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There is no fee for MLP families to have a table. Tables will be provided, but space is limited. This is an opportunity for MLP players to show that, in addition to being a great baseball player, they have many other talents. This is also an opportunity to support MLP families who may have a home business. This fair is part of the Chocolate & Wine Celebration on March 7 and the March Exhibit at the PCAC.

For information, e-mail [info@miracleleagueplymouth.org](mailto:info@miracleleagueplymouth.org).

**Boogie woogie**

Attorney turned "Michigan's best" in boogie-woogie piano Matthew Ball will perform at the Plymouth District Library Sunday, March 10, at 3 p.m. Hall has drawn more than 2.1 million youtube views of his past performance and at-home video footage. Among his songs are classics such as *Swanee River*, *Over the Rainbow*, *Deep in the Heart of Texas*, *Bumble Boogie* and more.

Admission is free for this program, which is expected to last 60 minutes. The Plymouth District Library is located at 223 S. Main in Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 453-0750.

**Movie time**

O&E Media, in partnership with MJR Theaters, is sponsoring the Westland MJR Children's Spring Film Festival.

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- Feb. 24 — "Frankenweenie"; March 2-3 — "Wreck It Ralph"; March 9-10 — "Hotel Transylvania"; and March 16-17 — "Rise of the Guardians."

Check at [www.mjrateatres.com/loc\\_westland.asp](http://www.mjrateatres.com/loc_westland.asp) or call (734) 298-2657 for show times. The MJR Westland is located at 6800 N. Wayne Road in Westland.

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**Colbeck ranked as state's most conservative senator**

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

Patrick Colbeck, a Republican who represents Plymouth and Plymouth Township in the Michigan Senate, is the state's most conservative senator, according to the latest ranking from the Michigan Information & Research Service.

Kyle Melinn, a co-owner of MIRS and its news editor, talked about the conservative-to-liberal rankings Thursday during a meeting of the Plymouth Democratic Club.



Colbeck

Melinn said MIRS analyzed 36 Legislature votes in coming up with the list, and that Colbeck voted with what would be considered the conservative side on 35 of those,

more than any of the other 37 state senators. Colbeck's 7th District also includes Canton Township.

Kurt Heise, a Republican who represents Plymouth, Plymouth



Heise

Township and part of Canton in the state House of Representatives, was put in the middle of the ranking among Michigan's 59 Republican House members.

**Just a reflection**

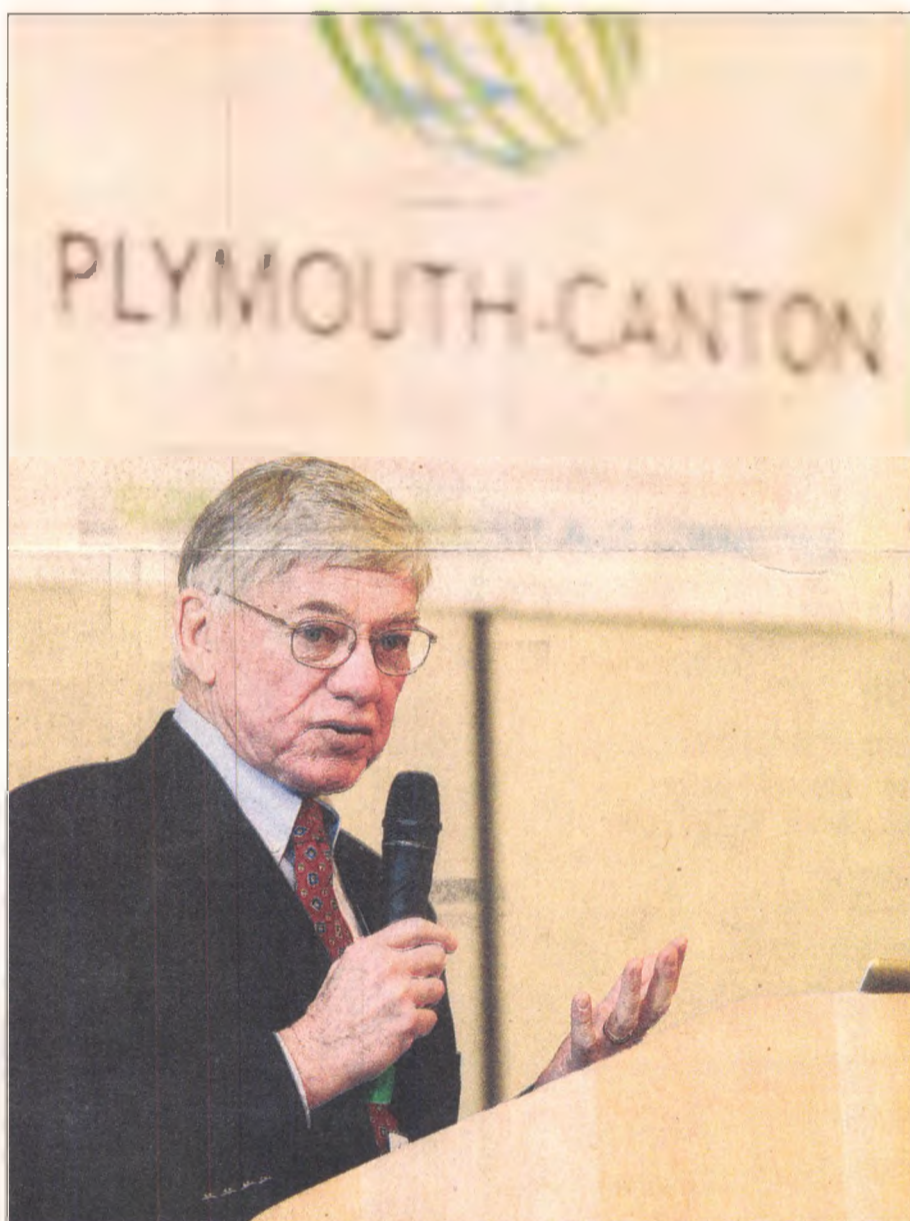
Colbeck, elected to a four-year term in 2010, on Friday embraced the title but also seemed to shrug

it off.

"I don't have any problem with that moniker at all," Colbeck said of the "most conservative" label. "Really, it's just a reflection that I'm doing what I said I was going to do when I was elected."

Colbeck said it would be "refreshing for my constituents, in the context of what's going on at the federal level, to know they've got somebody at the state level who is upholding conservative

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Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Superintendent of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, speaks on the State of the District to a joint gathering of the Plymouth and Canton Chambers of Commerce.

**Chambers highlight school programs**

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

With a captive audience of a couple of hundred people, Dr. Jeremy Hughes had a chance to extol the virtues of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools at a dual-chamber of commerce event Wednesday.

And the district's superintendent took full advantage. Scarcely mentioning the May 7 election in which the district seeks approval of \$114.4 million in bonds, Hughes talked about advancements and developments at the elementary, middle and high school levels — including the establishment of three new academies at the three-school Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"Our high school program is the best college preparatory program in the state — bar none," said Hughes, who was appointed interim superintendent in 2011. "The enormously broad and deep program we offer is unparalleled as a college prep program."

He made the proclamation while explaining the three academies — international, arts and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) — opened in the fall.

**AP prowess**

He also pointed out Plymouth-Canton was one of only five districts honored by The College Board for its AP program, and the fact the two students per state honored by The College Board for their AP prowess came from Plymouth-Canton, the first time in history the two students honored in one state came from the same district.

Hughes pointed out some 1,500 students were taking some 2,100 AP courses this year, and that at one time or another some 40 percent of the high school population had taken either an AP or honors course.

Hughes also told the crowd about the district's first elementary school open house, held last week at Hoben Ele-

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**City OKs 2013 plan for block grant**

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

Public facilities in Plymouth could be upgraded and the transportation program for senior citizens given a subsidy under city officials' plan for the federal dollars expected to arrive this summer.

The Plymouth City Commission on Monday approved, with a voice vote, plans for an anticipated \$56,000 in Community Development Block Grant money. Some \$39,740 was put toward building improvements, \$10,640 was slated for senior transportation and \$5,600 put toward administration of those pro-

grams.

The CDBG program, designed to help low- to moderate-income groups, including senior citizens and disabled people, is run by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and overseen locally by Wayne County's community development department. The city's plan will be sent to county officials for their approval and forwarded to HUD; John Buzuvis, the city's grant-writer, said he expects final approvals by early summer. The next CDBG funding period begins in July.

Buzuvis said a list of

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**State Dem battle stages last fight in Plymouth**

By Matt Jachman  
Staff Writer

The battle over the leadership of the Michigan Democratic Party came to Plymouth Thursday as chairman Mark Brewer and challenger Lon Johnson made 11th-hour pitches to the Plymouth Democratic Club.

Their appeals in the heated chairmanship battle were just ahead of Saturday's state party convention at Detroit's Cobo Center, where thousands of delegates will choose between them. Results were not available at press time.

While Brewer, the chairman for 18 years, suggested critics have distorted his record, and a club member pleaded for unity, Johnson was complimentary toward Brewer but said the state party needs a new direction. The two spoke to about 60 club members at the Plymouth District Library.

Brewer, 57, of Lansing,



Johnson



Brewer

stressed experience, saying the chairmanship calls for someone who can balance many different interests. It's not a job one can learn overnight, he said. "I've come up through the ranks,"

he said in explaining he started out as the first college intern for David Bonior, a former Macomb County Democratic congressman. "I've really devoted my life to the Democratic Party."

He touted his management of party finances, saying he erased a nearly

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## COLBECK

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principles.

Melinn also said Tea Party Republicans are the most dominant element in the state party, a contention with which Colbeck took issue.

Colbeck has strong Tea Party support and connections. "There's no doubt I have a very strong base in the Tea Party and I share those principles," he said.

Colbeck said what's important to him are individuals' views and the merits of a particular issue. The Tea Party element, he said, doesn't have a top-down structure and doesn't always speak with one voice.

"They're all kind of united around the principle of limited government" but don't necessarily make up "a big voting bloc," he said.

Melinn said the state Tea Party faction is vocal and

likes to position itself as anti-establishment. But "their bark's worse than their bite," he said, because they can't win on a state-wide basis.

### Voters' views

Colbeck disagreed somewhat.

"The 2010 election was a significant indication that the needle moved substantially in favor of Tea Party principles," he said. Republicans won the state Senate, the governorship and the Michigan House of Representatives, wresting the latter two from Democratic control, in that election.

Heise, a second-term representative, said rankings such as the one MIRS came out with often hinge on the types of questions the analysts ask or the types of legislative votes they study.

"The media tends to be probably a little more balanced as far as what bills they pick," he said, draw-

ing a distinction between MIRS and interest-group rankings. He noted he has a high ranking from the American Conservative Union but a low one from a libertarian organization.

Heise said he tries to reflect voters' views as much as possible, and that his 20th House District is "basically a center-right district," with both he and Mitt Romney, the GOP presidential candidate, winning the district in November.

"I like to say I'm a conservative, that basically I have a conservative outlook, but it's also pragmatic enough to take into account the realities of Michigan," Heise said.

MIRS, designed for political insiders, journalists and the business and legal communities, is a major source of state political information and analysis.

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## Plymouth native earns Army award

HEIDELBERG, Germany – U.S. Army Capt. James Perkins, a native of Plymouth, received the 2012 USAREUR-level Gen. Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award ceremony here Feb. 21.

Perkins was nominated while serving as a commander for A Company, 2nd Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, 172nd Separate Infantry Brigade out of Grafenwoehr, Germany.

The GDMLA program was introduced in 1987 to recognize company-grade and junior warrant officers who demonstrate MacArthur's ideals of "Duty, Honor, Country," and have a proven record of extraordinary performance, leadership and achievement.

"There was a lot of hard work by a lot of great soldiers and non-commissioned officers that has gotten me to this point ... Mentorship from my entire chain of command along the way," Perkins said. "So I am very thankful for everyone who has helped me to this point."

The winners will move forward to Washington, D.C., to compete against junior leaders from other major Army commands, where only 25 officers and three warrant officers in the active, National Guard and Reserve components across the Army will receive the award.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. BROOKS FLETCHER, U.S. ARMY EUROPE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

U.S. Army Europe Commanding General, Lt. Gen. Donald Campbell, stands with USAREUR-level Gen. Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award recipient Capt. James Perkins, a native of Plymouth, during a ceremony Feb. 21.

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\$1 million debt he inherited in 1993 and has "wrung every advantage and efficiency we can out of the state party's money."

Brewer said he has three priorities for the party: to duplicate in state races the methods of President Barack Obama's successful 2012 Michigan campaign, which won by 9 percentage points over Republican challenger Mitt Romney; to nominate 2014 state Democratic candidates earlier in order to give them more time to campaign for the general election; and to push back on the once-a-decade redistricting process that Democrats say has given Republicans an unfair advantage in legislative districts.

"We need another reform effort," to combat

"gerrymandering," Brewer said. "Get this problem out of the Legislature." He called for the establishment of an independent commission to oversee redistricting.

Johnson, 41, of Kalkaska said the party needs replicate its success at the federal level, where Michigan has two Democratic senators and voted convincingly for Obama last year, at the state level. Both the governorship and both houses of the state Legislature are currently in Republican hands.

### Democratic state

"When we give no quarter, the numbers will move in our direction. This is a Democratic state," he said.

Johnson portrayed himself as an energetic leader and said he would aim to double the state party's \$1.5 million operating budget.

"We've got to start work-

ing harder, faster and smarter than our opponents," he said.

Johnson said his priorities would include better targeting of voters, greater use of technology and social media to engage voters, and recruiting more African American, Hispanic and women candidates.

Brewer defended his record on using new technology, saying Michigan Democrats are among the best in the nation at it.

Johnson ran unsuccessfully for the state House of Representatives last year, garnering 47 percent of the vote. He said he has "nothing but respect" for Brewer, who helped with his campaign.

"He was there every step of the way for me, but we've got to do more," he said.

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In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the

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

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### MASTERING MEDITATION

**Date/Time:** Saturdays, March 9, 16 and 23, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

**Location:** The Center - Massage, Yoga Wellness Studio, 1200 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth

**Details:** Dr. Kapila Castoldi offers a free introductory series on mastering meditation. Topics include concentration, relaxation and meditation techniques; creating a meditative lifestyle; self-awareness through meditation. Castoldi has studied meditation under the guidance of Indian spiritual teacher Sri Chinmoy for 27 years. It is offered free of charge by the Sri Chinmoy Centre of Ann Arbor as a community service.

**Contact:** For information call (734) 994-7114.

### PROJECT GRADUATION

**Date/Time:** Saturday, March 9, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Location:** Canton High School Cafeteria, 8415 N. Canton Center in Canton

**Details:** The Senior Graduation Party Committee sponsors Project Graduation, a vendor show designed to be the marketplace for all graduation party and gift needs. Attendees will be able to sample foods from caterers and bakers and arrange party rentals such as tents, tables and chairs, outdoor bounce rentals, slushy and popcorn machines, etc. There will also be "gift" vendors such as Tastefully Simple, Scenesty, Tupperware, jewelry and also formal dress and Tuxedo shops for Prom. Admission is free.

### MOM TO MOM SALE

**Date/Time:** March 9, 9:30

a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**Location:** Bentley Elementary School, 1100 S Sheldon Rd, Canton

**Details:** All proceeds to benefit Bentley Elementary School and the PTO. At the sale there will be 50 tables, as well as large items such as strollers, pack and plays, and exersaucers. There is a \$1 entry fee; strollers are welcome after 11 a.m.

**Contact:** Email Christine at rcwegryn@gmail.com

### WINE EVENT

**Date/Time:** Friday, March 8, 7-11 p.m.

**Location:** Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center

**Details:** The third annual Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Educational Excellence Foundation Wine Tasting Event is set. Tickets are \$40 per person and include wine tasting & strolling dinner. Tickets are available at all Busch's Fresh Food Market locations and Showroom of Elegance on Canton Center Road in Canton. There will be more than 60 varieties of wine from around the world and Michigan based Craft beers. Pouring takes place from 7-9:30 p.m.

Proceeds will be used to fund teacher grants in Plymouth-Canton classrooms. There will be a silent auction at the event and currently a live web-based auction is taking place. The most unique and exciting items are \$1,000 and \$2,000 certificates toward the purchase of a new car at one of seven local participating dealerships including Atchinson Ford, Lou LaRiche Chevrolet, Jack Demmer Ford, Victory Honda, Dick Scott Chrysler-Jeep-Dodge-Ram, Tennyson Chevrolet and Hines Park Lincoln. You can view all the available items and purchase tickets online at WWW.PCCSEEF.COM

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## SCHOOLS

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mentary School. The event drew some 500 people (only about 200 were expected) and ended, according to school officials, with the registration of some 300 new kindergarten students.

