flavored sweet wine and a CD produced by local musicians. It was nice that part of the proceeds for both items went to charity," said Cytacki of Livonia.

Hard cider and a nonalcoholic sparkling cider are other festive holiday gifts produced by the

winery. Cytacki, as well as Bernadette Diroff, like to purchase Sanders products from Aco in Westland for out-of-state relatives. "My daughter in Florida — who used to live in Michigan — loves Sanders hot fudge. I like to send the fudge to her and her family for Christmas," said Diroff of West-

land. Fun Stuff! in Birmingham carries a slew of varied Michigan products. "We have poly clay costume jewelry that is whimsical and colorful; the 1st & Roll football board game made by a father and son team; and dysfunctional chair sculptures — you can't sit on them - made of cast bronze and steel," owner Denise Kulak said.

Toys too!

Another Birmingham shop, Adventures in Toys, also carries the 1st & Roll game and wooden baby blocks made in the state.

Foam football and soccer balls by Poof-Slinky® in Plymouth make great stocking stuffers. The balls are available at major chain stores.

If you wander into Sisters Art and Gifts at

Westland Shopping Center, chances are you'll meet a Michigan-based artist or two to help you pick out a gift. "Everything I do, I incorporate poetry," artist Michelle E. Alford said. Poetry books, plaques and frames and stuffed animals are some of her creations.

The shop overflows with handmade items like hats, mittens, glassware, jewelry, coasters and paintings. Artist Kathy Sheeran talked about her textured paintings that hang on the walls of Sisters: "Everything comes from my heart right onto the canvass." Also on display are pictures of local historical sites - Michigan Central Station and Grande Ballroom, to name a few -- created by photographer Richard Spitler.

Kilwin's (there are shops in Plymouth and Birmingham) is a great spot to purchase sweet treats for chocoholics.

For the eggnog lovers on your list, pick up a carton or two of the holiday drink at Guernsey Farms Dairy. The made-in-Northville beverage and almost three dozen flavors of ice cream, including Blue Moon, Chocolate Chip and Butter Pecan, are also available at many neighborhood grocers.

According to Stella Delap, owner of Basket Kreations in Plymouth, "gift boxes are the most popular" for holiday shoppers at her store. The Love from Michigan box, filled with pretzels, Faygo and Sanders

products, cherries, taffy, chocolate candy bars and Mucky Duck mustard, is a favorite. The shop also carries a nice selection of Michigan made salsas, cherry butter, jams, BBQ sauce, hand soaps and Pewabic Pottery.

Made in Detroit

Made in Detroit, a brand of Detroit-themed apparel, beer and accessories, can be purchased from many local retailers. After the Rain in Milford, Berkley's City Style and The Shirt Box in Farmington Hills are stores that carry the popular logo.

Weary souls in the mood for a boost might try a beer-based malt, milkshake or slider at The Rust Belt Market. This Ferndale haven for holiday shoppers features soaps, chocolates, makeup, re-purposed domino game piece bracelets and other jewelry, snowboards, apparel, hair accessories, purses, prints, paintings and soy candles. It is open weekends year-round and each Friday during December.

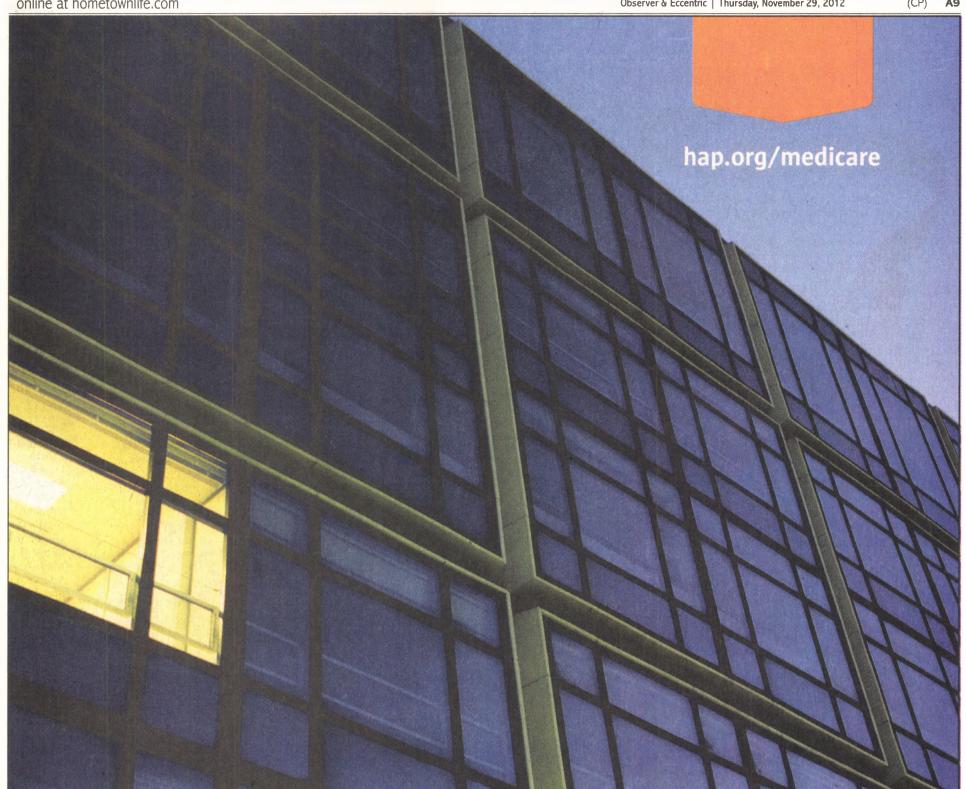
"I carry up north items in downtown Northville,' said owner Geri Turnbull of Your Michigan Connection, referring to the slew of made in the state goods in her compact, six-foot-wide store. Popular items include a Michigan oven mitt printed with city names; cherry salsa from American Spoon, Cherry Republic and Cherry Stop; and Benjamin Twig's pancake mix with dried cherries.

At the Zodiac Ranch in Milford, Linda Lundstrom raises alpacas and sheep. Craft savvy customers who are interested in making holiday gifts, like felt snowmen or penguins, can purchase kits from the farm's shop and/or attend a craft class. Call for an appointment.

Finally, be sure to check out local library and hospital gift shops for statemade merchandise.

Happy holiday shopping!





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Business 2 Business

Ribar Floral sponsors a Business 2 Business mixer 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft in Livonia.

There are no groups to join; participants just bring business cards for exchanging with fellow business owners in the Plymouth, Canton, Northville and surrounding areas.

For more information, email ribarfloral@aol.com

Health seminar

The University of Michigan Health System Women's Health Program and Dr. Samar Hassouneh and Dr. Gwen Zirngibl present a seminar about the HPV injection 7-8:30 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in Plymouth.

For more information call the Women's Health Program at (734) 936-8886.

14. To RSVP, please respond no later

than Dec. 10 to teri@plymouthmich.

is just \$12. Food will be served from

7:45-8:15 and Walsh will speak short-

org or call (734) 453-1540. The cost



Joanne Darga, community liaison for Comfort Keepers in Plymouth, with a display at Hiller's Market on Haggerty during the company's November food drive. The effort brought in nearly 300 pounds of food that was distributed to the emergency food pantries at two area churches.

Food drive assists two emergency food pantries

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth's Comfort Keepers wrapped up its seasonal food drive earlier this month with deliveries to emergency food pantries at two area churches.

The Old Village-based Comfort Keepers, which provides caregivers to help senior citizens and disabled adults stay independent, collected nonperishable food on three different occasions during the drive: twice at the Hiller's Market on Haggerty near Five Mile and once during an exercise class at the Plymouth Community Cultural Center, in which a former Comfort Keepers employee is a student.

'These ladies were amazing," Jeanne

Trumpy, co-owner, with Sarah Webb, of the local Comfort Keepers, said of donors in the class. "I was just overwhelmed by their generosity.'

Some 115 pounds of food were collected from the workout class and delivered to the emergency food pantry at Christ the King Catholic Church in northwest Detroit, Trumpy said.

The drive at Hiller's, on two different Thursdays in November, netted some 150 pounds of food from visitors to the store, plus \$180 in cash donations. That drive was arranged through the Plymouth Community United Way, and the gifts taken to the food pantry at St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne, to which the United Way lends support.

It was Comfort Keepers' second annual food drive, and its theme was stopping hunger among senior citizens, Trumpy

The Plymouth Comfort Keepers has been located in the Old Village Square Plaza on Mill Street for nearly 10 years, employs close to 40 caregivers, and serves Plymouth, Plymouth and Canton townships, and Westland. Caregivers clean homes, cook, provide companionship, shop, offer personal care and perform other duties, depending on cli-

ents' needs, Trumpy said. "It takes a very special person" to be a caregiver, said Joanne Darga, Comfort Keepers' community liaison.

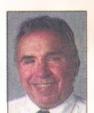
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Chamber breakfast

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts a community breakfast 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Plymouth Township.

The event, focusing on the "2013 Economic Forecast" fea-



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tures Tom Walsh, lead business columnist for the Detroit Free Press. Walsh, the long-time

Detroit Free Press lead business columnist, will discuss where he sees the international, national and local economies headed over the next

year. After many years in this market chamber officials said they are "fortunate to have one of the most qualified observers of our economy to share his thoughts about 2013.'

The Hilton Garden Inn is on Shel-

New-member luncheon

New members and new contacts at member companies are invited to join the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce for a luncheon at the chamber offices noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, for an orientation to the cham-

The luncheon will include free pizza and pop, the opportunity to network with other new members and learn more about how to maximize chamber membership. To participate, contact the chamber at teri@plymouthmich.org or (734) 453-1540. The chamber office is located at 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail.

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A

Coffeehouse serves up local favorites

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

Village Coffeehouse: It's a local coffeehouse serving Michiganmade products, including Zingerman's coffee and baked goods. There are no preservatives used in our products. We also have Bubble Tea. We prepare coffee nine different ways, including drip, espresso, aeropress, French press, Clever, Chemex, Sipmon vacuum, manual and Vietnamese. We have 10 varieties of cof-

fee beans. Observer: How did you first decide to open your business? Village Coffeehouse:

I've enjoyed coffee for years and wanted to bring some to Cherry Hill Village.

Observer: Why did you choose Canton?

Village Coffeehouse: It's my hometown.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Village Coffeehouse: Our casual atmosphere with lounging and table seating, and free Wi-Fi.

Observer: How has the economy affected your business?

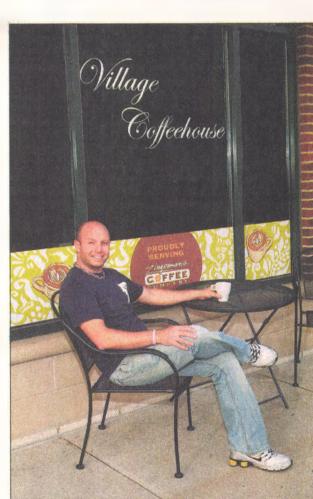
Village Coffeehouse: We have seen an increase in customers since open-

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Village Coffeehouse: Prior to opening, make sure to have a business plan in order.

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

Village Coffeehouse: Soups and sandwiches.



Joe Mulially's Village Coffeehouse brought Zingerman's coffee and baked goods, along with other Michigan-made products, to Canton's Cherry Hill Village.

VILLAGE COFFEEHOUSE

Business name and address: Village Coffeehouse,

50166 Cherry Hill in Canton

Your name: Joe Mulially, owner Your hometown: Canton

Business opened: July 16, 2012

Number of employees: 3 Hours of operation: 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sat-

urday; 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday Your business specialty: Serving Zingerman's coffee and bread and baked goods. Also serving bubble tea. Business phone: (734) 340-6787; Facebook at Village Coffeehouse

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Ushering in the season

With last week's arrival of Santa Claus, one could say the holiday season has officially begun.

Hundreds of kids and their parents braved the weather to welcome Santa and Mrs. Claus to town, and immediately began lining up to visit him in Santa's House on

the edge of Kellogg Park.
"It's just nice to see neighbors out and about and everybody bundled up for winter," said Kris-tin Adamski of Plymouth, who was there with husband Ray and their sons, Evan, 9, Brendan, 8, Carter, 6, and Cameron, 4.

Santa will be seeing visitors at the Kellogg Park Santa House periodically through Dec. 23. Check the "events" tab on the Plymouth Com-



There was not enough snow for Santa's reindeer to land, so that jolly old elf had to make do with a fire truck.

munity Chamber of Commerce website, www.

plymouth.org, for dates and times.



Walk through Kellogg Park and see the Christmas trees.



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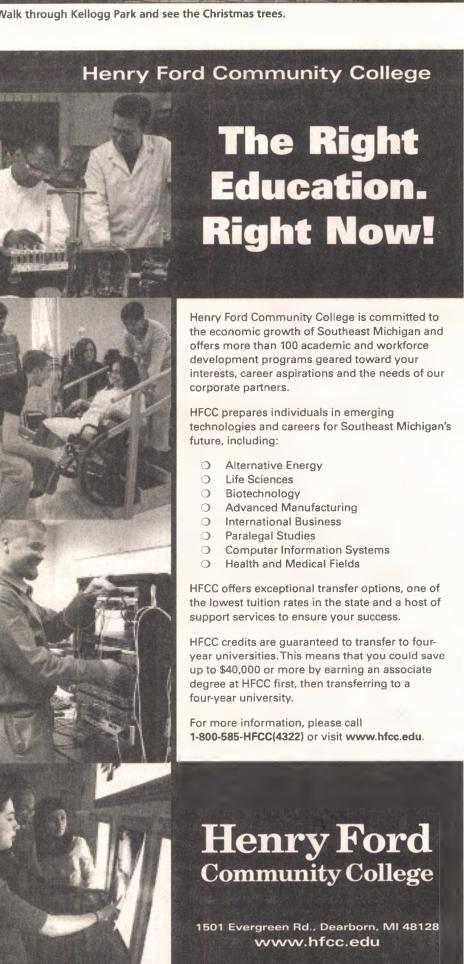
Christmas Carol and her partner put on a holiday magic show.



the first snowflakes of winter fell during the evening and 8year-old Olivia Mangion was right there to catch them.

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Friends help put warmth in Warm Hearts

By Sue Mason Observer Staff Writer

Santa has his workshop at the North Pole. Carol Sharp has hers in a vacant storefront in Westland. While Santa looks to make Christmas merry for children around the world, Sharp is interested in Detroit area children who would might otherwise miss out on the holiday if it weren't for the kindness of strangers.

Sharp and her "elves" have been working since mid-October behind paper-covered windows, creating gift bags that will be given out at soup kitchens and shelters. They've been meeting in the storefront, donated by businessman Glenn Shaw Jr., assembling the packages that include story books, stuffed toys, tooth brushes, hats, gloves, scarves and school supplies. Sharp estimates the work won't be done until sometime in December.

"This makes life fun, it really does," said Sharp, founder of the Westland-based Warm Hearts that has a goal of making the world a better place for the less fortunate. "What's better than seeing smiling children?"

Sharp describes her penchant to pair books with stuffed toys as a "disease." One gift bag contains a butterfly purse and a butterfly sto-



Annette Kutnick of Canton wraps the gift packets.

ry book. Another has the Take a Mouse to the Movies book and a king-sized stuffed mouse.

Her cadre of friends also fill small cups with tooth brushes and paste, a small McDonald's Beanie Baby and crackers that will go to soup kitchens.

There's also plenty of socks, given to Sharp at

her request at her 70th birthday party, and a box of baby hats from the "bingo ladies."

Sharp's helpers include Linda Cielieska of Dearborn. She and her husband Bob started out making items for baby showers that Sharp holds for new and expectant

"Bob started doing baby hats and I did the booties," Cielieska said. "He still makes hats, he does two-three a night, and I do afghans."

Delores Flowers, director of the Samuel B. Ware Community Center at Christ Temple Apostolic Church in Westland, met Sharp at the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency which works with low-income



Gloria Norman of Plymouth Township is the only one left of the original group that started working with Carol Sharp.

families. Along with Annette Kutnich of Canton, they became known as the "Three Musketeers."

"We help each other, that's how we know each other," Flowers said.

"Carol told us what she wanted to do and asked others to join her," added Gloria Norman of Plymouth Township. "It started out with scarves and blankets for the homeless and grew from there. It just grew."

"We do this because we care and because of all the need in the community," added Kutnich. "I've had a good life. When you

do, you give back." Kutnich who is involved in Wayne Metro, calls her work with Sharp her

"side job." Barbara Cadaret of Dearborn says Sharp "is the instigator of everything I do." Cadaret, who works with the social

land resident. "Carol took me under

worker at Christ King

Church in Detroit, was

the first to meet the West-

her wing," she said. Last year, Sharp and her friends assembled 2,400 bags to give away. Looking around the room, she suspects Warm Hearts will have

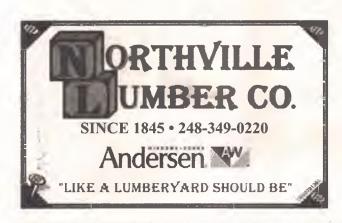
even more to give away this year. She's grateful for the donations and the help of her friends, admitting that sometimes it can look overwhelming. But there's a bright side.

"When you surround yourself with giving people, it has a domino effect," Sharp said.

That may be so, but Susan Parker thinks the volunteers need more than squash soup and snacks.

"We don't get paid, I want a raise," she said with a laugh.

