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Owen Locke enjoyed last year's Easter Egg Hunt. This year's hunt is set for 10 a.m. Saturday, March 30.

Egg hunt

The Plymouth Lions are once again making sure kids get to fill their basket with tasty treats around the Easter holiday.

The Lions again host the annual Easter Egg Hunt 10 a.m. Saturday, March 30, at Plymouth Township Park. Kids will be divided into four age groups: 0-3, 4-6, 7-8 and 9-10.

The Lions will also have collection boxes on hand for folks who'd like to donate hearing aids, eyeglasses and cell phones for the Lions to use to help others. Donations to the Lions' cause

will also be accepted. Lions Club officials are encouraging folks to bring the kids, their bas-

kets and their cameras. Plymouth Township Park is located at the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and McClumpha.

Bond forums

Plymouth-Canton **Community Schools** officials, seeking a \$114 million bond election May 7, are giving the public their first two chances to weigh in.

Public forums will take place 7 p.m. Thursday, March 7, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth, and then 7 p.m. Monday, March at the Canton Pub Library, 1200 S. Canton Center in Canton.

District officials will explain how the bond will address student learning, technology, health, safety, and security at district facilities.

District officials have said they'll be able to pay for the bond "with zero increase" in the tax rate.

For more information on the forums, call (734) 416-2755.

Oscar contest winners

The winner of the O&E Media Oscar contest is Anna Sharples of Northville. Sharples will receive an annual movie pass for two for use at any Emagine Theatre.

Second prize of four movie passes went to Jackie Hengtgen of Dearborn.

Sharples and Hengtgen were the only two entries out of more than 150 who answered all but categories correctly. The winner was selected in a random drawing.

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School board tabs three for final look

By Brad Kadrich Staff Writer

And then there were three. The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Wednesday narrowed their search for a new superintendent by one candidate, inviting three of the four semifinalists back for a final found of meetings and interviews.

The finalists will be back this week (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday) to meet with teacher groups, staff and others, take

a tour of the district, and sit for one more interview with



board members. The order of appearance had not been decided at press time.

The finalists include: Michael Meissen, supervisor





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dates in the field.

Public Schools in Milwaukee, Wis. • Christopher Timmis, superintendent of Adrian Public Schools

and one of two Michigan candi-

of school • Brodie Killian, Plymouthimprove-Canton's current executive ment director of business services, and the only internal candidate and stuto be granted an interview. dent

Curtis Cain, the associate superintendent for educational services in the Shawnee Mission School District in Overland Park, Kan., met with trustees for two hours Tuesday but was not invited back.

The finalists were chosen

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The Rostkowskis of Plymouth Township — Christy (left), Mya, Kaylee, Mike and Evan, brought home two Pomeranians Wednesday after Christy read an Internet post about them. Pop Tart, with Christy, and Fatty, with Kaylee, are helping family members cope with the unexpected loss of their first dog.

Social success

Dog adoptions speed comfort to family coping with loss

By Matt Jachman Staff Writer

Social media and a dose of serendipity last week helped lift a Plymouth Township family saddened by the unexpected death of their beloved dog and other, more painful losses.

Christy and Mike Rostkowski adopted a pair of Pomeranians on Wednesday, the day after Christy happened upon an Internet post about them, and three days after their first Pom, Lola, died in Christy's lap while the family was driving home from a weekend trip.

'The days after Lola passed have been really quiet around here," Mike Rostkowski said Thursday in the living room of their home.

The new arrivals, Pop Tart and Fatty (a name the Rostkowskis weren't sure they'd stick with), are filling a void for the family. Lola's passing, after the death of Christy's mother last May and an uncle of Mike's in early February, had left the couple and their children shaken and depressed.

Lola was 10 years old, and had been a gift from Chris-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER **Kathryn Hurley of Plymouth** Township, who works with animal shelters and a large network of dog fans, blogged about Pomeranians Pop Tart and Fatty, leading a Plymouth Township family to adopt them.

ty's mother, Linda Smith, to the couple's oldest daughter, Kaylee, when she was a toddler. Kaylee is now 13. She has a sister, Mya, 7, and a brother, Evan, 4.

Said Christy: "It was like something was missing."

Happy accident But the picture brightened starting Tuesday night, when Christy read a blog post by Kathryn Hurley, a township woman who, with her mother, Mary, works with animal shelters and a large network of dog lovers, often through social media, to find homes for unwanted and abandoned dogs. The Hurleys, with four dogs of their own, also provide foster homes for dogs from time to time.

"There's just not enough knowledge out there about adopting," said Kathryn Hurley, a public relations and marketing student at Eastern Michigan University. Even people who want cute puppies can find plenty to adopt, she said.

Christy likes to read local news online, and found Kathryn's post as part of her routine. "I just went on it. I wasn't looking for anything," she said.

She told Mike about the dogs he was cleaning his work-

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Gunmen storm house, rob 3 pot provider By Matt Jachman

A provider of medical marijuana was robbed of cash and a quantity of his product on Feb. 22 by two men, each armed with a pistol, who raided his home in Plymouth Township.

The robbery occurred in the Oak Haven Mobile Home Park, in the area of Halyard and Ridge roads, during the early evening hours Feb. 22, according to a Plymouth **Township Police Department press** release. The victims - the man and a woman home at the time - were forced to the floor by one gunman while another bound them with duct tape, said Officer Charlie Rozum, the detective investigating the case.

No one was hurt. Rozum said a small child of the male victim's was in another room at the time of the robbery but was likely unaware of what was happening, and was not bound with tape nor injured.

The robbers were both described as white and wearing dark hooded sweatshirts and blue jeans, Rozum said. One was about 6-foot-2 and 225 pounds, and had a piercing under

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Counter help



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth Scholars teacher Linda Reilman teaches fifth grade when she's not working the cash register at Mickey D's. Reilman and other staffers at the charter school, located on North Territorial in Plymouth Township, worked the counter at the Ann Arbor Road McDonald's restaurant for a few hours as part of the chain's McTeacher Night program. For the story and more photos, please turn to page A4.

"Around Town" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a spaceavailable basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.

MAD HATTER TEA

Date/Time: Sunday, March 10, 2-4 p.m.

Location: Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main in Plymouth

Details: It's tea time ladies! Grab your gals and come to the Plymouth Historical Museum for the annual Mad Hatter Tea where ladies wear their craziest hats! "Mad About Hats--100 years of Wearing Hats, 1860-1960" will be presented by Sandy Root, a Civil War reenactor and period milliner. Before the presentation, enjoy scrumptious delicacies from Joe's Deli of Plymouth and the Museum's signature "Mary's Blend" tea--a taste bud tingling cherry and almond black tea in honor of Mary Todd Lincoln. This tea is also available for purchase in the Museum's store. Tickets for the Mad Hatter Tea are \$20 for Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum members and \$25 for non-members, if purchased by March 1 (add \$5 to the ticket price after that date), and can be purchased at the Plymouth Historical Museum during open hours, or on the website at http://www.plymouthhistory.org/Events. html using PayPal.

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

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

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, Scensty, Tupperware, jewelry and also formal dress and Tuxedo shops for Prom. Admission is free.

JAZZ @ THE ELKS

Date/Time: Tuesday, Feb. 26, 7-10 p.m.

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

Details: The Plymouth Elks Lodge #1780 welcomes you back to another fine series of Jazz @ The Elks in a beautiful club setting. Entertainment by the Johnny Trudell Quartet with Johnny on Trumpet and Flugelhorn, Ray Tini on Bass, Chuck Shermatero on Keyboard and Bill Cairo on Drums. There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors

Contact: For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com.



Christy (left) and Mya Rostkowski of Plymouth Township have a lot of love for Pop Tart and her brother, Fatty, the family adopted after reading a post about them on social media.

DOGS

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shop at the time, he said, to take his mind off their loss - and called Kathryn immediately.

"Two Pomeranians? What are the odds of that?" Christy said.

Christy picked up the dogs Wednesday (Kathryn, who had grown attached, had her mother give them away), and took to them quickly. Pop Tart and Fatty, a sister and brother who had been shuttled around since their original owner died, were uneasy at first.

"They were shaking uncontrollably," Christy Rostkowski said. "They were so nervous I was going to drop them off somewhere."

At ease in new home

But Thursday, the 3year-olds seemed at ease with the family, with Pop Tart relaxing in Christy's lap.

"It was just meant to be, I guess," said Christy, a stay-at-home mother and homemaker. They're more easygoing dogs

than Lola, who was playful, affectionate and liked to bark to get attention, she said.

"I know people don't believe in that kind of thing," said Mike, a pricing analyst at Ford Motor

The Hurleys, who have Facebook pages dedicated largely to finding homes for dogs, had put out word about Pop Tart and Fatty via a variety of social media. Respondents, however, at first wanted only one dog.

"I just didn't feel comfortable separating them," Kathryn said, explaining that a relative of their deceased owner had surrendered them to a shelter in Isabella County. Kathryn's aunt in Mount Pleasant, Anne Cavanaugh, had made the connection for the Hurleys, who met her halfway Feb. 22 to pick up the pair, along with four abandoned yearold Yorkshire terriers for which they had already found homes.

Quick connections

They reached even further, putting posts about the Pomeranians on the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's two Facebook pages Tues-

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Chamber president Wes Graff said the posts got many more views, and shares, than typical posts on the chamber's pages. The post on one page had been seen by more than 2,500 people by 5 p.m. Wednesday, compared to the typical post on that page, which would be

700 people, Graff said. Christy jumped at the chance to get a package deal. "In my heart, I couldn't separate them," she said.

seen by between 300 and

"I couldn't agree more," said her husband. "They're like a team. Inseparable.

For Kathryn Hurley, the experience reinforced her belief in social media as a powerful way to reach people. "When you have a cause, it's great," she said.

Even after the Pomeranians were gone, Kathryn continued to happily field inquiries about them, she said. One disappointed woman who wanted the pair ended up adopting a beagle instead, she said.

"I know so many dogs do need homes," she said.

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using a matrix devised by representatives of Ray & Associates, the Iowabased firm the board hired to conduct the search.

Board President John Barrett said he was impressed with all the candidates.

"They all have impressive credentials," Barrett said. "Each of the finalists has his own set of strengths and brings something good to the table."

Each of the four semifinalists sat for a twohour interview last week, answering questions ranging from leadership style to attitudes about student discipline.

Board members are confident a good leader will emerge.

"We were very impressed," board Secretary Adrienne Davis said. "I'm confident any of the three of them could come in and do a good job."

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A police sketch of one of two gunmen police are seeking in a Feb. 22 home invasion and robbery in Plymouth Township. He is described as white, 6-foot-2 and 225 pounds, with a piercing under his lower lip. He was wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt and baggy blue jeans. The robbers escaped in a red minivan. Anyone with information is asked to call the investigating detective at (734) 354-3246.

GUNMEN

his lower lip. The other was shorter and stockier, and the victims didn't get a good look at his face, Rozum said.

One man was armed with a revolver and the other with a semiautomatic pistol, Rozum said. They

escaped in a red minivan. The male victim told police he had a medical marijuana card and is a provider of medical marijuana and a caregiver for those who use it. Police did not detail the amounts of marijuana and cash stolen.

Rozum said the incident was unlikely to have been a random robbery.

Police are asking anyone with information about the incident to call Rozum at (734) 354-3246.

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Hearing postponed in embezzlement

By Matt Jachman Staff Writer

A court hearing for a woman charged with stealing more than \$465,000 from her Plymouth employer over a period of six years was postponed Friday when her attorney asked for more time to review the case.

Erica L. Mansfield of Canton Township is charged with one count of embezzling more than \$100,000, which carries a penalty of up to 20 years in prison upon conviction. The 39-yearold former administrative assistant at AspenTech Consulting Group appeared with her law-



Mansfield

yer, John Freeman, in 35th **District Court** and answered questions from Judge Mike Gerou.

Freeman said he hadn't yet received doc-

uments in the case, referring to two thick binders of paperwork that Eric Sterbis, a Wayne County assistant prosecutor, held up to show the judge.

"You need a courier with a strong back," quipped Gerou.

The judge told Sterbis to provide Freeman with copies of

the documents within a week, and the prosecutor agreed. Mansfield, in a soft but steady voice, agreed to waive her right to a preliminary hearing within 14 days of being charged, in order to give her attorney time to review the documents.

Gerou rescheduled the hearing for Friday, March 22.

Freeman, a former federal prosecutor, asked Gerou if he might have even more time, saying he might have to call in a specialist in document forensics, but the judge refused.

"I would suggest that you line up any experts you have now," he told Freeman.

Mansfield, who worked part time at AspenTech from 2006 until she was fired last summer after company officials documented \$465,871 in stolen funds, is accused of writing company checks to herself, which, owner Gregory Knapp told police, she was not authorized to do.

She is accused of forging Knapp's signature on at least some of the checks.

Knapp went to police late last June after he found discrepancies in company financial records. Plymouth Lt. Jamie Grabowski, the detective who investigated the case, used a search warrant to obtain

records of a bank account held by Mansfield, and documented that nearly \$240,000 in fraudulent checks had been deposited in it since 2008. The records were incomplete, Grabowski noted in his report.

AspenTech, with an office on Ann Arbor Trail, offers businesses consulting and other services related to computerbased management methods. Knapp declined to comment early last week.

Mansfield, who was formally charged on Feb. 21, is free on a \$500,000 personal bond.

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Charges filed in Verizon robbery

By Darrell Clem Staff Writer

Three teenage men are facing a court hearing Friday on multiple criminal charges amid allegations they robbed a Canton Verizon store after using a semiautomatic assault Boykin-Johnson rifle to shoot open a sliding glass door that an employee had managed to lock.

Eric James-Lee Wilkins and Antonio Jerome Porter, both of Inkster, and Dantez Lamar Boykin-Johnson of Westland - all 18 years old - have been charged with armed robbery, breaking and entering a building with intent to commit a crime, first-degree retail fraud, receiving and concealing stolen property over \$1,000, discharging a firearm into a building, felony firearms and illegal entry without the owner's permission.

The three teens were arraigned Thursday by 35th District Judge Michael Gerou, who set a \$1 million cash bond for each defendant and scheduled Friday's preliminary examination to determine whether they should stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court. A not-guilty plea was entered for the men.



Penalty range

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Porter

Wilkins, Porter and Boykin-John-

son could face penalties ranging

against them are felonies except

The charges arose from alle-

gations the three teens robbed

the Verizon store on Ford Road,

between Morton Taylor and Shel-

ing customers and employees to

don, around 11 a.m. Monday, caus-

fear for their lives and prompting a

lockdown of four Plymouth-Canton

No one was injured as Verizon

customer Gerry Soubly said the

masked, hooded men shot their

for the illegal entry charge, which

up to life in prison if they are con-

victed as charged. All of the counts



a car and then on foot. Police said the men hid in a storm cellar adjacent to a house on Willard Drive, near Oakview Drive and Saltz.

The suspects are likely facing charges in other communities as well following what authorities believe was a crime spree.