He also pointed out the district expanded the Talented and Gifted program with 150 new students, including "30 who had been attending school elsewhere." The district also introduced world language courses at the fifth-grade level, with plans to add them at lower grades, and added Young 5s and half-day kindergarten classrooms while switching the district to an all-day kindergarten plan in accordance with state funding rules.

### Low budget

At the middle school level, he said, the district plans to make it easier for students to earn high school credits in both language arts and science (middle school kids can already earn high school credits in math).

And it was all done, Hughes said,



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Wednesday's event presented by the Plymouth and Canton chambers of commerce drew a big crowd to Plymouth High School.

with a per-pupil funding number (\$7,130 per student) that is fourth lowest among Wayne County's 34 school districts.

"We are on the verge of a new era of excellence," Hughes said. "We are close to becoming something even greater than we already are."

The event was hosted by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and the Canton Chamber of Commerce. The school superintendent presentation is generally part of each cham-

ber's "state of the community" event, but with so much happening recently within the district, chamber officials felt it warranted a separate event.

"It gave us a chance to focus in a bigger way on the positive things the district does," said Wes Graff, executive director of the Plymouth chamber. "It gave us a chance to highlight the district at a time when it's really evolving."

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## GRANT

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building needs eligible for CDBG money will be drawn up and prioritized. In the past, he said, the city has used block-grant money to install wheelchair-accessible doors at City Hall and the Cultural Center, plus for floor replacement, mechanical upgrades and roof repairs at Tonquish Creek Manor, the city-run apartment complex for senior citizens.

Buzuvis said the \$10,640 transportation allocation would go toward the roughly \$70,000 the city budgets for Plymouth Community Senior Transportation, the bus service shared with Plymouth Township. With CDBG funding falling off in recent years, Buzuvis said block-grant money that can be put toward senior transportation has also been cut. The CDBG contribution to the program was about \$30,000 six years ago, he said.

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Thanks to the success of those ships, Royal Caribbean has been introducing Oasis-class innovations and popular dining options across its fleet. In May, Brilliance of the Seas will emerge from a makeover that will add an outdoor movie screen, refreshed staterooms, updated bars and lounges, and new complimentary and specialty restaurants like Izumi Asian Cuisine and the Park Café, among other new features. Navigator of the Seas will receive similar enhancements this year.

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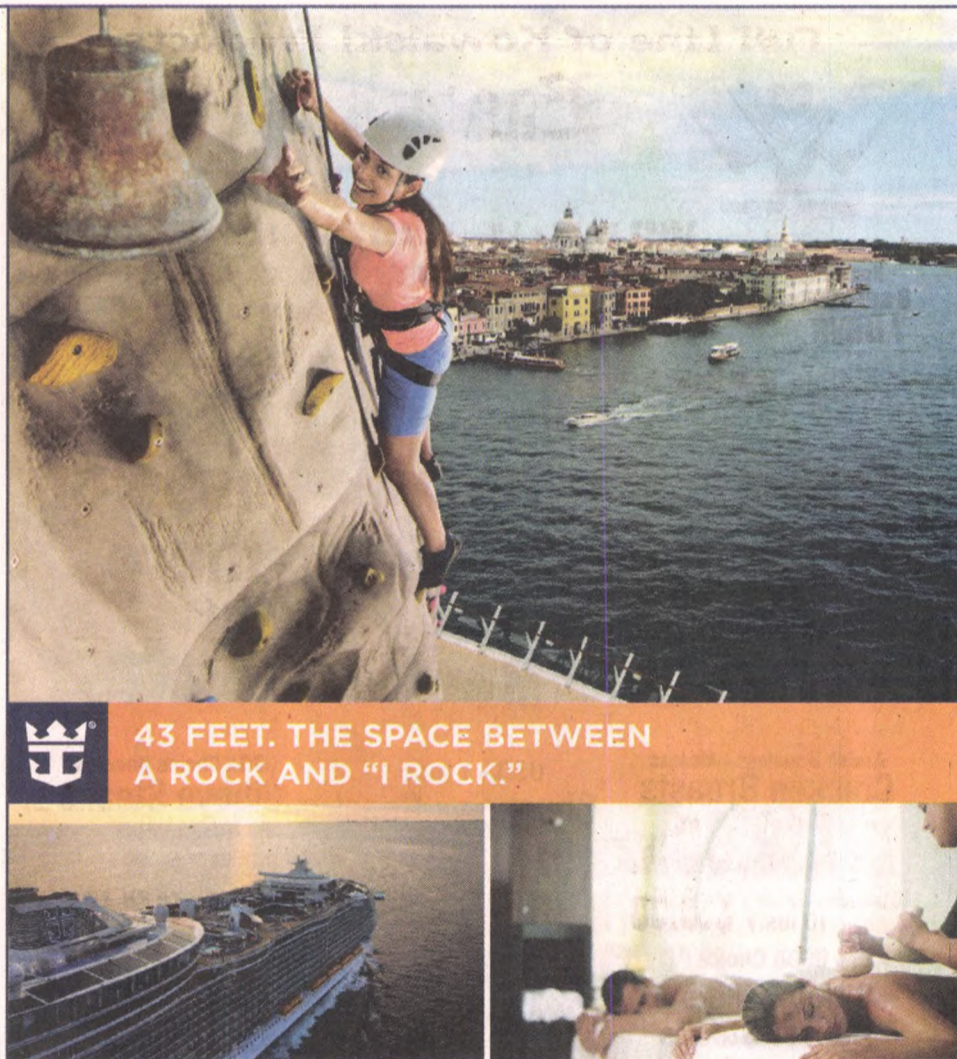
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## Board interviews school hopefuls

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

The public this week gets its first look at the four men chosen as finalists to be the next superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Schools.

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education will interview the four men Monday and Tuesday as they move toward their hoped-for deadline of choosing a new superintendent by May.

Ray & Associates, hired in October to lead the district's search, brought 10 names to the board, and trustees narrowed it to the five who will be interviewed. However, candidate Rick Mills, the chief executive officer of Minneapolis Public Schools, Minneapolis, Minn., dropped out after accepting another position.

The interviews are scheduled to last about two

hours, and will be conducted in the board meeting room at the E.J. McClelland Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, in Plymouth. The interviews are open to the public under the Open Meetings Act. The finalists and their interview times:

- Michael Meissen, Monday, Feb. 25, 5 p.m. Meissen is supervisor of school improvement and student achievement for Milwaukee Public Schools in Milwaukee, Wis.

- Christopher Timmis, Monday, Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m. Timmis is superintendent of Adrian Public Schools and one of only two Michigan candidates in the field.

- Brodie Killian, Tuesday, 5 p.m. Killian is Plymouth-Canton's current executive director of business services, and the only other Michigan candidate.

- Curtis Cain, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Cain is associate superintendent for educational services in the Shawnee Mission School District in Overland Park, Kan.

John Barrett, president of Plymouth-Canton's Board of Education, said board members "were impressed" with the field of 10 candidates brought forth by Ray & Associates.

"We were also impressed with the system they used to help us narrow it down," Barrett said. "We were happy with the depth of experience in districts at all levels. Many of (the candidates) had experience at all levels of administration. They had good reviews from the people who worked with them."

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## AP honors



Canton High School senior Angela Sun accepts the congratulations of Board of Education President John Barrett after being honored with the district's Stars Award at a recent board meeting. Sun and 2012 Plymouth High School graduate Todd Maslyk were chosen by Advanced Placement to receive its State AP Scholar Award. Advanced Placement honors two students in each state, and this year — for the first time — both of those students were from the same district. Maslyk couldn't make the meeting. The College Board confers this distinction on these student with scores of 3 or higher on the greatest number of AP Exams, and then the highest average score (at least 3.5) on all AP Exams taken.

## POUR THE WINE

**What:** Educational Excellence Foundation Wine Tasting

**When:** Friday, March 8, 7-11 p.m.

**Where:** Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth Township

**Why:** Proceeds go to the EEF and help fund classroom grants

**Cost:** Tickets are \$40 per person and include wine tasting & strolling dinner. Tickets are available at all Busch's Fresh Food Market locations and Showroom of Elegance on Canton Center Road in Canton.

## EEF set for annual wine tasting

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

The third Annual Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Educational Excellence Foundation Wine Tasting Event is coming up, and organizers are confident they'll be able to add to the more than \$300,000 they've funded in innovative classroom projects at every school and grade level in the district.

This year's event takes place Friday, March 8, from 7-11 p.m. at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center.

Proceeds will be used to fund teacher grants in Plymouth-Canton classrooms. Organizers have learned good lessons from the first two events.

"We learned a lot," said EEF executive director Carole Kody. "We had fabulous donations from businesses. These items proved

to be very popular."

This year's event features a silent auction at the event, with a live, web-based auction taking place now.

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## Deadline nears for Kroger contest

Students in grades 4-12 enrolled in Michigan schools still have an opportunity to enter Kroger's sixth annual "I Can Make History" contest for a chance to win more than \$67,000 in scholarships and other prizes.

The contest is in honor of Black History Month and aims to encourage children to use their talents and imaginations to identify ways they can make their own communities better and relate their thoughts Black History month. All entries must be submitted by Thursday, Feb. 28, at 5 p.m. Entries may be submitted to the following address: I Can Make History, c/o CBS Radio, 26495 American Drive, Southfield, MI 48034.

Students are invited to submit their original work in one of four categories: art, essay, music and poetry. Contest details and forms available at Kroger stores and [www.icanmakehistory.com](http://www.icanmakehistory.com). Students winners will be honored during Kroger's annual I Can Make History Awards Luncheon on Saturday, April 13, at The Henry Ford in Dearborn.

## Canton bartender tries for world title

The T.G.I. Friday's annual World Bartender Championship is going to have a Canton flavor.

Canton resident Andy Hool, who has tended bar at the Canton restaurant nearly five years, will be among the 10 finalists vying for the title of "World's Best Bartender" in March 6 in Dallas.

Hool took home top regional and divisional titles for the Canton region in the fall and will now showcase his bottle-wielding and recipe crafting skills for a panel of judges who will crown the champion based on knowledge of the bar, flavor of the drinks and "flairtending" skills.

Friends, family and fans of the finalists can show their support by voting for their favorite bartender on the World Bartender Championship site ([www.worldbtc.com/finalists](http://www.worldbtc.com/finalists)) through Wednesday, Feb. 27.



Bartender Andy Hool of Canton competes in T.G.I. Friday's annual World Bartender Championship March 6 in Dalls. Canton supporters can voting for him at [www.worldbtc.com/finalists](http://www.worldbtc.com/finalists) through Wednesday, Feb. 27.

## Council offers hospice series

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging & Hospice of Michigan present a series of workshops designed to teach participants everything they wanted to know about hospice, but were afraid to ask.

"Hospice 101" is an informative presentation designed to answer questions such as what hospice is, what services hospice provides, who can receive hospice care, where hospice services are provided and who pays for hospice care.

Classes in the series include:  
• "Caring for the Caregiver, noon, Thursday, March 21 — This talk will walk you through the caregiver kit that Hospice of Michigan has developed. This kit will offer caregivers practical suggestions, tool and resources to assist them with caregiving.

• "Have You Had the Talk?" noon, Thursday, April 4 — This talk will walk you through the Have You Had the Talk kit that Hospice of Michigan has developed. This kit offer worksheets, tools and resources to assist you should you ever needed to rely on someone else for your medical care and decision making. The best time to plan and prepare is when there is no emergency, no crisis, no scrambling.

• "Except for Six," noon, Thursday, April 25 — Hospice of Michigan documentary film called, "Except for Six." This one-hour film takes a subject most of us would rather ignore and humanizes it. It is a reflection on the time of a person's life that everyone must eventually deal with — the end of it.

The workshops will be held at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth. To RSVP, call (734) 455-1234, Ext. 236.

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### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, March 7, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following:

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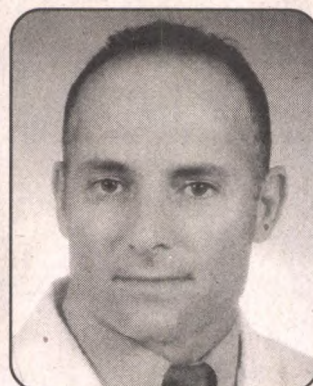
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# Sponsors boost arts fundraiser

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

A shift in marketing strategy has earned the Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities an extra \$7,500 as it prepares for its March 2 fundraiser featuring the popular Steve King and the Dittilies.

The Partnership acquired the extra revenue by, for the first time, selling sponsorships to its biggest fundraiser.

"This gives us a chance to really get some additional funding for the arts in the community," said Jill Breen Engel, the partnership's executive director. "The people who have signed on as sponsors are people who believe in doing this."

The fundraiser is set for 7 p.m. at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, with sample appetizers and desserts provided by Antonio's Cucina Italiana, Hayden's Grill & Bar and Panache 447. Other promotions come from Showroom of Elegance and Indigo Salon & Day Spa.

"The arts provide the opportunity for the community to get together and share common interests," said Anthony Rugiero, president of Antonio's Cucina Italiana. "It's important that businesses and the arts work together toward a common goal."

Showroom of Elegance owner Linda Robin is a familiar face at a host of community events. Robin called the arts a "vital part of the community."

"Showroom of Elegance is proud to be part of the partnership benefit," Robin said. "It helps us to better connect with the people of the community and lets them know we want to be part of the growth and vibrancy the community has to offer."



having Steve King and the Dittilies make a return trip to the Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities March 2 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Other businesses have come on board financially as sponsors. Gil-Mar Manufacturing is the event's entertainment sponsor, while Pinnacle Homes is sponsoring advertising, Beztak Properties, Blackwell Ford, MSA Delivery Service and Reliable Carriers are all event sponsors.

Program sponsors are Ashley Capital, Plante Moran and Poco, while Kennedy Nemier Insurance Agency is the reception sponsor.

"Arts are vital to express and showcase diversity, creativity and self expression," said Melissa Huetter of Indigo Salon. "These are all areas that open a forum and create an opportunity for communities and residents to unite and share their different backgrounds, different ethnicities, cultures and different skill sets among many other aspects of individualism that not only makes each person unique but also that which makes us all one."

Steve King is making a return engagement for the fundraiser,

headlined it last year.

"I'm honored to be playing at the Village Theater because as a performer I appreciate a venue that in its design shows a respect for the arts," King said. "To be able to perform in such a beautiful venue with an appreciative audience is a joy."

With the sponsorships and a full house, Engel expects the fundraiser could raise as much as \$10,000.

"Sponsorships and local contributions are vital for us to keep our community programs thriving," she said. "We are currently seeking sponsors for our next event, which is Canton's 3rd annual Acts of Culture week. This week-long event showcases all of the different cultures in our community."

Businesses can get involved by contacting the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities at (734) 765-7061 or through its website at [www.partnershipforarts.org](http://www.partnershipforarts.org).

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# Retailer fees for using charge cards are now legal

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

**Q:** Dear Rick: Our daughter goes to school out of state. She generally charges her living expenses on my charge card. When I was matching the bills with the charge card statement, I noticed there was a discrepancy in one of the bills. I contacted the charge card company and they told me the difference was a surcharge put on by the retailer. I thought that was illegal, but the charge card company told me that it was allowed. It wasn't a lot of money, but it was the principle. Is it legal and, if it is not, as I suspect, what should I do?

**A:** I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but the charge card company was correct in telling you that the retailer is allowed to charge a processing fee. Prior to this year, it was not allowed. However, there was a lawsuit between retailers, banks and the charge card companies that resulted in a settlement. The settlement between the parties provides that retailers can pass on the cost of processing charge card transactions directly to their customers.

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Rick Bloom

use your charge card, the retailer pays a fee to the charge card company. This fee generally ranges between 1 and 4 per-

cent. In order to accomplish this, retailers do have to follow a number of different rules, including guidelines regarding proper disclosure. The bottom line, it appears in your daughter's situation the charge is legal.

New fees have become very common. As consumers, there are some fees that we cannot avoid, but others that we can. For example, in the case of retailers charging to process a charge card, you can choose to use a different retailer. Not all retailers are going to charge the fee. Therefore, if you use a retailer that charges a fee, you should let them know that you're going to take your business elsewhere. The one way that consumers can fight back is to do their shopping elsewhere.

The same applies with banks. Banks have been very creative in charging all sorts of new fees. However, there are financial institutions — such as credit unions — that are more consumer friendly. I know that no one likes to make changes because they are usually a hassle, however, it is sometimes worth the hassle to protect your bottom line.