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Coffee Bean exhibit features local artist

The Plymouth Coffee Bean presents "Tales Untold" an exhibition by Lindsey Harnish, opening Sunday, Dec. 2, with an opportunity to meet the artist on Sunday, Dec. 9 from 3-5 p.m.

Works by photographer James Hentges and digital artist Jeffree St. John will also be displayed in other rooms, running through Jan. 30.

"Tales Untold," is inspired by children's literature, folk tales, dream journals and secret diaries. These mixed media oil and acrylic paintings celebrate the wonder of stories and the mystery of the ineffable. Exhibited in the "Cloud Room," the show is free and open to the public (though patronage of Plymouth Coffee Bean is encour-

aged)

"Why do fairy tales and legends captivate us?" Harnish wonders. "They endure through the centuries and hold us in amazement throughout our lives. There's a parallel between these stories — the plots, pitfalls and champions - that resonates with us and helps to find meaning in daily life."

Rendering reverent nods to beloved tales such as Snow White and Where the Wild Things Are, these works also illuminate unknown heroes amidst their nuanced quests. Familiar themes are revisited with a modern, pop-surrealist approach. Harnish's art explores the private enigma of interior lives while playing with archetypes and



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questioning personal identity. Her work, an eclectic blend of techniques from Art Nouveau to the varied caprice of children's pi

ture books, has been exhibited throughout metro Detroit, including the Damned Exhibition and Russell St. Industrial Center.

While the works focus on depicted "Tales," Harnish is insistent on the vital role of the written word and the power of stories as an informing influence upon our lives.

"Mankind has been telling stories in pictures since our earliest recorded history, but when tales are told in words, they create images in our minds," she said. "There's a powerful relationship between pictures and words. However, pictures have infinite meanings while words are specific and finite, which is essential for clear communication. I have tremendous respect for both."

A portion of the proceeds from "Tales
Untold" benefit Pro-Literacy Detroit, an accredited affiliate of Pro-Lit-

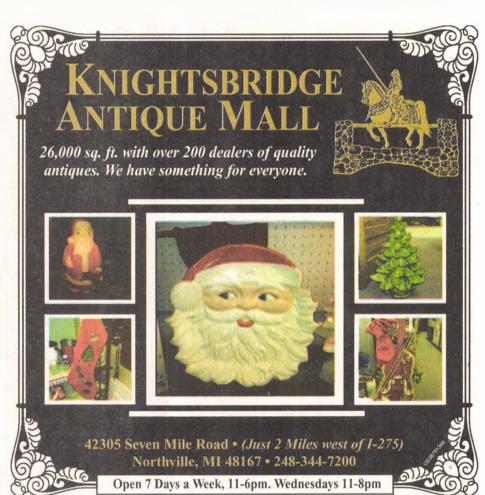
eracy of America and the largest literacy organization in the State of Michigan. Pro-Literacy Detroit makes basic literacy services more accessible by utilizing print, electronic media, and the Internet.

James Hentges' frames his photographs with signature sensibilities for mystery and wit. Capturing urban environments and premier graffiti, "Detroit Graffography," exhibits in the Green Room.

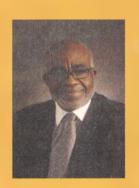
Jeffree St. James,
"Tales" curator and local
musician, will be showing works in the Yellow
Room, a mix of photography and digital imagery.

Exhibition hours are Monday-Thursday, 6 a.m.-11 p.m., Friday 6 a.m. to noon, Saturday 7 a.m. to midnight and Sunday 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.





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OUR VIEWS

Play nice

Reason should return with new board in place

The Plymouth Township Board bade farewell to former supervisor and two-term trustee Steven Mann and welcomed back longtime trustee Charles Curmi when it got back to work this month.

Both moves are significant. Mann leaves behind a legacy of establishing programs and facilities that have enhanced the quality of life for Plymouth Township residents.

The sprayscape at Plymouth Township Park, enhancements to Miller Family Park, the addition of Lake Pointe Soccer Park, improvements to Friendship Station, the Sheldon Road underpass and others are among the accomplishments that were either begun or completed during Mann's tenure.

He touted the building of the new township hall as an accomplishment, though his critics might say it saddled the township with an opulent building that's never reached the level of use or occupancy originally expected. But it also got employees out of dilapidated, outdated buildings that were falling down around them.

And the return of Curmi - who was on the board during many of those successes - brings a reasoned, intelligent voice to an experienced board fully capable of meeting the township's needs.

Now they just have to stay out of each other's way.

In the last year, as arguments over the township's decision to downsize the Plymouth Community Fire Department and the election devolved into a sometimes ugly political battle, public decorum often went out the window as board meetings lapsed into angry discussions and accusations.

There was anger on both sides as citizens/ critics lashed out at township board members and trustees sometimes lashed right back. The ensuing animosity left trustees with a reputation, deserved or not, for disrespecting the citizens who elected them to serve

It's incumbent on board members to see that doesn't happen again. Citizens have a right to their anger, though they also have a responsibility for civility sometimes compromised in the last year. Board members have a responsibility to listen, and to have skin thick enough not to take the bait when the discussion gets petulant.

Time to look at Central options

It's too early to know if a bond issue is the right way to deal with the issue of Central Middle School's feasibility as an educational facility.

But it's encouraging the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education is finally looking at potential solutions.

By now Central's struggles are well-documented. It doesn't have central air, which leads to temperatures in the 100s when the weather's nice. And the heat is forced air from boilers, an uneven way of heating the building, at best.

The original school is the district's oldest building, and the additions over the years have created unwieldy, unobservable sight lines, making student movement tricky and student safety a challenge.

Oddly enough, the school's deficiencies lead to a couple of novel things about learning there. The Veterans Memorial Park in front of the building provides a quiet, outdoor learning environment when it gets too hot inside. The building's proximity to downtown Plymouth — to the public library, the Plymouth Historical Museum, Kellogg Park provide alternatives to sitting in a stuffy classroom and offer educational opportunities for field trips.

Those niceties aside, the school is, in most observers' opinions, long past its real usefulness as a teaching facility. While it's a quaint, historic building, its shortcomings keep its own students from a learning curve similar to other middle

schoolers throughout the district. Administrators proposed a plan, which board members are considering, that includes a couple

of options. One solution would have the district spend some \$38.6 million to build a new middle school at Canton Center and Cherry Hill in Canton. If the board decides not to build a new school, the bond would pay some \$27.7 million for additions to West, Pioneer and Discovery middle schools to handle student influx from a closed Central Middle

Administrators said they can pass the bond without raising taxes, although homeowners in the district would lose a-small give-back that would have come with lessening debt.

The board tried to pass a bond in 2006 that would have done the same thing, and voters said "no." It's too soon to know how voters feel about it this time around. But it's good to see the board finally dealing with the issue.



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COMMUNITY VOICE

Are you planning to spend more, less or about the same on holiday gifts this year?

We asked this question at the Plymouth District Library.



"It depends on the new people I meet along the way."

Scott Whiteman Plymouth



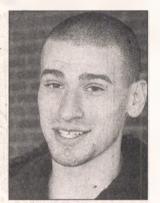
"Probably about the same. Same number of people."

Rose Peralta Northville Township



"Probably about the same. I have less to buy for. Usually I give money anyway."

Gerald Eising Plymouth Township



"More. Because my son is turning 5, and the things that he likes to play with now cost more."

Kyle Phillips Plymouth Township

LETTERS

Congrats, and thank you

I want to thank the members of my family, and the volunteers and supporters who participated in the campaign I conducted to become elected Wayne County commissioner for the 10th Dis-

Although I was unsuccessful in winning the election, I am extremely grateful to the people who stepped up to lend a hand and the confidence they had in me as a candidate. In addition, I want to thank the thousands of persons who voted for me and I deeply appreciate the civility and respect I was treated with by so many of the residents of the district who gave me the time to let me introduce my self when I knocked on doors and informed them I was a candidate for Wayne County commissioner.

I offer my sincerest congratulations to Shannon Price, his wife, daughter, other members of his family and to his campaign team for winning the election. His message resonated with the voters and I extend best wishes and much success to Mr. Price when he takes on the challenge of working on the issues he addressed during the campaign.

> Jim Amar Plymouth Township

Let there be a light

I was wondering if any officials in Canton give thought to adding a traffic light where Lilley joins with Michigan Avenue.

There is much reporting of Ford Road traffic flow hopes and dreams, but there is a 15- to 25-car backup 4:30-6 p.m. every day Monday-Friday backing down Lilley of cars trying to get onto Michigan Avenue.

Many businesses have been added onto Michigan in the past few years and yet I hear nothing in Canton of plans for improving traffic flow on non-Ford Road intersections. This also applies to cars that back up on Palmer at the four-way stop at Sheldon during rush hour. Could someone investigate if there are any plans to add traffic lights at these places in Canton?

Also, the company that did the construction of the Michigan entrance and exit ramps to I-275 this summer did a very poor job of signage letting us know day to day what ramps were closing and opening. I was caught a number of times having to go up Haggerty Road because the ramp that was open the day before was now closed and there were no signs alerting you of this.

We were late to events a number of times and feel we were very inconvenienced by the way this project was handled by the company.

> **Gail Ollar** Canton

Help us give hope

As you are aware, the holiday season is upon us. This is a time of reflection for many of us to

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be grateful for what we have in our lives. From our homes, jobs or food on our tables; the very basic of necessities are things that many us take for granted.

There is no greater time when this disparity is marked than during the holiday season. For families that struggled to survive the year meeting their basic of needs, the holidays bring more stress because of what the season brings with it that some families cannot provide: tidings of comfort

Last year, Volunteers of America-Michigan was able to bring those tidings of comfort and joy to 22,000 metropolitan Detroit families. We were able to make the holiday season a bit brighter by providing food, clothing and all the trimmings that make everyone young and old, feel special and remembered.

We are reaching out again to help make this a holiday to remember for families who are still struggling to get on their feet. We are asking if you could kindly donate your time or services to bring extra value to this event and assist in touching even more lives in our community.

Our goal this year is to raise \$100,000. Our 20th annual Adopting Families Holidays of Hope Event will be held in the Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham on Friday, Dec. 7. Whether you wish to sponsor a table, buy tickets for the event, make a donation or provide an item or service for auction, we welcome you to help us meet that goal

From our happy home to theirs, wishing you a blessed holiday

> **Justin Cessante** Volunteers of America-Michigan Host Committee member

Good memories

Just a few words to commend the *Observer* and Staff Writer Joanne Maliszewski for the outstanding article on the life and passing of Sonny Eliot.

The article brought back my memories of Sonny. We were both members of the old Detroit Press Club at 516 Howard St. in

Detroit. I remember how excited club members were when he came in for some camaraderie.

I remember when, as editor of the Metropolitan Detroit Building Journal, I covered the demolition of the first building to make way for the Renaissance Center's construction. Of course, Sonny was at the controls of the wrecking ball!

And finally, and best of all to Livonians, I remember when he said during one of his weathercasts that his old crony, noted journalist and columnist Jack Lessenberry, "could trace his family's history back to an old stump in Livonia."

This coming spring, I plan on dedicating a stump in my yard to the memory of Sonny Eliot and to Jack Lessenberry and his "roots" in our fair community.

Joe Neussendorfer

Livonia

Change Congress's seating

The first item on the agenda of both houses of Congress ought to be a seating rearrangement. Presently, the aisle that divides the two parties in our legislative chambers has become a noman's-land over which vitriolic missives are hurled. Some legislators treat that divide as the line of scrimmage in the game of politics. Shame on them; it is not a game the American people wish to watch.

The present seating arrangement achieves nothing, while it does nurture single-mindedness, homogeneity of thought and, worse, it fosters mob behavior by encouraging a recklessness that wouldn't prevail without the false sense of courage provided by cohorts.

Since our congressmen have been behaving as unruly children, their behavior should be altered by more adult treatment.

Patrick M. Downey

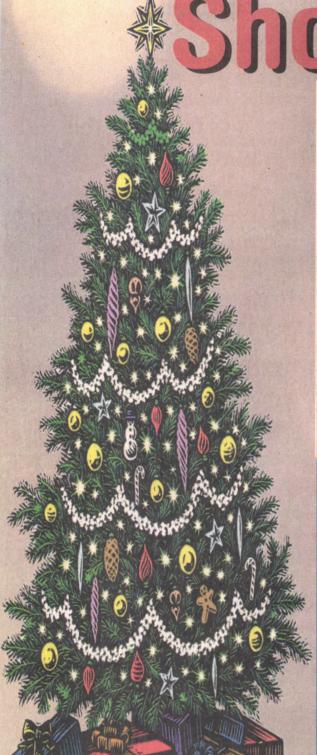
Pay attention

Gov. Snyder is proposing a major shift in public education. His idea, presented by the wellfunded Oxford Foundation, is to remove all borders between school districts. This would allow per-pupil funding to follow the student to district(s) of their choosing. In addition, this new shift also makes room for a statewide and state managed school district run by the new EAA (Education Achievement Authority).

This legislation is deliberately moving swiftly through the current lame-duck session of the Legislature, but there are many more questions than answers to Gov. Snyder's education reform plan. With diluted school aid to all districts, what will happen to the students left behind? Will there be transparency in results and accounting? What criteria will be used to choose "for" profit management companies?

We all need to pay attention and ask questions.

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2012-2013 GIRLS BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Early tests face Salem

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

When Salem's varsity girls basketball players convened for Tuesday's practice - two days ahead of the season opener at Farmington Hills Mercy they had a special visitor.

On hand to help with practice was Alaya Mitchell, a 2008 Salem graduate who went on to have a three-year career as a starting point guard at Division I Marshall University in West Virginia.

What will "Mitch" say to the current team as the 2012-13 season dawns?

"If you really have the will to win and want to win, then you'll do everything necessary to do that," said Mitchell, who played for Salem's 2008 championship team in the final year of the Western Lakes Activities Association. "Pay attention to the coach. Listen to the coach and apply everything you learn."

The coach Mitchell spoke of is none other than Fred Thomann, entering his 40th season as a basketball coach at Salem (with 29 spent coaching the girls).

Thomann can't wait to see how this year's squad fares against the Marlins at 7 p.m. Thursday, particularly since the team has junior guard and co-captain Kayla Kavulich back in the fold.

Kavulich missed all of last season due to knee surgery. "It's really great that Kayla's back,"

Thomann said. "She had a meniscus Please see SALEM, B3



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO Salem's Breanne Beaver (No. 20) is shown in a game from last year. She will be counted on for scoring and rebounds this season for the Rocks.

-off time!



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

It's time to step it up for another season of girls basketball at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park and ready to go are these players from Canton (left-to-right), Salem and Plymouth.

New era dawns for young Chiefs

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

Brian Samulski is used to coaching a Canton girls basketball team that wins a lot of games and advances deep into the state tourney. Whether or not the 2012-13 Chiefs fol-

low suit is tough to predict, given a rel-

atively inexperienced roster at the varsity level. Yet there is one

thing Samulski knows for sure will happen when the season begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday at home against Saline. Namely, the Chiefs will compete as hard as they can to get the job done.

"The outstanding thing about this group," Samulski said, "is they all come to practice each day ready to

Plymouth defender. McDougall is among several returnees for the Chiefs. compete, listen, work hard, defend and rebound.

"The execution might not always be erfect. But I can guarantee they are going to give their best effort and try to figure out what we are asking of them."

Rising expectations

It helps that varsity veterans Rachel Winters and Paige Aresco are ready to take the baton handed to them by Robyn Mack, who graduated in June after a stellar four-year career.

Winters will play in the backcourt, while Aresco is set for a forward spot. Both are expected to excel at both ends of the floor as the Chiefs look to compete in the KLAA South Division. "I am going to expect a lot out of

Paige and Rach this year," Samulski said. "They are both three-year varsity players that have played in a lot of big games and understand what it takes to be successful on and off the court."

Augmenting them will be junior center Taylor Hun-

ley, junior guard Kelsey McDougall and junior forward Shannon Perry. They bring different elements to the mix, whether it be inside presence (Hunley), pressure defense and energy (McDougall) or lowpost play (Perry).

"Taylor will give us the opportunity to throw the ball inside and score," Samulski said.

McDougall is "an McDougall (No. 23) eyes the rim against a outstanding competitor that brings all kinds of energy. .. She has great quick-

ness which will allow her to really pressure the ball which is a key with our

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In this 2011-12 contest, Canton's Kelsey

Perry, like Hunley, will need to get it done in the paint for Canton to get anywhere near last season's 15-6 overall

"Shan is also becoming one of our better screeners," Samulski said, "which is a key to our offense and getting people open for easy scores." Also returning is guard and second-

year varsity player Kayla Lagola. "Kayla brings senior leadership to a

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'Cats will look to contend

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

The Plymouth varsity girls basketball team hopefully will have different ways to make life tough for opponents

According to head coach Bob de Bear, the Wildcats feature a cast with the collective ability to run, defend, rebound and shoot the ball from the perimeter.

Should all those things go according to his blueprint, Plymouth has a very good chance to improve on last season's 11-10 record and contend in the KLAA South

"We have balance inside and outside at all positions," he said. "Our inside players all have a nice touch from 15-17 feet and our guards are all solid at

"We can get out and run or play a solid half court game."

The first test for the Wildcats is at 7 p.m. Friday, when Dexter visits in a non-conference contest.