Commending police

Soubly had gone to the newly opened store with girlfriend Carol Nowaczyk to buy a phone when the incident happened. The couple hid near a small counter as Soubly

called 9-1-1 to report the robbery. "In all honesty," he said, "I thought they were going to kill everybody, including me and Car-

Soubly appeared Tuesday night before the Canton Township Board of Trustees to commend Canton police for their quick action in capturing the suspects. He also lauded the efforts of the Verizon employee who tried to keep the intruders out by locking a sliding glass door.

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Plymouth Scholars fifth-grade teacher Linda Reilman was one of several staffers who took over the counter at the Plymouth Township McDonald's on Ann Arbor Road Tuesday.

Charter staff flips for burgers

By Brad Kadrich Staff Writer

Jaci Jeffrey sees a lot of her students and colleagues within the walls of Plymouth Scholars Charter Academy, where she serves as principal.

But Tuesday, Jeffrey and other staffers were doing a different kind of serving.

Plymouth Scholars staffers, including Jeffrey, spent some three hours working the counter at the Plymouth Township McDonald's restaurant on Ann Arbor Road.

It was part of the restaurant chain's "McTeacher Night" effort.



Mom Danna Cloia watches sons Christopher, 6, and Bradley, 7, play with happy meal toys. The family, including Dad, Chris Cloia, stopped in at McDonald's to support their

leagues outside the school walls," said Jeffrey, who

helped open Plymouth

"It's a great community event, and it benefits the school, too.'

McTeacher's Night has provided students, faculty and parents with the opportunity to increase school pride and generate funds for their school by allowing them to take over a McDonald's location, with a percentage of the sales going directly to their school.

While the local McDonald's was providing 15 percent of the proceeds for the school's three hours, Jeffrey said it wasn't about the money.

"We didn't really have a goal," she said. "We just wanted to have some fun with it."

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ON CAMPUS

Eastern Michigan

Topics including the study of solar flares and dust storms on Mars, DNA breakpoints in the Human Fragile Site FRAXB and problematic foods in post-bariatric patients will be explored with the help of \$19,000 in Undergraduate Research Stimulus Awards approved by the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents during its regular meeting Feb. 19.

Eastern will award eight \$2,000 fellowships to a group of undergraduates in support of their research efforts with their faculty mentors, and each project can receive \$500 to be used for lab/studio supplies or equipment, or other professional expenses.

The undergraduate student awards recipients and faculty mentors include Lauren Fowler, a Canton resident majoring in Psychology, for her "An Examination of the Relationship of Problematic Food Types to the Development of Substance Use Disorder in Postbariatric Surgery Patients." Fowler's faculty mentor is Karen Saules (Department of Psychology).

The awards are part of the annual Undergraduate Research Stimulus Program, which is designed to facilitate research partnerships between undergraduates and Eastern faculty mentors.

Michigan State

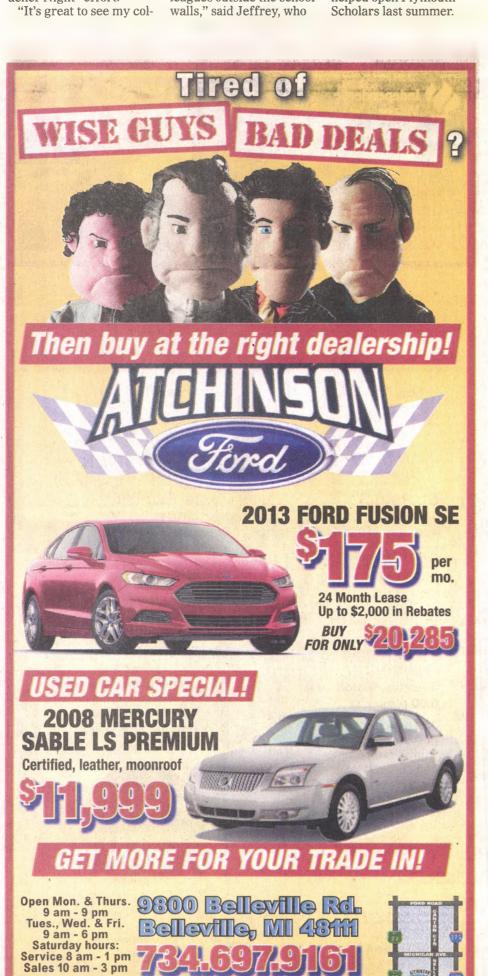
Stephanie Fogoros of Canton, a 2012 graduate of Salem High School, made the Dean's List and the MSU Honors College. Among Fogoros' academic accomplishments: Phi Beta Capa, Principal's Award, President's Award, National Honor Society and captain of the Salem Rockettes.

Grand Valley

Grand Valley State University announces the names of students who were placed on the dean's list for the Fall 2012 semester concluding in December. The list includes those students who have maintained a 3.5 grade point average and been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits. The honor is noted on the students' official records.

Students honored for the fall semester include: Canton — David J. Adlof, Lauren E. Adlof, Sherri E. Anderson, Phillip A. Baciak, Megan R. Bacigal, Courtney E. Black, Marissa R. Blassic, David L. Blythe, Lauren E. Branson, Britany M. Brasseur, Autumn E. Burin, Kirsten E. Clemans, Laura A. Daniels, Lara M. Devine, Terra L. Devine, Eric P. Eiswerth, Aaron D. Evans, Ashley H. Fal-Ion, Courtney T. Farmer, Abigail L. Giaier, Leah M. Girard, Danielle M. Gross, Melanie C. Gross, Kylie L. Hakala, Kristin L. Hartwig, Katherine E. Hopman, Max Julien, Laura E. Kirby, Ryan J. Liddane, Chelsea P. Manning, Alyssa C. Meagher, Jordyn A. Moore, Bradley T. Mueller, Shawn D. Mueller, Alice H. Munday, Kaitlin A. Munoz, Michael S. Nadratowski, Zachary S. Neville, Luke J. Paul, Alexander R. Porambo, Kelsey J. Pulis, Amanda R. Rice, Adam J. Rosenberg, Stefania C. Sgambati, Molly A. Slavens, Sarah R. Stratford, Sommer A. Tuttle, April E. Vernon, Taylor N. Wiemer, Megan L. Zarem

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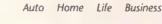


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Kids, principal take hair-y step for cancer

LOCAL NEWS

By Maggie Wunderlich Correspondent

Tonda Elementary Principal Tara Botosan led the way in donating over 80 inches of hair to benefit youngsters stricken with cancer.

Not only did she lead students, ranging from a kindergartner to three fifth graders, but she also donated her own hair. This is Botosan's third time donating hair with students.

"It's about kids helping kids who are sick," Botosan said. "Donating hair provides them with an avenue and an opportunity to do so. As a leader of our school, it's important for me to model that opportunity to serve others and to make that a priority in my life so that they can see me giving of myself."

Helping others was also the motivating factor for all seven students who donated their hair along with Botosan. Kindergartner Cecilia Moore said that she did it to help people like her grandmother, who'd lost her hair to cancer. She said, "I'm doing it for my Nanna.'

This was fifth grader Elizabeth Forney's second time to donate her hair for cancer patients.

"I thought it would be a good idea because some people need hair and I have a lot, so I can



Tonda Elementary School kindergartner Cecilia Moore gets her haircut to donate to Wigs 4 Kids.

just give them some," Elizabeth said.

The hair was donated to Wigs 4 Kids, which provides customfitted wigs in order to boost the self-esteem of cancer patients and others with medical conditions that cause hair loss. It is a Michigan non-profit organization that benefits children and teens throughout Michigan, 90% coming from the Tri-Coun-

"It's important to benefit the kids who are struggling right here in our community," Boto-

In this same spirit of giving, local merchants, including Hungry Howie's Pizza in Canton and Menchie's of Canton, helped make it a memorable day by providing the Tonda students with a pizza lunch and a delicious yogurt treat afterwards. The haircuts were donated by Sandy Vrzovski, owner and stylist of Envy Salon in Northville. Vrzovski previously partnered with Botosan with hair donations by students at East Middle School.



After the shearing are (top row) Shianna Etheridge, Elizabeth Forney, Tara Botosan and Connor Moore, and (front row) Maeve Dennie, Sophia Barkoot, Anna Avram and Cecilia Moore.



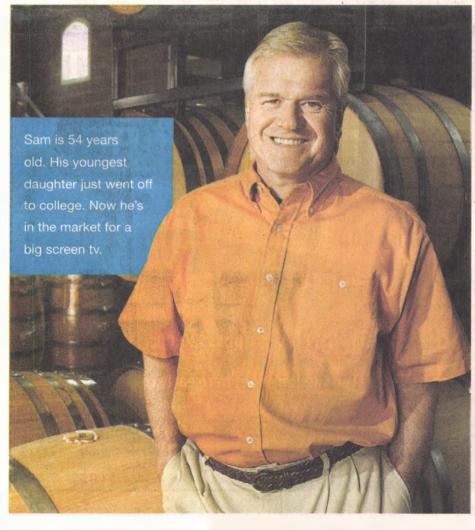
Here's how long the hair was before the haircuts for (back) Elizabeth Forney, Shianna Etheridge, Connor Moore and Tara Botosan, and (front) Sophia Barkoot, Anna Avram, Maeve Dennie and Cecilia Moore.

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It's never too early to start investing for retirement

By Rick Bloom **Guest Columnist**

Q: Dear Rick: I read your column in the Canton Observer. I have a 24year-old son that has been given \$1,000 by his grandparents. I'd like to see him use that to establish a Roth IRA with the thought of him (hopefully) committing to an additional \$20 a week. I realize this is a small investment, but I'd like to see him get started. Do you have any suggestions as to the funds? I have a small fund with Janus, but don't know that this is the best and I'm not comfortable with making recommendations to him.

A: I love what you are trying to do. The advantages of your son opening an IRA at his age are huge. I wish more parents were like you, encouraging their children to invest money



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Money Matters

Rick Bloom

retired for more years than he worked. In addition, we know he won't have a pension and who knows what will

for their future.

Just think,

like your son

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happen with Social Security. Encouraging your son to begin to save for his retirement is a great thing.

Considering your son's age, he is a long-term growth investor and I recommend the T. Rowe Price Spectrum Growth Fund (www.troweprice.com). This is known as a fund of funds. The managers invest in a variety of

T. Rowe Price funds that are all geared for long-term growth. This allows your son the opportunity to take a small amount of money and begin to build a diversified portfolio. Contained within the T. Rowe Price Spectrum Growth fund are domestic and international investments. The fund also contains both large and small companies. The fund has a \$1,000 minimum and \$100 minimum for additional investments. This fund has a solid track record and is also commission free. That means when your son invests \$1,000,

for him. Because this is your son's first investment, encourage him to learn about investing. If he can attain good investing skills at this age, it will be

all of the money goes to work

something that will help him the rest of his life. It is important that he knows the importance of saving a portion of every paycheck for his future.

Just think about how much the concept of retirement has changed over the years. I have no doubt that when your son retires, the changes will be even more significant. Although we do not know what the changes will be, one thing that we can count on is that people will live longer and it will cost more. As people enter the job market, it is so important that they have the discipline to save for their retirement on a regular basis.

For those who have just entered the work force, Roth IRAs and Roth 401(k) Plans deserve consideration. To me, it is a slam dunk to take advantage of these investment vehicles if available.

I recognize it is difficult to convince people in their 20s to save for retirement which is 40 years away; however, I also recognize that as a parent you faced other challenges that were just as daunting. This is just another one of those challenges. Therefore, if you want to assure yourself that your child will be able to enjoy their retirement, now is the time to take action.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www. bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like Bloom to respond to your questions, please email him at rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

LWV hosts campaign finance forum

League of Women Voters officials say Michigan had the most expensive state Supreme Court election campaign in the nation in 2012, with a cost of some \$18.6 million.

Rich Robinson, exec-

utive director of the Michigan Campaign Finance Network, will speak at a League of Women Voters meeting 7:15 p.m. Thursday, March 7, at the Livonia Civic Center Library about the Supreme

Court election, as well as spending by other Michigan campaigns in

The meeting is open to the public. For more information, contact Paula Bowman at (734) 277-2243.

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> **Board of Education** Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Adrienne Davis, Secretary

Publish: February 24, 2013

Chocolate, wine highlight benefit

Anyone who believes in miracles can get a night of chocolate, food and wine when the Miracle League of Plymouth and Kelly's Kidz present "Miracles ... Among Us," 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 7, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

The evening, proceeds of which benefit both the Miracle League and Kelly's Kidz, will feature door prizes, pottery, gift certificates and wine.

Door prizes (must be present to win) include:

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harmonic. · Spirit Items donated by the Miracle League of Plymouth.

The Miracle League of Plymouth is also looking for MLP players or fam-

ilies, who are artists or have a small business, to participate in the "Miracles Among Us" art and vendor fair and reception 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, March 9, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

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.

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The Latin band Tiem; Libre turns up the heat at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill with an evening of Latin J.z on Saturday, April 13, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Skate party benefits United Way

Anyone who likes to roller skate and is interested in helping senior citizens, youth, low-income families and people with disabilities gets a chance to do both next week.

LOCAL NEWS

Plymouth Community United Way is holding its first annual Family Skate Fundraiser Wednesday, March 13, at Skatin Station II, 8611 Ronda Drive, Canton.

The event runs 6-8
p.m. Admission is \$6 and
includes skate rental.
Blade/speed skate rental
is \$2 extra. Proceeds ben-

efit Plymouth Community United Way.

"It's a good way to get kids and their families involved with helping others while having fun," said Marie Morrow, Plymouth Community United Way President.

Serving Plymouth and Canton residents since 1944, Plymouth Community United Way is an umbrella organization that addresses human service needs by partnering with nonprofit agencies and individuals. Programs range from senior bus trans-

portation to housing for the developmentally disabled, counseling and shelter for domestic violence victims and their children, youth life skills training, math and reading summer school for elementary students, and emergency food, rent and utility assistance in addition to organizing drives for local food pantries and hats and gloves for the homeless. Learn more at www.plymouthunitedway.org.

For more information, call (734) 453-6879, ext. 7.

Cuban group hits Village Theater stage

The Latin band Tiepo Libre turns up thoeat at The Village Thear at Cherry Hill with an 'ening of Latin Jazz oraturday, April 13, 2013t

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Band members joed forces in 2001 to cr ate the first authen: all-Cuban timba bai in the U.S. With the gd of spreading their mucal heritage to as we an audience as possle, Tiempo Libre has gned critical praise for thir sound. Named "BesLatin Band 2008" by th Miami New Times, iempo Libre's rich cultie and incendiary enery comes through in erry

exciting performance of each song.

The group's latest recording, "My Secret Radio," released in May 2011, pays homage to their teenage years in Cuba, a time when the government forbade its citizens to listen to American Music. Inspired by their Afro-Cuban tradition, but eager to catch new trends and sounds coming from the U.S., Tiempo Libre's members would fashion homemade antennas and secretly listen to the music pulsating from Miami radio stations at night.