One reason why fees have become so popular is because businesses believe that most people ignore the fees. When a bank charges five dollars here or there, most people just ignore it. If you and I paid closer attention to fees and were not afraid to make changes, companies would be leery about introducing new fees. The bottom line — the more proactive we are, the more money that will end up in our pockets and that is exactly where it belongs.

Good luck!

**Rick Bloom** is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com). If you would like Bloom to respond to your questions, please email him at [rick@bloomassetmanagement.com](mailto:rick@bloomassetmanagement.com).

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Canton Newcomers and Neighbors officials host what they're calling "the resale event of the year" featuring exclusive items for new moms and kids of all ages 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, May 11, at the Summit on the Parkway located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

This annual Mom2Mom Sale is hosted by the Canton Newcomers and Neighbors Club. Table sellers and local businesses are encouraged to contact Jessica at themiro-lands@yahoo.com.

Some 35 participants will host their own sale table of maternity clothes, children's clothes of all sizes, toys, video games, books and those bulky kids items that take up too much space at home. With the added "large item" sale area, there's plenty of room to sell everything kids.

Organizers say the

event guarantees a steady flow of buyers in a safe and affordable environment and provides "a perfect time for area moms to get rid of kids stuff and reclaim their own space." Cost is \$15 per eight-foot table and \$5 per rack space.

The Mom2Mom Sale also features a bonus area of local businesses that cater to moms and their families. Those spots are \$25 for businesses to take advantage of this special sale atmosphere. Traffic will be funneled to the 15 businesses via a special punch card that doubles as a raffle ticket.

Admission is \$1 per person age 13 and up and strollers are welcome. All proceeds benefit Canton's own Open Door Ministry Food Pantry. For more information about the club's social and charitable efforts, visit [cantonnewcomersandneighbors.org](http://cantonnewcomersandneighbors.org) or call (734) 981-0486.

## Heartland partners to serve seniors

Heartland Healthcare Center-Plymouth Court, a skilled nursing facility, specializing in post hospital care, partnered with the Plymouth Community Council on Aging to provide a remarkable Valentine's Day for the seniors in the community.

On Monday, Feb. 11, Heartland Plymouth Court sponsored the raffle gift basket and dessert table during Plymouth Community Council on Aging's Valentine's Day Program. The program featured entertainment and the extravagant dessert table was prepared by Heartland Plymouth Court's Hospitality Manager, Charles Poling. The program took place at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

"A big thanks to Heartland Plymouth Court for the lovely display of desserts and giveaways," said Bobbie Pummill, director of the Plymouth Community Council on Aging. "They are always so good to the Plymouth seniors. Everyone is still talking about the display."

Heartland Healthcare Center-Plymouth Court is located at 105 Haggerty Road in Plymouth and is a leader in post hospital care, specializing in physical, occupational



Food/nutrition director Charles Poling and admissions director Melissa Wolfe of Heartland Healthcare Center-Plymouth Court helped local seniors enjoy a special Valentine's Day.

and speech therapies. "It's an honor to be able to give back to the Plymouth community

who supports our center," said Melissa Wolfe, Heartland Plymouth Court Admissions Direc-

tor. To find out more, visit [www.hcr-manorcare.com/plymouthcourt](http://www.hcr-manorcare.com/plymouthcourt).

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### City of Plymouth, Michigan Public Notice of Determined Uses of 2013-2014 Community Development Block Grant Funds

Pursuant to Federal guidelines, the Plymouth City Commission, at the conclusion of the public hearing process on February 18, 2013 determined the following projects and respective funding levels for 2013-2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program:

- |  |                  |
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| 1. Senior Transportation Services  | \$ 10,640        |
| 2. ADA/Public Facilities Improvements<br>(all City owned Property and buildings) | \$ 39,760        |
| 3. Grant Administration  | \$ 5,600         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>\$ 56,000</b> |

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC  
City Clerk

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# Car buff aims for coveted Autorama award with custom street rod

By Joanne Maliszewski  
Staff Writer

Sorry. But car enthusiasts won't get an advance peek at the custom 1940 Ford convertible Bob Houchins of Farmington Hills will have ready as a contender for the prestigious Ridler Award at the upcoming Autorama in March.

Keeping it hidden is part of the Ridler Award rules. "It has to be fresh. It has to never been seen before and has to be a first-time show," Houchins said.

The Ford, which began its life more than 60 years ago, has been out of sight for some time as Gene Ledbetter of Complete Auto Restoration in Livonia and his crew have literally put elbow grease into the customization.

"This has been completely taken apart, bumper to bumper. My dad came up with the concept for the car," said Bob's son, David of Plymouth. "This is exactly as he envisioned it."

Although not much can be revealed about the auto just yet, spectators will likely fall in love with the customized Ford — just like Bob Houchins did decades ago.

"I used to play in it when I was a kid," Dave said. "That's how long my dad has had it."

### Jaw dropping

Houchins is counting on spectators' jaws dropping when his street rod

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is unveiled at the 61st annual Meguiar's Detroit Autorama on March 8-10 at the Cobo Center in Detroit.

The event will also be the Ridler Award's 50th anniversary. The award is the most coveted award in hot rodding.

For 50 years the award has been presented to the most outstanding new custom car, shown for the first time anywhere. Named after the first promoter of Detroit Autorama, Don Ridler, the Ridler Award is the calling card of the Detroit event, attracting the finest custom car builders in North America to unveil their vehicles for the first time at the show.

The Detroit Autorama is the largest and oldest show of customized cars,



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A delighted Bob Houchins of Farmington Hills at the wheel of his 1940 Ford customized street rod that he hopes nabs the prestigious Ridler Award at the annual Autorama in Detroit in March.



Bob Houchins of Farmington Hills at the wheel of his customized 1940 Ford that is still under wraps until revealed at the annual Autorama in Detroit in March.

trucks, vans, motorcycles and hot rods in North America, according to Autorama promoters.

The Houchins family will be joined by Farm-

ington Hills resident Art Silver and his son, Jim, of Troy. The duo will display their customized, red with white stripes 1969 Chevy Camaro Con-

vertible.

The Silvers' story will be showcased in the Sunday, March 2, edition of the *Farmington Observer*.

### Winning

Meanwhile, the Houchins family, with the help of the Complete Auto Restoration crew, are completing their car. They will know on the last day of the Autorama if they will walk away with the coveted Ridler Award.

Of 50 cars that will be considered for the award, eight finalists will be chosen. And then only one will drive away with the award.

Winning the Ridler

gives the owners and the car recognition, particularly in terms of the profitability if and when the car is sold, the Houchinses said.

"Everything has been touched on it," Dave said. That includes the engine, transmission, fenders, lights and the awfully beautiful interior that is out of a Ford Thunderbird. The custom street rod has a Chevy drive train, as well new head and rear lights that are what is called "Frenched."

The car also boasts a Carson chop top that allows the family to put the top on when the weather is bad.

Not much more about the customization can be revealed without cheating on a secret. But the Houchinses promise that car enthusiasts will fall in love.

So why put so much money and effort into redoing the 1940 Ford? "To be different. You won't see another car driving down the street like this one," Bob said.

### In sync

But this customization remains in sync with the 1950s and 1960s era. "This is what you see in magazines. This is true to that era," Dave said.

The 1940 Ford isn't Bob's first classic car. "He was born with a car in his hand," said his wife, Barb, who has been promised she will be the first to drive the custom street rod after the Autorama.

Over the years, Bob, who is a founding member of the Motor State Street Rods club and a retired electrician, has had a 1934 Chevy, a 1934 Ford pickup and a Model A roadster. But he always wanted a custom car.

Bob has never met the original owner of the car. But he ran into an owner who had it in the 1960s while in high school.

Bob's wife and kids can't remember when their garage housed an everyday car that the family drove. "This is my dad's hobby. It is a labor of love," Dave said.

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# Livonia to host 10th annual Tartan Day Ceilidh

The Scottish American Society of Michigan is set to host Michigan's 10th annual official statewide Tartan Day Ceilidh (pronounced Kay-Lee) 5:30-10 p.m. Saturday, April 6, at Monaghan's Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road, in Livonia.

This year's entertainment line up includes:

- The Alma College Pipe Band
- Michigan Scottish Pipe Band
- Raggle Taggle Band
- Highland Dancers

A full meal featuring Ackroyd's Scotch pies and bridies, plus sides, will be served. There will also be raffles, 50-50 and more.

Tickets are \$25 each for adults, \$15 for kids under 10, and are now available for purchase at [www.scotsofmichigan.com](http://www.scotsofmichigan.com) or by sending a check to Tartan Day, 826 Edgewood Drive, Royal Oak, MI 48067. This is Michigan's "official" Tartan Day Ceilidh as decreed by the Governor's office in 2010 and funds raised will go to provide a fine arts scholarship for a student at Alma College. No tickets at the door.

Tartan Day commemorates the signing of the Declaration of Arbroath in 1320, which asserted Scotland's sovereignty over English territorial claims, and which was an influence on the American Declaration of Independence. In 1998 National Tartan Day was officially recognized on a permanent basis when the U.S. Senate passed Senate Resolution 155 recognizing April 6th as National Tartan Day. This was followed by companion bill House Resolution



The Raggle Taggle Band and Highland Dancers will be among the entertainment at Michigan's 10th annual Tartan Day Ceilidh in Livonia on April 6.

41 which was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives on March 9, 2005.

"People join us from all over the state to celebrate Tartan Day with our group," says the group's founder and event organizer, Franklin Dohanyos. "The hall only holds 300 and because this is the 10th anniversary, we hope to fill it to the rafters."

On Tartan Day, April 6, 2009, the formation of the Scottish American Society of Michigan was announced - a new and different Scottish group whose goal is preserving and furthering Scottish heritage throughout Michigan, as well as to help charitable organizations and individuals in need. Unlike other groups, people do not need to be of Scottish lineage to enjoy our fun events, and kids are always welcome. The group is a reg-

istered 501(c)(7) and holds monthly meetings at The Commonwealth Club of Warren located at 30088 Dequindre Road in Warren. The group has already raised money for several charitable organizations and individuals with needs.

People interested in joining or attending meetings of the Scottish American Society of Michigan, or subscribing to the group's newsletter can visit [www.scotsofmichigan.com](http://www.scotsofmichigan.com) or [www.michiganscots.com](http://www.michiganscots.com).

# Foundation scholarships available

Applications are now available for the Canton Community Foundation's annual college scholarships for Plymouth and Canton students.

The annual scholarship program is one of the foundation's success stories. In the past 20 years, the foundation has awarded \$540,000 to more than 500 recipients, including adults returning to college to complete their educations.

"We remain committed to the scholarship program, especially when the costs of higher education continue to increase and families continue to struggle financially as the slow economic recovery continues," said Joan Noricks, CCF president.

Scholarship applications are available on the foundation's website at [www.cantonfoundation.org](http://www.cantonfoundation.org). Applications are available on the website's front page, as well as in the "Receive" section in the drop-down menu.

All application materials are due by 5 p.m. Friday, March 15. All materials should be turned in at the foundation offices, 50430 School House Road, Suite 200, near Ridge and Cherry Hill in Canton.

The foundation's scholarship program includes financial aid opportunities for graduating High School seniors that reside in Canton and Plymouth as well as students of all ages who are at different stages in their educational pursuits. Applicants should be certain they are applying for the scholarship appropriate to their educational plans.

The following scholarships are available for Canton and Plymouth applicants:

- Canton Community Foundation Scholarship Fund, \$1,000, one available.

- Canton Community Foundation/Eastern Michigan University Scholarship, \$1,000, two available.

- Canton Community Foundation/Penelope Hope Klei Scholarship, \$500, one available.

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- Jack Demmer Ford Scholarship Fund, \$1,000, one available.

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- Heather Nicole Hill Memorial/Schoolcraft College Foundation Scholarship for Starkweather Alternative High School seniors, \$1,000, one available

- Dustin Piepsney Memorial Scholarship Fund, \$750, one available.

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- Dr. Syed Taj Family Scholarship, \$500, three available.

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The following scholarships are available for Canton applicants only:

- Canton Women's Connection Scholarship, \$500, two available.

- Elizabeth Durack Memorial Scholarship Fund, \$500, two available.

- Leadership Canton Alumni Association Scholarship Fund for Youth Leadership Canton graduates, \$500, one available.

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Classes are offered at no charge to qualified students. To be admitted, students must have a high school diploma or GED, take an admission test to determine their math and reading levels, and pass a drug screen.

The classes are offered in partnership with SEM-CA (Southeast Michigan Community Alliance). Currently, classes are offered on Focus: HOPE's campus in Detroit. To start the admissions process, call (313) 494-4300 or stop in the Machinist Training Institute, 1200 Oakman Boulevard in Detroit anytime between 8:30 and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Focus: HOPE has been offering workforce training programs since 1981 as part of its mission to overcome racism, poverty and injustice. Nearly 12,000 individuals have graduated from the programs. Even with the challenging economy, the organization's job placement rate ranges around 70 percent. Graduates of classes are eligible for lifetime job placement assistance.

## Compuware hosts U.S. skate championship

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From Feb. 27 through March 2, Compuware Area will be abuzz with teams of all ages from all over the United States competing for the top spots in their divisions.

Looking to regain the national title, the 2012 National silver medalists Allegro! Masters Team skates to "Dance of the Vampires." The program is technically demanding, yet artistically intricate and moving.

The masters team is fresh off a win at the

2013 Midwestern Sectional Championships held in Kalamazoo in January. They also brought home the silver medal from the Dr. Richard Porter Synchronized Skating Competition in Ann Arbor in December. The team traveled to Lowell, Mass., in early January for the Colonial Classic where they earned another silver medal.

"Our team has been progressing throughout the season, making technical and artistic improvements to bring our best skate to nationals," said Erin MacDonald-Behrend of Trenton, skater on the masters team. "We will be fierce, precise, and enthralling when we take the ice!" The Allegro! Adult

Team skates to a Motor City theme this season, with songs from Eminem, KISS, and Journey. Bringing a high level of technical difficulty and an intense sense of artistry, the adult team looks to earn their highest scores of the season when they compete on March 2.

"Our team is thrilled to skate to hometown music for a hometown crowd," said Erica Grunwald of Chesterfield, skater on the adult team. "We are proud to represent Detroit and are excited to perform our best skate of the season at home."

The Allegro! synchronized skating teams were formed in 2008 under the direction of Carrie Brown. The adult

team is comprised of skaters ranging from 21-48 years of age and the masters skaters range from 27-60 years of age. Almost all of the skaters participated in the sport as children. The teams train out of the Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia and the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth.

The Allegro! teams will host a nationals "Send Off" exhibition 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24 Compuware Arena. All seven of the Allegro! teams will perform their competitive programs. The exhibition is free and open to the public. Attendees are asked to bring a new or gently used book donation. The books will be donated to a local elementary school in need.

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**LWCF GRANT APPLICATION**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth City Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 18, 2013, AT 7:00 P.M. at City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, to take comments regarding the submittal of a LWCF (Land and Water Conservation Fund) Grant Application for improvements at Don Massey Field. It is the City's intention to apply for grant assistance for the construction of a permanent restroom facility as well as a shade structure over the bleachers at Don Massey Field.

Physically challenged persons needing assistance or aid should contact the City offices at least forty-eight hours prior to said meeting at 734-453-1234. Plymouth City Hall is handicapped accessible and is in compliance with ADA Regulations.

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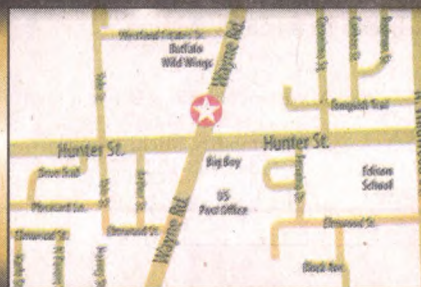


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# SPORTS

## 40-year plan

Rocks' Thomann still loves coaching basketball, helping kids

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Fred Thomann might be a dinosaur in the world of high school basketball coaches.

After all, he's a 70-year-old guy who is celebrating 40 years on the sidelines at Salem High School.

His storied tenure has featured standout players (from 1988 Miss Basketball winner Dena Head to Lindsay Klemmer to Breanne Beaver), plus more than 700 victories, conference banners, district and regional titles and trips to the state Final Four.

He is an esteemed inductee of the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan Hall of Fame and helped jumpstart an Amateur Athletic Union girls basketball program in the late 1980s.

But Thomann still is sharp as a tack in basketball acumen, relates well with teen-aged players and can't think of anything else he'd rather be doing.