Those who come out will see some familiar faces, all with more experience and hunger to lift the team to new

Junior guards Jada Woody, Kylie Robb and Brooke Senkbeil and senior guard Lexie McGhee are back. Woody, who also can play a forward

spot, "can run a lane or push the ball up herself," plus has a penchant for physical defense and rebounding, de Bear said. Plymouth's transition game will

include Robb, who the coach said "can really shoot the ball" and plays with plenty of energy.

Senkbeil possesses a good outside shot and has the chance to "become

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Jada Woody (No. 20), shown from last season, is a key player for Plymouth.

GIRLS HOCKEY PREVIEW

Pens kick season in gear with D2 title game rematch

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

It's been more than a week since the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins varsity girls hockey team saw action, a rousing 8-0 victory Nov. 20 over Detroit Country Day.

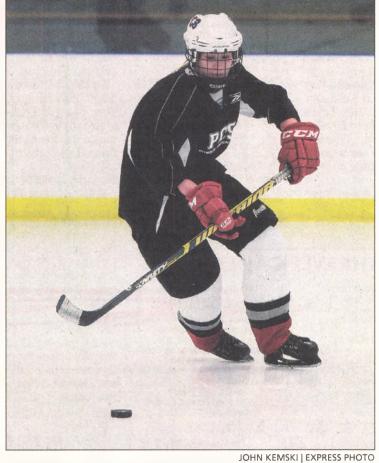
On Tuesday, with a scheduled home game against Regina postponed, the reigning Division 2 champions of the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League practiced instead. Head coach Mary Beth Trainor (formerly Johnson) skated with them.

However, make no mistake. The Penguins (1-1) know what's coming next and they hope the long hiatus won't curtail their momentum from their romp over the Yellow-

jackets. That's a rematch against Farmington Hills Mercy - the team they defeated 3-2 in triple overtime in March for the D2 state title. PCS and Mercy renew acquaintances at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Arctic Edge

"The girls played well (against Country Day) and

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Skating during Tuesday's practice for the PCS Penguins is senior forward Jordan Patterson, a newcomer to the squad.

Rocks rally, nip Chiefs

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

Pumping up the urgency in the third period, host Salem rallied with three goals Saturday night to defeat campus rival Canton 4-2 at Plymouth Cultural Center.

The Chiefs — determined to put a 9-0 loss Nov. 21 to Plym-

BOYS HOCKEY behind

them led 2-1 entering the third on goals by sophomore forward Cooper Rice and senior forward Matt Cox on a shorthand-

ed breakaway. Not to mention that strong goalkeeping by Chiefs junior goalie Justin Kolbicz frustrated the Rocks, especially in the second period when Salem held an 18-11 edge in shots on

That one-goal edge lasted for nearly 12 minutes of the third, until Salem senior forward Alek Zultowski came up with the tying marker on a dogged individual effort with 5:21 remaining.

Zultowski, battling against a Canton defenseman in the left corner of the Chiefs' zone, came out with the puck and drove to the net before send-

ing a shot past Kolbicz. 'We were really pressing, we had all kinds of chanc-

es earlier and we were digging along the wall," Zultows-

I just got free of the defenseman, got a quick shot on net and it happened to go through his five hole.'

ALEK ZULTOWSKI, SALEM

ki said. "I just got free of the defenseman, got a quick shot on net and it happened to go through his five hole."

Let it fly
The KLAA South Division matchup looked primed to finish in a 2-2 tie. But then the Rocks (1-1-0 overall and within the conference) took the lead with 1:20 left on a point shot by senior forward Adam Marthaler that caromed off a defenseman into the Canton goal.

"That's why you shoot the puck on net," Salem head coach Ryan Ossenmacher said. "The old saying is it's never a bad play to put a puck on net and that's exactly why. A tip here, a deflection there and it ends up in the back of the net."

Sending the puck back to Marthaler was junior defenseman Justin Katulski.

Salem salted the win away

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'Turkey' of a finish for Whalers

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By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

The way the Plymouth Whalers imploded during the final 26 minutes of their game against Kingston on the night after Thanksgiving must have made their head coach sick to his stomach.

In fact, Mike Vellucci handed off the postgame interview duties to assistant coach Don Elland following a disappointing 7-6 loss to the Frontenacs before 3,161 at Compuware Arena - an Ontario Hockey League game in which the Whalers blew a 5-2 lead.

Despite the loss, Plymouth (12-8-3-1) remains in first place in the OHL West Division with 28 points. Second-place Sarnia also lost Friday. Kingston improved to 13-10-0-0, good for third in the East Division.

"It certainly wasn't the same group effort we got against Windsor," said Elland, referring to a 3-0 win over Windsor two nights earlier. "Tonight, it seemed like maybe they thought with Saturday and Sunday off they were already on break.

"But it was a group effort. The forwards, 'D', goaltending, we didn't get any of it tonight."

Elland stuck to that critical assessment when reminded the Whalers held a 53-34 edge in shots

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on goal, peppering Kingston netminder Colin Furlong with 22 of those shots in the second period.

"We scored six goals but we gave up a lot of good chances to them," Elland said. "And that's not a team you should be giving up that many chances to."

No excuse

Plymouth played without two key players, forward Stefan Noesen (high ankle sprain) and defenseman and captain Colin MacDonald (concussion). The Whalers then lost defenseman Austin Levi (Farmington Hills) to an injury early in the game.

However, Elland wasn't about to use injuries as an excuse.

"We all have to bounce back," he said. "Matty (Mahalak) wasn't great, but it wasn't just Matty. It was a group effort."

Two third-period goals by Kingston (by Henri Ikonen and Billy Jenkins) completed the Frontenacs' comeback and chased Plymouth starting goalie Mahalak (32 shots, 25 saves) in the process. Finishing the game was Alex Nedeljkovic, who stopped both shots he saw.

Perhaps foretelling the way the game would unfold was a goal scored by Kingston's Cody

Alcock just 32 seconds after the opening faceoff.

The Whalers rebounded with 16:21 left in the period when forward and Farmington Hills product Alex Aleardi threaded a pass from the left half-wall to linemate Matt Mistele at the bottom of the right circle. Mistele who scored a hat trick --ripped the shot high into the Kingston cage.

Let Alex do it

Aleardi was sensational over the first half of the wide-open contest, tallying either a goal or assist on the first five Plymouth goals.

With 52 seconds to play in the first, Aleardi set up center Michael Whaley for the go-ahead marker. Cody Payne drew the second assist.

Kingston regained the lead at 3-2 when Darcy Greenaway (three goals, one assist) tipped a shot by Ryan Hayes past Mahalak with 16:20 to play in the second period.

Less than three minutes later. Aleardi struck for the first of two goals he would score in a span of 3:18. Almost as if he had the puck on a string, he deked a defenseman near the right hash mark and fired the puck into the

Aleardi's second goal and 12th of the season was due to being in the right place at the right



RENA LAVERTY

Plymouth Whalers forward and Farmington Hills product Alex Aleardi (No. 40) skates around Kingston's Billy Jenkins last Friday night at Compuware Arena.

time. He stuffed the puck in at the left post after collecting the carom of a wide shot by defenseman Simon Karlsson (two assists).

With 6:46 left in the period, the Whalers made it a 5-2 advantage and looked primed for a blowout as Mistele buried Aleardi's centering pass.

Downhill from there

That's when things started turning sour.

"When we were up 5-2, that's when it started," Elland said. "We took a bad penalty behind their net (by Danny Vanderwiel at 13:39) and gave up a power play goal. Then we gave up a goal in the last minute of the period. Good teams don't do that."

Scoring both Kingston goals was Greenaway,

who now has 14 markers for the season.

The first goal was a shot between the circles; it was a 5-4 Plymouth lead at 18:59 when Greenaway converted a centering feed from Sam Povorozniouk (two assists).

Kingston evened the contest at 5-5 just 1:40 into the third. A routine wrist shot by Jenkins changed direction after hitting the stick of a Plymouth player and got past Mahalak.

Compuware fans had the chance to cheer again when Mistele scored his third goal (and 10th of the year) with 12:06 left, putting the Whalers back in front 6-5.

It was a well-executed play, starting along the right boards in Kingston's zone when forward Tom Wilson fielded a short drop pass from Gianluca Curcuruto (two assists) and quickly shot the puck.

Mistele, stationed on the doorstep, re-directed it behind Furlong.

A bad-angle shot by Ikonen tied the game at 6-6 with 9:21 remaining and Jenkins (two goals) put the Frontenacs ahead with 6:06 left.

A turnover at the Kingston blueline launched Povorozniouk and Jenkins on a 2-on-1 rush. Jenkins successfully finished the play with his low shot beating Mahalak.

The Whalers visit Erie Wednesday and then return to Compuware for 7 p.m. games Friday against Ottawa and Saturday against Kitchener.

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will hopefully carry that energy on to our next game against Mercy,' Trainor said.

Roster turnover

As pumped up as the team is for Saturday night to come, the coach noted that several players from last season's 16-4 squad have moved on.

'A third of our team is gone from that year," Trainor said. "So the nine remaining players still kind of have that high from playing in a triple-OT game and winning it all

"I think the incoming players will catch that (buzz) and as long as we work hard in all our practices from here on out,

they have a good shot." The Penguins have five seniors this year, including returnees Cortny McAdoo (forward) and Beth Johnson (defense) and newcomers Annelise Niermann (defense), Jordan Patterson (forward) and Morgan Cusumano

(forward). Trainor said McAdoo (two goals against Country Day), Patterson and



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Mary Beth Trainor (left), head coach of the PCS Penguins, battles against senior defenseman Annelise Niermann during Tuesday's practice. Ready in case there is a shot on goal is junior netminder Becky Lough (right).

Cusumano already are leading the offensive charge, with help from returning junior forward

Jenna Carter.

Meanwhile, Niermann and senior defenseman Ashley Saunders are helping to quarterback the defense, along with returning senior returnee Alexis O'Flynn. All will be looked upon to contribute at both ends of

the rink "We definitely have for-

wards and defense who are able to put the puck

in the net," Trainor said.

Starting most games in goal will be junior Becky Lough, a backup last season. In reserve is junior Gwen Gadulhka.

"Last year was a year for her to really shadow Kaitlyn Allard, who was the top goalie in the state and was nominated for Miss Hockey," Train-or said. "So Becky had a great mentor last year and I think Gwen's kind of looking to Becky this year as her mentor."

Other skaters for the Penguins are sophomore forwards Sydney Smith, Emily King and Elizabeth O'Donohue; sophomore defenseman CeCe Hitch; freshman forwards Amanda Hoehn and Kayla Savoie; and freshman defenseman CeCe Hitch.

"We definitely have a lot to work on," Trainor said. "Every team does at the beginning of every season.

"But I think it's a good group of players and a

good group of personalities. I think the team can definitely go far this year."

Assistant coaches Brad Johnson, Emily Nelson and Nicole Natelborg (a member of last year's title team) will be on the ice to lend their hockey experience to Trainor.

PCS 8, COUNTRY DAY 0:

All systems were go Nov. 20 as the Penguins scored early and often against Detroit Country Day.

Leading the scoring parade with two goals each were Cortny McAdoo and Jordan Patterson.

Chipping in with single tallies were Alexis O'Flynn, Ashley Saunders, Emily King and Elizabeth O'Donohue. Three of the PCS goals were unassisted. In the third, Patterson went end-to-end to score with the Penguins short two players.

LIGGETT 2, PCS 1: The Penguins evened their season-opening game played Nov. 15 on a goal by freshman Amanda Hoehm, from Jordan Patterson and Alexis O'Flynn.

But Division 1 Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett netted the winner in the third period off a scramble in front of PCS goalie Becky Lough.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Pratt propels MU to victory

Senior guard Heather Pratt scored a gamehigh 19 points and senior center Kaylee McGrath posted a double-doubles as the Madonna University women's basketball team earned a 66-58 nonconference win Saturday night over host Rochester College in a game played at Rochester High.

Pratt also had seven rebounds and four assists, while McGrath scored 15 points and

grabbed 10 rebounds.

The Crusaders, who improved to 3-2 overall, also got 12 points from sophomore guard Rachel Melcher with 10 coming from the foul line.

The game was tied at 49-all with 6:53 left before Melcher hit a pair of free throws to propel MU to a 17-7 run to end the game.

Sam Tomaschko led Rochester (4-5) with 13 points, while Meagan Heiden added 12 points and a team-best eight rebounds off of the bench.

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at 16:59 on an empty nett-

er by senior forward Jake

Fedel (from senior defen-

seman Kyle Downey). Ossenmacher said his team heeded his message after the second period to go to work: "We got more into the game physically and mentally. Thankfully,

it wasn't too late.' Canton head coach Jeremy Majszak, who said the Chiefs (0-3-0 overall, 0-2-0 in the conference) did "a complete 180 from what we showed the first two games," noted that his inexperienced squad came out tentatively in

the third.

"Our team came out really timid in the third period," Majszak said. 'We stressed that we had to play our game and keep going after them aggressively. We came out on our heels, letting them dictate the play."

Strong goaltending Still, he praised his

group for its overall effort and gave Kolbicz (32 saves) a verbal pat on the back.

"I thought he was amazing," Majszak said. "They only scored three goals on him and they were because of our defensive breakdowns."

Also making 32 saves was his Salem counterpart, senior Anthony Veresan, who Ossenmacher said made key stops when Canton led the contest.

"When we were down 2-1, they had a couple chances to put us down 3-1," he said. "That's a big difference."

Salem opened the scor-

ing at 5:09 of the first, with sophomore forward Noah Willer walking out from behind the net and stuffing the puck past Kolbicz. Assisting were Zultowski and sophomore

blueliner Noah Saad. Canton tied the game with 4:41 to go in the middle period, seconds after a brief power play elapsed. Jamming in a rebound was Rice, with assists going to sophomore forward Connor Wherrett and sophomore defenseman Hunter Schlampp.

Then came the break Majszak and the Chiefs were looking for. The Rocks bobbled the puck at the Canton blue line and Cox took it from there. Cox motored down the ice and roofed a shot past Veresan.

"He (Cox) walked in on a breakaway and put it right underneath the bar," Majszak said. "It was a great shot."

Winning the battle

That lead held up for a while - at least until Zultowski decided to flip the

"Alek is a very skilled player, so given the opportunity on a one-onone situation he's going to put that defenseman to a test and ... win that battle," Ossenmacher said. "Tonight, especially in the third period, I thought there were times when he took the game over in the offensive zone."

Both teams return to action Friday. Canton will host Farmington at Arctic Edge Arena, while the Rocks visit Rochester Stoney Creek.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

GIRLS BASKETBALL Thursday, Nov. 29 Frankel at HVL, 6 p.m. Salem at Mercy, 7 p.m Inter-City at C'ville, 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30 Dexter at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Powers at Ladywood, 7 p.m.

L. W'sld at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
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at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.

Experience key for PCA

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

There only are seven players on the 2012-13 Plymouth Christian Academy girls basketball team.

But that might be all head coach Carol Gerulis needs for the Eagles to contend in the Michigan Independent Athletics Conference-Blue Division.

"I'm returning all my starters so I think we have a very good chance to have a good season," said Gerulis, whose team opens up 7 p.m. Tuesday at home against Lansing Christian.

Senior co-captains Jenna Abraham and Karen Windle - both guards and junior forward and cocaptain Emily Gerulis will lead on and off the court.

Gerulis said it's the fourth year starting on the PCA varsity for Abraham and Windle "so they've got a lot of experience. They're just really competitive kids and they bring a lot to the table for us.'

Joining them in the backcourt is 5-2 junior shooting guard Martha Mullett.

"Martha's really quick and fast and handles the ball well," Gerulis said. "But she can also shoot the three, and she's just a good, all-around athlete.'

Up front will be 6-0 junior center Jennifer Malcolm (who averaged six rebounds last year) and 5-8 Emily Gerulis, the Eagles' top rebounder in 2011-12 with 10 boards (and nine points) per game.

"(Malcolm's) gotten much stronger, she seems real focused this year," the coach noted. "Her and Emily have been playing together since they were in fifth grade, so they work real well togeth-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dribbling around a Dexter defender last season is Plymouth Christian's Emily Gerulis (No. 10), who will again be a key contributor for the Eagles.

er and know each other's strengths and weaknesses.

"They've both really stepped up their game."

They'll be ready

The starting five will need to log heavy minutes, but so will the only other players on the roster. They are junior forwards Rachael Fuller and Rachel

Gerulis has plenty of confidence in both of the

"Rachael Fuller I can play at guard or forward," Gerulis continued. "She's got a lot of speed and

quickness, shoots the ball

"And Rachel Smith is just a tough kid who is a really good rebounder and does a lot of the dirty work inside for us."

The lack of depth isn't bothering Gerulis, at least not yet.

"I'm not worried about it," she said. "They've competed and played all summer long. They did their summer together and they're a real competitive group of kids."

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tear last year and ... she's doing a good job of getting back into basketball mode.

"She had a nice summer and obviously she was very successful on her cross country team. She's one of those kids that has a really good work ethic and I think the longer the season goes, the better she's going to get.'

Another player who will be a cog in Salem's machine as the team tries to improve on last year's 5-16 record is senior forward and 5-10 co-captain Breanne Bea-

"Bree is a four-year varsity player that has worked really hard on her game and has become a pretty good basketball player,' Thomann said. "She's a strong rebounder, very definitely an inside presence.

"She has the ability to score around the rim and she's also developed a jump shot at the 12- to 15-foot range that's pretty solid. And when she plays hard, she's as good a defender as there is."