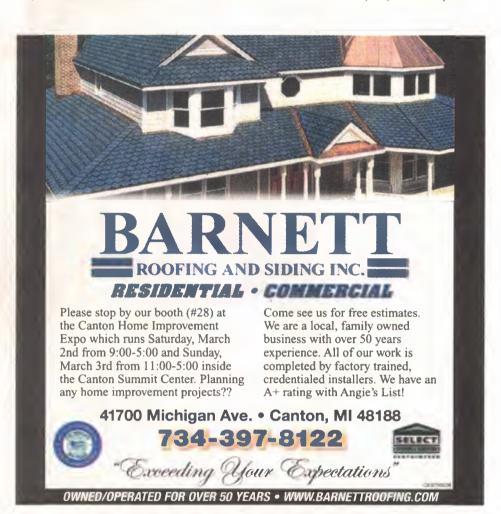
These secret sessions fuelled their dreams of living in America, free to perform their songs and build the careers they wanted, while helping them gather the strength that it took to leave it all behind — family, friends, a country, a life — to pursue those dreams.

Tiempo Libre (Span-

ish for Free Time) chose their moniker since the group could only create their sound in their free time, between other projects. Group members include Musical **Director Jorge Gomez** on keyboard; Raul Rodriguez, trumpet; Leandro Gonzalez, congas; Tebelio (Tony) Fonte, bass; Armando (Pututi) Arce, drums; Joaquin (El Kid) Diaz, lead vocal; and Luis Beltran Castillo, saxophone and flute.

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased yours online at Cantonvillage-theater.org or by calling (734) 394-5460. To learn more about the band, visit www.tiempolibre-music.com. This concert has received generous support from the National Endowment for the Arts.

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GC Hospital event helps people 'love' their hearts

By Sue Mason Staff Writer

It might have been winter outside, but it was warm enough inside to do the hula at Westland Shopping Center.

And that's what members of The Dance Academy did as part of Garden City Hospital's "Love Your Heart" celebration Feb. 23

Hosted by the hospital's Cardiac Team, the threehour event, held during National Heart Month, treated visitors to demonstrations and lectures focused on heart healthy

"It focused on three areas -- knowledge about heart healthy living, good eating and exercise to keep your heart healthy," said Kimberly Moore, the hospital's director of public relations and mar-keting. "It was, 'This is something you need to do to take care of your heart.' People forget that the heart is a muscle."

The hospital used the entire mall for the program, utilizing stations that had been set up for the earlier Walk for Warmth. In addition to the demonstrations and lecture, there also was free blood pressure screening and strength testing available. Prizes like tickets to a Detroit Red Wings game and a Kindle also were given out.

The event included a demonstration of exercise classes like hula, which are available at the mall through a partnership with The Dance Academy. The classes include Polynesian aerobics, Tai Chi, hatha yoga and slow flow yoga, which Moore described as a low-impact exercise that's "good for the heart."

Participants also had the opportunity to try out yoga in a different way —



PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN

Chef Ted Linden, a student in the Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts program, serves the zucchini pappardelle and chicken cacciatore to Grace Destefanis of Canton and Brian Taylor.



Kathy and Ron Terry of Livonia talk with nurse Jessie Lutz who explains the benefits of walking. Lutz oversees the mall walking program at Westland Shopping Center.

sitting in their chairs.

"We got such good feedback, we're looking at offering chair yoga, Moore said. "It's good for people who are doing cardio rehab.

Evelyn Stokes, a per-

Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep-Ram

sonal chef and student at Schoolcraft College, showed participants how to make their own vinaigrette and a simple salad and then created a heart healthy chicken cacciatore dish. Samples were served to people by several fellow chefs and Schoolcraft students.

"Evelyn did a wonderful job of incorporating our message of heart healthy eating into her

demonstration," Moore said. "They served the food to 100 people and answered their questions."

Cardiologist Dr. Nizam Habhab handled the education part of the program, talking about two things - women and heart health and what people can do to take care of their hearts.

The event was so sucessful that Garden City

Hospital and Westland Shopping Center are now looking into doing similar programs on a monthly basis. The hospital is the official partner with the center.

"It's something we're going to do," Moore said. "It's definitely coming down the pike.

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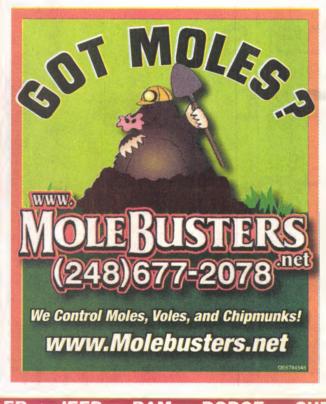
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Cox doesn't expect charges against Elias Realty

LOCAL NEWS

By Karen Smith Staff Write

Former state Attorney General Mike Cox, who represents the owner of the Livonia-based realty raided Wednesday by the FBI, said he expects no charges will be filed against his client because he hasn't broken any laws.

"I think it will turn into a whole bunch of nothing," he said. "I haven't seen one thing that would lead to a charge.'

Cox said the FBI raided William Elias's Livonia and Brighton offices because the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. (Freddie Mac) told law enforcement officials he was committing fraud by hiding the fact some of his short-sale customers had bought second homes. Cox said Freddie Mac is going after Elias and his businesses, including Elias Realty, because he does more short sales than anyone else in Michigan.

Cox said Thursday he had not seen a copy of the search warrant.

Elias sued Freddie Mac in U.S. District Court Jan. 31, saying his businesses were unjustifiably blacklisted and have lost 500 clients and more than \$2 million in revenue. Freddie Mac placed Elias on its exclusionary list in November, meaning it could not participate, either directly or indirectly, in any Freddie

Mac transaction.

In a letter Oct. 1 to Elias, Freddie Mac alleged Elias "instructed borrowers to purchase a new home prior to applying for short sale assistance on the Freddie Mac loan," the lawsuit says, and the short sale pack-



ages submitted to the Freddie Mac servicers on behalf of the borrowers "failed to dis-

close the acquisition of the new home." Freddie Mac also alleges the inability of the borrowers to repay the Freddie Mac loans was "not genuine" or "was created as a result of the purchase of the new homes made possible through Elias and his companies."

Elias denies all the alle-

Month-long delays

The dispute has meant month-long delays for some clients who are under water on their home mortgages and are trying to avoid foreclo-

Kathy Rowley of Redford said she is still waiting to close the short sale on her house, which had a purchase offer of \$33,100 shortly after being put on the market in September. She still owes \$90,000 on the house and hasn't made a payment since August. "Now I'm getting close to the whole foreclosure thing," she said.

She said she hasn't been dissatisfied with Elias her troubles started when her file, along with 200 others, got transferred to another realty firm after Elias was placed on the exclusionary list and everything came to a halt. She suspects the new realty company is overwhelmed by the volume.

Susan Parker said she had been verbally promised by Elias that it would sell her Hazel Park house by Dec. 31. She first listed it with Elias in Febru-

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WHAT IT ALL MEANS

Short sale: A short sale is any real estate sale that generates proceeds less than the amount owed on the property. It occurs when the lender and borrower decide that absorbing a moderate loss is preferable to having the borrower default on the loan. The consent of the loan servicers or secondary loan holders such as Freddie Mac is always required before a short sale can occur.

Freddie Mac: Freddie Mac is a government-sponsored corporation, chartered by Congress to provide liquidity, stability and affordability to the U.S. housing market. Freddie Mac purchases mortgages from primary lenders, such as banks, thereby increasing cash available to those lenders. With more liquid assets, the lenders are then able to issue additional mortgages, increasing homeownership throughout the nation.

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ary and had a buyer and a signed purchase agreement by April

"At that time, I was thrilled but ever since then, I've been transferred to several different agents within Elias and each one was unresponsive," she said. "Weeks on end would go by with no update or communication from anyone. It was only after I'd called and emailed several times and finally got on the phone with a receptionist and refused to be sent yet again to someone's voice mail that there would be a brief period of OK communication and then it would fiz-

zle out again." Johnny Markivich, who commented on a www. hometowntownlife.com story, said he would not recommend doing business with Elias. "Been dealing with these jokers for seven months trying to buy one of their listings," he said. "They're actually restructuring into a 'holdings' company in order to bypass the government."

'He's following the

Cox said Elias never broke any Freddie

ty or distant relocation. They also qualify if they haven't paid their mortgage for three months, Cox said. "He doesn't tell them what to do," he said, adding that Freddie Mac guidelines encourage some homeowners to forego payment of their mortgage if they do not qualify by virtue of a death, divorce, disability or distant relocation.

These same regulations do not prohibit potential short sale homeowners from purchasing a second home with lower payments before they stop paying on the first mort-

gage, Cox said. He said Freddie Mac allows borrowers to have a newly originated mortgage on another property if they are moving for

a new job or if they are in the military and moving to a new station. Also, they can have a vacation home and still apply for assistance for their primary residence.

Clients also signed forms saying Elias and his employees advised them to avoid purchasing a second home if they are attempting a short sale of their present home, Cox said: "He's following the rules. Some people may say he's taking advantage, but they (Freddie Mac) create the rules. He didn't."

After he was placed on the exclusionary list, Elias sent 400-500 files to other brokers.

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Community Corps students from Madonna learn while helping

Students at Madonna Universitv have spread out across metro Detroit communities with a mission to take what they have learned in class and apply it in ways that help others.

Nicole Ray of Northville, for example, is in the social work program at Madonna University. She and two fellow students are working with Cass Community Social Services downtown Detroit.

"We are involved with helping the homeless get fed, finding churches where the homeless can sleep, locating the homeless under causeway bridges and getting them to shelter, and even assisting with job resources," Ray said.

Kristen Drabek of Newport, an early childhood education major, and her team are working with First Step, a shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse.

The student group plans to put on events that will empower the women and their children, while helping to make them feel loved, wanted

and respected, Drabek said. "I absolutely fell in love with the families, atmosphere and mission of First Step. I want to make a difference in their lives as well as make them feel like they are loved and deserve to be loved," Drabek

And the giving goes both ways, because the students get back reallife experience in their fields of

"I've made mock communication plans before, and even though you work hard to get a good grade, there's something to be said for the drive you have when you're helping a real organization," said Alli-



The Madonna University — Ford Community Corps program is made up of 24 students from diverse academic disciplines including business, communications, dietetics, education, social work and sociology.

son Follbaum of Livonia, a journalism and public relations student.

"There are people counting on us and we can get a taste of the expectations that we'll be held to in the business world," she added

These students are doing this work as part of the Ford Community Corps, a network of colleges and universities that are partnering with Ford Motor Co. to create new service-learning initiatives that recognize scholastic achievement while encouraging service to the community. Unlike traditional volunteer programs, Ford Community Corps programs seek to match student know-how with specific nonprofit needs.

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work and sociology.

Each team has partnered with a non-profit agency and will inform the design, development, planning, implementation and evaluation of specific projects that address community needs. Six student teams collectively will serve a minimum of 720 hours and faculty mentors will foster community building, monitor progress, and facilitate structured reflection within their respective groups.

"The Community Corps provides our students with a new leadership opportunity to serve as agents of change. This requires them to learn about complex social issues and how non-profits are addressing them and then apply their knowledge, talents and skills to be a part of the solution," said Olga Martinez, director of the Office of Service-Learning at Madonna University.

Former White House advisers: Politics gets in way of solutions

By Ken Abramczyk Staff Writer

Two former White House advisers believe the current financial problems with the nation's spending can be resolved, but often

Congressional members worry more about keeping their seats than they do about working toward solutions.

Robert Gibbs, former senior adviser to President Barack Obama, and Karen Hughes, former counselor to President George W. Bush, spoke about their experiences at the White House before

Gibbs

Hughes a crowd of about 800 at Laurel Manor in Livonia on Thursday. Their appearance was a fundraiser for the Michigan Political Leadership Program at Michigan State University's Institute for Public Policy and Social Research.

Their appearance came on the eve of the \$85 billion in automatic spending cuts set to go into effect Friday, Congressional leaders met at the White House Friday for a meeting with President Obama, but it appeared little was accomplished from that meeting that would avert the cuts.

Gibbs and Hughes discussed the 2012 presidential election and politics in Washington.

Hughes called the situation in Washington "deeply distressing" but was optimistic "in spite of all of it,"

Hughes said the campaign for Republican Mitt Romney failed because Obama's campaign defined Romney earlv. "Mitt Romney never recovered," Hughes said. Americans didn't see Romney as someone who helped others through his church, but they remembered his comments like he "liked to fire people," and letting "Detroit go bankrupt." Hughes said "Let Detroit Go Bankrupt" was written in a headline at

The New York Times on a column Romney wrote, but was not written by Romney,

"He could never overcome that in Michigan," Hughes said.

Republican candidates throughout the

country also were hurt by comments made by candidates about rape. Hughes acknowledged that the Republican Party had work to do.

"Our Republican Party has to be more respectful, tolerant and inclusive," Hughes said.

Hughes criticized Obama for the current stalemate in Washington on

the budget cuts, calling it "failed presidential leadership."

"It's his responsibility to bring the parties together to get a solution," Hughes said. "Both sides have to come away with something for the people who elected them."

Gibbs, who now works as an analyst for MSNBC, said the fate of Republicans was set in the primaries by the candidates themselves. Gibbs paraphrased what a Republican candidate might say today: "We didn't have to shoot those bullets, but we can't take those back today," Gibbs said. "That tone resonated."

Gibbs reminded the Democrats in the room that elections are cyclical. Democrats will need to be innovative to win elec-

Gibbs believed the sequestration cuts would happen, which is now about the fifth financial crisis "we've manufactured." "It's not about the meetings, it's about sitting down and saying we have to get this balanced away," Gibbs

In 1992, 103 members of Congress were elected in swing districts, that is within five percentage points. Twenty years later, that number fell to 35, the result of redrawn districts to benefit whichever party is in power, Gibbs said.





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Local cast headlines 'Sound of Music'

Plymouth actress Hannah Tardiff takes on the role of Maria when Spotlight on Youth brings the Rodgers and Hammerstein classic "The Sound of Music" to the Village Theater stage later this month.

Tardiff leads a cast of more than 50 local youths, ages 5-18 showcasing their musical theater talents in the oneweekend-only production, Set for March 14-17. The production features memorable songs such as "The Sound of Music," "Edelweiss," "Do-Re-Mi," "The Lonely Goatherd" and others.

Director Barbara Bloom of Novi says: "The Sound of Music' is the most beloved of all the Rodgers and Hammerstein musicals," said director Barbara Bloom, a Novi resident. "It entertains while also teaching about a time in history that we simply can't and shouldn't forget. This gives our youth the opportunity to be involved in a magical show with fabulous, familiar songs and a timeless and a true story."

The story is set in Austria, in early 1939. When a postulant proves too highspirited for life as a nun, she is dispatched to serve as governess to the seven von Trapp children of a widowed naval Captain. Her growing rapport with the youngsters, coupled with her generosity of spirit, gradually capture the heart of the stern Captain, and they marry.