"With this game, if you don't stay with it all of a sudden you're going backwards," said Thomann, who has helmed Salem's varsity boys or girls basketball teams since 1972-73 — including the first decade coaching both. "It's getting harder and harder, I think, to find an old guy like me that stayed in the game this long."

His 41st season as a Salem basketball coach and 30th with the girls could end as soon as this week, with the one-and-done Class A districts on the immediate docket.

If that happens, the former standout high school and college center (at Taylor Center and Michigan State, respectively) will refocus on helping a young-but-promising Salem squad take it up a notch in the KLAAs Central Division standings in 2013-14.

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Salem varsity girls basketball coach Fred Thomann talks to junior Kelly Whalen (No. 25) about something he sees transpiring out on the court during Thursday's game.

### THE THOMANN FILE

**Who:** Fred Thomann, longtime basketball coach at Salem High School.

**Longevity:** The 70-year-old Thomann, who lives in Belleville, is now into his fifth decade as a Rocks coach. He coached from 1972-73 through 1983-84 with the varsity boys team and began coaching Salem's varsity girls team in the fall of 1983.

**Awards:** Thomann is an inductee of the Basketball Coaches of Michigan Hall of Fame and Friday had a plaque erected inside the Salem gym. He coached Willow Run's boys team to a state championship in 1967-68 and after moving to Salem, he has amassed six regional, 20 district and 21 league championships.

**Hoop-la:** He was a standout center in high school (at Taylor Center) and went on to be a three-year starter at Michigan State University (1961-62 through '63-64), earning team MVP honors his senior year. "When I played (at MSU) I was the tallest player (6-foot-9) ever to play there."

**Other:** Thomann earned a college degree in physical education and taught for more than 30 years. He also has coached track and field in the Plymouth-Canton district, both at the middle school and high school levels.



Fred Thomann at MSU, circa 1960s.

## Sweet OT for Chiefs

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

They were singing "Hail to the Chiefs" following one of the most spellbinding boys basketball games ever played in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

There were so many twists and turns in this Kensington Conference championship game that it couldn't be recounted.

But when the final buzzer sounded after three exhausting overtimes, the scoreboard read: Canton 77, Westland John Glenn 76.

The Chiefs, who moved into the KLAAs Association championship game Tuesday at Grand Blanc, won despite three of its top players fouling out and letting a late 17-point third-quarter lead slip away.

"We didn't give up and basically we keep playing," said Canton senior guard Ryan Planey, who shared team-high scoring honors with 6-foot-8 Jordan Nobles with 19 points apiece. "He (Davon Taylor) hit a big time shot to win the game. We got a little flustered with free throws, but overall we got it done."

Yes, back-up forward Davon

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Canton's Greg Williams (No. 22) goes to work against Westland John Glenn Friday night.

### Wildcats roll

Plymouth senior Josh Priebe scored 16 points and grabbed seven rebounds Friday night to spearhead the host Wildcats to a 47-35 victory against Howell in a KLAAs boys basketball consolation game.

According to Wildcats' head coach Mike Soukup, whose team improved to 8-11 overall, strong defense and rebounding helped the team get off to a strong first half that carried over the rest of the way.

Others to chip in were Sid Acharya (six points), Jake Divens (six points, 6-for-6 from the free-throw line), Josh Reynolds (five points), Brendan Swanson and Brian Schmid (four points each).

Plymouth will face Milford on Tuesday night.



### Eagles prevail

Alex Huber and Drew Ibach scored 16 and 14 points, respectively, on Friday as Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity boys basketball team defeated MIAC opponent Birmingham Roeper, 54-36.

Ibach also led the Eagles with 11 rebounds, helping PCA improve to 10-7 overall.

Next up is Tuesday's home game against Southfield Christian in yet another conference matchup.



### PCLL clinics

For the first time in the organization's history, Plymouth-Canton Little League is offering a series of clinics on hitting, fielding and pitching.

The clinics will take place at Total Baseball in Wixom, 30990 S. Wixom Road, and the cost of each clinic is \$10 per participant. The schedule is as follows:

**Saturday, Feb. 23:** pitching, catching, infield/outfield from noon to 1 p.m.; infield/outfield, 2:30-3:30 p.m.; hitting, 3-4 p.m.;

**Saturday, April 13:** hitting, 4-5 p.m.; infield/outfield, 5-6 p.m. and 6-7 p.m.;

**Sunday, April 21:** hitting, 4-5 p.m., infield/outfield, 5-6 p.m. and 6-7 p.m.

## Wildcats razor sharp in regional tuneup

By Dan O'Meara  
Staff Writer

Plymouth High School scored early and never looked back as it skated to a 5-0 victory over host North Farmington-Harrison in a non-league hockey game Wednesday night.

Nick Schultz scored his team-leading 31st and 32nd goals, including the game-winner not long after the opening faceoff, to lead the Wildcats (19-5-1) at Farmington Hills Ice Arena. Plymouth now awaits Monday's Division 1 pre-regional contest at Arctic Edge against Canton.

On a sudden change, Schultz took the puck up the left side and rifled a shot that got under the left pad of Flyers goalie Jacob Ponder as he went to the ice.

"Whenever you get off to a quick start, it creates energy on the bench and guys get excited," Plymouth coach Gerry Vento said. "That was nice to see because then we get our forecheck going and, usually, good things happen."

They did, late in the period. The Wildcats got a second goal during a 5-on-3 power play when Mike Schultz scored from Cameron Naddell and Jake Zaborowski with 1:39 remaining.

The next goal would be a pivotal event in determining the course of the game, according to Vento.

"That's what we talked about in the locker room," he said. "It was a 2-0 game and, if they get the next one, they're going to feel like they're back in it, which they



MICHELLE BAUER

Vying for the puck during a recent varsity boys hockey game are Plymouth's Joe Burke (No. 19) and Canton's Matt Cox (No. 16). Both teams square off again Monday, in a pre-regional.

would have been.

"We kinda stressed the next goal had to be ours, and that made a big difference."

Nick Schultz got his

second goal early in the second period (15:48) and effectively won the game for the Wildcats.

He took a long pass from Zaborowski that

sailed along the left board to get behind the defense and beat Ponder with a one-on-one

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# Senior comes up big for 'Cats

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

It was appropriate that a senior saved "Senior Night" for Plymouth's varsity girls basketball team.

The Wildcats edged Howell 45-43 Thursday night, in a KLAA tournament consolation match-up.

But according to head coach Bob de Bear, Plymouth's lone senior — Lexie McGhee — came through when the team needed it most with a key defensive play and subsequent free throw in the closing seconds.

"It was Senior Night and we were celebrating Lexie McGhee's career and she gave us some senior magic," de Bear said.

McGhee, who scored 11 points in just eight minutes of court time, retrieved a loose ball in Plymouth's zone following a block by sophomore Leah Kliczinski (she had six blocks for the night).

"Lexie chased it down, Howell fouled again and Lexie made a free throw with 1.6 seconds left to make it a two-point game," said the coach, adding that he still couldn't relax until the final buzzer sounded.

"That Howell team is young and they have a lot of heart," de Bear noted. "They never gave up and almost pulled it out."

Plymouth went up 15-8 after one quarter and enjoyed a seemingly insurmountable halftime



Plymouth senior Lexie McGhee (right) dribbles down the floor during Thursday's KLAA girls basketball game against Howell.

advantage of 28-10.

In the second half, however, the Highlanders started to hit the long ball.

"We gave up 33 points in the second half, 18 of them on 3-point shots," de Bear said.

Leading the Wildcats (9-10 overall) with 12 points was junior guard Kylie Robb. Also in double figures was junior center Shelby Cheston,

with 10 points along with seven rebounds and four blocks.

Chipping in with some offense were junior Tionne Johnson and sophomore Paige Slominski, with five and four points, respectively.

Plymouth will face Salem 7 p.m. Monday at Canton High School in a Class A district matchup.

**KETTERING 23, CANTON 19:**  
On Thursday in a KLAA conso-

lation bracket girls basketball game, the Chiefs (14-6) let a 12-5 halftime lead slip away against Waterford Kettering. "The kids defended well enough to win the game," Canton head coach Brian Samulski said. "I obviously need to do a way better job helping the kids defensively." Scoring seven points for the Chiefs was Paige Aresco, with Natalie Winters and Shannon Perry each contributing four points.

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## CHIEFS

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Taylor, a 6-6 junior, hit what proved to be the game-winning shot with 6.6 seconds left in the third OT to put Canton up by one after Glenn missed a pair of free throws with 17.2 remaining.

"Ryan passed me the ball and I just got open and got the layup in and got the basket for our team," Taylor said simply.

There was nothing simple to this game, however.

Glenn senior guard Nick Daniels was heroic in defeat, scoring a game-high 29 points.

Junior forward Isaac Everette added 23.

The two combined for 11 points as Canton was outscored 18-7 in the final quarter to send the game into OT.

In the first OT, Daniels had a chance to win it with 3.98 seconds remaining, but split a pair of foul shots to make it 59-all.

In the second OT, Daniels' short banker with only 7.3 seconds left put the Rockets up by two, 70-68, but the Chiefs scored at the buzzer off an inbounds play underneath their own bucket as Planey went in uncontested for a layup off a pass from Scott Gring.

"I feel like they (Glenn) were supposed to switch because I heard 'switch,' and luckily I guess they didn't switch," Planey said. "I was shocked. I was like, 'Wow, what happened there?' It was a big-time play. I just had to get it up, no thinking, just reaction to it."

straight free throws to put the Rockets up 76-72 with 1:06 remaining.

And by that time Canton had three players exit with five fouls including Nobles, Greg Williams (12 points) and point-guard Mayberry (11 points).

But despite being down four, Planey answered with a clutch three-pointer from the top of the key with 47.6 seconds left to pull the Chiefs to within one.

Protecting a one-point lead, Daniels drew a foul with 17.6 seconds left, but missed both foul shots setting the stage for Taylor's game-winning play with 6.6 remaining.

Glenn then tried a last-ditch desperation shot, but it missed the mark.

### Team effort

"It took a team effort and obviously when you foul three guys out like that other guys have to make plays and they did," Reddy, whose team won its 13th straight and improved to 14-5 overall. "Our guys were tough tonight and they just made one more play than they did."

Glenn led 14-12 after one quarter, but was outscored 17-7 in the second to trail 29-21 at intermission.

Canton then ripped off six consecutive made shots in the third quarter to build a 17-point cushion before the Rockets crept back to within 12 on a basket by Dre Black (11 points) with 56.7 remaining in the period.

"We got down because Canton was on fire and we were maybe trying a little too hard," said Glenn coach Dan Young, whose team slipped to 16-3 overall. "I think that's what it was and then we just kind of started saying, 'Let's get it to within 10. Let's get it to within five with four (minutes) to go. And we did. We had plenty of chances and it just didn't happen. I ache for my guys. That's one of the best games I've ever been a part of other than the end. It hurts a lot.'"

Free throws also told part of the story as Glenn went 24-of-38, while Canton hit 9-of-16.

But the killer play against the Rockets was the Planey layup at the end of the second OT.

"I told our guys they're going to throw it to the screener," Young said. "I said the guy you have to make sure doesn't get the ball under the rim is the guy who sets the screen. Don't let them get the layup. And it didn't work out."

# On its back

## Pin IOC for poor decision on wrestling

Let me get this straight: Beginning with the 2020 Olympic Games, the International Olympic Committee is getting rid of wrestling — a sport that tests an athlete's spirit, mind, body and endurance while building a level of discipline in its participants that few other sports can match.

Yet the IOC is keeping synchronized swimming and ping pong?

Boy, the ancient Greeks

who developed the Games would sure love this move, eh? After all, wrestling was one of the Games' original sports, so they must have thought pretty highly of it. I'd have to Google it, but I'm thinking ping pong and beach volleyball weren't welcomed on board until well into the 20th century.

While I have never pulled on a singlet — and the world is a better place because of this — I have observed enough of the sport to know that it is a better test of a man's and woman's will — and is just a tad more practical for a youngster to pick up — than the modern pentathlon, for which you need an epee, a gun and a horse, among other things.

Unlike several so-called "country club" sports — like tennis, golf and swimming — wrestling doesn't discriminate against you if you don't happen to have a lot of cash. In fact, many of the sport's most decorated athletes have risen from poverty, fueled by the opportunity to make a name for themselves and maybe someday represent their country in the Olympic Games.

While you will never get rich wrestling — unless you successfully transfer your talents over to the now-booming mixed-martial arts — the benefits you can derive from the sport are invaluable. Nothing builds character faster than facing relentless resistance every time you step on a mat.

Lord only knows what the decision-makers' logic is based on, but it certainly doesn't seem to be common sense. Like most everything else, it's probably more like common "cents" and the almighty dollar. It appears wrestling wasn't generating high enough TV ratings.

Judging by e-mails I've received and Facebook posts I've read, the major decision to pin the sport at the Summer Games is meeting widespread disapproval — and rightly so.

I can't speak of other countries, but wrestling's popularity is growing in the United States. More youth clubs are popping up as organizers and parents are impressed by the sport's fitness-enhancing and discipline-building points.

And more young females are giving the sport a shot than ever before — and many are doing quite well. In fact, the IOC recently added women's wrestling to its docket, but it turns out it will only be a temporary addition.

Fortunately, the IOC's decision will not totally derail wrestling — far from it. It will just eliminate a once-golden goal for young aspiring grapplers like Redford Township resident Zach Francis, who has compiled a phenomenal 126-10 record in his two-plus years of high school wrestling at Lutheran Westland.

"Ever since I started wrestling, trying to get to the Olympics was always a goal of mine," he said. "While I know I may never be good enough to make it, it was still a goal. So, yeah, I'm mad they're taking it away."

Fortunately, this is only 2013, so the IOC has several years to rethink its position.

Maybe we should send Dan Gable to its next board meeting so he can talk some sense into them — or, better yet, put them in a headlock until they come to their senses.

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Salem girls lax meeting

There will be a parent/student information meeting for all returning student athletes and future players for the Salem girls lacrosse team to be held 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, in room W2112.

Salem is looking for new players as it plans to add its first junior varsity team. No previous playing experience is required, just desire to learn and play the sport.

Tryouts will begin 5:30 p.m. Monday, March 11 at East Middle School. Please go to [www.Salemgirlslacrosse.com](http://www.Salemgirlslacrosse.com) for contact and season information.

### Salem Rockettes host kids clinic

The Salem Rockettes are hosting their annual Junior Rockettes' Kids Clinic from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 16.

The event is open for all kids grades K-8. It is a great opportunity for older kids them to spend time with the Rockettes and ask questions and information about tryouts for the 2013-14 season.

The clinic includes: learning routines for all levels. Rockettes T-shirt, poms, snack/drink and an invitation to perform in the Salem High School Rockettes Variety show.

The cost of the clinic is \$30.00 in advance. Registration forms for the kids clinic and Rockettes tryout information can be found at [www.pompon.salemrocks.com](http://www.pompon.salemrocks.com).



## Queen of Diamonds

The 18-and-under Queen of Diamonds Elite girls fastpitch softball team captured four straight games capped by a 2-1 championship victory over the Brats, a team comprised of White Lake Lakeland High players, in the President's Day Tournament held at Genesee Fieldhouse. The Queens, who belted a total of eight homers and gave up only eight total hits (including a combined no-hitter), also defeated Venom (6-2), the Outlaws (17-0) and KSB (7-0). Members of the Queens, comprised of players from Canton, Plymouth, Allen Park Cabrini, Livonia Stevenson and Churchill high schools include (bottom, from left): Jessica Webster, Jordyn Fryz, Megan Coliton, Nicky Salloum, Kendall Wolf, Lauren Oppliger; (back row, from left) Tessa O'Doherty, head coach Mike Gerou, Catherine Porter, Brittney Miller, assistant coach Nolan Gerou, Ashley Gordon and Elaine Gerou. O'Doherty plays at the Cheryl Stockwell Prep Academy.



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Before a recent game, Salem girls basketball players rev up team spirit with their coach, Fred Thomann.

## THOMANN

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### No reason to leave

That's because Thomann has no plans on stepping out of the gym into the pasture anytime soon.

"I just like the game," Thomann said. "The game has been so good to me and it allowed me to get an education. I'm the first kid in the Thomann family to get a college degree (in physical education at MSU).

"I've been blessed with having such great players and coaching great teams it's just been a labor of love for me. I don't know what I'd do if I couldn't come to the gym."

Who was the top player to come out of the program under his watch? He said it was 1988 alum Head, named "Miss Basketball" her senior year. She went on to the University of Tennessee and Women's National Basketball Association.