Thomann knows two players isn't enough to compete in the tough KLAA Central Division. So he is banking on solid contributions around the paint from returning juniors Kelly Whalen (5-11) and Hannah Nowaske (6-0), players who started at times last season.

Ready for anything "With Beaver and those

kids, we've got some nice size," Thomann said. "Hopefully, they can develop some chemistry and learn the intricacies of playing with each other at a high level. That will definitely be key."

Meanwhile, while Whalen will be an important player in the post, Thomann stressed that with a team of "interchangeable parts" she also could bring the ball up the floor if a situation called for it. That double role pretty much applies to anybody.

"KK (Kavulich) is probably our primary ball handler," Thomann said.



Returning for an other season is Salem's Katie Latack (No. 15), going to the hoop during a game from last year.

"But if Whalen gets the ball (and) we're running the floor ... then she becomes the point guard for that possession. What we try to do is interchange players.'

Augmenting those players is junior guard Ashley Baker, a returnee who is showing promise.

"She'll probably get the starting assignment against Mercy on Thursday," Thomann said.

Returning player Katie Latack and newcomers Hayley Rogers (5-10), Jamyra Wilson and 5-9 Shara Long will push for minutes. Rogers, Wilson and Long all played on the junior varsity last year. All four are sophomores.

"They are young and have some ability," he said. "It's going to be interesting who emerges out of this group."

Junior Alyson Mann, who at 5-11 could help in the paint, is new to the varsity. She was on the JV a season ago.

Sophomore newcomer Maranda Armstead, also formerly of the JV, is injured until the end of December. But Thomann is looking forward to seeing what she brings to the table.

"She was the starting shortstop for the (Salem) softball team as a freshman," he said. "So she's a good athlete and a good player."

Early challenges

By the time Armstead returns, the Rocks will have played five challenging games. And Mitchell might not be stopping by to say hello.

The season-opening stretch, however, is an excellent opportunity to gauge what kind of team Thomann really has entering KLAA Central play in early January.

After the Mercy game, teams such as Ann Arbor Huron, Dearborn Divine Child, Canton and Plymouth will be waiting.

"My thing throughout my whole career is to challenge our players to be the best they can be," Thomann said. "And I've always believed playing a really tough schedule (early on) has helped with that growth.

"Most teams take that challenge and use those games to improve. I wouldn't do it any other

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CHIEFS

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young group of players," the coach said. "She is a very hard worker that can score from the perimeter."

Returning senior Megan Smith is with the team, but will not play due to a medical condition. Samulski said Smith will play an important role "communicating and helping out all the players in practice."

Fresh faces

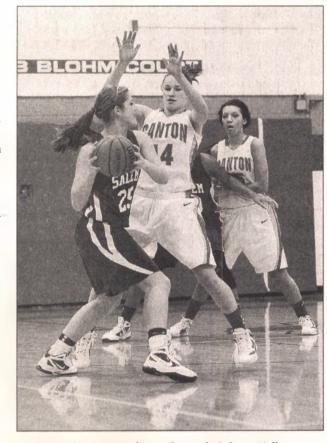
New to the varsity are sophomores Alanna Brown (guard) and Annie McDougall (forward), freshman Natalie Winters (guard) and junior Annika Nuler (guard). Brown will battle for

loose balls and rebounds with a combination of hard work and speed. She also is quick enough to take it to the rack.

Ready when needed will be the younger Winters, who Samulski said has excellent vision on the floor along with quickness and a penchant for protecting the ball.

The Chiefs will have another option in the low post in McDougall.

"Like Taylor and Shan-



Canton's Paige Aresco (No. 14) guards Salem's Kelly Whalen (No. 25) during a 2011-12 contest.

non, we will need Annie to score around the rim, defend and rebound," Samulski said.

Rounding out the roster is the attentive and hardworking Nuler.

"We have one main goal and it's to get better each

day," Samulski said. "I am not sure how many wins this team will end up with. But I can tell you we are going to play the right

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WILDCATS

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that glue-type player that makes everyone around her better," de Bear said.

There will be one senior (the only one on the team) also in the backcourt, namely McGhee.

"(McGhee) loves to defend the ball on defense and rack up assists on offense," de Bear said.

Also returning will be 6-4 junior center Shelby Cheston and junior forward Tionne Johnson.

Cheston will be a player the Wildcats need to "change shots at the rim. She is becoming a better inside scorer and has shown a nice touch from the perimeter," de Bear said.

As for Johnson, the coach described her as a hard-working player who

"We lost some very hard-working defensive players from last year. So we are counting on this year's players embracing that role for us." **BOB DE BEAR, PLYMOUTH HEAD COACH**

is a "good finisher inside and a good free-throw shooter."

Showing potential

Four newcomers with promise are junior guards Taylor Bickers and Megan Wieloch, sophomore guard Paige Slominski and sophomore forward-center Leah Kliczinski.

Bickers and Wieloch have good outside shots, with Wieloch also ready to play in the low post if needed.

Slominski is "a natural lead guard with very good instincts. She has good court vision and a good outside shot." Another player ready to

help Chelby and Woody around the basket is the 6-2 Kliczinski.

"She (Kliczinski) has a very nice mid-range shot to go along with some solid post moves," de Bear

said. Meanwhile, he had a simple take on what the Wildcats will need to bring to improve on last season's record and contend in the KLAA South.

"We lost some very hard-working defensive players from last year,' de Bear said. "So we are counting on this year's players embracing that role for us."

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Madonna women's volleyball squad falls in NAIA opener

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

The Madonna University women's volleyball team already finds itself behind the eight-ball after dropping its first match Tuesday in the NAIA National Champi-

onships in Sioux City, Ia. Oklahoma Baptist (No. 10-ranked) rolled to a 25-23, 25-18, 22-25, 26-24 Pool C victory over the No. 15 Crusaders in the first-round of Pool C.

"We just did not come out ready to play in my opinion," said MU junior setter Evia Prieditis, who finished with 46 assists and 21 digs. "We thought we were ready to play. Earlier in the season when we played them we knew what we did wrong and tried to fix it today, but we just didn't come out with enough effort and enthu-

siasm.' Madonna, which had its six-match winning

streak snapped, falls to 34-8 overall.

The Crusaders got a team-high 16 kills from junior middle hitter Emilie Freeman (Lutheran High Westland). while Samantha Geile and Taylor Dziewit added 13 and nine, respec-

Stacey Catalano finished with a team-best 23 digs, while Geile and Ashley Hulbert added 20 and 18, respectively, in the 1 hour and 45 minute

"The last time we played them we did a really good job of beating their middles so we knew that Nastija (Baranovska) and I had to step up," the 6-foot-3 Freeman said. "It was working today for us.

"But we were all off at some point today. At points, our passing was off, our hitting, our setting were all off at times. I think we just weren't clicking today."

In the first set, MU and Oklahoma Baptist were tied at 23-all, but Geile had a serving error and Dziewit followed with an attack error as the Lady Bison grabbed a 1-0 lead.

In the fourth set, MU rallied from a 17-10 deficit to tie the match at 20-all on a kill by Bar-

nanovska. It was 24-all before Derden came up with a kill and Clark followed with the game-winning

block to give the Lady Bison the win.

MU now needs a victory Wednesday over No. 3 Columbia College (Mo.), 38-1 overall, to have any hopes of staying alive in Pool C and advancing to Friday's elimination round. (MU plays its final pool play match Thursday against unranked Caroll College of Montana (25-9 overall).

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Popp excited to sign with Blue Devils

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BOYS LACROSSE

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

When Kevin Riley coached Canton's varsity boys lacrosse team, the all-around skills displayed by Tim Popp made a major impression.

Exhibit A is the fact Riley -- who now heads up the Lawrence Technological University men's lacrosse program recruited and recently signed the Canton senior to play for the Blue Devils beginning in 2013-14.

With that, Popp became the first-ever Canton lacrosse player to sign a national letter of intent.

"Tim brings exceptional stick skills, an accurate 90 miles-per-hour shot and quick dodging skills," Riley said. "Tim will be an impact player his freshman year.'

Of course, the 18-yearold Popp first has to complete his senior season at Canton

He'll try to exceed last season's output of 35 goals and 28 assists out of the right-side attack position.

But he is thrilled with the LTU opportunity. "Signing with LTU for

Coach Riley is a great opportunity for me," Popp said. "I've played for Coach Riley for two years at the high school level, and I know what to expect from him on and off the field.

"This will definitely make the transition from the high school level to the collegiate level much easier."



Canton senior boys lacrosse standout Tim Popp recently signed his national letter of intent to play the sport at Lawrence Technological University. From left-to-right behind him are his parents, Joseph and Nancy Popp, and Blue Devils head coach Kevin Riley (formerly coach at Canton).

He's honored

Popp, who will begin his fourth season as a starter for the Chiefs next spring, called it "an honor" to be Canton's first college signee in boys lacrosse.

"I feel that I'm representing my school and the Park (Plymouth-Canton Educational Park)," Popp

He plans on leading the 2013 Canton team to a very successful season.

"The (Canton) program is definitely growing," Popp added. "... our team last year was very young, with mainly junior and sophomore starters. We even had four freshmen on the varsity team.'

A long list of accolades

demonstrates Popp's considerable on-field talent.

Among honors he's received while with Canton include all-conference and all-region honors in 2011 and 2012 as well as being nominated for last season's all-state team.

In addition, Popp brings leadership qualities as shown by being Canton's team captain the past two seasons.

"Tim will be successful as a scholarship student-athlete on and off the field at LTU," Riley stressed.

At Lawrence Tech, Popp will pursue a degree in business administration.

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Catholic Central quarterback Garrett Moores (No. 11) throws downfield during Saturday's Division 1 final against Detroit Cass Tech at Ford Field.

Shamrocks again stall at Ford Field

By Sam Eggleston Correspondent

With just a few minutes left in the game and his squad trailing 29-13, **Detroit Catholic Central** senior quarterback Garrett Moores fired a pass toward one of his receiv-

Once the ball left his hand, he could only watch as a Detroit Cass Tech defense intercepted it and returned it more than 70 yards for the touchdown.

It was really the story of the night. The Technicians seemed to be everywhere and always in the right place at the right time. That's how they upended the Shamrocks for the secondstraight year to secure the Division I MHSAA football championship title, this time with a 36-

21 final. "The most disappointing part of Saturday had to be the self-inflicted mistakes," said assistant coach Michael Mach. "We felt we were good enough to win the game on Saturday, and we still do, but not when you make those kinds of mistakes. This is especially true when you play a team as talented as Cass Tech."

The Shamrocks didn't go down without a fight, though, scoring on a deep pass from Moores to John Malone with just 44 seconds left in the game to narrow the contest to two scores.

An onside kick was recovered by the Technicians and the Detroit squad knelt the ball to end the game.

Unlucky bounces

The Shamrocks just couldn't seem to get a bounce to go in their direction.

The Technicians earned the first score of the game on a long 89yard pass on the first snap of the game that found them jaunting into the end zone for the early lead.

They made it a 12-0 game when they scooped up a fumble by the Shamrocks and raced down the length of the field for 59-yards and the score.

The Shamrocks made it a 12-7 contest in the second quarter when Moores fired an 18-yard strike to Zach Bock and then kicked in the extra point to slice into the lead. Cass Tech ended the scoring in the first half with a 31-yard field goal with 45 seconds left on the clock.

The Technicians added 14 more points in the third quarter before Moores once again found Bock with 5:57 left in the contest to make it a 29-13 game.

Moores ended the day with three touchdowns

and 221 yards on a 12for-23 performance. The leading rusher was David Houle, who rumbled 77 yards on 13 attempts while Anthony Darkangelo added 41 yards and Bock had 40.

Bock also pulled down 91 yards receiving and two touchdowns while Malone had 61 yards receiving and a score. Darkangelo caught two passes for 71 yards on the day.

Defensively, David Widzinski led the Shamrocks with an impressive 16 tackles.

Feeling proud

The loss left the Shamrocks with a 9-5 record and is the sixth time the team has been state runners-up under Tom Mach's leadership Detroit Cass Tech finished 12-2 on the year.

"We're extremely proud of our kids and the great effort they gave, both on Saturday and throughout the playoffs," said Mach. "I think a lot of people outside of our practice were skeptical about what this team was capable of, given their 5-4 record entering the playoffs.

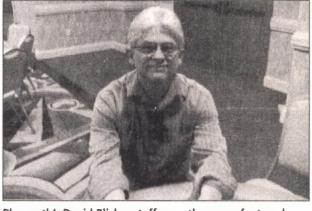
"But this group never stopped believing and never stopped working, and they have a lot to be proud of."

Sam Eggleston is a freelance writer.

He's a poker champ

Plymouth's David Blickenstaff on Nov. 10 won a featured event at the Hollywood Poker Open and qualified for national competition as a result.

Blinckenstaff won \$1,500 at Hollywood Casino Lawrenceburg (Ind.), where the main casino floor features a new, 19table poker room.



Plymouth's David Blickenstaff recently won a featured event at the Hollywood Poker Open in Indiana.

The victory advances Blickenstaff to the Hollywood Poker Open Championship, slated for June 2013 at the M Resort in Las Vegas.

For more information about Hollywood Casino Lawrenceberg, where two daily tournaments are held, go to http://www. hollywoodindiana.com.

Good for a half: Madonna men's cagers succumb to EMU

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

An underdog Madonna University men's basketball team stepped up in class Saturday night to face NCAA Division I foe Eastern Michigan University at the Convocation Center.

The Crusaders hung close before a half before the Eagles gained control to post a 75-57

The loss drops MU to 5-2 overall, while EMU improves to 5-1.

Forwards Daylen Harrison and Glenn Bryant scored 17 and 16 points, respectively, for the Eagles, while 7-foot center Da'Shonte Riley, a transfer from Syracuse, added 13 rebounds and five blocks.

Freshman guard Ray Lee came off the bench to add 14 points.

"Da'Shonte kind of locked up the middle and we did a good job of going wide on their shooters and we rebounded the ball well," EMU coach Rob Murphy said of his team's second-half surge. "Ray Lee did a great job coming in the first half and getting us going offensively. We needed a punch there.

"But I give them (Madonna) a lot of credit. They play tough defense, they hit some shots and they made us play, and we did. We needed this test."

The Crusaders got off to a great start and built their largest lead, 19-8, with 12:23 left in the first half on a layup by Donald Owens.

But EMU charged back to take a 33-30 halftime advantage thanks to eight points off the bench by Lee.

"He (Lee) really changed the game, especially with (Bobby) Naubert getting two fouls and we left him in the game some the second half," MU coach Noel Emenhiser said. "He (Lee) was able to get some penetration and create for a few others, and that definitely hurt us. His offense in the first half definitely changed the game."

Scoring surge

The Eagles asserted themselves to start the second half going on a 20-5 run during the first 9:45 to take a 53-35 advantage as the Crusaders made just 1-of-6 from three-point range and connected on only two field goals.

"We did a better job of locating those guys in the second half, actually late in the first half and into the second half," Murphy said. "(Travis) Schuba is the best shooter we've faced all season and could be one of the best we will face all season. We knew going in they averaged 90-plus points. We widened our guys four and five out in the second half and made it tough."

Schuba's back-toback three-point baskets helped stopped the bleeding momentarily to cut the deficit to 53-41 and Owens followed with shot on an up-andunder move to cut it to 10 with 8:54 remaining, but MU would get no closer.

Naubert, who came in averaging 18 points per game, was held to six points, but junior pointguard did dish out six assists.

Schuba, averaging

22.5, ended up with a

game-high 23, but shot

only 7-of-24 from the floor including 7-of-22 from three-point range. "Schuba is a great

player and so is their point guard (Naubert)," Murphy said. "He (Naubert) doesn't get a lot of credit, but his penetration allows the zone or man to break down, and he gives guys a lot of open shots.'

Junior forward Fred Williams added 13 points with 11 coming in the first half.

"They (EMU) did a good job making adjustments to stop our penetration," Emenhiser said. "In the first half they were playing the 1-2-2 (zone defense) a little bit, which let Bob get a head of steam in a few instances and opened a few things up. They backed up and that kept Bob from getting in the paint.

"And that really changed the game. We got a few good looks, but not many. I thought they really made good adjustments and we didn't counter those adjustments very well as a coaching staff."

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Player of the year

Mike Marek, a 2007 Salem High School graduate, was recently voted the player of the year for the 2012 MI-USSSA men's class E tournament softball league. Marek was an unanimous choice by league managers and was also selected by Michigan USSSA director Tony Desontis. Over 30 teams and 600 players participated in this years class E division, which began in April. Marek lead his team, Lights out Sports, to a No. 1 season-ending ranking in Michigan and also played in the USSSA World Series held in Orlando, Florida in September.