'Upon returning from their honeymoon, they discover that Austria has been invaded by the Nazis, who demand the captain's immediate service in their navy," Bloom said. "The family's narrow escape over the mountains to Switzerland on the eve of World War II provides one of the most thrilling and inspirational finales ever presented in the theater.

In addition to Tardiff, the cast includes Paul Popa of Saline as Captain Von Trapp; Kayal Muthuraman of Canton playing Elsa; Madeline Klociz of Plymouth as Mother Abbess; and Jacob Eliett of Dearborn Heights as Max.

Other actors in the large cast come from, among other towns, Westland, Inkster, Ypsilanti, Wayne, Farmington Hills



Hannah Tardiff leads a large, local cast in Spotlight on Youth's production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "The Sound of

and Livonia.

The production runs 7 p.m. Thursday, March 14, and Friday, March 15; at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, March 16, and at 2 p.m.

Sunday, March 17. The Village Theater

at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton. The theater has free parking, is handicap

accessible and has a concession stand.

Tickets are available by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 3945460 or online at www. canton-mi.org/villagetheater or wwwspotlightplayersmi.org or in person at The Summit on the Park or at the door.

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CLASS A GIRLS BASKETBALL DISTRICTS

D-sire gets it done for Chiefs

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

Points were at a premium Friday night, but there was no shortage of floor burns and drenched uniforms following the Class A girls basketball district final between host Canton and Northyille.

When all was said and done, both teams sank just eight field goals in the matchup. But the Chiefs toughed it out to prevail 29-23 and turn the tables on the Mustangs, who defeated Canton in the 2012 district final.

"It (district trophy) means so much," said Canton junior forward Paige Aresco, who led the Chiefs with 13 points along with nine rebounds. "We wanted this game really badly. They got us last year in the district finals, so we really wanted it this year."

Even more impressive was that the Chiefs (16-6) fought through to victory despite losing one of the team's top rebounders,

junior forward Shannon Perry, in the final minute of the first quarter.

Perry had just muscled her way through the paint for a layup and was fouled on the play. But she fell in a heap, injuring her left knee. Her status is uncertain for the Novi-hosted regionals Tuesday against Dexter (the Ann Arbor Huron district winner).

"You just got to keep playing basketball," Canton head coach Brian Samulski said about what the message was to the team following Perry's injury. "Shannon's a great kid, she's been playing great ball down the stretch.

"But we got to keep doing what we were doing and see what we can get done. To our kids' credit they hung in there, kept battling and kept fighting."

Northville head coach Todd Gudith, whose team finished the season with an impressive 16-6 record, credited the Chiefs for mak-

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JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Canton's Alanna Brown (No. 15) and Taylor Hunley (No. 5) strike a defensive pose Friday night against Northville's Heather Randall (No. 33).

DIVISION 1 BOWLING TEAM STATE FINALS

Upstart Salem rolls to team championship



The Salem varsity boys bowling team won the Division 1 championship Friday at Muskegon.

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

Salem's varsity boys bowling team captured the Division 1 championship Friday at Muskegon, but the Rocks needed to cook up some magic earlier in the day to even have the opportunity.

In the finals, Salem defeated No. 1-seeded Saginaw Heritage 1,388-1,258 for the team title. After the teams split the Baker games, the Rocks dominated in the final game, 967-861.

Leading the way for Salem in the final game against Saginaw Heritage — which earlier Friday eliminated No. 8-seeded Canton in the quarterfinals — were Steven Cadwell (213), captain Kevin Williams (207) and Tyler Snyder (204).

Chipping in with 188 was Brandon Allison, while Jimmy Bowling and Nolan Rudis took turns in the fifth spot for a combined score of 155.

After qualifying as the No. 3-seeded team (out of 18) following eight Baker games and two regular team games, Salem nearly couldn't scale the familiar first-round hurdle.

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PCA girls advance

Karen Windle and Emily Gerulis combined for 43 points Friday night as Plymouth Christian Academy defeated Novi Franklin Road Christian 53-45 for the championship of the PCA-hosted Class D district.

Windle (25 points) also grabbed 11 rebounds and collected four steals, while Gerulis (18 points) added five boards and four assists.

Other contributors for PCA (16-6) were Jenna Abraham (five points) and Jenny Malcolm (six boards).

"Karen Windle had a stellar game for us tonight," PCA head coach Carol Gerulis said. "What a way to leave your mark on your last high school home game. Emily had another solid tournament game."

Scoring 38 points, including 15 from the foul line was Franklin Road's Kristen Massey.

The Eagles trailed 10-6 after one quarter but turned it around in the second with a push that made it 28-18 at halftime.

Plymouth Christian never looked back.

Next up are the Class D regionals at Bellevue. PCA will face the regional hosts, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Lady Ocelots nip Firebirds

Brianna Berberet
(Salem) scored 16
points and grabbed
eight rebounds to give
the Schoolcraft College
women's basketball
team a season-ending
44-42 MCCAA Eastern Conference win
Thursday at Kirtland
Community College at
the MacGregor Athletic
Center.

Brittani Hamlin

added 10 points and nine boards, while Ajai Meek grabbed a teambest 13 rebounds as the Lady Ocelots finish the year 8-20 overall and 5-13 in the conference.

The Firebirds (6-19, 2-16) got a game-high 28 points from Tara Throop.

BOYS HOCKEY PRE-REGIONAL

Schultz brothers crush Rocks in double OT

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

After making numerous key stops Wednesday night to keep his team alive in the Division 1 boys hockey pre-regional, Salem goalie Parker Godfrey stared into a "Schultz Double Barrel" and couldn't have had a good feeling about it.

It was almost the midway point of the second overtime against Plymouth, with the two Top-10 teams and KLAA South Division co-champs locked in a 3-3 tie.

Salem senior Alek Zultowski was

flattened by a bodycheck at the Wildcats' blue line and that sprung the Schultz snipers on an odd-man rush.

In a flash, senior Nick Schultz threaded the puck to junior brother Mike Schultz cruising between the circles. The subsequent one-timer screamed over Godfrey's trapper to give Plymouth a 4-3 victory at Arctic Edge Arena.

"I saw my brother taking it wide right away," said Mike, in the corridor outside the team room, where

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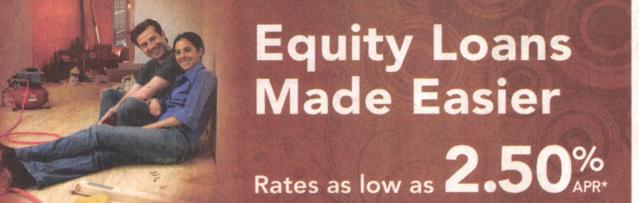
Plymouth's Mitch Claggett (No. 10) tries to break free of Salem defender Justin Katulski (No. 12) during Wednesday night's Division 1 hockey pre-regional at Arctic Edge.

Indoor track state quality

A select team of
Observerland area runners from the Stickman
United Track Club placed
ninth in the distance
medley at the Mitstrack
Indoor State Meet held
Feb. 23 at Central Michigan University.

The foursome of J'Haira Johnson (Garden City), Zaid Shareef (Livonia Stevenson), Jacob Colley (Stevenson) and Keenan Jones (Livonia Franklin) were clocked in 11 minutes, 8 seconds.

Johnson was also a member of the seventh-place 3,200-meter relay team.





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Chiefs find way to outlast 'Cats



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Canton's Rachel Winters (No. 10) tries to drive to the rack Wednesday night, while Plymouth's Shelby Cheston (No. 35) and Brooke Senkbeil (No. 12) defend. By Tim Smith Staff Writer

Somebody pulled the lid off the cylinder just in time for Canton's varsity girls basketball team, as the Chiefs bounced back from first-half struggles to defeat Plymouth 32-23 in Wednesday's Class A district semifinal.

The Chiefs (15-6) trailed 14-9 at halftime, unable to make shots of any kind.

Conversely, the Wildcats outscored Canton 8-4 in the second frame, with junior point guard Kylie Robb (six points) connecting on two treys to do most of that damage.

But Canton came out of halftime determined to do whatever it took to advance to Friday's district final against Northville

"It wasn't so much what I said, they knew what had to be done," Canton head coach Brian Samulski said. "I thought we played decent ball in the first half, but we just didn't make any shots.

"To our kids' credit, they cranked it up defensively and got after them and were able to get opportunities off some steals." According to Plymouth head coach Bob de Bear, whose team finished 10-11, a little bit of mojo was lost during the break.

"A lot of times when we go into halftime we don't come out the same team in the second half," de Bear noted. "I think that's what happened. We tried to get Kylie inside posting up, because we like her in there.

"But it seemed like we couldn't get the ball to her. I think the offensive rebounding is probably what hurt us the most."

Plymouth had trouble on the glass, while the Chiefs featured two players with nine boards each — 6-1 junior center Taylor Hunley and 5-11 junior forward Shannon Perry (who tallied seven offensive rebounds).

Up a notch

For as strong as Hunley and Perry performed down the stretch, it hurt the Wildcats to not have 6-5 junior center Shelby Cheston available for stretches due to early foul trouble. She wound up with six points and 10 rebounds.

"I can see why they (Chiefs) have won so many games," he continued. "They defend, they have athletes that just come out and defend you and wear you down. I'm sure they got fired up in that locker room at half-time. They came out with a whole another intensity."

After buckets by Alanna Brown and Rachel Winters made it 14-13 Plymouth just 80 seconds into the third quarter, the Wildcats went up 16-13 on a putback by Cheston.

For the remaining six minutes of the frame, however, Plymouth could not muster a single point.

Still, the Chiefs could not take full advantage, finally going up 17-16 with 1:17 left on a layup by junior forward Paige Aresco (14 points).

The Wildcats briefly regained the lead with seven minutes remaining in regulation on sophomore guard Paige Slominski's 3-ball from the left wing.

Then with about 2:30 into the fourth, with the score 19-all, Cheston was whistled for her fourth foul and had to sit on the bench.

Hunley (five points,

nine rebounds, five steals) put the Chiefs up 21-19 on the two ensuing free throws. Soon after that, it was 25-19 following successive layups by Aresco and Hunley.

Canton then worked the clock to perfection, forcing Plymouth to commit fouls. Sealing the win with free throws in the final two minutes were Hunley, freshman guard Natalie Winters and Brown (six points).

"They guited it out, they grinded it out," Samulski said. "This time of year, you got to grind it out and tough it out. They did that in the second half."

Meanwhile, de Bear said the future remains bright for his team, with all but graduating senior Lexie McGhee expected back.

"Right now they're basketball seniors," de Bear said. "Some of them have three years of experience now, two years for oth-

ers."
As for McGhee, "we will really miss her leadership. She's always tried to keep things upbeat."

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ing it tough sledding offensively.

"They are a good man team, they're really disciplined, that's their strength," Gudith said. "And they really help out, too, so you never really get a wide-open look. Just when you think you got a clean look, they got somebody there to help and recover."

The Mustangs also were pretty tough on 'D,' with physical play in the post by junior Heather Randall, among others.

"Our defense was good, too. We scored the same number of baskets as they did," Gudith said.

Extra effort

Canton took an 8-3 lead after one quarter, scoring the final six points on a pair of layups by Aresco and Perry's putback with 36 seconds left.

The Mustangs trailed 13-9 at halftime, unable to get much going. When they did have a promising possession, Canton junior guard Rachel Winters (five points, four steals) was in the vicinity to dive around the floor after 50-50 balls or rip them away from Northville players.

The Mustangs came out of the intermission making two quick buckets (including a trey by senior Brittany Berehulka) to pull back to even at 14-14.

Aresco then scored two free throws and added a hard-nosed layup for an 18-14 edge with 5:10 left in the third. She drove along the baseline from the left wing and put the ball up as she fell to the floor.

"We just kept attacking, we tried to go into the post," Aresco said. "We just tried to play like we always play."

Northville chipped away, however, tying the game again at 19-19 with 24 seconds to go in the quarter on a free throw by senior Kendra Brenner (following a Canton turnover).

Winters sank two free throws in the first minute of the fourth to give Canton the lead again, and she sent a bounce pass to Aresco on a two-on-one drive for



Canton's varsity girls basketball team celebrates after winning the Class A district championship Friday night against Northville.

a nifty layup to give the Chiefs a 23-19 lead with five minutes left.

As per usual, Northville came back. It was a 23-23 game with 3:10 left following Brenner's bank shot — made possible thanks to a block by junior Gabby Mencotti on Aresco at the other end.

With less than two minutes left, Canton junior center Taylor Hunley (five points, eight rebounds) sank a short hook in the paint to give the Chiefs the lead for good.

Hunley deflected a Northville fieldgoal try on the Mustangs' subsequent possession and the Chiefs finished the win with free throws by Aresco and Winters.

About Canton limiting the Mustangs to four points in the fourth, Samulski said it was merely another day at the gym.

"That's been those guys all year," he said. "It's their heart, their desire. I know they're going to guard and rebound. The question is, can we score enough points to get it done? We found a way to get enough points."

Also playing a strong game on defense for Canton was sophomore guard Alanna Brown, with four points and four rebounds.

Brenner and Berehulka led Northville in scoring, with 10 and seven points, respectively.

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Hard work yields success for PCA girls

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

It took a paint job for Plymouth Christian Academy to overtake Southfield Christian in Wednesday night's Class D girls basketball district matchup.

The Eagles wound up winning 54-37 to advance to Friday's district final against Franklin Road Christian. But for the first eight minutes against Southfield Christian, PCA head coach Carol Gerulis must have been wondering if the season would even continue.

Beset by off-themark shooting from the perimeter, the host Eagles were down 13-3 after one stanza.

"We didn't stant out very well," Gerulis said. "We had good shots, but the ball just didn't go in the basket. We just couldn't get the ball to fall and so I just got them to settle down a little bit."

She told them to ditch the outside jumpers and look into the paint for low-post players Emily Gerulis and Jenny Malcolm. For the most part, that duo did the rest. After being blanked in the first, Gerulis and Malcolm scored 19 and 18 points, respectively, over the final three frames.

PCA (15-6) outscored

EAGLES WIN DISTRICT

Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity girls basketball team won the final of the PCA-hosted Class D district Friday night with a 53-45 win over Novi Franklin Road Christian. The Eagles, now 16-6, will advance to play 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Bellevue regional, against the host team.

the visitors 20-9 in the second to go up 23-22 at halftime. The Eagles bumped the lead up to 33-28 after three before closing the game out strong with a 21-9 fourth.

"We were taking a lot

of outside shots and I told them to start getting the ball inside," Carol Gerulis stressed. "For Jenny and Emily to score 37 points combined in three quarters

bined in three quarters, that was pretty good."
Strong team defense against Southfield Christian's top scorer, Charity Godbold, was another key to the victory. Godbold regis-

Charity Godbold, was another key to the victory. Godbold registered 30 points in the first meeting between the teams, but she managed just 17 on Wednesday.

The coach praised the efforts of Martha Mullett, Rachel Smith and Jenna Abraham, who collectively "played a great defensive game." In addition to her

offensive output, Emily Gerulis contributed eight rebounds, four steals and three assists to the cause.