"Dena's probably the number one player, absolutely, one of many, many players that came out that played at the collegiate level," Thomann said. "She was Miss Basketball, she was starting point guard on two national championship teams at the University of Tennessee. You don't get very many like that."

Thomann, who lives in Belleville, remains the dean among a cluster of longtime basketball coaches in the district who have carved out undeniable legacies in their own right, such as Bob Brodie and Bob Blohm.

Yet the tag as a coaching legend best describes Thomann, according to Blohm — a Salem assistant coach of Thomann's in the 1970s before moving across the Park to coach the girls basketball varsity team at Canton.

"He's awesome, he got me going," said Blohm, for several years the right-hand man of Canton girls basketball coach Brian Samulski. "His philosophy and his concepts offensively and defensively kind of meshed (with Blohm's). He's a great coach, after 40 years he's still rolling. He's still young and going."

What keeps Thomann coming back year after year is his sheer love of teaching the game and putting young athletes in the best position to succeed.

### Listen and learn

That is something much appreciated by ex-players such as Alaya Mitchell, who as a senior in 2008 helped spark the Rocks to the Western Lakes Activities Association championship — Salem's last title to date.

"You know what, he made me the player that I am today," said Mitchell, a member of the Salem girls program's most-recent conference champion and a four-year point guard for Division I Marshall University. "We bumped heads a lot but I came back and I was always excited to see him. I always tried to keep in touch with as much as possible. He's really like another father to me."



Salem varsity girls basketball coach Fred Thomann never shies away from a chance to instruct and motivate his players.

## WAY TO GO FRED!

Following are some of the shout-outs about Fred Thomann's impact as a basketball coach at Salem High School, a four-decade career that is still going strong:

**ANDREA PRUETT** (varsity girls basketball player, class of 1999): "Fred is one of the most honest and compassionate people I have had the great pleasure of knowing. I will always consider him a member of my family. Fred served as a wonderful advocate in my formative years, and he always provided me with guidance and support in my endeavors on and off the court."

**CHRISTINE PHILLIPS** (varsity girls basketball player, class of 1999): "Fred makes me think of summers in the gym, trips to State for team camp and working hard to accomplish some pretty impressive wins during the season. He was a fantastic coach, and usually even kept his cool. I learned a lot playing for him and made some lifelong friends, as well. My years on his team at Salem are years I will always remember fondly."

**ROB HEITMEYER** (Salem assistant girls basketball coach): "He's one of those special people with a commanding presence both on and off the basketball court. When it comes to basketball acumen, few have more."

**JIM SINCLAIR** (Salem varsity boys basketball player, class of 1983): "It seems like I was around Coach Thomann most of my early life as he was my elementary school education teacher. ... I followed the Rocks until I participated in Coach Thomann's program in the early 1980s. His teams absolutely dominated the old Suburban 8 for over a decade."

How much does Mitchell like hanging out with her old coach? She spent some of her personal time helping Thomann run practices at the start of this season.

Asked about what the current players should try to glean from Thomann's guidance, Mitchell wasted no time with her answer.

"If you really have the will to win and want to win, then you'll do everything necessary to do that," Mitchell said. "Pay attention to the coach. Listen to the coach and apply everything you learn."

"He knows exactly what he's talking about, he knows everything. They have a legend as their coach so you got to take advantage of that."

Thomann might love to draw up plays and figure out lineups and rotations, but he considers himself a teacher first and foremost. The subject just happens to be basketball.

In fact, he subscribes to the theory that high school sports are an extension of the classroom to be sampled and enjoyed by as many student-athletes as possible.

"It absolutely is, no question," Thomann said. "And it's like taking advanced biology, or

advanced physics. When you get to the varsity level you're now an advanced player."

To that end, he isn't a fan of the 21st century trend toward specialization.

"You're involved," said Thomann, about why he urges kids to compete in several sports during their high school years. "You're using different sets of muscles, there's different ways of communicating, different responsibilities, different levels of competence. I'm a star in this one but a back-up here or a glue player here."

"Maybe their second activity is music, or debate. To me, that's the same. You're involved, you're using your talent. That's the way I've always taught and that's what I've always tried to tell kids."

### Specialize later

He added that the increasing trend in athletics for coaches, players and even parents to angle an athlete toward what they think is their top sport can limit the prep experience.

"They'll say 'Coach, I want to concentrate on basketball,'" said Thomann, detailing a typical exchange about the sub-

# Big night for Salem girls, Thomann

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Pregame ceremonies Thursday night honoring Fred Thomann for his 40 years as a basketball coach at Salem High School gave his current team an extra jolt of adrenaline.

The Rocks got off to leads of 6-3 after one quarter and 12-5 at halftime en route to a 35-25 win over Hartland in a KLAAs girls basketball tournament consolation game.

"I think that was part of it," said Thomann, asked whether the festivities pumped up his players for the contest. "But I also think this team is just getting better as we go. We're playing some pretty good basketball right now."

Salem senior forward Breanne Beaver had a big game, nearly registering a double-double with eight points and 13 rebounds (nine on the defensive boards).

"Breanne Beaver was really tough inside," Thomann said.

Helping the cause were Jamyra Wilson (11 points, six rebounds), Kayla Kavulich (six points) and Kelly Whalen (five points).

Now, Thomann is pumped up himself about what his team (10-10 over-

all) might be able to accomplish in the postseason. Salem squares off against Plymouth at 7 p.m. Monday in a Class A district opener at Canton High School.

"We started out 1-6," he said. "To be 10-10 after that, that's a pretty big improvement on our part."

Thomann was honored between the junior varsity and varsity games, with the permanent placement of a plaque signifying the "Fred Thomann Basketball Office."

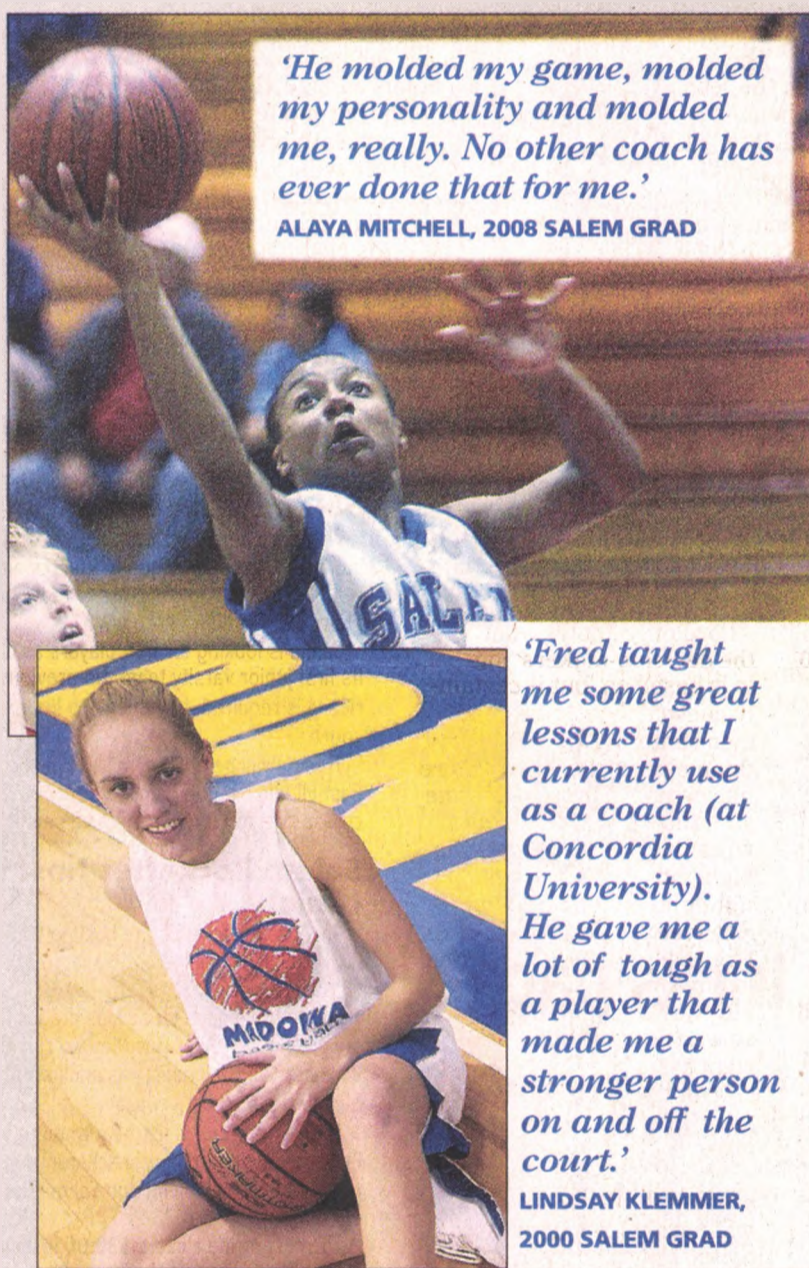
His former Salem assistant Bob Blohm has a similar honor at Canton High School.

"I'm very pleased and satisfied to get such a nice honor," Thomann said. "Totally unexpected, totally."

If there was any disappointment for Thomann, it was that his mom, Beatrice, could not be there to share in the moment. Beatrice Thomann, 95, passed away earlier this month.

"She was proud that all three of her children were teachers," he said. "My brother (David) taught here at Pioneer Middle School and my sister (Gloria) had 35 years at Berkley High School. I've been involved in the schools since 1965."

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*'He molded my game, molded my personality and molded me, really. No other coach has ever done that for me.'*

ALAYA MITCHELL, 2008 SALEM GRAD

*'Fred taught me some great lessons that I currently use as a coach (at Concordia University). He gave me a lot of tough as a player that made me a stronger person on and off the court.'*

LINDSAY KLEMMER, 2000 SALEM GRAD

power forward Beaver will return from the 2012-13 team, one that made strides with a 6-4 record in the tough KLAAs Central Division.

"What it is is our sophomores are growing up," he said. "You have five sophomores, and KK (junior Kayla Kavulich) didn't play last year. So in playing time she's a sophomore."

"It just takes people time to figure out the nuances of this game. You can be a great athlete and not be a great basketball player, because you don't know when to cut, when not to cut. But our young kids are really coming on and we're getting better." For all the success and accolades Thomann has accrued, he is the first to divvy up the credit.

"I've always been blessed at Salem with really good assistant coaches," Thomann said. "The staff we have right now is nothing short of excellent."

He ticked off the names of Bill Mair, Paul Brotz, former Salem player Kelly Jascot and Rob Heitmeyer.

"Having those people involved has just been phenomenal," he said. "They know I'm a little older so they cover for me. Everybody brings a little something extra to the table."

"That's really helped me to stay involved with the game. Because they've done so much of the stuff that I used to always do myself."

That might be true, but there's only one Fred Thomann.

And he still has plenty of game left in him.

"It's been awesome," he said, smiling. "But I'd like to think the wheels aren't off the vehicle yet."

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## Easy as 1-2-3!

Girls gymnastics teams from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park were dominant at last weekend's KLASA Kensington Conference meet held at Walled Lake Central. All three teams got together for this group photo following the festivities. The red-clad Canton Chiefs (middle) finished first. In second place was Plymouth (black attire, right) with Salem (blue attire, left) in third.

# Chiefs perfect headed into regionals

On the heels of winning the KLASA Kensington Conference girls gymnastics meet, Canton finished an undefeated girls gymnastics regular season with a 145.2-to-139 victory over Grosse Pointe United.

Jocelyn Moraw and Erica Lucas sparked the Chiefs, who now gear up for the Division 1 regionals March 2 at Plymouth High School.

Moraw tallied a 9.7 score on floor exercise, along with 9.05 on uneven parallel bars, good for first in each event. Her all-around score was 36.8.

Meanwhile, Lucas placed first on vault with a 9.45 along with second place on balance beam (9.0).

Other Canton performers chipping in were Nicole Lasecki (sec-

ond on floor, 9.55), Melissa Green (second on vault, 9.4; third in all-around, 36.2) and Ellie Bachman (second on beam, 9.0).

Canton head coach John Cunningham also tipped his cap to the 'B' team, compiling "what would be a regional qualifying score of 120.3 and combining for 15 qualifying scores individually.

He said the crew of Megan Adams, Sarah Plant, Val Van-Gilder, Allie Vincent, Katie Kleabir, Meghan Meridith, Audrey Halim, Kayley Lazarski, Katie Lawera, Jessica Siegler, Jenna Foster, Alexis Panizzoli, Breanne Hanselman, Breanna Flowers, Olivia Drapeau, and Katie Adams "had an excellent meet."

The D1 regionals are slated to begin at 10 a.m. on March 2.

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move in front.

Following a first period in which Plymouth was dominant with a 17-8 advantage in shots, the Flyers outshot the Wildcats in the second, 13-10. That was due in large part to a 5-1 tally during a North-Harrison power play midway in the period.

### Back at it

Plymouth regained the edge on offense in the third, outshooting the home team, 14-6, and producing two more goals.

Zach Tavernie scored the fourth (12:47) on a power play with help from Dean Gunther and Nick Schultz. Josh Smith's wrist shot that hit the crossbar and dropped into the net capped the scoring (4:31).

Mike Schultz, who also had two assists, scored his 24th goal, Tavernie 20th and Smith ninth. Zaborowski and Gunther also had two assists each, Kyle Bauer and Spencer Godin one.

"I really liked our first and third periods," Vento said. "I thought we got kinda sloppy in the

second. I didn't like the way we were playing in the defensive zone.

"But I thought we really buckled down in the third period. We went in with a 3-0 lead, scored two and didn't give them any chances; so, overall, I was very happy."

### Flyers foiled

North-Harrison (13-11) had another unsuccessful power play in the middle of the third period, and they had a man advantage again for the final minute of the game.

"They're a great team, but we didn't want to compete; we didn't want to do the dirty work," Flyers coach Ken Anderson said. "We were okay around the periphery, but we didn't do a whole lot of good tonight.

"We had hoped to get a pick-me-up game (following a 5-4 loss to Stoney Creek in an OAA semifinal) to get back into it and get ready for the state playoffs. We just weren't interested in competing today.

"I was disappointed in our effort all the way from the coaches on. I have to take some blame for it, too. Hopefully, we can regroup and be

ready to go Saturday (in the OAA consolation final with Clarkston)."

Plymouth's offensive efficiency was complemented by the play of goalie Jarrod Maddock and the defense.

"I thought Jarrod was fantastic," Vento said. "I thought he was the best player on the ice. He made some fantastic saves in the second period when I thought they could have scored a couple. He kept them out of the net, and that kinda changed the flow of the game."

### Tourney time

In pre-regional tournament games Monday, the Flyers will play host to Birmingham United at FHIA, and the Wildcats will face cross-campus rival Canton (8 p.m. at Arctic Edge).

"It's going to be a tough game," Vento said, adding Plymouth beat the Chiefs twice in late 2012. "The third time is always a lot harder. They're playing a lot better.

"It's not the same team we saw. We played them in November and December. It's going to be a different game, but our guys know that. They're going to be prepared for it."

# Salem icers win 12th straight

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Salem's late-season assault on opposing goaltenders continued with Wednesday's 7-3 victory over Walled Lake Northern in the Rocks' final game of the regular season.

The scoring could have reached double digits if not for the gutsy goaltending of Knights senior Grant Luzynski, who faced 61 shots on goal and kept his team relatively close until late in the middle stanza at Plymouth Cultural Center.

"We put the puck on net pretty well," Salem boys hockey coach Ryan Ossenmacher said. "We did a pretty good job defending, we competed well, we worked hard and stayed out of the box. I think we had one penalty all night. So it was a good way to finish the (regular) season."

The victory was the 12th in a row for Salem (18-6-1).

### Early jump

The Rocks' offensive heat began just 1:26 into the KLASA crossover, when junior forward Jack Driscoll netted his 10th goal of the season from junior forward Nick Danis (two assists).

Driscoll walked out of the right corner with the puck, stepped in front of Luzynski and backhanded a shot into the cage.

After Northern's Eric Woolf evened the score, Salem's top line of seniors Alek Zultowski, Jake Sealy and junior Jason Newel teamed up for two markers before the end of the first to make it 3-1.

Sealy (two goals, one assist) centered the puck to Newel (one goal, two assists) for a one-timer in the slot at 13:21. In the final minute of the stanza, Sealy deked the Northern goalie to cap a play started by Zultowski (two

assists) and Newel.

Salem padded that edge to 4-1 with two minutes remaining in the second, with the No. 1 unit at it once again. This time, Zultowski moved the puck from the left half-wall into the middle of the ice to Newel, who spun and flicked a low shot toward Luzynski.

Crossing in front of the goalie for the tip-in was Sealy, who along with Zultowski have been among KLASA scoring leaders much of the season.