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

December

ADVENT SERVICES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, 12, and 19

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford

Details: The meditation them is the beginnings of the Gospel of St. Matthew, St. Luke and Revela-

Contact: (734) 968-3523

ADVENT SERVICES

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 5, 12 and 19

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market in Farmington Hills

Details: A pre-service meal will be served at 6

Contact: (248) 553-3380

BELL CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9

Location: St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia

Details: Classical Bells performs, with The Boychoir of Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door

Contact: www.seatyourself.biz/stmatthewslivonia; (734) 422-6038

CHRISTMAS PRO-GRAM

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14 and 10:45 a.m.Sunday, Dec. 16

Location: First Baptist Church of Canton, 44500 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: "One Quiet Night" is a dramatic musical, written by Tony Wood and Heidi Petak and arranged and orchestrated by Richard Kingsmore. It's directed by Ron Newsome. Admission is free

Contact: (734) 981-6460 **CLOTHING BANK**

Time/Date: 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday,

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

Canton **Details:** Free clothing and shoes to those in need Contact: (734) 404-2480 or (734) 927-6686

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

Contact: (734) 425-5950

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7

Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon, Canton

Details: Detroit Lutheran Singers perform. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$7 for seniors and students, 12 and over, free for children under 12

Contact: www.detroitiutheransingers.com

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8

Location: Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Ave., Birmingham

Details: Bernard Woma Ensemble performs on African percussion instruments, bridging Western orchestral music with the rhythms of African dance. Admission is a suggested donation of \$20 and will include the concert, followed by desserts, wine and conversation with the performers

Contact: (248) 647-2380

CONCERT Time/Date: 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 8

Location: Faith Covenant Church, 35415 W. 14 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Detroit Lutheran Singers perform. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$7 for seniors and students, 12 and over, free for children under 12

Contact: www.detroitlutheransingers.com

CONCERT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sun-

Location: Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia Details: Jan Krist will per-

form. The church is partnering with the Detroit Area Diaper Bank for the performance and is encouraging guests to bring infant or adult diapers to the concert for donation to the Bank. Admission is a suggested \$10 donation

at the door. Contact: (734) 425-2800; www.trinitychurchoflivo-

COOKIE SALE

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-noon or until cookies are sold out, Saturday, Dec. 8

Location: Newburg United Methodist Church, Gutherie Social Hall, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

Details: Cookies will be sold for \$7 per dozen of "choose your own' cookies or \$11 (2 for \$20) for prepackaged 2-dozen

CONTACT: (734) 422-

COOKIE WALK

Time/Date: Doors open at 10 a.m. with an early bird sale starting at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 15

Location: Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, between Joy and Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia

Details: 6th annual cookie walk will offer cookies at \$7.50 per pound, along with other baked goods. Early bird admission is \$2 Contact: (734) 427-2290

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3

Location: Room C-319 of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, just west of Haggerty, in Northville; park in the "C" parking lot

Details: "Hope for the Holidays" seminar is for adults who are grieving and for those who would like to help them. The seminar will include a "Time of Remembrance" candle lighting ceremony

Contact: New Hope Center for Grief Support at (248) 348-0115

GRIEF WORKSHOP

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Dec. 14 and 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Dec. 15

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

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

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

GUEST SPEAKER

Time/Date: Optional breakfast starts at 9 a.m., speaker program is at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 9

Location: Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills

Details: Chef and cookbook author George Vutetakis will talk about new food trends at the Sunday Morning Breakfast Series sponsored by the Brotherhood of Temple Beth El. Vutetakis is the former

owner and executive chef of Inn Season in Royal Oak and current head of development for Garden Fresh Gourmet. He also will provide samples of the salsa, chips and other products made by Garden Fresh

Gourmet. The program is open to the public and is free. Breakfast charge is \$3; charge for bagels and coffee is \$2.

Contact: (248) 851-1100, ext. 3149

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DOROTHY MARIE Age 77, November 24, 2012. Wife of Neil and the late Ralph. Mother of Sandi (Kevin) Eisbrenner, Karen (Greg) Westfall, Doug Bailey, Mike (Lisa) Bailey, Jerry (Anna) Bailey, Mark Fawcett, and Paul (the late Charlene) Griffin. Grandmother of 14. Great-grandmother of 4. Sister of Elsie Lee. Sister-in-law of Gertrude Wynsberge and Rita Wynsberge. Visitation Thursday 2-8pm. Funeral Service Friday 11:30am at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 N. Inkster Rd., Garden City (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill).

Memorials suggested to the Michigan Humane Society. santeiufuneralhome.com

VELLER (SUND), KATHLEEN Age 89, of Toledo, Ohio, long

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morial Cemetery

83, of Farmington Hills, retired Madison School District Educatime resident of Beverly Hills, Michigan, and recently of Rogtor, died November 26, 2012 ers. Minnesota was welcomed Surviving are her nieces & nephheaven on November 8, ews, Marianne Yochimovitz, 2012 by those who passed before Leonette Yochimovitz, Micki her including her parents Edna (Suhrbier) and Edwin Sund. A Czerniak, Matthew Czerniak, Keith Krupsky, Robert compassionate caregiver, both (Terry) Lynch, Dennis (Karen) Lynch, Terence Lynch and Mary personally and professionally, she retired from Beaumont Hos-pital in Royal Oak after a long Margaret Lynch; numerous great nieces and nephews, and her be-loved pet, Penny. Sadly, Frances was preceded in death by her career as a Registered Nurse and Clinical Nursing Coordinator. Her Nursing career began in Toledo, Ohio when she graduated from Flower Hospital Nursing niece, Susanne Krupsky, and her sisters, Mary Yochimovitz, Stephanie Czerniak and Bernice Lynch. Funeral Mass Friday, School. She later received her B.S. in Nursing from Oakland University and her M.S. in 10:00 AM (in state 9:30 AM) at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 23615 Power Rd., Farm-Counseling from Mercy College She was an active and faithful member of the Lutheran Church Interment Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield of the Redeemer in Birmingham, Visitation Thursday, 1-5 PM and 6-8 PM, with a 7 PM Rosary, at MI where she acted as a Stephens Minister and served in the church library. Her varied inter-ests included Bible Study, readthe Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farm-ington (248-474-5200). Memoing, travel, plants, and birds. She was a loving wife to Robert Veller, mother to Patricia Olive rial contributions may be direct-(John) of Brooklyn Center, MN, ed to Michigan Humane Society, Donald of Greenville, SC, and James (Shari) of Cheboygan, MI michiganhumane.org, or St. Anthony's Guild, 144 W. 32nd St.. and sister to Eugene New York, NY, 10001-3202. Toledo, OH, all who have surheeney-sundquist.com vived her. A private family serv-

WASHBURN. PAULETTE D.

Age 62, November 25, 2012. Beloved wife of Louis. Loving mother of Michele (Leo) Hoo-ver, step-mother of Julie (Todd) Randolph and Jodi (Ed) Sturgeon. Dearest daughter of Leona and the late Russell Boyle. Dear sister of Michael (Renee), Wayne (Helen), Patricia (Rick), Claudia (Stan) and Lana. Visitation Thursday 2-8pm at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City where funeral services will be held on Friday at 10:00 am. Interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Please sign the on-line guestbook at: rggrharris.com



In Memoriam

BOUCHIE

Daughter of Oscar and Marie Gisner. Born on July 6, 1937 and passed away on August 10, 2012 in her home on Pine Island Cove, St. James City, Florida. Leaving behind her son, Russell, and two grandsons, two sisters. There will be a memorial on December 2, 2012 at Calvery Baptist Church in Plymouth, Michigan. This will be at 2:30 for more information call 734-674-8666, her sister Alice.

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ENTERTAINMENT

All fired up

Ceramic artists sell thousands of items at annual Potters Market

Oakland Community College ceramics student, Carol Fitzpatrick, works, thinks and dreams clay.

By Sharon Dargay O&E Staff Writer

"I come in four days a week, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.," she said, preparing a handmade bisque bowl for color earlier this week. "That's 28 hours worth of clay."

On days when she attends glaze formulation class, the 55-year-old Farmington Hills woman packs lunch and dinner and settles in for a long stretch at her work bench in the college's ceramics technology lab in Royal Oak

And after she shuts her tool kit, carefully wraps up her fragile art pieces and goes home, there's still plenty of time at night to dream up new projects.

"I was thinking the other day at 2:30 in the morning, I could make a Christmas ornament and put a glaze on it. Let me show it to you," she said, eager to show off a blue-green test strip. "Now, when you look at it in the light, you can see a rainbow. Could you imagine a spherical ornament with this glaze on it?

"I have so many ideas in my head. It's crazy. I pull things out of magazines. I take pictures. I collect all these ideas. It's so much



Dave Albrecht of Farmington shows off one of his sculptures.

fun. I thought I might work a little more at home when I'm not in class and make a list of five things that are new and try to bring them to life."

Fitzpatrick, who has taken classes at the college part time for 13 years, will introduce a few new pieces along with her popular bread and dipping oil plates at the 37th annual Potters Market this weekend. She's one of 138 potters — including approximately 60 OCC students - who will sell their work at the three-day show in Madison Heights. Visitors to the free exhibit and sale will see handmade decorative ceramics, including sculpture; functional pottery such as bowls, plates, mugs; tiles; jewelry and ornaments. The artists serve refreshments, work the check-out area, and restock shelves during the

Experiencing a show

For the buyer, the "advantage of this sale is that we constantly restock," said Alan Paulson, show organizer and head of the ceramics department at OCC Royal Oak. For students, it offers an opportunity to experience a show.

For most of its 37 years the sale was a college-sponsored event. Last year, it was separated from the school and

became an organization, run by the artists.

"My goal, when we were separating this from the school was to maintain an opportunity for people who are learning the art of ceramics to have the experience of showing their work and learning to apply for a show," said Paulson, a Livonia native who lives in Detroit.

The application process is offered first to students and then opened to professional potters. Paulson said approximately 250 students are enrolled in OCC's ceramics classes.

"The work has to be of a quality nature and hopefully they'll have more than four or five pieces for the show. And even if they don't sell, they are part of a great group experience," he said. "Sometimes a show can be a double-edged sword. You don't want to focus on making things for the sake of money. Hopefully they are enjoying making the work. That should be number one. The students who come here, they take their first ceramics class and they get hooked. There is something magical about it.

"But it's not something you can learn within one or two semesters. To really explore and get your own signature work does take time.'

Pagodas, dance sculpture

Dave Albrecht, 70, of Farmington has put in 11 years at OCC. He was an art major during the 1960s at Ohio State University, but took a 35-year hiatus to work in pharmaceutical sales.

He has shown at the Potters Market for eight

Carol Fitzpatrick of Farmington Hills coats the bottom of a bowl with a wax substance that resists glaze.



A ceramic dish by potter Carol **Fitzpatrick** of Farmington Hills, She'll show and

works at the upcoming 37th

annual **Potters** Market.

37TH ANNUAL POTTERS MARKET

When: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec.

Where: United Food and Cl, 876 Horace Brown Drive, one block south of 13 Mile between John R and 1-75, **Madison Heights**

Details: The pottery sale features 138 potters offering nearly 40,000 pieces of pottery ranging from pots, vases, platters, tiles and mugs to bird baths, jewelry, ceramic framed mirrors, sculpture, lamps, tile-topped tables and just about every product possible in clay. Prices range from \$5-\$400. Artists include approximately 60 students from Oakland Community College, as well as profession-

Local artists: Jack Adelman of Farmington Hills, Robert Crisp of Farmington, Carol Fitzpatrick of Farmington Hills, Dave Albrecht of Farmington, Julie Gaynett of Farmington Hills, Betty Kowalczyk of Farmington Hills, Gaylin Bates of Farmington Hills, Donna Williams of Plymouth, and Kathy Sandberg of Plymouth Admission: Free, but no strollers are allowed Contact: (248) 554-5570 or visit www.thepottersmarket.com

years and will have approximately 100 items for sale this weekend. He is known for large pagoda pieces that can be used as lawn sculpture. He'll also have bowls and dancerelated sculptures and tiles for sale.

"One hundred isn't much compared to seasoned production potters," he noted. "Many people here are production potters and they love making a lot of stuff that they can make many of the same pieces of. I'm not equipped to do that. It's not my thing. I get distracted by new ideas pretty easily."

He has created handbuilt and wheel thrown items, but increasingly is working on sculpture.

Fitzpatrick will package about 50 of her dipping plates with spices, tying everything together with raffia.

"It looks like a complete gift. So I do really well with those," she said. The plates sold out by the second day of the sale last vear.

Her newest items - trays sporting the impression of a sunflower that grew in her yard — reflect her interest in nature and recall her career in the floral industry. Fitzpatrick, married and the mother of three children, owned and operated a flower shop for 34 years at Grand River Ave. and Haggerty. She sold it last March and retired from the business, but continues to let nature inspire her work.

"When I came into the studio in September it was so thrilling to come here and see all these nice people again," she said. "I didn't have to get up and go to work. I could come here and play."



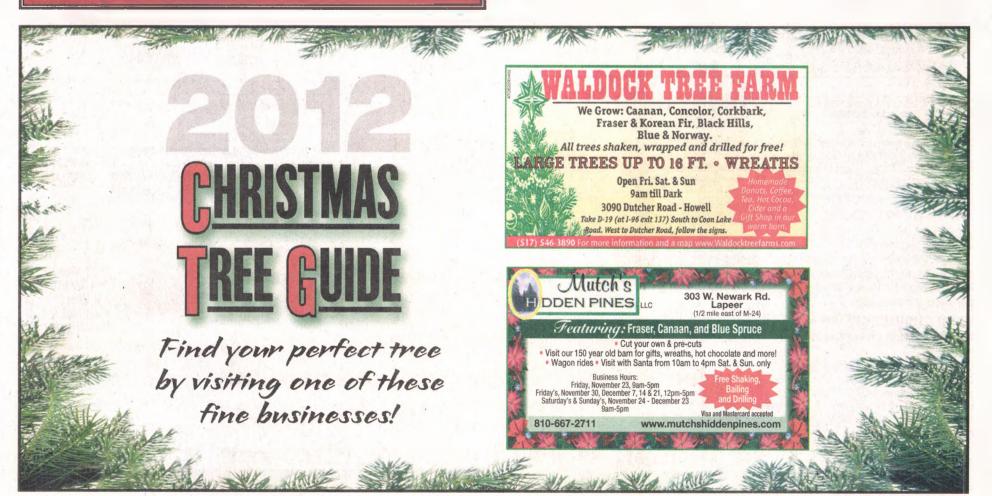
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Exhibits: Picasso & Matisse exhibits all of the museum's drawings and prints by the two artists, through Jan. 6, 2013; Faberge: The Rise and Fall, The Collection of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, through Jan. 21, 2013; Hidden Treasures: An Experiment, through March 3, 2013

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

LIBERTY STREET BREWING CO.

Time/Date: Art on display through November Location: 149 W. Liberty, in Old Village, Plymouth; in the upper hall gallery

Details: Mariuca Rofick shows her black and white photography in an exhibit called METROPOLIS. Rofick is an exhibiting member of Hatch, the Hamtramck artists collective, and her work has been shown at such galleries as the Carr Center, Lawrence Street Gallery and the Scarab Club Contact: (734) 207-9600

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: "Small Works," an all-media juried art exhibit, and "Celebrate!," a Northville Camera Club exhibit are featured. Northville Art House's Holiday Gift Shop also underway

Contact: (248) 344-0497 **VILLAGE THEATER**

Time/Date: Through Nov. 29; gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday and during public performances Location: In Gallery@VT in the theater, 50400 Cherry Hill

Road, Canton Details: The works of Alvey Jones, painter, printmaker, and

book artist are on display Coming up: The artworks of jazz singer Kathy Kosins will

be on display, Dec. 1-31 Contact: (734) 394-5300

Film

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 7-8 and 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9

Location: 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth

Details: "Pitch Perfect," \$3

Holiday Classics: "It's a Wonderful Life," 7 p.m. Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 29-30 and Dec. 1-2; 9:25 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 30-Dec. 1; and 4:15 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2

Contact: (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Nov. 30 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 1 Location: 17350 Lahser, Detroit

Details: "A Christmas Story," \$4. Santa will be on hand Nov. 30-Dec. 1 for photos

Contact: (313) 537-2560; www.redfordtheatre.com

Music

BECKRIDGE CHORALE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 11 .

Location: The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: 40th annual holiday concert. Tickets are \$16 Contact: www.beckridgechorale.org or call (888) 459-4887

CHERRY HILL SINGERS

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14

Location: The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

Details: Holiday concert with a basket gift auction held at

6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12

Contact: www.beckridgechorale.org

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS Time/Date: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 14-15

Location: Mercy High School, located on 11 Mile, east of Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Details: The Chorus sings holiday favorites. Tickets are \$12

in advance or \$15 at the door Contact: www.farmingtonchorus.com

JAZZ AT THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. last Tuesday of the month --- except

Location: Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds from Jazz Elks goes toward special needs and disadvantaged children and veterans

Contact: (734) 453-1780 or e-mail to plymouthelks1780@

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16

Location: Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt,

Details: "Sparkle...Twinkle...Joy!" is the group's winter concert. Tickets in advance are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students. Tickets at the door are \$15 for adults and \$13 for students and seniors

Contact: (734) 542-9071

LIVONIA SYMPHONY

Time/Date: 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1

Location: Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt,

Details: "Holiday Happenings" will feature dancers from Angie Hahn's Academy of Dance, the Livonia Civic Chorus and members of the Livonia Youth Symphony. Tickets are \$20 and \$10 for students

Contact: www.livoniasymphony.org

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Time/Date: Noon, Wednesday, Dec. 5

Location: VisTaTech Center on campus, located on Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia.