Malcolm grabbed 10 rebounds while Karen Windle made an across-the-board impact with seven points, nine rebounds, five assists and five steals.

Brought up from the junior varsity for the districts were sophomores Raina Postma and Danielle Witkowski, but they did not play.

Both were called up to beef up the roster following the loss of junior guard Rachael Fuller for the rest of the season following surgery last week to remove a blood clot from an arm.

The surgery was a success and Fuller is expected to make a full recovery.

"It's just a big adjustment, it's tough for the kid because she (Fuller) is such a big part of our team and is such a tough competitor," the coach said. "And it's tough for her teammates because they have to fill a void that's not there right now."

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Bitter loss doesn't diminish Salem icers' outstanding season

By Tim Smith Staff Writer

All season long, Salem varsity boys hockey coach Ryan Ossenmacher preached to his team the importance of working and fighting for every inch of ice possible.

On Wednesday night, perhaps a few extra inches was all that kept the Rocks from defeating arch-rival Plymouth in a Division 1 pre-regional match at Arctic Edge Arena in Canton.

Hanging on to a 3-2 lead late in the third period, with Salem about to kill off a crucial penalty, an unsuccessful clearing attempt kept the Wildcats on the attack long enough to tie

the game.

But Ossenmacher didn't put the blame for the loss on that situation.

"We've talked a lot this year about inches, gaining inches,' he said. "Where do you find those inches? Through hard work, getting stronger, faster, quicker and more skill. It is a game of inches. "Whoever wins that battle is typically the team that's going to win the game. That's what happened tonight."

A few inches here or there might have helped push the Rocks over the hump as far as tasting postseason success.

After a 12-game winning streak had Salem on a hot streak going into the Plymouth game, the team had hopes of maybe even getting to Compuware Arena for the Final Four weekend (March 8-9) finals.

That didn't happen, nor did the Rocks buy extra time for four-year captain Kyle Downey to return to the ice before his prep career ended.

Sidelined by illness, Downey could only watch nervously behind the boards next to the Salem bench.

"We talked as a team about trying to buy Kyle more time to come back," Ossenmacher said. "Of all the guys, a four-year senior captain, he deserved to be out there."

Then with his voice cracking from emotion, Ossenmacher

added that he just felt "terrible for him. They say things happen for a reason, I'm not quite sure what the reason behind that might be."

He praised the senior class as a group, not only for having an outstanding season (Salem finished 18-7-1 and earned a share of the KLAA South Division along with the Lash Cup for Park supremacy) but for being

a quality group of young men. 'Just an outstanding group," Ossenmacher said. "Beyond ice, they're just a tremendous group of guys. Fun to coach."

In addition to Downey, those seniors include Alek Zultowski, Evan Patton, Jake Fedel, Adam Marthaler, Kory Johnston, and

goalie Anthony Veresan.

Those seniors — augmented by a number of talented juniors and sophomores — helped the Rocks turn the season around in the second half.

"There was a point when we were in Traverse City (late December) where we could have gone one of two ways," he added. 'We could have continued on a mediocre path or we could have done what we did, and that's rattle off 12 straight wins and have a tremendous season.

"It didn't end like we wanted to or how we planned on it, but you can't take away from what they did during the regular season.'

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BRIAN QUINTOS

Trying to stay a stride or two ahead of Salem's Kory Johnston (No. 17, left) is Plymouth's Mike Scarpello (No. 17).

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the Wildcats celebrated amid loud music. "I saw it was a 2-on-1 and I just yelled to Nick 'high slot' he gave it to me and I just saw the right side open.'

Mike --- who now has 27 goals and 41 assists for 68 points — said it was a great feeling to team up with Nick (35-37-72) to score the clincher, which catapulted Plymouth (21-5-3) into Saturday night's regional final at the DISC in Dearborn.

"Me and my brother have been playing roller hockey, ice hockey since we were like eight, 10 years old together," Mike said. "It's been a blast ever since. We've always had chemistry to start but as the season went on I think it's grown tremendously.

According to Plymouth head coach Gerry Vento "they've been quite a pair this season, I'm not surprised one of them (Schultz brothers) got the winner. There were a couple guys on the bench I thought had opportunities. It was certainly a team effort tonight.'

The Schultzes also teamed up on Plymouth's second goal, at 1:16 of the third to go up 2-1. On that one, Nick finished the job.

Over too soon

Outside the Salem locker room, Rocks' head

coach Ryan Ossenmacher could not believe the No. 8-ranked team's postseason already had ended. Salem finished 18-7-1 for

the season. "There were a couple miscues on that situation," said Ossenmacher, about the sequence that ended with the Schultz goal. "But a game like

that doesn't boil down to

one play like that.

"There were probably other opportunities where we could have scored or other opportunities where we could have prevented them from scoring. So to put the loss on that one play probably isn't fair. It was a good game, they're a good team and they

earned it." Although Vento was obviously thrilled with the victory, he empathized with Ossenmacher and the Rocks.

"It's too bad that two quality teams meet so early," Vento said. "It's kind of frustrating. I'm on the winning side of it, but I've been on the losing side of it too."

For a while, however, it looked as though Godfrey would get the better of the Wildcats, including a couple former youth hockey teammates.

"Parker Godfrey used to play on my team before high school and he played phenomenal, we couldn't get anything past him," Mike Schultz said. "Our plan was just to get sloppy rebounds, get

greasy.' Godfrey stopped 33 of 37 shots, including a penalty shot by Nick Schultz with 11:44 left in the third when the game was 2-2.

The Plymouth player was denied on the attempt when Godfrey did not bite on a fake and flashed out his right pad - putting a charge into the blue-clad half of the jammed-packed Arctic Edge bleachers.

Standing tall

For long stretches of the contest, when the ice was tilted toward the Salem end, it was Godfrey who stood up to the barrage and gave his team a chance

"Parker played very

well," Ossenmacher said.

"He's played well since he took over the starting job in January. That was only his second loss of the season. He kept us in that game for good chunks."

The Salem faithful got even louder a couple minutes later when the Rocks scored a powerplay marker to take a 3-2 advantage with 9:03 to

play in regulation. On that goal, Zultowski passed the puck up to junior forward Jason Newel in the left circle.

Newel then sent it over to sophomore winger Noah Willer for a low shot that beat Plymouth sophomore goalie Jared Maddock (14 saves).

It was Willer's second power-play goal of the night. He opened the scoring at 5:37 of the first when he buried the rebound of a Newel shot with junior forward Jake Sealy drawing the other helper.

The Wildcats weren't about to go quietly, of course.

With just over six minutes remaining, Plymouth went on the power play.

For a while, the Rocks appeared as though they would kill off the bid.

Blocking a shot at the blue line to get the puck out of the Salem zone was Rocks' junior forward Jack Driscoll - who rifled home the rebound of a shot by junior forward Nick Danis at 3:34 of the third to make it a 2-2 game. (Sophomore defenseman Noah Saad also assisted on the Driscoll goal.)

After Plymouth reentered Salem territory and with penalty time ticking off, the Rocks had a stress-free chance to clear the puck. That would have gotten the contest down to the fourminute mark with Salem

nursing a one-goal lead. Instead, after Wildcats' senior forward

Mitch Claggett ripped a shot from the right circle that Godfrey stopped, the Rocks were unable to send the puck into the neutral zone.

Then with play continuing and pressure mounting, another shot was stopped but Godfrey could not corral it.

Nick Schultz found the loose puck, and with Godfrey prone on the ice, he flicked a shot high into the cage. Assisting on the tally were junior forward Zach Tavierne and senior blueliner Dean Gunther.

Stay the course

"On the PK, we've stressed that, we've worked it," Ossenmacher said. "An opportunity to get the puck out and we didn't. That's what happens."

The teams remained deadlocked through the first overtime period, with both goalies refusing to buckle under the pressure.

That merely set the stage for the Schultzes' winning heroics.

Meanwhile, the OT goal validated Vento's message to his team: Don't stray from the game plan, even when their efforts weren't being rewarded because of Godfrey.

Plymouth could only manage one goal in the first two periods, when sophomore winger Josh Smith jammed home the rebound of a Tavierne shot that clanked off the left post with 9:46 gone in the opening stanza.

"I just told the boys to relax, keep doing what we were doing," Vento added. "We were just getting too many chances, I thought we were carrying the play.

"I didn't want them to take a chance and give up an easy one."

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Whalers closer to clinching

The Plymouth Whalers have been one of the OHL's hottest teams since December, and nothing changed Friday as they pounded host Erie 7-2 to get closer to clinching the West Division title.

Scoring his 44th and 45th goals of the season for Plymouth (36-17-5-4, 81 points) was Vince Trocheck, who also assisted on a third-period tally by Tom Wilson (his 22nd goal).

Other Whalers to put pucks past Otters' goalie Oscar Dansk (30 saves) included Garrett Meurs (27th), Rickard Rakell (21st), Mitchell Heard (9th) and Austin Levi (2nd)

Plymouth led 3-1 after the first and doubled that advantage to 6-2 entering the third.

Making 17 stops for the victory was Plymouth goalie Alex Nedeljkovic, who improved his own record to 15-2-1-1.

The Whalers will wrap up their five-game road with games Sunday and Tuesday, against Mississauga and Saginaw, respectively.

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ARA 1: Garrett Meurs scored two goals within the first 5:18 of the second period Thursday to spark the Plymouth Whalers to this OHL victory at Niagara.

Meurs broke a 0-0 tie with his goal at 1:32 of the second, from Gianluca Curcuruto. After Nick Malysa made it 2-0. Meurs tallied his 26th of the season from Mitchell Heard and Connor Carrick. It was 4-0 entering the third, following Carrick's 12th of the year (from Heard and Vince Trocheck).

The Whalers kept firing and scoring in the third period. At 4:59, Trocheck netted his 43rd of the year from defenseman Austin Levi and less than two minutes later it was Cody Payne who turned on the red light for his 21st.

Plymouth goalie Alex Nedeljkovic lost his shutout bid at 17:17 of the third, but the \ got it right back at 18:14 when Zach Lorentz scored (his 11th) from Payne and Michael Whaley.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL DISTRICT TOURNEY PAIRINGS CLASS A at NORTHVILLE Monday, March 4: Salem vs.

Canton, 5 p.m.; Plymouth vs. Northville, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6: Salem-Canton winner vs. Novi, 5 p.m.; Plymouth-Northville winner vs. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central.

Friday, March 8: Championship final, 7 p.m. CLASS D at TAYLOR BAPTIST PARK

(HOST) Monday, March 4: (A)

Lutheran High Westland at (B) Taylor Baptist Park, 7 p.m.; (C) Allen Park Inter-City Baptist at (D) Newport Lutheran South, 7 p.m.; (E) Westland Huron Valley Lutheran at (F) Plymouth Christian Academy, 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 6: Taylor Trillium Academy vs. A-B win-

ner, 6 p.m.: C-D winner vs. E-F winner, 7:30 p.m Friday, March 8: Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (Winner

advances to the regional semifinals, 5:30 p.m. Monday, March 11 at Novi vs. Saline Washtenaw Christian district champion.)

GIRLS BASKETBALL REGIONAL PAIRINGS CLASS A at NOVI

Tuesday, March 5: Canton vs. Dexter, 5:30 p.m.; Hartland vs. F.H. Harrison, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 7: Championship final. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinal, 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 12 at Davison.) **CLASS B**

at LIVONIA LADYWOOD Tuesday, March 5: Ida vs. Flat Rock, 5:30 p.m.; Livonia Ladywood vs. River Rouge, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 7: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 12 at

Lake Fenton vs. Parma Western

regional champion.) **BOYS SWIMMING MHSAA FINALS** Friday, March 8

Division 1 prelims at Holland Aquatics, noon. Saturday, March 9 Division 1 finals

at Holland Aquatics, noon. **GIRLS GYMNASTICS MHSAA FINALS** at PLYMOUTH H.S. Friday, March 8 Team finals, 2 p.m.

Saturday, March 9 Individual finals, noon. MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS **NAIA DIVISION II TOURNEY** (at Point Lookout, Mo.) Wednesday, March 6 MU vs. So. Oregon, 4 p.m. **COLLEGE BASEBALL** (RussMatt Invitational

at Auburndale, Fla.) Monday, March 4 MU vs. Pt. Park (2), 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 5 MU vs. St. Francis (2), 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6 MUvs. Bethel (Ind), 11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 7 MU vs. Olivet (2), 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 9 MU vs. Avila (2), 10:15 a.m.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL (Tucson, Ariz. Inv. Games) Sunday, March 3

MU vs. William Penn, 1 p.m. MU vs. Viterbo, 3:30 p.m. Monday, March 4

MU vs. St. Joe-Cal., 10:30 a.m. MU vs. N'western Coll., 3 p.m. MU vs. Olivet (III.), 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 6

MU vs. Robert Morris, 3:30 p.m. MU vs. Hope Inter., 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 7

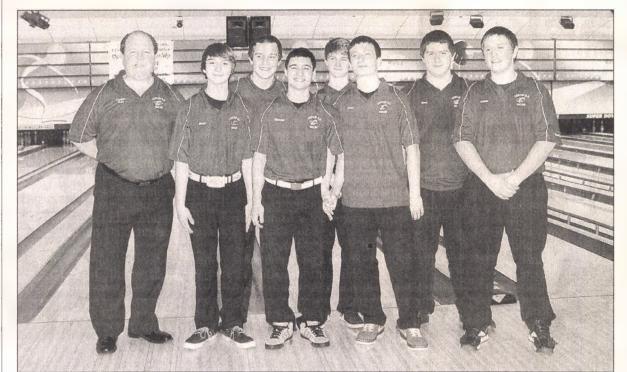
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MU vs. Ashford, 1 p.m. MU vs. Dickinson St., 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 9

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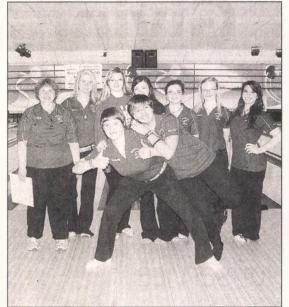
State-ing their case

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The Canton varsity boys bowling team on Feb. 22 finished third in the Division 1 team regionals at Super Bowl and qualified for the D1 state finals in Muskegon. Members of the team, coached by Karl Brubaker (left) include (listed alphabetically) Gary Barnett, Alex Champagne, Aaron Madsen, Jacob Peltz, Josh Pozan, Michael Richards and Mitchell Zelenak. Madsen, Pozan and Richards also qualified for the individual finals. Salem won the team regional championship.

Making history



For the first time in Plymouth-Canton Educational Park history, one of the Park's varsity girls bowling teams qualified for the team finals. On Feb. 22, Canton placed second in the Division 1 team regionals at Super Bowl to earn a spot at the Muskegon-hosted finals. Members of the team, coached by Cindy Lucke (left) include (listed alphabetically) Kim A'Hearn, Brianna Baily, Jessica Holowicki, Maranda McMaster, Megan Plave, Beth Stark, Lori Vlcko and Charlotte Zimmer.