Both players "are close to 60 points in a 25-game season, which is pretty impressive," Ossenmacher noted.

### Always a threat

According to the coach, whenever the Zultowski-Sealy-Newel line is on the ice "they're a threat" to score.

"They can beat you in so many different ways," Ossenmacher said. "All three of them are really skilled, they can all skate, they can all move the puck and they can all shoot."

It only took the Rocks 59 seconds in the third to go up 5-1. Sophomore forward Noah Willer crashed the crease to jam a rebound home, with the assist going to Danis.

After the Knights made it 5-2 on a goal by Cole Helgemo (left wide-open to the left of Salem junior goalie Parker Godfrey), senior forward Kory Johnston and junior defenseman Steven Homrich (one goal, one assist) found the range to put Salem up by five goals in the late stages.

Junior forward Jon Clark drew assists on both of those goals with senior forward Jake Fedel picking up one helper.

Northern finished the scoring with a goal in the final minute, scored by Austin Sansom.

The latest offensive surge gave Salem 22 goals over the last three games, and Ossenmacher would like to see that prolific scoring continue into the Division 1 pre-regionals.

"Obviously, we're trending in the right direction," Ossenmacher said. "That's 12 in a row and hopefully we can keep it going next week."

### Next test awaits

That would be in the D1 pre-regionals at Arctic Edge Arena (8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27) against Plymouth or Canton. The Wildcats and Chiefs play 8 p.m. Monday in a pre-regional contest.

"Regardless of who it is it's a Park rivalry school and anything can happen," Ossenmacher said. "Every time we've played them, the four games this year — two against Canton and two against Plymouth — have all been close games. So we'll have our work cut out for us."

That could be an understatement if the Rocks are without senior captain Kyle Downey, who did not play against Northern due to illness. Ossenmacher said he didn't know whether Downey would be back for the start of the playoffs.

"He's arguably our best penalty killer from a forward's standpoint, one of our better defensive forwards," the coach noted. "He blocks shots and does the little things, gets pucks out and gets pucks deep."

"Besides that, he's a four-year senior and captain of our team. That will be a big blow if he can't go, but it's just an opportunity for someone else to step up and fill that role."

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# Dueling hat tricks pace Whalers

It looks like the Plymouth Whalers are just getting started.

Rickard Rakell and Cody Payne each registered hat tricks Friday night as the Whalers routed Windsor 9-1 before 2,604 at Compuware Arena.

The victory improved Plymouth's record to 33-16-5-4, good for 75 points. The Whalers enjoyed a six-point cushion on second-place Sarnia entering Saturday's home game against the Sting.

For Rakell, who recent-

ly returned from a successful stint with the NHL Anaheim Ducks, scored goals 16-18 on the season, with Stefan Noesen and Sebastian Uvira each helping set up two of the markers.

Also netting three goals against beleaguered Windsor netminder Jordan DeKort — who stopped 42 of 51 shots — was Payne, who scored the game's final two goals to give him 20 for the year.

Other Whalers to light the lamp were Tom Wil-

son (18th), Ryan Hartman (23rd) and Matt Mistele (31st) — all in the first period to put Plymouth up 3-0.

Helping the cause with two assists each were Zach Lorentz and Connor Carrick.

Goalie Alex Nedeljkovic stopped 27 of the 28 shots he faced. The only Windsor goal he gave up was scored by former Whaler and Farmington Hills product Alex Aleari, who now has 24 markers for the season (15 with Plymouth).

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# That's Super!

## Salem boys keglers win D1 team regionals

Friday's festivities at the Division 1 bowling team regionals in Canton matched the name of the venue for local teams.

Super Bowl hosted the D1, Region 5 team tournament and three teams (two boys, one girls) from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park qualified for the state tournament.

Salem's varsity boys team finished first with 4,137 pins, with Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (3,999) and Canton (3,979) also qualifying due to nailing down the top three spots.

In the girls tournament, Canton qualified for the first time with a second-place finish of 3,378 (behind Howell's 3,437)



Coaches and bowlers for Salem's varsity boys team celebrate Friday after winning the team regionals at Super Bowl in Canton, thus qualifying for the state tournament.

while Plymouth barely missed the cut — finishing fourth with a 3,273 total.

The Salem boys — who recently earned the KLASA Central Division co-championship — prevailed in four of six Baker games and then out-

pinned the Shamrocks 1,066-991 in the three regular games.

Plymouth finished seventh out of the 12 teams with a total of 3,619.

"They were every coach's dream this season," Salem head coach Kathie Hahn said. "They all worked so hard and each individual boy brought so many things to the special dynamics of this team."

Those dynamics also helped the Rocks pin the only regular season defeats on Westland John Glenn. The Rockets finished third in their regional Friday.

Salem's girls team came in sixth with 3,091 pins.



## Metro Detroit loves cinema

Locals walk the red carpet early at celebration

By Julie Yolles  
 Social Scene Columnist

Always progressive, Motown was nine days early with its red carpet roll-out at a special Detroit Loves Cinema event on Valentine's Day. Held at the Detroit Film Theatre (DFT) in the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA), the event drew chic movie lovers in their long gowns, bling, suits and with movie ballots in hand. Guests were treated to a preview of all the nominated Oscar shorts that will be crowned during tonight's telecast of the Oscars.

More than 600 young Detroiters attended the event that was a joint effort with the Friends of DFT and the Founders Junior Council (FJC) of the DIA, Detroit Passport to the Arts, and Detroit Historical Society 313. Special thanks went to the Born and Raised Detroit Foundation for their marketing support.

Patrons walked the red carpet at the DFT and watched an hour of Oscar shorts before voting on the Best Hair and Make-up competition held at intermission. Changez Salon in Royal Oak was the corporate sponsor of that part. Next was the second half of the Oscar shorts. Guests then left the DFT and walked across the street for strolls down several memory lanes at the newly remodeled Detroit Historical Museum.

For a "school night," the



Jessica Danley of Livonia found her elegant vintage wedding dress at the Salvation Army the day of the Detroit Loves Cinema party at the Detroit Film Theatre (DFT). She also is wearing an heirloom necklace from her grandmother. Danley is an English teacher overseas and will go to India on March 30 to perform in a stunt show.

party went on well past midnight. The Detroit Passport to the Arts was launched in August 2009. It's a series of cultural events put on by seven metro-Detroit non-profits to attract a younger audience and expose them to all of Detroit's best, including the Detroit Symphony Orchestra,



Farmington Hills residents Kevin and Nicole Bopp are passionate about Detroit — running marathons, visiting our great cultural institutions and supporting the DIA, in a particular. Nicole is on the board of the Founders Junior Council (FJC) of the DIA and they bought their matching shirts at the Detroit Shoppe.

Michigan Opera Theatre, the DIA and the Chamber Winds & Strings, Eisenhower Dance Ensemble and the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival.

But for tonight, all eyes will be on the Hollywood red carpet when the winners of the Oscars will be announced. Movie lovers can watch the live broadcast of the 2013 Oscars — while helping to raise funds for Habitat Detroit — at the Max M. Fisher Music Center and Orchestra Hall in downtown Detroit. Participants can walk the red car-

pet, sip a Habitini, enjoy a strolling dinner created by Forte Belanger, see who wins the Habbies (Habitat Detroit's own version of the Oscars) and then watch the 2013 Academy Awards. All general admission tickets are \$75. For more information, go to [habitatdetroit.org/redcarpet](http://habitatdetroit.org/redcarpet).


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Lauren Wethington of Plymouth and Nick Gilpin of Detroit enjoy the Detroit Loves Cinema Bash at the Detroit Film Theatre and Detroit Historical Museum.



Farmington Hills resident Elizabeth Smith, a Birmingham Jr. League (BJL) member (left), and Anna Bliss of Birmingham, also a B.J.L. member. The Birmingham Jr. League presents its 60th Anniversary Gala at Oakland Hills Country Club, Saturday, April 27. The black-tie optional gala is \$125 per person. Go to [www.jlbham.org/birmingham](http://www.jlbham.org/birmingham) to register for tickets.



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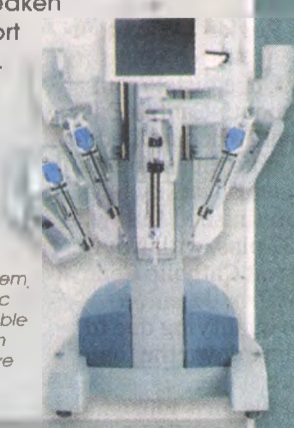
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## Benefit luncheon



JULIE YOLLES

More than 800 women — and a few good men — attended the 10th anniversary Go Red for Women luncheon to benefit the American Heart Association, Feb. 15 at the MGM Grand, Detroit. Attendees included Janice Uhlig (left) of Oakland Township, General Motors' executive director global compensation and chair of the Go Red event; Star Jones, keynote speaker and American Heart Association national volunteer; and Janice Cosby-Bridges of Farmington Hills, chief marketing officer of Ascension Health Michigan Ministries and Go Red's vice chair.

## GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

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

### Livonia Garden Club

Rosann Kovalcik, owner of Backyard Birds, in Grosse Pointe Woods, will talk about the hundreds of birds that visit her backyard, at the next meeting of the Club, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, at the Livonia Senior Center, located at Five Mile and Farmington Road, in Livonia. She'll also explain how to attract more wildlife. Light refreshments will be served. Newcomers are welcome. For more information visit [www.orgsites.com/mi/livoniagardenclub](http://www.orgsites.com/mi/livoniagardenclub).

### English Gardens

Get an introduction to fairy and miniature gardens, 1 p.m. Saturday, March 2. Kids can make a fairy garden at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 2. Cost is \$34.99. Sign up online at [www.englishgardens.com](http://www.englishgardens.com). Learn the ABCs of growing herbs at a free presentation, 1 p.m. Saturday, March 9.

Make a kitchen herb garden at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 9. Cost is \$19.99. Sign up online.

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

### 60-minute classes

Master Gardeners Western Wayne County (MGWCC) wraps up its series of hour-long seminars with a garden photography class, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at the Wayne County Extension Office, 5454 Venoy, a quarter mile north of Van Born, in Wayne. Cost \$10 each. All proceeds fund gardening grants and scholarships. Bob Bransky, photographer and Master Gardener/Master Composter, will teach outdoor and garden photography, showing how to take outstanding pictures, camera basics, composition of a great picture, closeup photos of plants. To register, e-mail to [mgwccorg@gmail.com](mailto:mgwccorg@gmail.com).

# Film tells tale of abandoned family dog

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Noriko Kambara of Novi grew up with birds and hamsters in her Japanese home, but it was 50 mice that sparked her spirit of animal advocacy. "At that time I worked for a laboratory and a very stupid doctor made the mice breed too much and then said it's too much, so throw them away. So I secretly gathered those mice and took them to my house. My parents were so surprised, but we took care of them."

Kambara brings that same sense of animal stewardship to her short film, *Abandoned Buddy*, a fictional story based on the plight of pets abandoned in fore-closed homes. It will debut at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 2, at the Main Theater, located on the corner of 11 Mile and Main in downtown Royal Oak. Tickets are \$7 and available at [www.pinemotion.com/abandoned-buddy/](http://www.pinemotion.com/abandoned-buddy/) by clicking on Main Art Theatre. Her feature length film, *Believe Again*, a story about a man who struggles to regain his family and his dreams after losing his job, will follow *Abandoned Buddy* and is included in the ticket price. Both films were shot in Michigan.

Kambara, who came to Novi from Japan in 2009, the result of her husband's job transfer, was inspired to write *Abandoned Buddy* after learning that some irresponsible owners have abandoned family pets when their homes are fore-closed. Kambara also said she was aware of stray cats in her neighborhood, as well as an abandoned dog that was taken in by a neighbor. "The key message is



A golden retriever stars in Noriko Kambara's short film, "Abandoned Buddy," about a pet left behind when his owners move away.



Michigan was among the most dangerous states in the U.S. She hopes to show "the real Michigan" through her filmmaking, which was mostly self-taught.

"I was always interested in making stories," said Kambara, who quit a job with Microsoft when she left her native country. "I had already taken a class in script and also from 7 years old I studied composing music."

She took instruction in film directing in Michigan and then began learning from YouTube and other Internet sources, books and friends with filmmaking experience.

Kambara auditioned cast members, including dogs, for the film roles. Charlie, a golden retriever owned by Christine Fox, a dog trainer and owner of Wag 'N' Tails Dog Activity Center in Shelby Township, landed the part of the abandoned canine.

"Golden retrievers are very popular, I think. And he has a face that is very true to the character." Spoiler alert — the film has a happy ending.

For more information about *Abandoned Buddy* and *Believe Again*, visit [www.pinemotion.com](http://www.pinemotion.com).

they are not toys. They are a part of your family," she said. "They leave their pets, like leaving their furniture, without feeling guilty or without recognition that they are killing their pets. They don't look at a pet as living. They see a pet as property, no different than a worn toy thrown away when they get bored with playing with it."

Kambara has seen the results of similar attitudes in Japan.

"In Japan, some people keep animals — they say 'Oh, they are so cute!' — but after awhile they don't care for them."

She hopes the film changes attitudes, not only about pets, but about Michigan, as well.

Kambara said friends had warned her that

## REUNIONS

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281-8001.

### PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

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A 45-year class reunion is planned for Saturday, Sept. 7. For information contact Susan Keith Johnson at [sgjohnson4@comcast.net](mailto:sgjohnson4@comcast.net).

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Physicians apply the same reasoning to shoulder and neck pain. The patient may complain of a sore neck. Often before checking the neck muscles, the doctor may examine how well the shoulder moves. Even small losses of shoulder rotation will cause a strain on the trapezius muscle; the effect is to cause a neck ache. The answer to ending the neck pain is to resolve the shoulder problem.

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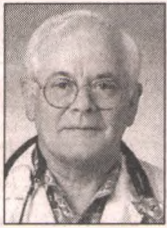
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# I say hello: March is meet Joe Gagnon month

**By Joe Gagnon**  
Guest Columnist

I never planned to make my name so recognizable but I did set my mind to help every person who asked me a question. I've been doing that in the media for the past 29 years and I enjoy every minute of it.



**Appliance Doctor**

Joe Gagnon

I use extreme care to admit what I don't know and that which I am versed in. There is nothing worse for the image than one who acts like a know-it-all. I remember an image-buster that happened to me many years ago. I went to the grocery store by myself and

started pushing the cart down an aisle when a senior lady walked up and asked if I was Joe Gagnon. I don't know what came over me but let's just say that I made a mistake. I told this lady that I must look like the guy because I'm always being asked that question. I smiled as she walked away and I thought I should get an Academy Award for my performance.

A short while later while shopping in another aisle I hear this woman yelling out, "Fred, get over here, the Appliance Doctor is here and you can ask him about the dishwasher." Fred came over and we started talking about his dishwasher and all of a sudden, who do you think appeared on the scene? It was the senior lady who I had lied to and she was not very happy and proceeded to give me a talking to in front of more

homeowners who had gathered around. Needless to say, I was more than embarrassed and I promised myself I would never do that again. I'll just stick to helping people with their appliance problems.

**Mind of their own**

One subject I've written about before is appliances that act up when they are not even being used: Oven door glass that explodes onto the kitchen floor and even cut a homeowner's leg; burners that come on in the middle of the night, refrigerators that catch fire in the compressor area, light bulbs that stay on inside the refrigerator and catch the plastic shield on fire and the list goes on.

Recently there was a story on television about microwave ovens that turn on by themselves. It appears that KitchenAid and General Electric

are the targets of an ongoing investigation with the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Reports indicate that this is a widespread problem going back to possibly the year 2002. You can use your computer to get the whole story by going to "consumer reports-investigation on microwave fires."

Here is another secret tip that I learned a few weeks ago when I spent a few days on the road again with my son, Mark. Take a look at the bottom of the cutting boards you use on the kitchen counter. You may find four little feet under there that could come off when you place these in the dishwasher. Those little pads can jam the check valve in the dishwasher mechanism and you may end up spending money for a technician's visit.

**Stop by, say Hi**

You already have my e-mail

address and I appreciate hearing from everyone. I also have a website, askjoegagnon.com. During each Saturday in March I will have the opportunity to meet many of you in person at area home improvement shows. I will be doing my radio show from Canton on Saturday, March 2, Dearborn Heights on March 9, Washtenaw County Fairgrounds on March 16, and Churchill High School in Livonia on March 23. I can assure you that I won't deny who I am, and I will be polite and give you as much information as I can. You can't miss me! White hair, glasses, a few scars from hockey and I look just like Robert Redford or Paul Newman. Stay tuned.