Details: Motor City Brass Quintet performs. Donations at the door will help fund student scholarships

Contact: (734) 462-4403

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

Time/Date: Most shows start at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Mike Mangione and the Union with Olivia Millerschin, Dec. 1; Empty Chair Night, Christmas Holiday Show to benefit Trinity House, Dec. 2. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks are accepted

Contact: (734) 464-6302



Holiday favorite

The Michigan Philharmonic and the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company present Tchaikovsky's ballet, "The Nutcracker," 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, in the auditorium at Salem High School, located in the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, Joy at N. Canton Center Road, Canton. The performance features quest stars, Cory Goei and Nicky Coehlo of the James Sewell Ballet Company. Advance tickets are \$23 for adults and \$16 for children. They cost \$25 and \$18 the day of the performances. Tickets for the Sugar Plum Parade, which enables children to go on stage and meet the performers, are \$3. For tickets and information call (734) 451-2112, visit online at www. michiganphil.org or http://www.metroshoresballet.org/PCBC/PCOrder.html.



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Yummy recipes

Angela Hospice publishes first cookbook

By Sharon Dargay O&E Staff Writer

Mike Cuba had all the necessary ingredients to produce a cookbook.

He knows his way around the kitchen. He has a knack for organizing and writing and he volunteers with others who are passionate about their cooking.

When he suggested that Angela Hospice create and sell its own cookbook, Syndie Best, volunteer services manager, was more than happy to give him the green light - and a box full of recipes.

"We had kicked around this idea a few years ago and it was one of those things that a few staff members said we should do," Best said. "It got tabled for a number of years. When Mike came on as a volunteer ... he talked about different recipes and suggested it."

Best and other staff members didn't have time to create a cookbook, but Cuba did. She handed over the box of recipes that staff members and volunteers had contributed over the years and watched him take on the challenge.

"Two hundred fifty recipes later and three rewrites ... it took a year,' said Cuba, of Livonia. "It was interesting seeing the kinds of recipes we had.

Cuba and his wife, Jane, are retired teachers who volunteer for Angela Hospice. She is a home visitor and he cooks for events, helps with clerical tasks and pitches in

where needed. They and several friends will bake cookies from the new book, Where the Butter Flies!, during the Livonia Christmas Walk Saturday, Dec. 1. As visitors walk through the couple's kitchen, they'll get a chance to taste a cookie. Copies of the cookbook will be available for purchase. The cost is \$10.

The couple will serve such goodies as "Lady Jacoba," a sugar cookie with a rind of crushed almond, peanut butter cookies, Czechoslovakian cookies and a ginger

"I took the recipe from the Grandma's Molasses jar and altered it," Cuba said, describing the ginger cookie.

They'll serve coffee and

From the new book: Sausage Shrimp Creole Jumbalaya From Mike Cuba

All amounts are estimates and subject to ingredient availability. Feel free to invent!

- & pound each three different types of precooked sausage, sliced
- pound chicken breast, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 4-6 medium onions, coarsely chopped
- ¼ cup wine
- 1 each red, orange, yellow and green bell peppers, cleaned and cut into
- 1 pound button mushrooms, cut up (sliced or chunk, your choice)
- 2 big portobello mushrooms, cut into ½-inch pieces (they end up chewy, so keep them small)
- 1 big can peeled Italian tomatoes in tomato sauce 1 little can tomato paste

1 pound raw shrimp, peeled and deveined

Heat the oil in a large skillet or pan, brown the sausage and chicken. Remove from the oil and set aside. Add the onions to the skillet and saute. If onions start to look dry, add the wine and cover the pan. You want the onions translucent. Add the peppers and portobellos and the Italian tomatoes. Break up the tomatoes with a spatula. Cook covered 5-10 minutes. Add the button mushrooms, tomato paste and the meat. Cook covered 5-10 minutes more. Add the shrimp and cook until the shrimp turn pink, about 2 minutes. Serve over brown rice. If you want a little more kick to this, add a couple of poblano peppers and/or a couple of habaneros. Watch out! Their kick is not instantaneous, but it lingers.

Lady Jacoba Cookies

From Barb Brown and Sister Mary Giovanni

- a cup of butter
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup sugar ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup ground almonds 1½ teaspoons vanilla

Cream together the butter and sugar. Add the vanilla, egg and beat. Sift together the flour and baking soda and add to the butter mixture. Shape the dough into several oblong rolls about 2 inches wide. Roll in the ground almonds and wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate at least 2 hours. Unwrap and slice quite thin. Bake at 350 degrees for about

Bourbon Pecan Pork Roast

From Barb Iovan

15 minutes.

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 pounds rolled pork loin roast
- Salt and pepper
- ¼ cup (or more) pecan pieces
- 4 cup bourbon (airplane-size bottle) 3 tablespoons brown sugar

Heat oven to 325 degrees. Heal oil in a large frying pan over medium high heat and brown pork on all sides. Put meat on rack in roasting pan and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Roast 30 minutes. Meanwhile, add pecans to oil in frying pan, cook over medium heat 1 minute and remove pecans from pan. Combine the bourbon, sugar and ¼ teaspoon salt. Add to the frying pan and boil until the sugar dissolves and bourbon reduces slightly - 1-2 minutes. After meat has cooked 30 minutes begin basting with the bourbon sauce. Cook until a meat thermometer stuck in the center reaches 160 degrees, about 30 more minutes. Five minutes before meat is done, sprinkle with pecans.

Chef offers meal tips for dialysis patients

the cookie recipes will be

"Everything we'll be baking is from the book," Cuba said.

More than recipes

Where the Butter Flies! includes helpful kitchen hints, measurement sub-

stitutes, calorie counts,

napkin-folding diagrams, advice for buying and cooking fruits and vegetables, and a guide to herbs and spices. All of the recipes are from volunteers or staff members. Cuba submitted eight, including the reci-

pe for a favorite bread. "For the holidays I cook a bohemian egg bread called Hoska," he said. "It's a sweet egg bread from my grandmother's

The book also includes favorite recipes from Angela Hospice pot lucks and summer barbecues.

Mike Cuba shows the Angela Hospice cookbook. He and his wife, Jane, and their friends

will bake cookies from the book Saturday, Dec. 1, during the Livonia Christmas Walk.

"We have a volunteer known as The Pie Lady. She's been baking for 15 years (for Hospice)." Best said. The Pie Lady, also known as Alberta Karll, bakes for the Angela Hospice's Care Center every Tuesday. "She started with apple pies. Her recipe is in the book.

"We do a high tea every

Thursday for patients and their families. Jane (Cuba) makes shortbread for the high tea and that

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

recipe is in the book." **Fundraiser**

Proceeds from the sale of the cookbook will benefit such programs as bereavement services — which are available to the all in the community - prenatal hospice and counseling.

It's available from Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia; www.AskForAngela. com. Buy a ticket to the Livonia Christmas Walk - and get a chance to see five decorated houses, in addition to tasting a cookie from the book — at Livonia's libraries, Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, or at the Quaker House in Greenmead, located at Eight Mile and Newburgh. Tickets are \$9 before Dec. 1 and \$10 on Dec. 1.

"We're really excited about the book. One of our volunteers came up with the title," said Best, noting that the butterfly is part of Angela Hospice's logo. "It's professionally done. The cover is plastic and it lays flat. It has all those pluses for cooking."

Lentils and Rice Casserole

From Syndie Best

- 1 cup dried lentils
- 1 teaspoon margarine
- 1 cup chopped onion 1 teaspoon paprika
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup green pepper, chopped
- 1 can (14 ounces) chopped tomatoes (do not drain!)
- 1/2 teaspoon ground red pepper 2 cups cooked brown rice
- 11/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

Cook the lentils according to the package directions. Melt the margarine in a large skillet over a medium heat. Add the onion, green pepper and garlic, stir often and cook until tender. Stir in the lentils, tomatoes, paprika, salt and pepper. Cover, reduce heat and simmer for 20 minutes. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees. Spray a 2-quart baking dish with cooking spray. Place the rice in the bottom and top with the lentil mixture. Bake for 25 minutes. Add the cheese to cover the top and bake 5-10 minutes or until the cheese is melted.

bohemian ancestry."

Chef Aaron McCargo, Jr., star of Food Network's Big Daddy's House television show, will visit with patients Friday-Saturday, Nov. 30-Dec. 1 at Detroit-area Fresenius Medical Care clinics where he will help dialysis patients and their families learn how to create kidney friendly meals.

He'll also give a live cooking demonstration at the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan's Kidney Ball fundraising event on Dec. 1

More than 940,000 Michigan residents have chronic kidney disease, according to the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan. African-Americans are among those most at risk, because of their high rates of diabetes and high blood pressure, which are the two leading causes of chronic kidney disease. This pro-



McCargo

gressive, usually permanent loss of kidney function, frequently leads to kidney failure.

which can only be treated with dialysis or a kidney transplant. Michigan has one of the highest rates of kidney failure in the entire country with close to 14,000

patients on dialysis. Maintaining a healthy diet can be a matter of life and death for individuals on dialysis. To stay healthy, dialysis patients must control their levels of potassium, phosphorus, salt and saturated fats by limiting their intake of cer-

tain foods. "We're pleased to bring Chef McCargo to Detroit to share his healthy cuisine tips with the area's

dialysis community," stated Steve Chowen, regional vice president, Fresenius Medical Care. "His unique recipes for adding bold flavors and variety to meals help dialysis patients learn how to get more enjoyment from eating, while still complying with their renal diets."

The free events are open to the general public. Meet McCargo:

• 2-4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, at Fresenius Medical Care Garden City, 27201 W. Warren Street in Dearborn Heights

• 6-8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 30 at Fresenius Medical Care St. Clair Shores, 26210 Harper Ave. #200 in St. Clair Shores

• Noon to 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 1 at Fresenius Medical Care University, 18430 Livernois, in downtown Detroit Each clinic will give

away the Fill Your Plate

cookbook with dialysis-

friendly recipes for all attendees.

Also on Saturday, Dec. 1, McCargo will present a live cooking demonstration for attendees of the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan's Kidney Ball at the MGM Grand Detroit, 1777 Third Street, Detroit. He will demonstrate how to prepare appetizing dishes that are tasty, affordable and dialysis-friendly. One of the appetizers at the event will be prepared by McCargo, and a dietitian from Fresenius Medical Care North America (FMCNA) will be available to answer questions. To purchase tickets for the Kidney Ball, visit www.nkfm.org or call (734) 222-9800.

View McCargo's renal diet recipes and his online cooking demonstration at www.ultra-.care-dialysis.com.



ranean **Nachos**

Medi-

Game-worth party fare

When the big game rolls around, you want to make sure you have everything ready to go so you can focus on the action. Prepping in advance for watch parties means you don't have to worry about lastminute details. And while standard watch party fare may be enticing, game day snacking guilt can set in once the day is over. Avoid snacking guilt by serving up flavorful, better-for-you dishes that will still please the party palates of your fellow fans.

Mediterranean **Nachos**

Makes: 4 servings Time: 25 minutes

> 4 cups pita chips 2 tablespoons Sabra Roasted Garlic

2 tablespoons Sabra Roasted Red Pepper Hummus 8 to 10 grape tomatoes, cut in half

1/4 cup chopped zucchini, cut into

1/4-inch chunks 2 tablespoons chopped Greek olives 2 tablespoons chopped pepperoncini

11/2 cups shredded mozzarella Preheat oven to 375°F. Place pita chips in a 9to 10-inch skillet or other

ing dish. Top with small spoonfuls of hummus. Sprinkle tomatoes, zucchini, olive and pepperoncini over the chips. Top with shredded moz-

oven-proof pan or bak-

zarella. Bake 15 to 20 minutes, or until cheese has melted and edges are beginning

to brown. Serve warm.

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Laurel Park Place Office Center garners kudos, among other pros, properties

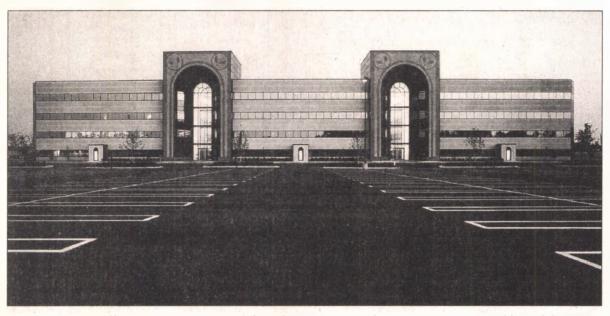
The Building Owners and Managers Association of Metro Detroit (BOMA) held its annual awards program, The **Outstanding Building** of the Year (TOBY) and Leadership Awards Presentation on Nov. 9 at the MotorCity Casino Sound Board, Detroit.

The program honors outstanding leaders and commercial properties in the local commercial real estate industry. The TOBY Awards, now in its 28th year, is the most prestigious and comprehensive program of its kind in the commercial real estate industry, recognizing excellence in office building ownership and management.

president of BOMA of Metro Detroit, addressed the large gathering and paid tribute to BOMA's outstanding members, "This afternoon we recognize and celebrate our collective and individual efforts ... our people, our innovations and development in our

William M. Wylonis,

industry." With a sold-out crowd of nearly 300 people in attendance, Kevin Livingston of Hines was named Property Manager of the Year; Laura Marble, FMA of General Services Administration, Facility Manager of the Year; Plumbing Professors, Service



Laurel Park Place Office Center in Livonia took first place in its square footage categories as Building of the Year.

Provider of the Year; and Kristin Falconer of Signal Restoration Services, Supplier Member of the Year; Cindy Wiegand of KIRCO, Emerging Leader; Linda **Emert-Grimm of Dietz** Property Group and David Glaser of Stone Restoration Services, **Outstanding Service** Awards; The Plumbing Professors, Service Provider of the Year; Kristin Falconer of Signal Restoration Services, Supplier Member of the Year; and Daniel Fitzgerald received the President's Award.

Detroit properties GM Renaissance Center, One Detroit Center, and the United States

Citizenship & Immigration Services Region 7, **Detroit District Office**; Southfield property One Northwestern Plaza: and Laurel Park Place Office Center in Livonia all took first place in their respective square footage categories as Building of the Year. The Coleman A. Young Municipal Center in Detroit was first in the Government Building class, 50 West Big Beaver in Bloomfield Hills took the top award in the Medical Office category, and the Bingham Center in Southfield was recognized in the Suburban Office Park Low-Rise

Local TOBY winners advance to regional competition and then move on to international competition at the **BOMA International** North American Real Estate Congress and the **Every Building Show** in San Diego, Calif., in June 2013. For additional information on the 2012-13 TOBY and Leadership Awards, visit www.bomadet.org.

Founded in 1908, **BOMA** of Metro Detroit is a professional, nonprofit trade association whose nearly 400 members either own or manage commercial real estate, or provide goods and services to the industry. BOMA Michi-

\$260,000

gan members represent organizations managing more than 250 million square feet of office and industrial space, with employees and tenants totaling more than 1.25 million people in Michigan. Michigan members' annual expenditures contribute \$3.2 billion to the state's economy.

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Security good idea at meetings

By Robert Meisner Guest Columnist

Q: I am a member of our homeowner association and I am worried about one vocal and, sometimes, violent resident who attends the meetings. Should they have security at the meeting? I have asked the board for it.

A: I am deluged with emails from fellow community association



Robert Meisner

practitioners who can recount numerous stories where violent behavior has been perpetrated at meetings

of the association and/or on directors. One story I have heard was about the treasurer of his condominium association being at a meeting where one of the owners in a community called the board president "as queer as a three dollar bill," whereupon chairs were thrown at various individuals sending the rest of the board members under the table. The individuals involved were all over the age of 70, so age has no bearing upon judgment or conduct. To say the least, where there is any potential threat, adequate security should be provided if for no other

Q: Has the Michigan legislature enacted a statute that prohibits nonrecourse mortgages and deficiency judgments?

members of the association.

reason than to enhance the participation by the

A: No. However, the Michigan legislature did enact the Nonrecourse Mortgage Loan Act, 2012 PA 67, MCL 445.1591 et , which retroactively prohibits a postclosing covenant in a nonrecourse loan from being used as a carve-out or basis for a deficiency judgment against a borrower or guarantor. The Act does not apply to loans that are initially classified as recourse loans, and the Act specifically states that it does not prohibit fully recourse

Q: What is a deficiency judgment in a mortgage, and does my mortgage company have the ability to pursue one?

A: When a borrower cannot repay their mortgage and the lender pursues foreclosure, the lender may or may not be able to sue the borrower to collect the shortfall commonly known as a deficiency. In Michigan, the key is whether or not the note, not the mortgage, is classified as a recourse or nonrecourse loan. If the note is classified as a recourse loan, the lender can pursue a deficiency judgment on the covenants contained in the note. Generally speaking, conventional residential notes do have recourse provisions. However, in order for you to determine if you may be subject to a deficiency judgment, you may need to contact a real estate attorney to review your specific situation.