BOWLING

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That has been something the team has had trouble with in previous trips to the finals, Salem head coach Kathie Hahn

In the quarterfinals against Roseville, it took a clutch 3-10 spare by Williams to enable the Rocks to earn a 1,356-1,350 win and keep bowling.

"It was just unbelievable," Hahn said. "I couldn't believe it. The kids started jumping, they were all excited.

"This is the third time in five years we've come to states, but we always lost in the first round. So to get over that hurdle and win the first round was huge. It was a feeling I just can't explain."

Salem then had to ward off Jackson in the semifinals, doing so by a 1,386-1,172 score. The Rocks fell behind after the two Baker games, but bounced back yet again.

Allison and Cadwell were outstanding in that matchup, with

SPORTS ROUNDUP

big-game scores of 247 and 233, respectively.

Hahn, who coaches the team along with Glenn Clark, pointed to the Williams spare against Roseville as the key moment, however.

"It came down to the very last ball and Kevin Williams had to make the 3-10 split and when he made that we clinched it,"

she said.

Canton, meanwhile, finished eighth in the qualifying block, with 3,319 points.

The Chiefs, who were finalists in 2012, could not enjoy an encore, however. In the quarters, Saginaw Heritage knocked them out by a 1,270-1,260 tally.

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Caddie scholarships

Jacob Colley (Livonia Stevenson) and Sean Larson (Plymouth) are among 23 high school seniors from the Michigan to be awarded the Chick Evans Caddie Scholarship, a full tuition and housing college scholarship.

Evans Scholars are golf caddies who were selected based on four criteria: Strong caddie record, excellent academics, demonstrated financial need and outstanding character.

Colley and Larson, sponsored by Western Golf and Country Club (Redford) and Meadowbrook Country Club (Northville), respectively, received scholarships to either University of Michigan or Michigan State University. The scholarship is valued at more than \$70,000 over four years.

Also awarded a scholarship was Redford's Jonathan Martindale, a student at Washtenaw Technical Middle College sponsored by Oakland Hills Country Club.

The Western Golf Association, headquartered in Golf, Illinois, has sponsored the Chick Evans Scholarship Program through the Evans Scholars Foundation since 1930. It is among the nation's largest privately funded scholarship programs.

In Michigan, the Golf Association of Michigan co-sponsors the program with the WGA/ESF. Recipients were chosen

after individual candidate interviews. Additional scholarships may be awarded in the spring.

"These young men and women have been outstanding students in the classroom and leaders in both their schools and communities," said John Kaczkowski, WGA president and CEO. "We welcome them to the Evans Scholars family and know they will continue their success as college students."

'Cats baseball clinics

The Plymouth Wildcats Youth Baseball Clinic is just around the corner.

Youngsters who want to improve baseball skills for the 2013 season and beyond are urged to sign up ASAP for the sessions: 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 16; 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 23. Both sessions will take place at the Plymouth High School gymnasium and are for boys and girls currently in grades one-eight.

The cost is \$25 per session, with that fee including a snack. T-shirts will be available at the clinic.

Because there only is room for 100 campers, early registration is encouraged. For the registration form, go to http://baseball.plymouthwildcats. com/240.html.

Contact Plymouth baseball coach Bryan Boyd with any questions. He can be reached at Bryan.Boyd@pccsmail.net.

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 remaining schedule is as follows:

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.

Barber is top CCHA rookie

Coming off a sweep of Lake Superior State, Miami of Ohio University freshman right winger Riley Barber (Livonia) garnered Central Collegiate Hockey Association Gongshow Rookie of the Week honors for the fourth time this season.

Barber, a sixth-round pick of the Washington Capitals in the 2012 NHL Draft, finished with two goals and an assist in a 5-4 and 2-1 victories over the Lakers.

His 34 points (14 goals, 20 assists) on the year lead the CCHA and he is tied for most points among rookies in the NCAA.

The RedHawks (21-8-5, 16-6-4) need just one shootout or regulation win Friday at home against Ohio State to clinch the CCHA regular season title outright.

Dynamo 1st

The Livonia YMCA Dynamo, an under-11 girls soccer team, posted a 7-0-1 record to win the second indoor session at High Velocity Sports in Canton.

Team members include: Andrea Abramson, Jamie Colling, Allison Esker, Emily Esker, Alexis Gibbons, Mandy Laiacono, Olivia Pelle, Julianna Racette, Riley St. Ledger, Abby Woods and Emily Woods.

The Dynamo are coached by Laura, Don and Lesley McDougall.

Taylor earns GLIAC honor

Grand Valley State University senior forward Briauna Taylor (Livonia Franklin) was named Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference North Division Player of the Week in women's basketball after recording back-to-back double-doubles.

On Thursday, Taylor had 13 points and 12 rebounds as well as a team-high six assists in the loss at Saginaw Valley

The 5-foot-9 forward was then a key part to the Lakers' 61-58 victory over Wayne State as her pair of free throws with a minute left gave GVSU a lead that it would not give up.

Taylor had 23 points and a career-high 14 boards against the Warriors to earn her third Player of the Week honor this

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Giving back

Worship community seeks volunteers for service

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

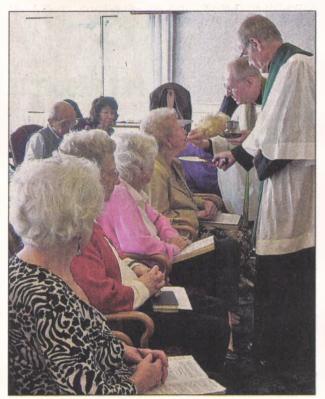
David Sharpe is an altar server, usher, mover, singer and reader during Sunday morning worship at Independence Village in Plymouth Township.

The only roles he hasn't taken on are priest and organist.

For the past 13 years, the Farmington Hills man has kept the service running smoothly for seniors at the retirement and assisted living facility. But now he's reaching out to others in hopes of recruiting new volunteers to assist with the "Community of the Good Shep-

"Father and I have to put it all together," said Sharpe, referring to the Rev. Jacek Zebrowski, a hospice chaplain who also leads the 10 a.m. Sunday service at Independence Village. Rosetta Maddick of Plymouth is the organist. They also lead Good Friday, Ash Wednesday and Christmas day services and offer Anointing of the Sick one Sunday each

"Initially, we had a larger number of volunteers who lived outside the



Residents of Independence Village in Plymouth participate in a communion service.

Village but at this time there are only three volunteers," Sharpe noted. Jeannette, his wife of 55

> years, also helps out occasionally. Com-

munity of the Good Shepherd, which meets in a dining

room, is the only in-house worship service offered on Sunday morning at the senior residence.

David Sharpe

Katie Harkness, Independence Village assistant activities director, said seniors may attend a Roman Catholic service on Tuesdays and a Protestant service the second

Thursday of the month. A shuttle bus also takes residents to a handful of churches on Sunday.

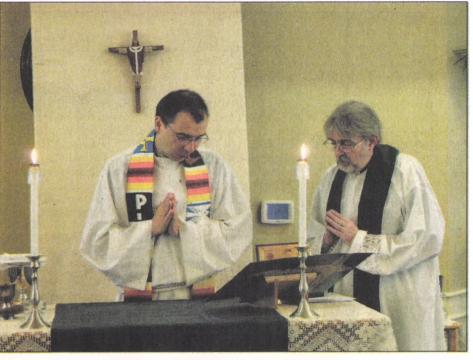
She said the Community of the Good Shepherd service "is much needed."

"Having it on Sunday is important to residents. It would be something that would be missed if we didn't have it. Not everyone can take a shuttle. This allows the church to be brought to them."

Creating community

The Rev. Patrick Lowery, who lived across the street from Independence Village in 1999, asked Sharpe if he'd assist in founding a worship community. Sharpe knew the priest from an Orthodox church he had attended.

"This was an opportuni-



The Rev. Jacek Zebrowski (left) and the Rev. Patrick Lowery conduct services at Independence Village in Plymouth.

ty to create an outreach ministry outside of a traditional church building. Our worship services began, and Community of the Good Shepherd became a reality," Sharpe said. "We're not a church. We're a community."

Over the years, five priests from different Catholic traditions ranging from Orthodox to Anglican — have led services. Attendees are from various Christian backgrounds. The service is free of denominational ties and dogma.

Giving back

Sharpe, a retired Detroit school teacher, was raised as a Baptist and later became a Methodist. His wife, also a retired Detroit teacher, was raised as a Roman Catholic. As a married couple, they attended an Episcopal church for many years. Now the Community of the Good Shepherd is Sharpe's place of worship and a major volunteer commitment. He also



Rosetta Maddick plays the organ at services.

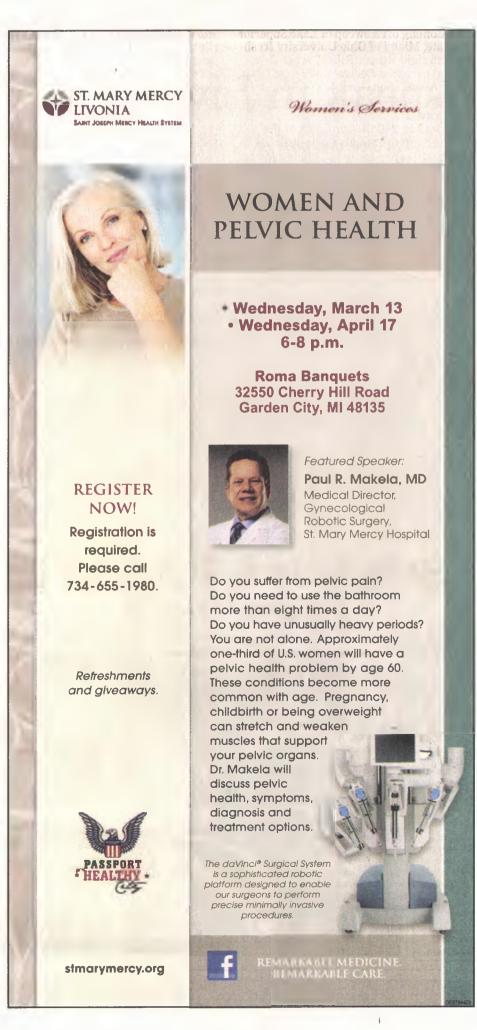
regularly gardens at the Finnish Cultural Center in Farmington Hills.

"When you've been blessed, as my wife and I both have been, and you are at the point you have all you need and more, you want to give back to your society," he said. "It's satisfying whenever you donate your time or you give to others. You get far more than you give. Of course, everyone says that, but it's true."

The Community of the Good Shepherd needs volunteers to assist with readings, to sing, greet worshippers, play musical instruments and set up and take down chairs.

'We're open to a lot of things. We can develop our community in a lot of ways," Sharpe said.

Prospective volunteers can call him at (248) 477-5709 or e-mail to dcs37mgsc@earthlink.





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Taste chili, bowl for animals at local events

Tasteful challenge

Tail Wagger's 1990 is accepting applications for chili cooks.

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The event is set for 1-5 p.m. Saturday, March 23, at UAW Local 182, 35603 Plymouth Road, in Livo-

The public may sample chili made by the area's best chefs for \$1 per sample or with an all-you-caneat wristband for \$15. All guests will have a chance to vote in the People's Choice award and be included in a drawing for prizes.

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Bowling for animals

Aleta Sill and Michelle Mullen, co-owners of Aleta Sill's Bowling World, hope to raise \$40,000 for the Michigan Animal Adoption Network (MAAN) and the Friends For The Dearborn Animal Shelter through their annual Bowl-4-Animal Rescue fundraiser.

The event is set for 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10 at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills, but the duo is looking for event sponsors and eBay auction items now.

"Right now, we are looking for everything from an individual buying a ticket to bowl, folks pledging to get donations. businesses becoming official event sponsors and generous people donating items for us to auction off as soon as we receive them. We have some really affordable marketing opportunities in conjunction with this event, not to mention that sponsors will be making a huge difference for two local charities," Sill said.

Each Bowl-4-Animal Rescue event allows MAAN and the Animal Care Network to offer two vaccination clinics annually to help thou-

sands of animals. Forty dollars can buy litter for all of the Dearborn shelter's cats for one week and \$50 feeds all of its dogs for one week.

In 2012, the event raised more than \$26,500 for the Dearborn shelter

Tickets to Bowl-4-Animal Rescue are \$30 in advance (or \$35 at the door) and include three games, food and shoe rental. There will be onsite auctions, raffles, door prizes, music, karaoke and a cash bar. Bowlers can have one of the professional bowlers throw a strike for them.

Get tickets by calling Aleta Sill's Bowling World at (248) 615-9060 or via email to Michelle@Your-BowlingCoach.com.

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Learn what your clothing says about you

The Association for Women in Communications (AWC) - Detroit chapter presents a special evening with Alison Vaughn, CEO of Jackets for Jobs, Inc., at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 21, at Motor City Java House, 17336 Lahser, Detroit.

A former model, Alison Vaughn is an awardwinning entrepreneur, coauthor of Inspired Style, and a contributing writer to the Michigan Chronicle and Michigan Front Page.

Vaughn will share practical information that empowers women to make the right clothing style choices to reflect the message and image they want to convey. She also will show style blunders, while covering these topics:

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Jackets for Jobs is a nonprofit organization that provides employment etiquette, careerskills training, and professional clothes to its low-income clients. It has assisted more than 14,000 individuals with employment since 2000. The organization has been supported by ABC's The View, NBC's Today Show, and O, The Oprah Magazine. It is also the charitable arm of TJ Maxx.

Vaughn is a member of the Association of Image Consultants International, The National Association of Female Executives, Women Impacting Public Policy, Martha Stewart's "Dreamers into Doers" and is active with

the NAACP.

The evening will begin with networking and a light supper, followed by the program. Donations of at least one article of clean, gently-used women's business clothing are requested.

The cost is \$20 for AWC members, \$30 for nonmembers, and \$15 for students.

For more information, or to register, visit www. womcomdetroit.org or call (866) 385-1784.



Alison Vaughn will talk about clothing styles and what messages they communicate to others, Thursday, March 21, in Detroit.

Learn about Miracle League, Kelly's Kidz in Plymouth

Tickets are available through Monday, March 4, for the "Miracles Among Us Celebration of Making Dreams Come True," set for Thursday, March 7, at Plymouth

Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plym-

The event is aimed at women who are interested in learning more about Kelly's Kidz and The Miracle League of Plymouth and it honors the fifth anniversary of both organizations, which assist children with special needs.

Cost is \$30 and includes

light appetizers, wine and chocolate, served by the men of the Miracle League and the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Check-in will start at 5:30 p.m., followed by the program at 6:15 p.m.

Register at mlplymouth.org and click on the tickets link. Proceeds will benefit Kelly's Kidz and The Miracle League of Plymouth. Advance

registration only will be accepted for this event.

Questions? E-mail to kellyskidz@sbcglobal.net or debra@miracleleagueplymouth.org.