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

## Read, discuss classic literature in Livonia with new friends

If you're interested in reading and discussing classic fiction, check out the Great Books Discussion Group in Livonia.

"It's a lot of fun," said Zo Chisnell, group member. "We do read some heavy stuff. It's a little different type of book group."

The meeting format and original reading list is based on information from the Great Books Foundation in Chicago, Ill. The Livonia group expanded the Foundation's original list of classic selections from western culture to include contemporary authors and writers from other cultures.

The group meets from September-May and once a month in the summer, reading a mix of fiction, non-fiction, drama and poetry. The non-fiction readings cover a wide range of topics, including politics, religion, and social commentaries.

"We read a lot of the Russians," said Chisnell, adding "We've also read Tennessee Williams, Hemingway, Washington Irving."

Meetings are 7:30-9:30 p.m. two Thursdays a month at the Livonia Civic Center Library, located at Five Mile and Farmington Road. There are no dues and the books on the reading list are available from libraries or bookstores.

Upcoming meetings include: *God Is Not Great* by Christopher Hitchens on March 2, *Galileo* by Bertolt Brecht on March 21, *Eugenie Grandet* by Honore de Balzac on April 4, *Tales of the Alhambra* by Washington Irving on April 18, *Young Goodman Brown and Others* by Nathaniel Hawthorne on May 9 and selections by William Wordsworth on May 23.

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### February

#### CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

**Time/Date:** Noon-2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24  
**Location:** St. Damian Catholic School, 29892 Joy, Westland  
**Details:** Take a guided tour of the school, which includes preschool-eighth grades, meet the staff members who will be available to answer questions/concerns and have conversa-

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**Contact:** (734) 427-1680; www.stdamian.com  
**GRIEF SUPPORT**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Feb. 27, March 6, 13 and 20

**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia  
**Details:** The church and L.J. Griffin Funeral Homes present "Grieving with Great Hope," a five-week grief support series that offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for people who are mourning the loss of a loved one. The series began Feb. 20. Presenters include the Rev. Bill Tindall as well John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry  
**Contact:** St. Michael's at (734) 261-1455 or www.good-mourningministry.net

**HONORS**  
**Time/Date:** Reception at 6:45 p.m., followed by meeting at 7:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** The City of Farmington Hills Economic Development Corporation will honor the church and two other local organizations. Each has a history of at least 100 years in the Farmington area  
**Contact:** ufFarmington.org

**LENTEN MISSION**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Feb. 25-27  
**Location:** St. Anne Catholic Church, 38100 W. Five Mile, Livonia  
**Details:** The Rev. Alphonsus Maria will preach the mission series  
**Contact:** (734) 462-3200

**LENTEN SERVICE**  
**Time/Date:** 5:30 p.m. prayer service, 6:30 p.m. soup dinner, Feb. 27-March 27  
**Location:** Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 35300 W. Eight Mile, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Topics for the Wednesday night program are: "We were planned for God's pleasure," Feb. 27; "We were formed for God's family," March 6; "We were created to become like Christ," March 13; "We were shaped for serving God," March 20; "We were made for a mission," March 27  
**Contact:** (248) 478-6520; belcfh@gmail.com

**LENTEN SERVICE**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday, through March 20  
**Location:** Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford  
**Details:** Free treats served after services. The theme of the series is "Names of Wondrous Love"  
**Contact:** (313) 532-8655 or (734) 968-3523

**LENTEN SOUP SUPPER**  
**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. supper followed by service at 7:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Soup suppers and service are held Wednesday, through March 20  
**Contact:** (248) 553-3380

**LENTEN SOUP SUPPER**  
**Time/Date:** 6 p.m. supper, 7 p.m. reflection, Tuesday, Feb. 26  
**Location:** St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia  
**Details:** Robert Fastiggi, professor of theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, will talk about "Growing in Dependence on Christ during Lent." Reservations are required and there is a charge of \$5 per person. Felician Sisters will serve on Feb. 26.  
**Contact:** (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207; www.livoniastmichael.org

**SINGLES MEETING**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28  
**Location:** First Presbyterian

Church of Northville, 200 East Main, Northville  
**Details:** Single Place is a social organization for mature singles that meets at the church. Darlene Lane will talk about her trip to Machu Picchu in the Andes Mountains in Peru. Ice cream will be served. Donation is \$5  
**Contact:** www.singleplace.org

**March**  
**LENTEN LECTURE**  
**Time/Date:** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 19  
**Location:** St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton  
**Details:** Dr. Patricia Cooney-Hathaway, author, lecturer, and professor at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, will present "The Spirituality of Vatican II: What it means for the People in the Pew." This is a free event and light refreshments will be served. Call the church office to register  
**Contact:** (734) 455-5910

**PARENTING SEMINAR**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. March 2  
**Location:** Mariam Center, located on the campus of St. Mary Orthodox Church, 18200 Merriman, Livonia  
**Details:** Parenting seminar features Dr. John Chirban, an author, advisor to the "Dr. Phil Show," researcher and clinical instructor in psychology at Harvard Medical School. The \$10 registration fee includes lunch. Register online at http://saintmarylivonia.com  
**Contact:** The Rev. Jim King at (734) 422-0010

**PARTY PLANNING**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, March 17  
**Location:** Temple Beth El's Handleman Hall, 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills  
**Details:** Photographers, party planners, florists, DJs, videographers, caterers and more will be on hand at this party planning showcase sponsored by the Beth El Sisterhood. Experts will present tips, demonstrations and ideas for having a party everyone will remember. An added feature this year will be a bridal fashion show at noon in the Temple's sanctuary presented at no charge by Roma Sposa. Visitors to the free event can sample foods and win prizes. All in attendance will receive a complimentary directory of exhibitors  
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**Ongoing**  
**CLASSES/STUDY**  
**Men's Bible study**  
**Time/Date:** Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.  
**Location:** Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township  
**Contact:** John Shulenberg at (734) 464-9491  
**New Life Community Church**  
**Time/Date:** Jobs seminar, 8-9 am. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12

and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m. Sundays.  
**Location:** 42200 Tyler, Belleville  
**Contact:** (734) 846-4615  
**Our Lady of Loretto**  
**Time/Date:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday  
**Location:** Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford  
**Details:** Scripture study  
**Contact:** (313) 534-9000

**St. Michael the Archangel**  
**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday.  
**Location:** School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Catholic author and bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads a study of the Gospel of St. Luke. The sessions are open to all, regardless of their faith or parish affiliation  
**Contact:** (734) 261-1455, ext. 200, or www.livoniastmichael.org

**Ward Presbyterian**  
**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Mondays  
**Location:** Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville  
**Details:** Learner's Bible study is held  
**Contact:** (248) 374-5920

**FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL**  
**Time/Date:** 5-6 p.m. every Thursday  
**Location:** The Salvation Army, 27500 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills  
**Details:** Free meal  
**Contact:** (248) 477-1153, Ext. 12

**FOOD BANK**  
**New Hope Church**  
**Time/Date:** 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only  
**Location:** 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton  
**Contact:** Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.

**MOMS**  
**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. second Tuesday, MOPS; 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Thursday, MOPSnext. Both programs run September-May  
**Location:** 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia  
**Details:** Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners; MOPSnext supports mothers of school-aged children. Contact: Rebekah Creeden at (734) 522-6830 for MOPS and Susan Magner at (248) 478-3643 for MOPSnext details.

**Dunning Park Bible Chapel**  
**Time/Date:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays  
**Location:** 24800 West Chicaogo Road, Redford  
**Details:** MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.  
**Contact:** Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

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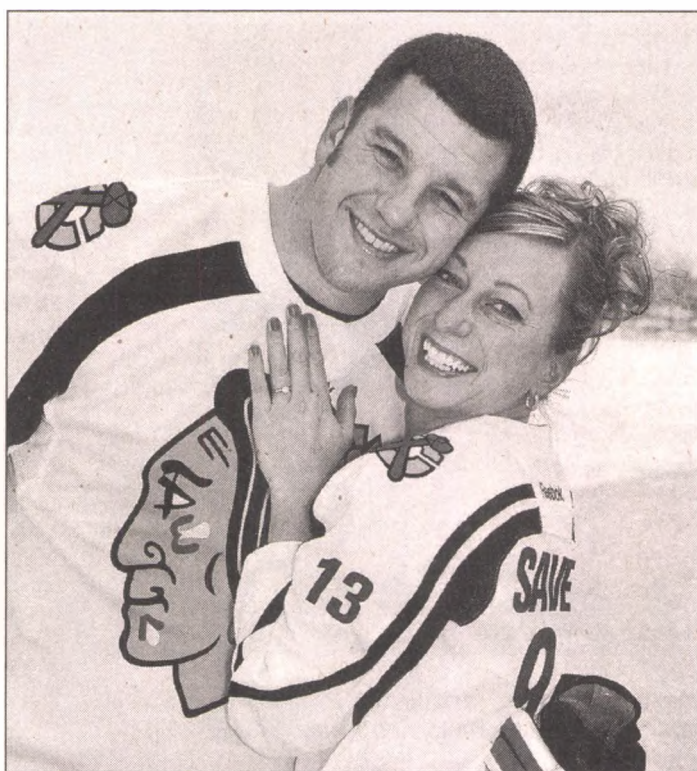
## Dziekan-Gabel

Julie Dziekan and Thomas Gabel announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Michael and Mary Ann Dziekan of Canton, is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

Her fiancé, son of Gary and Lisa Gabel of West Bloomfield and Kathy Olivas of Deerfield, Fla., is a graduate of Walled Lake Western High School.

A September 2013 wedding is planned in Chicago, Ill.



## 67th wedding anniversary

John and Doris Karpinski celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary Feb. 9 with a party at The American House, Westland.

They were married in 1946 at The Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church, Detroit. John, 90, was born in Madera, Pa., and served in the Navy from 1942-45. He married soon after he was discharged. He worked for Imerman Screw in Detroit from 1940-85, retiring after 45 years.

Doris, 91, was born in Detroit and worked at Eureka in Detroit making gas masks for the war.

The couple raised their family in Southgate. John and Doris have one daughter and two sons, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Son Kevin and his wife, Lois, attended the anniversary celebration with two of the grandsons, Erik and Clint.

Their youngest, Max, is a Marine at Camp Kinser in Okinawa, Japan. Daughter Sheryl and her husband, Michael, and their family, including great-grandchildren, Hunter and Autumn, also attended the gathering.

The Korpalskis retired



John and Doris Korpalski of Westland



The Korpalskis on their wedding day

to Port St. Lucie, Fla., in 1985. They currently live at American House

in Westland, but hope to return to Florida if their health improves.

# RELIGION

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## PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

**Time/Date:** 1 p.m. Sunday

**Location:** Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service. All Creatures ULC describes the gathering as non-denominational and Christian. Water is available for dogs

**Contact:** (313) 563-0162

## PRAYER

### Nardin Park United Methodist Church

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Wednesday

**Location:** 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

**Details:** Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests.

**Contact:** (248) 476-8860

### St. Edith Church

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday

**Location:** 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back of the church.

**Details:** Music, singing, prayer

**Contact:** Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656 or Geri at (734) 464-8906

### St. Michael Lutheran Church

**Time/Date:** 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

**Location:** 7000 Sheldon, Canton

**Details:** Praying silently or aloud together; prayer requests welcomed.

**Contact:** (734) 459-3333

## PRESCHOOL

### Ward Preschool

**Time/Date:** 2011-12 school year

**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville

**Details:** Enrolling now for children turning 3, 4 and 5 years old by Dec. 1.

**Contact:** (248) 374-5911 or e-mail carol.nowacki@wardchurch.org

## SINGLES

### Detroit World Outreach

**Time/Date:** 4-6 p.m. Sunday

**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 304

**Details:** Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated. Occasionally includes guest speakers; open to the public and visitors are welcome.

**Contact:** The facilitator at (313) 283-8200; lef@dwo.org

### First Presbyterian Church

**Time/Date:** 7:30-7:45 p.m., social time; 7:45-8 p.m., opening; 8-9 p.m., program Thursdays.

**Location:** 200 E. Main St., Northville

**Details:** Single Place Ministry; cost is \$5

**Contact:** (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

### Steve's Family Restaurant

**Time/Date:** 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

**Location:** 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4-mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

**Details:** Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others who are ready to help cope or become involved in the other social activities offered by Widowed Friends.

**Contact:** (313) 534-0399

### Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

**Time/Date:** 11:30 a.m. Sunday

**Location:** 40000 Six Mile, Northville

**Details:** Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship, coffee, doughnuts, conversation.

**Contact:** (248) 374-5920

## SONG CIRCLE

### Congregation Beth Ahm

**Time/Date:** Noon to 12:30 p.m. every Shabbat

**Location:** 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

**Details:** Sing zemirot (traditional Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.

**Contact:** (248) 737-1931 or e-mail nancyellen879@att.net.

## SUPPORT

### Apostolic Christian Church

**Time/Date:** 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily

**Location:** 29667 Wentworth, Livonia

**Details:** Adult day care program at the church's Woodhaven Retirement Community. Funding available from TSA, AAA L-C Older Americans Act.

**Contact:** (734) 261-9000; www.woodhaven-retirement.com

### Detroit World Outreach

**Time/Date:** 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

**Location:** 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 202

**Details:** Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling.

**Contact:** (313) 255-2222, ext. 244

### Farmington Hills Baptist Church

**Time/Date:** 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

**Location:** 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

**Details:** Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group

**Contact:** (248) 433-1011

### Merriman Road Baptist Church

**Time/Date:** 1-3 p.m. second and fourth Thursday

**Location:** 2055 Merriman, Garden City

**Details:** Metro Fibromyalgia support group meets; donations

**Contact:** www.metrofibrogroupp.com; or call Ruthann with questions at (734) 981-2519

### Riverside Park Church of God

**Time/Date:** 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

**Location:** 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

**Details:** Adult Day Ministry offers an adult daytime care program with a specialty in dementia care. Includes a planned program that includes a variety of health, social and support services in a protective setting. Not a drop-in center

**Contact:** (734) 367-4220 or (734) 464-0990; www.riversideparkchurch.org; or e-mail to rpadm@riversideparkchurch.org

### St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. to noon Saturday morning

**Location:** 16360 Hubbard, Livonia

**Details:** A weekly drop-in Food Cupboard (nonperishable items) is available. There are no requirements, this a service the church wants the community to be aware of and use if needed. Donations of nonperishable items also accepted for the cupboard.

**Contact:** (734) 421-8451.

### St. John's Episcopal Church

**Time/Date:** 10 a.m. the first and third Friday

**Location:** 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth

**Details:** St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's patients or patients with other forms of dementia meets. Respite care is provided. The group is authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

**Contact:** Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426

### St. John Neumann

**Time/Date:** 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays

**Location:** 44800 Warren Road, Canton

**Details:** Overeaters Anonymous meets

**Contact:** Mary at (734) 634-7154 or Traci at (734) 718-5575

### St. Michael the Archangel Church

**Time/Date:** 10:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday

**Location:** 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

**Details:** A diet support group is aimed at individuals who are struggling with weight or body image issues. The program, based on spiritual growth, nutritional information, and practical-living advice, is open to all, regardless of gender, faith or parish affiliation, who want to more carefully examine their relationship with food

**Contact:** (734) 261-1455, ext. 200

### St. Thomas a' Becket Church

**Time/Date:** Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m.; support group meeting starts at 7 p.m. Thursday

**Location:** 555 S. Lilley, Canton

**Details:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly encourages members of the organization to lose weight and keep it off for good.

**Contact:** Margaret at (734) 838-0322

### Unity of Livonia

**Time/Date:** 7 p.m. Thursday

**Location:** 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, Livonia

**Details:** Overeaters Anonymous

**Contact:** (248) 559-7722; www.oa.org

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### ACOSTA, MELINA (LYNN)

Age 64, of Canton Michigan passed away on February 15th, 2013. The Celebration of Life will be held at 10:30 AM Saturday, Feb 23 at St. John Neuman Catholic Church with Father Theo of St. Prescilla's officiating. Please join us for a luncheon and social time after the mass. Lynn was born in Cabadbaran, North Agusan, Philippines. She was married to Alfredo (Fred) Acosta on June 17th, 1972. They have been married 40 years. The couple had one son, Maj. Allen D. Acosta and one grandchild, Tsunami Acosta. Lynn worked for Sybron-Kerr as a quality assurance specialist for 34 years. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, cooking, playing mahjong, shopping and traveling. Lynn is survived by many family members both in the U.S. and the Philippines who love her dearly. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be sent to St. John Neuman Church at 44800 Warren Rd., Canton, Michigan, 48188. The family of Lynn Acosta would like to thank the University of Michigan Oncology Center, especially Dr. Carolyn Johnston as well as her team at Arbor Hospice who all provided excellent care to her.