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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 20-24, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

41520 Alleghany St	\$14
47011 Bartlett Dr	\$23
45471 Brunswick Dr	\$2
2386 Cleveland Way	\$2
50509 Coolidge St	\$23
4065 Cornerstone Dr	\$10
412 Country Club Ln	\$33
4188 Forest Bridge Dr	\$22
41627 Glade Rd	\$18
45945 Graystone Ln	\$14
7514 Green Meadow Ln	\$14
8660 Holly Dr	
7585 Kingsbridge Rd	\$16
43622 Lombardy Dr	\$15
44691 Meadowcreek Ln	\$13
2583 Mistwood Ct	\$40
6205 N Ridge Rd	\$48
44302 N Umberland Cir	\$15
556 N Willard Rd	\$13
47286 Northgate Dr	\$21
43467 Proctor Rd	\$15
2842 River Meadow Cir	\$19
45598 S Stonewood Rd	\$17
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GARDEN CITY	
33722 Alta St	\$75,000
31739 Cambridge St	\$79,000
31714 Cherry Hill Rd	\$60,000
28657 Donnelly St	\$58,000
512 E Rose Ave	\$73,000
30148 John Hauk St	\$60,000
32108 Kathryn St	\$25,000
28655 Maplewood St	\$30,000
31758 Maplewood St	\$62,000
32714 Rosslyn Ave	\$77,000
29896 Windsor St	\$78,000
LIVONIA	
30138 Acacia St	\$153,000
18950 Bainbridge Ave	\$156,000
32341 Barkley St	\$118,000
9920 Bassett St	\$132,000
36004 Bobrich St	\$180,000
36004 Bobrich St	\$192,000
32018 Bretton St	\$135,000
18807 Comstock St	\$215,000
14916 Country Club Dr	\$142,000
9017 Danzig St	\$70,000
15906 Deering St	\$91,000
14166 Denne St	\$96,000
14277 Denne St	\$131,000
15406 Doris St	\$104,000
9362 Eastwind Dr	\$147,000
29620 Edward Pl	\$133,000
28428 Elmira St	\$111,000
30106 Fairfax St	\$56,000
32643 Five Mile Rd	\$54,000
18623 Floral St	\$43,000
31632 Gable St	\$78,000
35034 Grove Dr	\$172,000
33735 Grove St	\$140,000
29948 Hathaway St	\$95,000
33501 Hathaway St	\$165,000
37107 Kingsburn Dr	\$329,000
38995 Lyndon St	\$130,000

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722 Alta St	\$75,000	31518 Merriwood Park I	
739 Cambridge St	\$79,000	30536 Munger Dr	\$350,000
714 Cherry Hill Rd	\$60,000	37600 N Laurel Park Dr	\$162,000
657 Donnelly St	\$58,000	16558 Nola Ct	\$145,000
2 E Rose Ave	\$73,000	38681 Northfield Ave	\$123,000
148 John Hauk St	\$60,000	30164 Oakview St	\$171,000
108 Kathryn St	\$25,000	15710 Oporto St	\$65,000
655 Maplewood St	\$30,000	19387 Rensellor St	\$59,000
758 Maplewood St	\$62,000	31719 Summers St	\$118,000
714 Rosslyn Ave	\$77,000	33845 Trillium Ct	\$161,000
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138 Acacia St	\$153,000	30510 Wentworth St	\$134,000
950 Bainbridge Ave	\$156,000	31041 Westfield St	\$106,000
341 Barkley St	\$118,000	9608 Westmore St	\$123,000
20 Bassett St	\$132,000	9825 Westmore St	\$138,000
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018 Bretton St	\$135,000	16955 Abby Cir	\$394,000
807 Comstock St	\$215,000	44973 Broadmoor Cir S	\$362,000
916 Country Club Dr	\$142,000	39812 Glenview Ct	\$236,000
17 Danzig St	\$70,000	18970 Heather Ridge Dr	
906 Deering St	\$91,000	16409 Horseshoe Dr	\$440,000
166 Denne St	\$96,000	16029 Jupiter Hills Dr	\$512,000
277 Denne St	\$131,000	19521 Northridge Dr	\$53,000
406 Doris St	\$104,000	42178 Waterfall Rd	\$275,000
62 Eastwind Dr	\$147,000	PLYMOUTH	+=.5,555
620 Edward Pl	\$133,000	1450 Ann Arbor Rd W	\$28,000
428 Elmira St	\$111,000	597 Ann St	\$125,000
106 Fairfax St	\$56,000	13583 Burning Tree Ln	\$388,000
643 Five Mile Rd	\$54,000	540 Byron St	\$230,000
623 Floral St	\$43,000	49539 Cooke Ave	\$330,000
632 Gable St	\$78,000	50045 E Fellows Creek C	
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735 Grove St	\$140,000	9299 Hackberry Ave	\$200,000
948 Hathaway St	\$95,000	40664 Newport Dr	\$68,000
501 Hathaway St	\$165,000	9112 Oakcliffe Dr	\$135,000
107 Kingsburn Dr	\$329,000	11424 Parkview Dr	\$168,000
995 Lyndon St	\$130,000	12300 Pinecrest Dr	\$125,000
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HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 6-10, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	
15859 Buckingham Ave	\$165,000
18115 Kinross Ave	\$238,000
16981 Kirkshire Ave	\$232,000
20375 Lincoln Hills Ct	\$400,000
BINGHAM FARMS	
32750 Bingham Ln	\$550,000
32135 Bingham Rd	\$750,000
BIRMINGHĀM	
585 Chester St	\$549,000
2587 Dorchester Rd	\$199,000
387 George St	\$260,000
959 Gordon Ln	\$425,000
562 Linden Rd	\$1,621,000
570 S Glenhurst Dr	\$550,000
2698 Yorkshire Rd	\$142,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
3834 Quarton Rd	\$215,000
1052 Stratford Ln	\$155,000
1227 Manorwood Cir 920 S Reading Rd 1052 Stratford Ln	\$160,000 \$209,000 \$155,000

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	
376 Concord Pl # 4	\$40,000
3689 Darcy Dr	\$306,000
1927 E Spinningwheel Ln	
4024 Hidden Woods Dr	\$368,000
183 Hupp Cross Rd	\$605,000
6148 Lantern Ln	\$400,000
745 Parkman Dr	\$322,000
1596 Sandringham Way	\$523,000
7370 Sandy Creek Ln	\$460,000
333 Westbourne Ct	\$279,000
659 Wilshire Dr	\$243,000
292 Yarmouth Rd	\$700,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP	\$700,000
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9454 Boncrest St	\$90,000
2276 Brigantine	\$210,000
9679 Cooley Lake Rd	\$214,000
557 E Grand Traverse St	\$151,000
5260 Lancaster Ln	\$307,000
2528 Trillium Hills Dr	\$250,000
FARMINGTON	
35624 Briar Ridge Ln	\$168,000
24186 Elizabeth Ct	\$164,000
33863 Glenview Dr	\$110,000
21009 Robinwood St	\$145,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	
32331 Baintree Rd	\$210,000
27051 Hampstead Blvd	\$370,000
32370 Hearthstone Rd	\$135,000
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28948 Herndonwood Dr \$190,000 33143 Hopecrest Ct \$172,000

31490 Hunters Circle Dr \$133,000

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The Re.E.I.A. (Real Estate Investors Association) third annual Christmas party will be 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, at Crystal Gardens, 16703 Fort St., Southgate. Tickets are \$35 a person and checks should be mailed to c/o R.E.I.A., 2962 Fort St., Lincoln Park, MI 48146.

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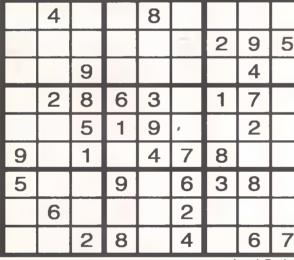
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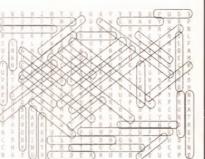
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By Dale Buss

General Motors is saying "uncle" in a key area of vehicle electrification: conventional hybrids. At the same time, the automaker indicated that it'll redouble efforts to stake out

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a brand-defining position on one end of the electrified-vehicle spectrum, in highly electrified so-called "plug-in" hybrids like Chevrolet Volt and

in all-electric vehicles. The move essentially is surrendering the conventional-hybrid field to Toyota, which created and is dominating that segment with the Prius sub-brand. Interestingly, GM's move — ceding what once was a prime battlefield in green cars, where it invested heavily — comes at the same time that its cross-town rival, Ford, has

just introduced an entirely new hybridonly brand, C-Max, to battle Prius in the U.S. market.

An all-electric version of the 2013 Chevrolet Spark is being introduced this month at the Los Angeles **Auto Show**

Mary Barra, GM's product chief, told reporters today that the company has narrowed its future development plans to emphasize plug-ins like Volt, and EVs such as the all-electric version of the new Chevrolet Spark that GM will unveil at the Los Angeles Auto Show this month. Both kinds of cars are propelled only by batteries, while conventional hybrids rely on a combination of an electric motor and a gasoline engine.

"We need to make educated bets on which technologies hold the most potential for creating values for our customers and our company," Barra stated, echoing remarks she recently made to Autoline.

A few months ago, GM confirmed that it was shutting down its previous plans for future versions of a type of conventionalhybrid powertrain that has been offered in its pickup trucks and SUVs. But GM also has been introducing some new so-called "mild" hybrids that only lightly assist the

gasoline engine under its eAssist subbrand, including versions of the Buick Regal and Chevrolet Malibu; it will continue to invest in eAssist, Barra indi-

Barra conceded that the conventionalhybrid technology occupying the middle ground between plug-ins and EVs on one end, and mild hybrids on the other, remained "important, of course," the magazine said. But she emphasized that "plug-in technology will play an increasingly important role over the years to come."

In other words, GM is doubling down on its trailblazing investment in Volt and the extended-range technology that supports it, as well as all-electric vehicles. Though Volt has been selling at the rate of only a couple thousand units a month, two years after its launch and in the midst of a doubling of gasoline prices, GM executives are confident that the car and its underlying technology will gradually catch on.

Toyota made a similarly large but oppo-

site bet recently, putting more resources behind Prius and saying that it will deemphasize EVs. Toyota faced a hiccup today with Prius because about 670,000 Prius hybrids were included in the company's second significant recall in a few weeks, of 2.77 million vehicles worldwide

The 2013 Buick Regal with eAssist remains a key part of GM's new electrification strategy.

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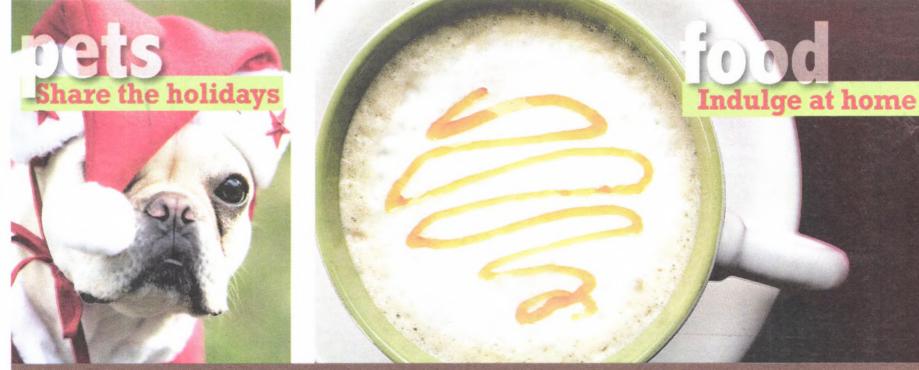
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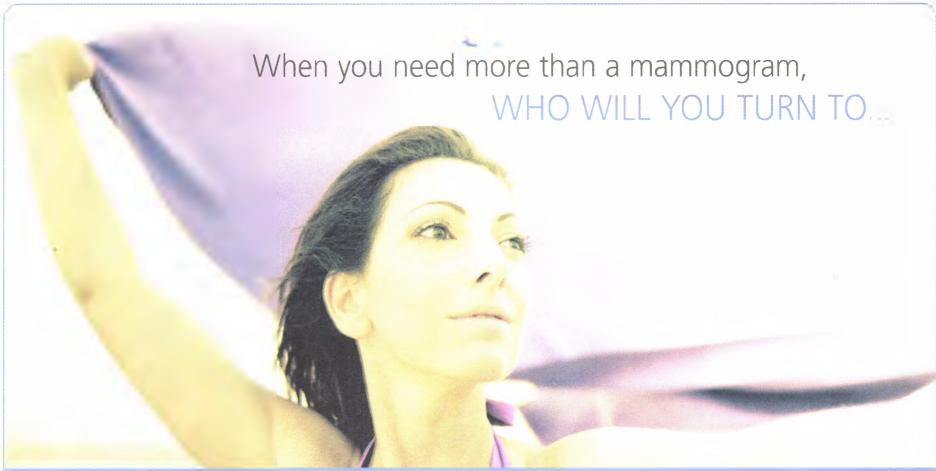
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Gift ideas that embrace true meaning of holiday season

(BPT) - When the commotion of the holidays sets in, it's easy to forget the true meaning of the season. Giving back and helping others is what makes this time of year so special. As you rush from store to store buying gifts for your loved one, you might wonder how you can make a difference. Some simple steps can have a big impact, and it's as easy as giving gifts that benefit more than just the recipient.

1. Gifts that give more

When trying to find a unique gift for that special someone, keep an eve out for items that help a cause or make a difference in other's lives. For example, head to Kmart for an exclusive St. Jude bear ornament, which serves as a cute remembrance of the 2012 holiday season. The best part is this gift gives back because for each ornament sold, Kmart will donate \$1, with a minimum donation of \$50,000, to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital(R), where children sick with cancer or other life-threatening illnesses can be treated at no cost to their families. It's a gift that helps save lives, and one both you and the recipient will feel good about displaying on the tree year after year. Go above and beyond to help children in need this holiday season through a \$1, \$5 or \$10 add-on during your Kmart checkout.

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The St. Jude bear ornament is a gift that helps save lives.

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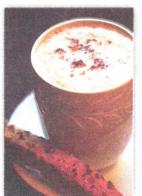
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Suggestions for some purrfect gifts

By Dr. Julie Hass

Guest Columnist

hen I was young and the holidays were approaching, I made sure that all the animals in our household had a stocking and some treats, even my horse. That was a long time ago and gifting your pets was not as popular as it is today.

In 2010, the Associated Press reported that 56 percent of all pet owners gave holiday gifts to their pets. Currently,



Dr. Julie Hass

according to the American Veterinary Medical Association, 36 percent of all U.S. households have dogs and 30 percent own cats. This translates into a huge amount of gift giving. Both to the pets and to all the myriad of pet lovers.

Since I have such a long history of being a pet gift giver, I thought

I might provide my top 10 gift suggestions.

1. Give the gift of safety. Be sure that your household is pet safe and make sure that the gifts you give and the items you take to other households are pet safe. Remember that ribbons and tinsel, potpourri, poinsettias, chocolates, alcohol, lilies and many other hostess gifts can prove fatal to pets. Also, pets love to get into purses and bags left on the floor. Be sure all medications, sugarless gums and cigarettes are sealed and kept away from pets. Also, raw dough and antifreeze are common potential toxins. Visit www.aspca.org for more information.

2. Give a gift in the name of your favorite pet or animal lover. Donate to a charity or rescue in your area that benefits animals. Community Sharing's Pet Pantry, Meals on Wheels Pet Feeding Program, and local animal rescue organizations (I prefer no-kill shelters) are always in need of your help. Remember, there are horse and exotic pet rescues too

3. Water. Give a pet water fountain. Pets, particularly cats, enjoy fresh, moving water. Cats are attracted to the flow-



Dr. Julie Hass of Veterinary Care Specialists in Milford and her dog, Darwin.

ing water and staying well hydrated is essential to feline health.

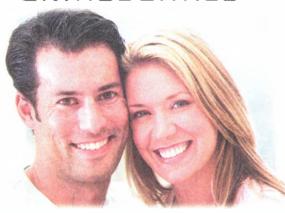
4. Make sure any pet that is lost can be found. Microchips allow pets to be identified and reunited with their owners. They are inexpensive, safe and easy. We recently microchipped a client's tortoise.

5. A Fur-ever Friend. Pets should never be given as surprise gifts. The addition of a new pet should be well researched.

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Fixing the fireplace liner

By Lon Grossman

Guest Columnist

Q: Our fireplace is brick with a tile liner that is cracked. What is the best type of replacement liner and damper to install? We have estimates using stainless steel. Is a top-mounted damper OK or is metal or plastic the best?



Lon Grossman

A: Stainless steel liners are the most common type of re-liners, but is one needed?

Has a chimney sweep run a camera down your entire chimney to inspect it? If not, repairing a few cracks or even replacing the top one or two flues may be all you need.

While most flues are

overbuilt, remember a liner reduces the opening size and "can" affect the size of the fire you build.

Chimney top dampers are great. If a plastic damper even exists, I would not install one. There are two types of top flue mounted dampers. Make sure the one you install has a screen to keep out squirrels, raccoons, etc.

Q: We have steam heat and wondered if it would be cost effective to turn off radiators in rooms not in use or will the lack of heat affect the surrounding rooms?

A: The first question is how old is your house? If it's older with little or no insulation in the exterior walls, you might have a problem.

I spoke with Carl from C. Darge Custom Consultants (248) 540-8414. Carl is an expert with hot water and steam systems. He said you could do it in milder weather, but if the rooms are adjacent to a bathroom or where pipes run within a wall, those pipes could freeze. Carl said you must keep the valves open entirely. By partially opening or closing the valves, the system will be very noisy.

Carl suggested that to save money, you could install adjustable air vents. They are designed to slow down the amount of steam. Put the vent at the lowest setting, you'll get some heat but not a lot.

Q: I had new windows installed, and recently noticed crumbling plaster at the top of the bathroom window. I never had a problem before this year. Can you give me an idea as to what the cause is?

A: Here are a few suggestions. The caulking around the exterior and interior of the window should be in good condition. If not, recaulk. Do you use a bathroom exhaust fan? It should vent through the roof to the exterior, not into the attic.

There could be a leak from above the window. That leak may be coming from a window above the bathroom window, window flashing, loose siding or damaged mortar. It could be originating at a damaged gable vent and running down the exterior wall to your window.

If everything seems in good order, possibly the window was improperly installed.