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Family & Friends Day bowling fundraiser runs 2-6 p.m. Sunday, March 10 at Oaks Lanes, 8450 N. Middlebelt, Westland. Cost is \$20 per person and includes three games, shoes, pizza and beverage. Open to adults and children. Call Rita Whitley at (313) 281-8001.

PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1968

A 45-year class reunion is planned for Saturday, Sept. 7. For information contact Susan Keith Johnson at sgjohnson4@

SOUTH LYON

CLASS OF 1963

A 50th class reunion is planned for July 20. For more information, contact Barbara Cook at (248) 349-5982.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1983

6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Oct. 26, at Burton Manor Banquet and Conference Center, Livonia. For more information, e-mail to Linda Harbison at jghs.1983@gmail.com.

Author on nuclear meltdown will speak in Livonia

Cecile Pineda, author of Devil's Tango: How I Learned the Fukushima Step by Step, will talk about the nuclear industry at the next meeting of Citizens for Peace, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 12 at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia.

The event is part of Pineda's 10day book tour of the Great Lakes region, which coincides with the second anniversary of the meltdown of three reactors at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear facility in Japan. She'll offer an update on the consequences of Fukushima during her appearance in Livonia.

Published on the one-year anniversary of the disaster, the book, in Pineda's own words, is "a crazy quilt of multiple voices, pieced together day-by-day." It reflects her anguished attempt to come to terms with Fukishima's catastrophic consequences for the entire planet. "We are beyond the place where available technology can address what is ongoing and probably will be ongoing for many, many

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decades," she says. Copies of Pineda's newest book will be available for signing and sale at the Unity of Livonia event.

Pineda has been an anti-war activist from early life. Her novels, all available from WingsPress.com, have been critically acclaimed, with Face, winning the

Commonwealth Club of California Gold Medal - a record for first fiction — as well as the Sue Kaufman Prize and a National Book Award nomination. Her novel, The Love Queen of the Amazon, written with an NEA Fiction Fellowship, was named a Notable Book of the Year

by The New York Times. Citizens for Peace, is sponsoring her stop in Livonia. Co-sponsors are the Alliance to Halt Fermi 3; Huntington Woods Peace, Citizenship & Education Project; IHM Justice, Peace and Sustainability Office; Nukewatch; Peace Action of MI; Sierra Club (Southeast Michigan): Swords Into Plow Shares Peace Center & Gallery; US Peace Council (Michigan chapter); Women's Action for New Directions (Southeast Michigan); and Women's International League for Peace & Freedom.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call Colleen at (734) 425-0079.



SOCIAL SECURITY

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

mately 60% of those who apply Attorneys J.B. Bieske and Jennifer Alfonsi have 42 years with all clients and appear

combined experience representing only Social Security disability clients. And they personally meet personally at all court hearings. Many large firms assign inexperienced attorneys to your case. And some of these firms are located thousands of miles away and only fly the attorney in the day of the court hearing. Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi have vast experience before local Michigan judges.



Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.

Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage

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

subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

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.

Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security

benefits. www.ssdfighter.com

March

AUCTION

Time/Date: 12:30-2 p.m. March 10

Location: Redford Aldersgate United Methodist, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford Township

Details: All proceeds go to support the Food4U food bank that distributes food baskets monthly to 40-80 families

Contact: (313) 937-3170

CONCERT Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, March 10 Location: St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill,

Farmington Hills Details: Olivia Duval, soprano, sings a program of spirituals and art songs, accompanied by Wesley Fishwick at the piano. Ad mission to the concert is free, although a free will offering will be collected Contact: www.stjohnelca.org or www.wesley-

fishwick.com CONCERT

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 22

Location: Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills

Details: Josh Nelson, a popular performer and composer of modern Jewish music, performs. The concert is free and no reservations are required Contact: (248) 851-1100, Ext. 3150

DISCUSSION GROUP Time/Date: Miniseries

shown 8-10 p.m. Sunday, through March 31; discussion from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, From March 6-April 3

Location: Kenwood Church, 20200 Merriman, Livonia

Details: The church will offer a discussion group on the History Channel miniseries, "The Bible"

Contact: (248) 476-8222

FISH DINNER

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Friday through March 22 Location: St. Aidan Church Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia Details: Adult dinner includes two filets of salmon, cod or a combination for \$9. Child dinner includes one filet of salmon or cod or macaroni and cheese for \$5. Both the adult and child dinners include roasted potatoes, vegetables, coleslaw, dinner roll, and dessert. Beverages included for adults are coffee, tea, milk, pop and water. For children they are milk, pop and water. The child's dinner is for age 10 and under. Side dishes of macaroni and cheese are available for \$2 Contact: (734) 425-5950

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

LENTEN SERVICE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, through March

Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia

Details: Inspiring and meditative worship using Holden Evening Prayer. Journeys of faith witnessed by several members

Contact:: (734) 427-1414 or (734) 338-6722

LENTEN SERVICE

Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. prayer

RELIGION CALENDAR

service, 6:30 p.m. soup dinner, through March 27

Location: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 35300 W. Eight Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Topics for the Wednesday night program are: "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, Red-

ford **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. Wednesday through March 20

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills **Details:** Soup suppers and service

Contact: (248) 553-3380

MASS, PIZZA & MASS

Time/Date: Starts at 6 p.m. with dinner and class at 6:30 p.m., every Thursday during

Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Everyone is wel-

Contact: (734) 721-5023 **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.

exhibitors **Contact:** (248) 865-0633

POMEGRANATE GUILD Time/Date: 1 p.m. March 10

All in attendance will receive

a complimentary directory of

Location: In the Prentis **Apartments Community** Room, located on 10 Mile, east of Greenfield, Oak Park

Details: Marilyn Feingold will lead a needlework mezuzah workshop. There is a \$7 materials fee. The Pomegranate Guild of Southeastern Michigan studies and creates Judaic needlework

Contact: Judy Galperin at (248) 661-5337

PRESCHOOL Ward Preschool

Time/Date: Open registration begins at 9 a.m. March' 20 for the 2013-14 school

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville

Details: Enrolling this month for children turning 3 and 4 by Sept. 1, 2013 and age 5 by Feb. 1, 2014 Contact: (248) 374-5911 or e-mail carol.nowacki@ wardchurch.org

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 Shulenberger 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 Archan-

gel Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thurs-

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.livoniast-

michael.org **Ward Presbyterian** Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays

Location: Room A101. 40000 W. Six Mile. North-

ville 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 schoolaged 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 Chicago 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

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

Spring art classes set in Livonia

It's time to get creative. Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL) starts its spring classes and workshops the week of March 11

It offers a variety of watercolor, acrylic, pastel and oil painting courses, portrait drawing, mixed media, beginning drawing and experimental art. Classes are taught by professionally-trained teach-

enced levels of ability. Tuition ranges from \$55-\$120 for members and \$75-\$100 for nonmembers. VAAL offers a chance to meet and learn from fellow artists practicing in many media. Members may attend monthly meetings that offer a variety of programs and speakers. Members also may enter fall and

ers and are geared toward both beginning and experi-

required to enroll in art classes and workshops. The VAAL classroom is located at 37653 Five Mile at Newburgh, in Livonia. To receive a free catalog of classes or for other information call (734) 838-1204 or check out the VAAL website at www.vaalart.org.

spring juried exhibits. However, membership is not



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Joint infection, does it occur? How does a physician diagnose it? How is it treated?

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A physician diagnoses joint infection by the sudden onset of the pain and the close proximity of the swollen, painful joint and trauma to the joint or near it. Also, which joint is affected. Infection occurs most often in the knee joint, then in the elbow and wrist. Infection is rare in the shoulders, and only occurs in the feet when the patient has concomitant and advanced peripheral artery disease.

The diagnosis of an infection requires aspiration of fluid from the swollen, painful joint and subsequent gram strain showing bacteria or culture revealing clusters of bacteria. It is necessary to obtain fluid for examination and culture before initiating therapy.

Treatment consists of intravenous antibiotics for 4-6 weeks. This regimen may seem extreme, but it usually works to clear the infection completely from the infected joint. The same resolution holds for knee infections in replacement joints. Six weeks of antibiotic therapy stands in contrast to therapies for infected knee replacements ten years ago. Then, it was considered necessary to remove the infected joint, wait 2-4 months and put in another replacement. Modern therapy replaces such measures.

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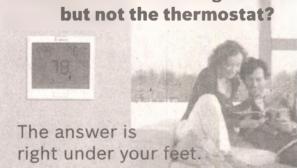


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Milestones

Rosales-Al-Ghishan

Betty Malkowski of Canton announces the engagement of her granddaughter, Adriann "Annie" Rosales of Canton to George Al-Ghishan of Westland.

Adriann is the daughter of April Rosales and Arthur and Sheryl Rosales, all of Canton.

George is the son of Asmahan and Heshan Al-Ghishan

Adriann and George both are 2012 graduates of Wayne State University. George earned a bachelor of science degree in environmental science and Adriann earned a bachelor of science degree in radiation therapy.

The wedding is planned for June 2014 at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, Livonia.



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COLLISTER, STEPHEN

July 14, 1944 ~ Feb. 16, 2013 Following a brief illness, Steve died at home in Hazel Park, MI. A talented musician and graphic artist, he is survived by his beloved sister, Jane Hall of Grass Valley, CA, in addition to two nephews, a niece and extended family. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Notable life accomplishments included being a charter member of the Pegasus Group, Realtor of The Year in Battle Creek, and instrumental in starting the Annual Battle Creek Balloon Festival. He was loved and respected by all he touched. Private services & an Irish Wake were previously held at his favorite restaurant, Sindbad's in Detroit, MI.

A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500 view obituary and share memories at DesmondFuneralHome.com J DESMOND SON



DAMM. CHARLES A.

Age 86, of Farmington, February 22, 2013. Charles was born in Detroit in 1926, graduated from Catholic Central High School in 1944, attended the University of Notre Dame and Michigan State University, graduating with a BA in forestry in A veteran of WWII and Korea, he served 33 years in the US Navy active duty and re-serves, retiring as a commander at NAF Detroit in 1977. He joined the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority as a park ranger in 1953, and was named Superintendent of Kensington Metropark in 1968. He retired in 1986. Married to Madeleine for 44 years, Charles is survived by his children, Daniel and Gretchen; and brother, Brother Frank Funeral Mass Thursday, February 28, 10 am (instate 9:30 am) at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 23615 Power Road, Farmington. Interment Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit. Memorial gifts suggested the American Heart Association, heart.org.

Arrangements entrusted to the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington (248-474-5200).heeney-sundquist.com

FARLIE JULENE

Age 78, February 24, 2013. Beloved wife of the late Watson. Dear mother of JoAnn (Larry) Burke, Brenda (Don) Kolehmainen, Watson H. Jr. (Natalie) and the late Elaine and Luther. Grandmother of 7. Great grandmother of 11. Sister of Shelby, Delmer, Nathaniel, Hennrietta, Henry, Mary Lou, Janice, Mitchell and the late Richard and Dorkus. Visitation Thursday 1-8pm with an evening service. Funeral service Friday 10am at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd. (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill) Garden City. Family suggest memorials to the March of Dimes.

www.santeiufuneralhome.com **FUCHS**

HENRY R. "HANK" Feb. 13, 1931 ~ Feb. 25, 2013 Passed away peacefully on February 25, 2013, at the age of 82, in Farmington Hills. Hank was born in Brooklyn, NY, to Ruth and Henry. He was a Korean War Veteran and a 30 year employee of the Ford Motor Company. He is survived by his children, Greg (Michelle), Bob (Sue) and Deb bie (Mike) Umscheid, eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren. A memorial service is planned. Details not yet determined.



FURR. (NEE KONKEL) MARY LOUISE

Of Centennial, CO passed away peacefully on January 21, 2013 at the age of 86 after a short illness. She spent her last few days at The Denver Hospice surrounded by her children and grandchildren. Born October 7, 1926 in Detroit, MI to the late Frank J. Konkel and the late Helen M. (Blotkamp) Konkel. She devoted her life to being a loving wife and caring mother of five children. Steven J. (Teri) of Canton, MI; Stanley E. (Susan) of St. Paul, MN; Ronald L. (Diana) of Centennial, CO; Cynthia L. No-ble (Kenneth) of Chandler, AZ; Sandra M. Kinslow (Mark) of Aurora, CO. Widowed in 1965 when the children were ages 4-16 she quickly adapted to her role of being a single mom. As the children grew, left home and scattered across the country, Mary delighted in traveling to visit them in each new location. With each new adventure, she would always say, "Who would have ever thought I would do that." Her greatest thrill of all was to rock each new grandbaby that arrived into her family. She was an avid reader. She eagerly passed that passion on to her children and grandchildren. Mary is survived by her children, a brother, Frank W. (Carol) of Fremont, MI; a sister Dorothy Philo (Max) of Fremont, MI; 10 grandchildren; / 9 greatgrandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband, Robert L. her parents, a brother Arthur J., a sister Elizabeth and a grandson Jonathan A. Furr. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Newaygo, MI. She will be laid to rest next to her husband in Newaygo Cemetery. The family suggests donations be made in her name to The Denver Hospice, 8299 East Lowry Boulevard, Denver, Colorado 80230.

GENDROLIS, Elwanda Age 65, of Westland, MI, formerly of Kaler Community, KY, passed away Tuesday, February 26, 2013. Arrangements: Byrn Funeral Home, Mayfield, KY

The caregivers there made her

last days as comfortable as possi-

ble. Her family is very grateful.



HESS, MARY LOUISE Age 89, February 22, 2013. Beloved wife of the late George Dear mother of John (Becky), Matthew and Miriam (Eric) Rasmussen. Loving grandmother of Jeremy, Erica, Ashley, Katherine and Jennifer. Sister of the late Elizabeth Dicks. Former Dearborn Public School teacher at McDonald Elementary from 1962-1985. Member of American Association of University Women (AAUW). Longtime member of Cherry Hill Baptist Church, Visitation Saturday at 10am until an 11am Memorial Service at Cherry Hill Baptist Church, 1045 N. Gulley, Dear-born Heights (between Ford Rd.

and Cherry Hill). www.Santeiufuneralhome.com



YORK, BARBARA J.

Feb. 24, 2013, Age 75 of Garden City. Beloved wife of Clifford. Dear mother of Daniel. Loving grandmother of Nathan. Sister of Thelma Bigos. Funeral at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Rd., Westland Thur. 10am.

Family will receive friends Wed 2-9pm. Please visit and sign a



MCINTYRE, JAMES S.

Age 89 of Redford, Michigan. Beloved husband of Emily (Katy) for 63 years. Loving father of Bill (Maureen) McIntyre, Jeanne (Tom) Shortal, Jim (Rhonda Kotzen) McIntyre, John McIntyre, and Dave (Jill) McIntyre. grandfather of Bill Jr., Beth, Larry, Valerie, Vicki, Avery, Elaine, Frannie, Kate, and Mary. Great grandfather of 11. Brother of William (Donna) and Donald (Alison) McIntyre. James served in the U.S. Army Air Corp as a young man and then went to work at Detroit Edison. He retired after 33 years. Visitation Thursday 3-8 pm with Service 11:00 am Friday at Charles R. Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly (btw 6 & 7 Mile). Interment Oakland Hills Cemetery. Contributions Children's Hospital in Detroit appreciated. Condolences to: charlesstepfuneralhome.com

MERRILL.