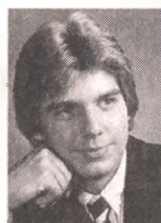


### HEIN, JOAN A.

Age 64, February 19, 2013 of Canton. Beloved wife of Roy M. Hein, Jr. Loving mother of Cindy (Ray) Kelm, James Hein, Lori (Kevin) Wright, Tina L. (Justin) LaBorde and Michael Hein. Proud grandmother of Seven grandchildren. Dear sister of Kenneth Hartka. Visitation Monday 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N Newburgh Rd (between Ford and Cherry Hill) Westland. Funeral Service Tuesday 1 PM at the funeral home. Interment Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

### JOHNSON, MICHELLE L.

Age 33, of Livonia, passed away surrounded by her loving family. www.casterlinefuneralhome.com



### NEIDING, RICHARD CRAIG

Age 49, of Vermilion, died Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at Mercy Regional Medical Center, Lorain after a sudden illness. He was born May 19, 1963 in Royal Oak, MI and had been a Vermilion resident for the past 13 years moving from Traverse City, MI. Craig graduated from Wyllie E Groves High School, Birmingham, MI and attended Oakland County Community College for culinary training. He worked as a gourmet chef at Ric's in West Bloomfield, MI for 8 years and several other restaurants in Michigan, the Florida Keys, and Little Palm Island. He was a member of AA, and enjoyed nature walks, bird watching, and his cats. He is survived by his mother, Gretchen (nee Kishman) Neiding of Vermilion; sister, Karin N. Hoover of Mt. Juliet, TN; Aunt and Uncle Karin and Dave Rathbun; Uncle Roger Kishman; nephew, Richard Paul Lentz; numerous cousins including, D. Drew Rathbun DDS, Shelly Innes, Teri Howe, Monica Jenkins DMD, and Ashley Kishman, and many wonderful friends including, Dave and Mary Paul of Vermilion. He was preceded in death by his father, Richard Paul Neiding in 1983; paternal grandparents, Conrad and Mildred Rose (nee Cothert) Neiding; maternal grandparents, Lester Henry and Almena C (nee Yingling) Kishman; uncles, Ronald and Jerry Neiding; and aunts, Delphia (nee Cothert) Coutrip, and Darlene Neiding Short. Graveside services will be held at a later date at Brownhlem Cemetery, Vermilion. The family suggests memorial contributions to the United Church of Christ Congregational, 990 State Street, P.O. Box 228, Vermilion, OH 44089.

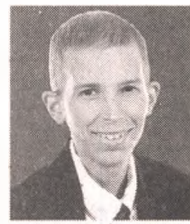
Online condolences may be made at www.riddlefuneralhome.com

**SMITH, RODGER W., Jr.**  
Age 65 of Anchorage, Alaska (formerly of Canton, MI), on February 11, 2013 went to be with the Lord. Beloved son of Marge and the late Rodger Smith. Loving Father of Jessica (Tim). Dear Brother of Roxanne (Ron), Rock (Tammy), the late Rodney, and the late Ron.



### STERLING, JOHN E.

Age 88 of Livonia. Beloved husband of Marvel for 68 years. Loving father of Linda Degnan-Solomons, Janet (Rich) Gillette, and Laurie (Herb) Schroeder. Dear grandfather of Brian and Tim Degnan, Brad Schroeder and Amy Michalek. Great-grandfather of seven. Loving uncle of two nieces. A memorial service will take place Tuesday, February 26th 10:30AM at the Lutheran Home of Michigan 28910 Plymouth Rd Livonia, MI 48150. Memorial Donations may be made to the Lutheran Homes of Michigan P.O. Box 329 Frankmunth, MI 48734-0329. Please share memories at: Fredwoodfuneralhome.com



### TRASK, COLLIN A.

February 19, 2013, Age 18. 2013 Graduate of Seaholm High School. Most precious son of John and Myra. Great little brother of Patty. Adored grandson of Jack and Dorothy Trask, and Evelyn Gibbons and the late Myron Gibbons. Also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins and wonderful friends. Collin will be sorely missed by his faithful companion, Kaleigh. Services have taken place. Memorial tributes to Rainbow Connection. A.J. Desmond & Sons, (248) 362-2500. Sign guestbook and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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## Know your numbers Women learn their risk for heart disease at hospital event

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

Babette Dajos of Livonia and her friend, Carrie Minchew of Westland, spent a "Ladies Night Out" Thursday getting blood drawn, blood pressure taken and charting their weight and waist circumference.

"It's nice to know the numbers," said Minchew, referring to her screening results.

"My mom keeps yelling at me about heart disease, heart disease, heart disease. The study that came out saying that more women die from heart disease than anything else, really got to me," Dajos added. "I'm in my 40s now and I don't want to know what those (blood pressure) numbers are, but I need to. You can't deny those numbers. Heart disease is the silent killer."

Minchew and Dajos were among approximately 125 women who attended St. Mary Mercy Hospital's program on women and cardiovascular health that included "Know Your Numbers" screenings, a lecture by St. Mary Mercy cardiologist Dr. Delair Gardi, M.D., healthful refreshments, massage, vendors and educational exhibits.

The hospital offers "Ladies Night Out" programs three times a year on a variety of health topics, although the annual February event, which coincides with Ameri-



Paula Wingett, RNC-EFM, a resident of Livonia, takes a blood pressure reading for Bettye Riley-Lee of Van Buren Township.

can Heart Month and the Go Red For Women campaign, focuses on cardiovascular care.

### Cholesterol check

"What's unique about tonight's event is the Know Your Numbers and that's where we're doing the cholesterol. We've always done BMI (body mass index) and blood pressure, but we're actually drawing blood today," said Mary Jane Peck, coordinator of the Marian Women's Center at the hospital. "They'll get the results in a week or so. It's going to give their LDL (bad cholesterol), HDL (good cholesterol), triglycerides, and glucose. It's a good panel."

"There is so much talk about women and heart disease, cholesterol and 'know your numbers.' A lot of people get their blood pressure done because it's easy. We said if we're really going to

talk about their numbers, let's give them their numbers."

Here's what those optimal numbers are for women:

- Total cholesterol under 200 mg/dl (milligrams per decilitre). Anything above 240 is considered high.
- Total "bad" cholesterol, LDL, under 100 mg/dl. Above 160 is high.
- Total "good" cholesterol, HDL over 50 mg/dl. Lower than 40 increases heart disease risk.
- Triglycerides under 150 mg/dl. Over 150 is high.
- Fasting blood sugar under 100 mg/dl. Over 110 is high.
- Blood pressure under 120/80 mmHg. 140/90 is high.
- Waist circumference less than 35 inches. The risk for heart disease is greater if the weight is around the stomach instead of the hips.



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Freida Pruitt-Craig, (left) director of Cardiovascular Services, and Denise Spencer, vascular technician, speak with Joanne Stewart of Northville.

- Body fat percentage between 18-27 percent. Anything over 24.9 is high.

### Healthy lifestyle

Gardi recommended that women know their numbers and talk with their doctor about their risk factors for heart disease. He pointed out that smoking, hypertension, obesity, high cholesterol, diabetes and inactivity all increase the risk of heart disease and suggested that women adopt the American Heart Association's healthy lifestyle that includes no smoking, moderate physical activity for a minimum 30 minutes a day, a heart-healthy diet with Omega 3 fatty acids, healthy weight, managing blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes and depression and alcohol consumed only in moderation.

"It used to be if you were a woman, you'd say, 'Oh, I'm never going to have a heart attack.' But women have heart attacks and women pres-



Ellen Faber, who works in the Helen Palmer Image Recovery Center, massages Christa Varga of Livonia.

ent with different symptoms than a man does," said Birthing Center director Deborah Ainsworth, RN, who took blood pressure readings at the event. "You know, for a man you always hear, 'Oh, my left arm went numb.' But sometimes they've had women come to the ER and they've just been tired. So the hard part is that women's symptoms can be more subtle and confused with something other than a heart attack. That's why it's important for women to be here tonight."

Women may experience heart attack symp-

toms such as shortness of breath, flu-like symptoms such as nausea, cold sweats and vomiting, fatigue or weakness, pain in the jaw, upper back or neck and a feeling of anxiety and loss of appetite.

"The point is, you know your body and if you're like, I've been feeling bad all day, I feel this heaviness in my chest, or I am just so tired and I feel short of breath, it's better to be safe than sorry," Ainsworth said, recommending a trip to the ER. "What's the worse thing they can say to you — well, that you are having a heart attack — but if not they'll send you home and say you're fine. That's okay. But people tend to not want to be wrong. They don't want to look stupid. You'll look even more stupid when you're in a body bag."

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## Five health-care jobs for bachelor's degree holders

Susan Ricker, CareerBuilder Writer

Getting into health care doesn't necessarily require a doctoral degree. It's possible to help people feel their best and care for their health with a bachelor's degree.

### 1. Athletic trainer\*

What they do: Athletic trainers specialize in preventing, diagnosing and treating muscle and bone injuries and disorders. They work with people of all ages and skill levels, including children, soldiers and professional athletes. Athletic trainers need at least a bachelor's degree, although both bachelor's and master's degrees are common. In most states, athletic trainers need a license or certification. Projected job growth: Employment is expected to grow by 30 percent between 2010 and 2020, much faster than the average for all occupations. As people become more aware of sports-related injuries in children, demand for athletic trainers is expected to increase, significantly in schools and youth sports leagues. Median annual pay: \$41,600

### 2. Dietitian and nutritionist

What they do: Dietitians and nutritionists are experts in food and nutrition. They advise people on what to eat in order to lead a healthy life or achieve a specific health-related goal. Although all

dietitians and nutritionists do similar tasks, there are several types, including clinical dietitians, management dietitians and community dietitians. Most dietitians and nutritionists have a bachelor's degree and have participated in supervised training. Also, many states require dietitians and nutritionists to be licensed. Projected job growth: Employment is expected to increase by 20 percent between 2010 and 2020, faster than the average for all occupations. Median annual pay: \$53,250

### 3. Medical and clinical laboratory technologist and technician

What they do: Medical laboratory technologists -- also known as medical laboratory scientists -- and medical laboratory technicians collect samples and perform tests to analyze body fluids, tissue and other substances. Educational requirements for technologists and technicians differ. Technologists typically need a bachelor's degree; technicians usually need an associate degree or a postsecondary certificate. Some states require technologists and technicians to be licensed or registered. Projected job growth: Employment of technologists is expected to grow by 11 percent between 2010 and 2020, about as fast as the average for all occupations. Employment



of technicians is expected to grow by 15 percent between 2010 and 2020, about as fast as average. Median annual pay: Medical laboratory technologists: \$56,130; medical laboratory technicians: \$36,280

### 4. Occupational health and safety specialist

What they do: Occupational health and safety specialists analyze work environments and procedures. They inspect workplaces for adherence to safety, health and the environment rules. They also design programs to prevent disease or injury and damage to the environment. Occupational health and safety workers typically need a bachelor's degree. All are trained in the specific laws or procedures through a combination of classroom and on-the-job training. Projected job growth: Employment is expected to grow by 9 percent between 2010 and 2020, which is slower than average. Median annual pay: \$64,660

### 5. Recreational therapist

What they do: Recreational therapists plan, direct and coordinate recreation programs for people with disabilities or illnesses. They use a variety of techniques, including arts and crafts, drama, music, dance, sports, games and field trips. These programs help maintain or improve a client's physical and emotional well-being. Recreational therapists typically need a bachelor's degree. Most employers require therapists to be certified by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation. Projected job growth: Employment is expected to grow by 17 percent, about as fast as average. As baby-boomers age, they will need recreational therapists to help treat age-related injuries and illnesses, such as strokes. Median annual pay: \$39,410

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33 Small band  
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**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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# Car Report

Advertising Feature

## Adding the new turbo diesel option will power up Chevrolet's Cruze



By Dale Buss

It's not surprising that General Motors finally introduced its first new diesel-powered car in a generation: the 2014 Chevrolet Cruze Clean Turbo Diesel that it unveiled at the Chicago auto show.

Consider how GM indicated late last year that it would be stepping down its development of new conventional hybrids. Add to that new remarks by former GM CEO Ed Whitacre about Chevrolet Volt.

For nearly a decade, Volt was used as the company's go-to answer about how GM was going to dramatically increase energy efficiency in its vehicles.

Now, however — at least in the view of the guy who ran the company before current CEO Dan Akerson — Volt seems to have been reduced to a sort of teachable moment, an asterisk-bearing curiosity in the long arc of GM products. "I think [Volt] will create value for GM somewhere down the line," Whitacre said wilyly to USA Today. "It's not like it sold zero."

Certainly, GM has expectations that the new Cruze diesel will prove an immediate sales and financial success rather than only vaguely help the company down the line, as Whitacre anticipates in regard to Volt and its plug-in-hybrid technology.

In fact, the unveiling of the new Cruze could provide an immediate jolt forward for clean diesel in the U.S. market overall. Cruze represents the most significant investment yet in the rise of the technology in the American market by a Detroit Three automaker.

About 40 percent of Cruze models sold

in Europe — like most of the continent's small cars — are diesel-powered. But GM's adaptation of a new diesel powertrain for the U.S. represents a bold return to diesel power for the company. Its diesel cars in the 70s and 80s were dirty, smelly and unreliable, and tarnished the reputation of diesel power in America for decades.

Based like all clean-diesel models on new low-pollution technology, Cruze "represents a new era in diesel performance for American cars," said Jens Wartha, GM chief engineer.

With a starting price at \$25,695, including a \$810 destination charge (excludes tax, title, license, and dealer fees) Cruze Clean Turbo Diesel comes with a six-speed automatic transmission, four-wheel antilock disc brakes, 3.20 final drive ratio, 140-amp alternator, 800 cold-cranking amps battery, 17-inch alloy wheels, ultra-low-rolling resistance all-season tires, rear spoiler, Aero Performance Package and leather-appointed seating features.

Other standard features include Chevrolet's infotainment system MyLink, a two-year maintenance plan, and a five-year 100,000 mile powertrain warranty.

Built at the Lordstown, Ohio, plant, the new Cruze will get what GM called a "best-in-segment" 42 mpg on the high-



Leather-appointed seating comes standard in the new diesel-powered Cruze

way and produce an estimated 258 lb.-ft. of torque, sprinting from zero to 60 mph in 8.6 seconds behind its 2.0-liter, 148-horsepower engine.

That's the same highway-mileage rating as the Eco gasoline-powered, turbo-charged version of Cruze. But the latter model has only a 1.4-liter engine and yields only 138 horsepower and just 148 lb.-ft. of torque.

It's that combination of a now-clean-burning, high-mileage fuel and engine performance, especially torque, that is attracting more and more Americans to consider diesel power as a mainstream option. Historically until lately, diesel mainly was something Americans put in their heavy-duty pickup trucks.

Chrysler also has stepped up to the technology with a clean-diesel version of the 2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee, its most popular SUV. Ford, meanwhile, has stayed away from diesel engines and focused on hybrids and EVs as well as more fuel-efficient gasoline engines through its Eco-Boost technology.

While diesel and electrified vehicles hold similar small slivers of the U.S. car market at the moment — each just a few percent — diesel arguably is on the up-

swing while hybrids and all-electrics have stalled overall in the marketplace, even though some automakers keep adding to their fleets of electrified models.

The Cruze diesel "is coming out at just the right time," said Allan Schaeffer, executive director of the Diesel Technology Forum. The car "will be a key factor in taking the success of clean diesel as a competitive fuel-efficient technology to the next level."

The Forum said that automakers are set to introduce more than 20 new clean-diesel vehicles in North America this year, roughly doubling the number of diesel nameplates available.

Volkswagen and Audi have been most committed to diesel in the U.S. market, with Audi planning this year to stretch its Turbo Direct Injection clean-diesel option across most of its highest-volume models, and VW pushing to get diesel penetration of its Passat mid-sized sedan to around 25 percent.

Diesel accounts for about 20 percent of Volkswagen's U.S. sales volume. Executives believe that the more brands and products that come to the diesel party in the U.S., the more every brand's diesel sales will grow.



Small Car Marketing Director Cristl Landy unveils Cruze diesel in Chicago.

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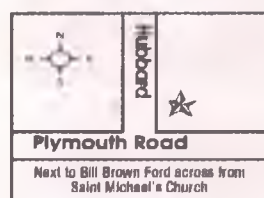
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