Q: I have some of those rolled on "stuccolike" walls and ceilings in my house and want to get rid of them. How can I do it?

A: Obviously you hate the stuccolook, many people do. Here is one way of smoothing them out. Removing textured paint will be hard and messy but here are a few alternatives:

- Sanding and more sanding with an electric orbital sander is one method. Wear goggles and a respirator mask. Doesn't that sound like oodles of fun?
- If the paint was latex rather than an oil-based, you can score the paint surface with a brick. Then, rent a wallpaper steamer to loosen the paint enough to scrape it off.
- If the textured surface is not extremely deep, "Plaster in a Roll" is excellent. It's made by Flexi-Wall Systems. It's a thick layer that is applied to the wall over the stucco-like surface.
- Finally, the William Zinsser & Company makes a product called "Texture-Off", which is specifically made for removing stucco-like finishes. Don't you wish I told you that earlier before you worked up such a sweat?

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Fireplace: Warm, relaxing and in demand

Cozy up to the fire

By Jill Halpin Contributing Writer

There is nothing quite like cozying up in front of a roaring fire on a cold night.

It is one of the bonuses of living in a cooler climate and more and more homeowners are rediscovering the joy of gathering around a fire, igniting a spark and heating up fireplace sales across the

Once considered the heart of the home. fireplaces are making a huge comeback as a must-have feature in home decor and new advances in design are making it easier for homeowners to embrace the inherent ambiance and warmth a fireplace provides.

In fact, fireplaces rank second among the top features desired by buyers of new homes according to the Hearth,

Patio and Barbecue Association based in Virginia.

Steve Brown, owner of American Fireplace in Ferndale, has witnessed the growth in sales firsthand

"There has been an incredible resurgence of interest in fireplaces," Brown

"No one needs a fireplace, we have heating systems to keep us warm in our homes. However, it is something everyone wants. Fireplaces create a relaxing and inviting feel, even when they are not lit. They give everybody a homey, romantic feeling," Brown said.

Fireplaces are becoming so popular that some people even want to add a second fireplace in their home, he said, adding that he recently saw an industry

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Care, cleaning tips

Now is the time to make sure that your fireplace is in good shape for the winter. Cleaning and caring for your fireplace is essential for safety as well as maximiz-

For wood-burning fireplaces, make sure it is cleaned and inspected by a qualified chimney sweep every season, said Mike Scott of Glenn's Fireplace and Spa in Livo-

"They will brush out the liner and remove the soot that can cause a chimney fire,"

Chimney sweeps will also inspect your fireplace to make sure it is lined up property and safe for use, he added.

Dave Henry of Town 'n' Country Hardware in Garden City recommends using a special fireplace-cleaning log to remove some the creosote inside of your chimney.

"These logs use chemicals to break down some of the creosote buildup," he said. The more often you use your fireplace the more often it should be cleaned, although once a year is fairly standard, he said.

Although gas fireplaces do not require as much upkeep it is important to make sure that the pilot is in running properly and the controls are in good shape, Scott

Controls and gas logs can freeze up over time but they are easily and inexpensively replace, he noted.

Cleaning a gas fireplace is much simpler but be aware, Henry advises, that anything that is manufactured needs to be properly maintained in order for it to be

"The better you care for it, the longer it may last," he said.

- By Jill Halpin





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(Family Features) — The hottest item to give and exchange this holiday season is a cookie. That's because each cookie shared this November and December can mean supporting Cookies for Kids' Cancer, a nonprofit that raises funds for pediatric cancer research through cookie sales.

Glad has teamed with businesswoman and mother Ivanka Trump and awardwinning chef and head judge of Bravo's "Top Chef Just Desserts" Johnny Iuzzini to help spread the word. You can help in two ways:

• Send a virtual cookie to a friend at www.Glad.com.

 Host a Cookies for Kids' Cancer Bake Sale or Cookie Exchange. Register the event at www.cookiesforkidscancer.org and share how many cookies were sold or exchanged.

Glad will donate up to \$1 for each edible or virtual cookie exchanged, up to \$100,000.

Cookies for Kids' Cancer inspires individuals, communities and businesses to join in the fight against pediatric cancer. Pediatric cancer is the leading cause of death by disease for children in the Unit-

ed States, yet approximately half of the drugs used to treat children with cancer are at least 20 years old, according to the Institute of Medicine.

"As a mom, I want to do everything I can to help our children," said Trump. "The Cookie Exchange reminds us that the simplest transactions can be most impactful."

Everyone can make a difference, one cookie at a time. Here is one of Iuzzini's original holiday cookie recipes for inspiration:



Lime Shortbread

Makes about 21/2 dozen 2-inch cookies

- 2 sticks unsalted butter, cut into small cubes 2 finely grated zest limes
- 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt
- 2½ cup all-purpose flour, plus more for rolling 1 cup confectioner's sugar

Put butter into standing mixer with the paddle, and mix on medium-low until a thick paste forms with no visible butter lumps. Add lime zest, juice and salt, and mix until well combined.

Meanwhile, sift flour and confectioner's sugar together. With mixer on low, slowly add dry ingredients to butter mixture, stopping to scrape down bowl as necessary. Mix until just combined. Turn dough out onto large sheet of

plastic wrap and press into a rectangle about ½-inch thick. Wrap dough tightly in plastic and refrigerate until firm, at least 1 hour.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone baking mats. Remove dough from refrigerator and let stand for about 10 minutes.

Lightly flour a sheet of parchment. unwrap dough, and set it on paper. Lightly flour top of dough and place another sheet of parchment over the top. Roll dough to an even 4-inch thickness. Use a 2-inch cutter to cut out cookies; transfer them to baking sheets, about 1 inch apart.

Re-roll dough as necessary to cut out cookies until dough is used up. Freeze cookies on pan for 10 minutes.

Bake cookies, rotating pans halfway through, until light golden brown on the edges, about 15 minutes. Cool on pan for 10 minutes before transferring to rack to cool completely. Store in an airtight container for up to five days.

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2. Donate in someone's name

Many people make donations to nonprofits during the holiday season, but this generosity can also turn into a great gift idea. Whether you're shopping for someone and it seems impossible to find the right gift, or the person seems to have it all, a charitable donation made in the recipient's name is sure to bring a smile during the holidays. If you know the person's favorite charity, visit its website and decide on the amount you want to donate. Most charities allow you to print a certificate or card with the person's name and a personal message about the donation, so you can put a gift under the tree. If you don't know the person's favorite charity, think of his or her interests and conduct an Internet search. Pet lover? Search for nonprofit pet organizations in the recipient's area. Military vet? Look for charitable organization for military families and soldiers.

3. Green gifts that give back

If you or those on your gift list are ecominded, consider a gift with an environmental theme. A simple yet meaningful gift is to plant a tree in honor of someone. Care for the tree and watch it grow year after year as the holiday season approaches. If your eco-friendly giftee loves to cook, gifting a share in community supported agriculture



(CSA) is a unique idea. A growing trend, CSA means a local farm delivers a set amount of seasonal produce to a household for a specific number of weeks. It's a great way to source foods locally and the recipient will get to try a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables throughout the season.

From an ornament that helps sick children get better to planting a tree that grows bigger each year, gifts with meaning will be remembered well beyond the end of December and are a win-win your recipient feels great about receiving a meaningful present and you feel good about putting your shopping dollars toward something with positive influence. Saint Nick is sure to approve.

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Always remember to visit pet adoption groups and rescue leagues to find a new

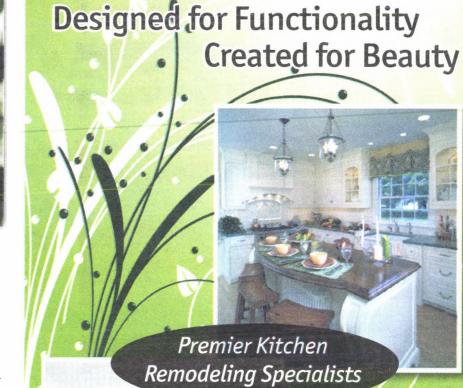
- **6. Pretty as a picture**. Consider giving your favorite animal-lover and their pets the gift of a professional photo session.
- 7. Michigan-made products. As they say, Keep It In The Mitt! There are some great Michigan companies that make pet products. I am a big fan of Troy's Treats. (248) 688-4530, they are locally made with Michigan products and Darwin, my dog, says they are great. Visit www. michigan-made/pets/ or http://www.mimade.com/category/Pets to be inspired by other Michigan-made products.
- **8. Toys.** We can't forget that we all need to have a little fun. Laser pointers for cats and mechanical mice encourage exercise and these toys keep their minds nimble. Be sure dog toys are sturdy and not easily destroyed. Remember, rawhide toys and other "food-related" toys,

are not appropriate for pets with food allergies

- 9. Buckle Up. Using dog seat belts will help prevent injuries that might land you and your dog in the emergency room. Also, be sure cats are secured in a crate to limit injuries in a car accident.
- 10. Finally, give the gift of wellness. Every pet owner would appreciate a gift certificate for pet care at their preferred veterinary hospital. Preventative medical care will help keep everyone happy and healthy

Have a peaceful and happy New Year.

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Being your own barista lets you customize your morning latte - and save money. Here are some tips and latte recipes to help you get the day off to a great start.

Tips for Steaming Milk

- Always start with cold milk.
- If using a steam wand, experiment with the depth of the wand and how close it is to the edge of the milk container. Where you place the wand affects the milk's texture.
- It takes practice to get an even texture, so be patient and enjoy your experiments.

If you don't have a steam wand or milk frother, you can steam milk on the stove top.

- Put cold milk in a sauce pan making sure there's room for the foam.
- Put the stove burner on low heat. (If vou're using an electric stove, heat the element before putting the pan on it.)
- Whisk the milk. Whisk faster as the milk heats.
- Don't let the milk boil.
- Once you have enough foam, remove the pan from heat.

Create a Custom Latte

You can find flavored syrups at many grocery stores. Use a shot glass measuring cup marked with ounces to help you get just the right amount of syrup.

You can also find great flavors in your spice cabinet. Try cinnamon, nutmeg, and even pumpkin pie spice in your latte.

For a really decadent finish that won't add fat, top your latte with a little nonfat whipped topping and a sprinkle of cocoa powder.

You can find more tips and recipes for lattes and other coffee drinks at www. MilkMustache.com.

Latte Love

Makes 1 serving, 8 ounces of milk per serving

- 1 ounce sugar-free chocolate sauce
- ½ ounce sugar-free peppermint syrup
- 1 cup fat free milk
- 2 shots espresso or ½ cup strong brewed coffee

Combine chilled espresso or coffee, milk and syrups in a tall glass filled with ice and stir well.

Nutrition: 140 calories; 0 g fat; 0 g saturated fat; 5 mg cholesterol; 8 g protein; 25 g carbohydrates; 0 g fiber; 140 mg sodium; 300 mg calcium (30% of daily value)

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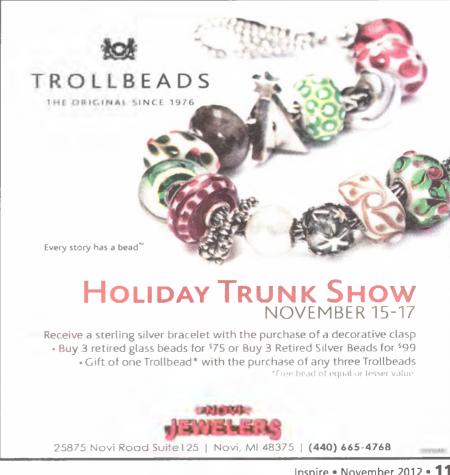
Makes 1 serving, 8 ounces of milk per serving

- 1 ounce sugar-free hazelnut syrup
- 1 cup fat free milk
- 2 shots espresso or 1/2 cup strong brewed coffee

Steam milk and syrup together. Pour heated, flavored milk into a mug and add brewed espresso or coffee. Spoon a thin layer of foamed milk over beverage.

Nutrition: 80 calories; 0 g fat; 0 g saturated fat; 5 mg cholesterol; 8 g protein; 12 g carbohydrates; 0 g fiber; 130 mg sodium; 300 mg calcium (30% of daily value)





Sudoku

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

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The sleek lines of this stylish gas wall fireplace work well with this home's modern design. It is available at American Fireplace in Ferndale.

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report indicating that fireplaces were not only the No. 1 non-necessity features desired in a home; they also ranked No. 2 on the list.

"A fireplace is first on everyone's wish list and it is also second. Everyone wants a two-car garage and an island kitchen and now they want a second fireplace. It

is really amazing," Brown said.
"This is a way of people adding to their lives," he said.

Add value

Fireplaces add more than just flickering warmth to your home: they can also add to your home's value. According to the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C., Realtors estimate that a fireplace can add greatly to the value of a house.

"Not only can they add value, fireplaces are features that retain their value and can add as much as \$5,000 or more to the sale price of your home," said Mike Scott of Glenn's Fireplace and Spa in Livonia.

"People love their fireplaces," said Dave Henry, manager of Town 'n' Country Hardware in Garden City.

There are three main values of fireplaces driving the trend, Henry main-

"Fireplaces provide a great entertainment value — there is a psychological aspect to it — people like being around an open fire. There is a heating value and there is the general value that adds to your home's worth," Henry said.

Do not despair if you do not already have a fireplace in your home, however.

Brown said that new advances in technology make adding a first or second fireplace both easy, affordable and fashionable.

Traditional wood-burning fireplaces were typically built in a rectangular fashion on the floor but new fireplaces can be long and linear and built higher on walls adding dramatic style to a room.

"We are installing fireplaces in a variety of settings from restaurants and libraries to hospitals and corporate headquarters and they all have their own unique look," Brown said.

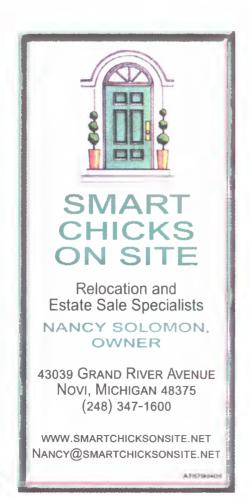
Sleek and modern in their design, new gas fireplaces closely mimic wood burning fires and can be placed just about anywhere inside or outside of your home, said Scott.

Features and benefits

"People are starting to become more aware of the benefits of fireplaces. They serve as a focal point for a room," Scott

In addition to adding a warm feel to a

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room, the new high-efficiency gas fireplaces and inserts for wood-burning fireplaces can also serve as a secondary source of heat.

Scott said he believes that a rising consciousness of energy costs has also contributed to renewed interest in fireplac-

High-efficiency gas fireplaces and inserts can produce a good deal of heat for a room while minimizing the heat

If you have a traditional wood-burning fireplace and wish to minimize your heating costs and maximize warmth, you may want to consider converting to gas with a high-efficiency gas insert or vent-free gas logs, Scott said.

There are three main categories of gas fireplaces: regular vent, direct vent and vent-free, Brown explained. They can be new installations or in wood-burning fireplace conversions.

All three provide the requisite ambiance but vary on the amount of heat efficiency. The regular and direct vent fireplaces and inserts require a gas line while the vent-free fireplaces and inserts can be installed almost anywhere, he said.

New products

"With a vent-free gas fireplace, you have the damper closed so all of the heat is going out into the room. With the new gas fireplaces there can be a powerful blower that is pushing the warm air out from the fireplace and into the room and giving heat," Brown said. "If you are in need of heat and seeking 100 percent efficiency, you will want to go the ventfree route. It is the least expensive."

Adding high-efficiency sealed glass doors to a wood-burning fireplace is also an effective way of minimizing heat loss from the fireplace.

"The sealed glass doors can help prevent heat from being lost through your chimney but also still throws heat into your room," said Scott.

There are other pluses and minuses to each type of fireplace, and preference depends on the individual, said Scott.

Gas fireplaces eliminate the need for messy wood logs but may feel less "authentic" to some, Scott said, although with some of the newer fireplaces are so advanced it is hard to tell the difference.

"The new gas logs have gotten so real looking, no one knows that they are not



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real wood," Scott said.

Asking a qualified professional tor recommend what type of fireplaces best suits your needs, Brown said.

For Gina Sloan of Plymouth, lighting the first fire of the season is something she anticipates all year long.

"When the air starts to get cooler I start to look forward to starting a fire in the fireplace," she said.

Like many other homeowners, Sloan is considering adding an outdoor fireplace to her backyard patio as well.

Adding an outdoor fireplace can extend the life of an outdoor entertaining space,

"There is definitely an uptick in outdoor fireplaces and fire pit sales as

well. You can put them anywhere you can think of," he said, "People really like their fireplaces and want to be able to enjoy them whenever they can. Man's love affair with fire began the minute it was discovered and it is definitely continuing."

To learn more or visit the local showrooms mentioned in this story go to American Fireplace, 10662 Northend Ave., Ferndale, (248) 547-6777 or www.americanfireplace. net; Glenn's Fireplace, Spa and Billiards, 11211 Wayne Road, Livonia, (734) 367-6600 or www.glennsfireplaceandspa.com; or Town 'n' Country Hardware, 27740 Ford Road, Garden City, (734) 422-2750 or www.etwnncountry.





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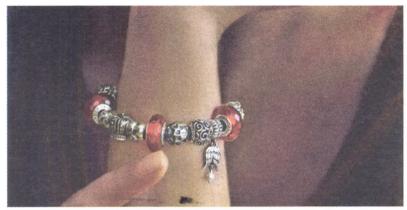
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