WILLIAM H. "BILL" February 27, 2013, age 69. Loving husband of Janet. Beloved father of Jon (Kathleen) Merrill, Anne Merrill, Fred (Cathy) Madley, Terri (Chris) Gogola, and Bruce (Ana) Madley. Proud grandfather of nine. Dear brother of Gloria Merrill, Janet (Fred) Knight, and Elizabeth (Bob) Willerer: and the late Richard Merrill, and Barbara Coates. Also survived by 15 nieces and 11AM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd. (btwn Sheldon and Beck), Ply-Visitation Sunday 9PM. Interment Glen Eden Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to Karmanos Cancer Foundation

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MARILYN R.

Age 82. Passed away suddenly on Wednesday February 27th. Beloved wife of the late Chester, loving friend of the late Ziggy Zedan. Dear mother of Chester V. "Skip" (Susan), treasured "Aunty M" of Cristine and Janet. Loving Grandmother of Megan. Laura, Scott, Stephanie (Vince), Jody, and Kevin. Proud Greatgrandmother of Brienna, Victoria, Veronica, Corey, Anthony, and Conrad. She will be missed by many loving friends and neighbors. Marilyn made a living selling products at fairs and home shows. She was also heavily involved in the local Democratic Party managing local, county and national election efforts, from 1960-1980. Cancer came and she beat it. She went on to be more involved with her family and friends. She could always be counted on for advice or to lend a hand. Visitation Monday 2-8 pm at MANNS-FERGUSON FUNERAL HOME 17000 Middlebelt (south of 6 Mile) Livonia. Services Tuesday at 11 am. Memorial tributes to the Michigan Humane Society. Online condolences:

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Age 49 of Maybee, passed Monday, February 25, 2013. Born July 5, 1963 in Detroit, Ronald was the son of Nelson & Donna (Darby) Platt. He married the love of his life Karen Naylor-Booth March 21, 1992. Ronald was known as being a workaholic, working as a Senior Mechanic with FedEx for the past 20 years as well as working at Calder Dairy Farm for the past 5 years; many times working 7 days a week. An avid bowler and golfer, Ronald also loved to travel with his wife, visiting such places as Aruba, Jamaica, Mexico the Dominican Republic and many other destinations. Ronald leaves to cherish his memory Karen, his wife of the past 20 years; daughters: Aimee (David) Busch of Redford Township and Erica Booth of Westland; three grandchildren: Matthew Busch, Christopher Busch and Elizabeth Busch. He is also survived by brothers and sisters: Danice (Ron) Martindale of Oxford, Bruce (Sarah) Platt (his twin brother) of Belevedere, IL, Edward Platt of Lebanon, IL, Greg (Jean) Castle of Washington Township, Tom (Sherry) Platt of Hazel Park, Wanda Heronimus of Northville, Steve (Theresa) Castle of Southfield and Kathy Cherry of California; as well as several nieces and nephews. Sad-ly Ronald was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services were held March 2nd at the Allore Chapel-Martenson Family Funeral Homes. Memorial contributions may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute. For more information or to leave an online condolence, please visit our website at: www.allore.com

SOLAK,

ROSEMARY February 27, 2013, Age 71 of Grand Ledge. Beloved mother of Amy (Mike Bowers) Wildrose, Michele Solak, & the late Jeffrey Solak. Loving grandmother of Jessica Solak. Dear mother-inlaw of Tammy Solak. Private family services were arranged by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorial contributions to Alzheimers Assn.

To share a memory, please visit



STRZEMPKA, **JOHN**

Age 97 of Livonia. Beloved husband of the late Jennie for 70 years. Loving father Jerome (Laura), David, and Luana Karazia. (Bruce) Cherished grandfather of six, great-grandfather of four and one on the way. Visitation will take place at Wood Funeral 36100 Five Mile Road (E. of Levan), Livonia, Sunday March 3rd 1-9PM. Funeral services will be held at the funeral home, visiting 9:30AM and services at 10:00AM.

Please share memories at Fredwoodfuneralhome.com

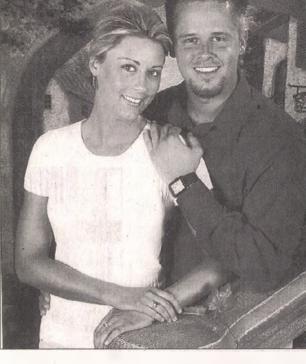


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BEATRICE L. Age 95, February 7, 2013. Beloved wife of the late Elmer J. Loving mother of Gloria J. (Gary) Shelton, Frederick J. Thomann and the late David G. Thomann. Dearest grandmother of Tanya (Joan Zdan) Thomann. Mrs. Thomann was a former employee of The Henry Ford and a member of Nomads. A memorial service will be held Sunday March 3, 2013, 1:00 pm at the Weise Funeral Home, 7210 Park Ave., Allen Park, MI 48101 (313) 382-1150. Visiting will begin at 11 am. Memorial contributions can be made to the Berkley Education Foundation, 14700 W. Lincoln, Oak Park, MI 48237 or Educational Excellence Foundation for Plymouth/Canton

Community Schools, 454 S. Harvey Plymouth, MI 48170. Please see our online obituary/guestbook at www.weisefuneralhome.com

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Koleczko-Lightbody

Kristan Marie Koleczko and Michael Foster Lightbody announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Stanley and Laurie Koleczko of Livonia, is a Franklin High School graduate. She graduated in 2004 from the University of Michigan-Dearborn and is employed as a paramedic in Plymouth.

Her fiance, son of Lincoln and Nancy Lightbody of Livonia, is a Churchill High School graduate. He's employed at Pro Trans International

A June 2013 wedding is planned in Dearborn.

GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

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

Frog survey

Volunteers interested in surveying the Rouge wetlands for frogs and toads may sign up for a workshop in recognizing eight frog and toad calls. The Friends of the Rouge offers the class and encourages anyone who is willing to learn the calls and devote a few evenings every month to listening, to sign up. The survey has been conducted since 1998 and results are used to track the health of local wetlands. Workshops are 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton; 10 a.m.noon, Saturday, March 10, at Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 11 Mile, Farmington Hills and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, at E.L. Johnson Nature Center, 3325 Franklin Road, Bloomfield Hills. Visit www.therouge.org or call (313) 792-9900.

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/livonia-

Master Composter

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Southeast Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) in cooperation with Rouge Watershed municipalities offers a series of classes in master composting beginning March 11 at the Bloomfield Township Public Library, 1099 Lone Pine Road at Telegraph. Classes run from 6:45-8:30 p.m. Registration fee is \$40. A Master Composter is a community gardening volunteer

who understands how to make compost, soil health, compost benefits, natural mulches, environmental lawn care, and more. In addition to "Composting ...For Earth's Sake" on March 11, other classes in the series

- are: Soil testing and fertilizer options, March
- Healthy lawn care, April 8
- Youth education and schoolyard gardens, April 15
- Sustainable landscapes and rainwater recycling, April 22
- SOCWA gardens open house, May 4 • Class wrap up, May

In order to earn their Master Composter name badge, volunteers attend six classes, build a working compost pile, complete written assignments, and volunteer 12 hours of time. For more information, e-mail to LFDean@aol.com, visit www.socwa.org, or call (248) 546-5818.

English Gardens

·Learn the ABCs of growing herbs at a free presentation, 1 p.m. Saturday, March

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

·Learn about perennial gardening at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 16 at a free presentation. Get a list of best garden performers and tips on selecting

plants. "The Secrets to a Beautiful Lawn" will provide information about keeping lawns green, healthy and growing, at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 23. Free.

•Get tips on pruning and dividing at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 27 and 1 p.m. Saturday, March 30, at free presentations.

•A free presentation will offer suggestions on keeping insects, small and large animals at bay in the garden, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 3.

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.

Wayne State University professor looks at mind-body influence, role of pain

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Clinical psychologist Mark A. Lumley is a professor and director of Clinical Training in the psychology department at Wayne State University. The 50-year-old Novi resident is researching the role of stress and emotions in chronic pain

"I started paying attention to how people's bodies respond to emotional experiences," he said, recalling an experience of getting sick to his stomach after seeing a dialysis film during grade school.

Lumley earned his Ph.D. and master's in clinical psychology from the University of Florida. He studied biology and psychology at Wayne State as an undergraduate. The Detroit native studied two years at Detroit Redford High School and two years at Temple Christian High School in Redford.

He's married to Sherry, a Novi schools staffer, and the couple has four sons, twins, 22, a son, 20, and a son, 18. Lumley's been on the faculty at Wayne State since 1991.

He thought about medical school in younger days, and was interested in how the mind the influences the body.

"I decided to pursue clinical psychology with an emphasis on the interface between medicine

Mark A. Lumley of Novi, a Wayne State University professor, is researching how stress and emotions interact in chronic pain

and psychology."

He has looked at many medical conditions, based partly on interests of graduate students. They include irritable bowel syndrome, fibromyalgia, headaches, and rheumatoid arthritis.

Many conditions overlap, Lumley said, and the brain and central nervous system "get disrupted really easily."

Sources of stress

External sources of stress are those like a job loss, crime, or death of a loved one.

Developmental sources put people at greater risk for not handling stress well. "What do you do when something bad happens to you? How do you adapt to that? Some people do well and some people do poorly.'

Lower socioeconomic status generally gets more negative life events. "But the sort of stress I'm interested in seems to be all over the place." Even those raised in affluent homes can face demand to be perfect: "I'm not good enough" feelings are common

Some people keep secrets. "And it takes an emotional toll. It's another source of stress," Lumley said.

Unresolved conflicts related to bad experiences in life can mean people have trouble standing their ground and asserting themselves. They also have trouble with "dropping their guard" and becoming close to others. Two "core human domains," "for many people, especially women in our culture, that capacity's been stifled, it's been inhibited."

He and colleagues are doing National Institutes of Healthsupported research on helping people resolve stress by expressing genuine feelings.

Relaxation work (yoga, prayer, meditation), diet and exercise do help, he said, as does better sleep. "Lots of research has shown they have some benefit."

Veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder get little benefit from that. They generally receive some form of exposure therapy where face emotional memories they have been

"You have to emotionally process it away."

"The truth is, I don't know yet how it's going to work out." He's been doing a series of smaller studies for 15 years.

He attempts to develop and test the health effects of emotional interventions (emotional experiencing and expression techniques to unlearn effects of trauma or conflicts). He compares new approaches to welltested cognitive-behavioral symptom management and educational interventions.

The researchers are seeking to determine whether the emotion-oriented techniques will perform better than standard approaches. The goal is to learn which patients are helped most by each approach.

Lumley said there isn't much research like his. When Wayne State issued a press release about two years ago on an NIH grant for his work, he got a TV mention from JoAnne Purtan of Channel 7.

"Our phone had 200 voicemail messages the next morning," said Lumley, noting a lot of people are in pain and don't have much to help them. A handful of practitioners do work clinically.

He's finding exposure therapy useful for returning veterans.

"That's the best thing to do for post-traumatic stress disorder."

Doctors' dilemma

Some physicians are overwhelmed in dealing with patients with chronic pain, and may turn to the prescription pad. "Many physicians don't know how to work at multiple levels. There's lots of patients who are not getting their needs met," Lumley said.

Patients are complicated for physicians, too. "Their families invalidate them and doctors don't believe them. It's not a simple thing."

Conditions are due largely to altered brain and nerve functioning, but the brain is also the most important "pain and system" organ, strongly influenced by a person's development and emotional experienc-

He said you can change the brain through learning experiences. "A lot of patients have been told 'It's all in your head.' The experience of one's body really starts mostly in the brain. Maybe we can change the brain through relearning

To learn more about Lumley's studies on fibromyalgia or irritable bowel syndrome, call (313) 577-2258, or go to this website: http://fibrostudy.clas.wayne.edu.

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital earns high marks for care

St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor has been named one of the nation's 100 Top Hospitals by Truven Health Analytics, a provider of information and solutions to improve the cost and quality of health

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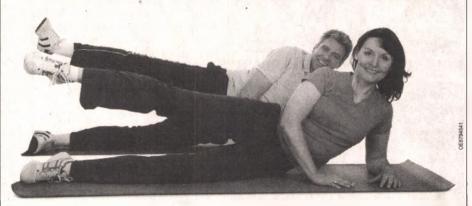
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Debra Auerbach, CareerBuilder Writer

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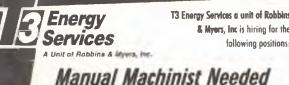
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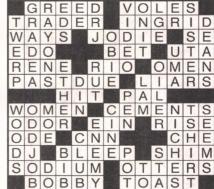
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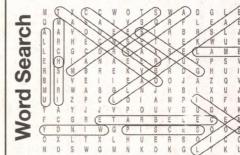
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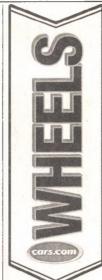
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Ford makes sales a bigger goal in new 'Fiesta Movement'



By Dale Buss

Ford wrote a new playbook for social-media marketing with its first "Fiesta Movement" in 2009, but it didn't help sell the new Fiesta for very long.

So with the justlaunched Fiesta Move-

ment "Remix," Ford seems determined to use its social-media skills to sell significantly more Fiesta subcompacts as well as to stay ahead of the fastest-moving game in marketing.

This time, Ford plans to use the online content generated by 100 social-media influencers, in their unscripted experiences with the car over the next several weeks, as the entire palette of creative for a paid-media campaign around the launch of the 2014 Fiesta later this year.

"We're turning to our 100 Fiesta 'agents' and saying, 'We're going to use only your content for our ad campaign for the new Fiesta," Scott Monty, global head of social media for Ford, told me. "That's never been done before in the auto industry."

Fiesta Movement: A Social Remix also will include ties with prominent TV, entertainment and sports programing including American Idol and the X Games as well as the Bonnaroo music festival in Tennessee. And Ford will curate all the content generated by the bloggers and other Fiesta-driving digerati on a new

Ford's original Fiesta Movement in 2009 was hailed for raising awareness of the Fiesta — which was coming off a new global platform to the U.S. market for the first time — to sky-high levels and setting a new, high bar for big brands' socialmedia marketing programs. It essentially kicked off a new era of digital marketing for the car business.

Propelled by the "Movement," Fiesta enjoyed a steep takeoff, selling more than 23,000 units in just the second half of 2010, and soon skyrocketing by nearly 300 percent for all of 2011, to a total of more than 69,000 sales for the year.

Problem was, the initial burst of attention didn't create a long-term boom in sales for Fiesta. By last spring, Fiesta. sales had begun slumping badly. For all of 2012, Fiesta sold 17 percent fewer units than a year earlier, sliding to under 57,000 sales overall (though in December they rose by more than 50 percent versus a weak year-earlier month, and ticked up by more than 20 percent last month).

At least a couple of factors were to blame for Fiesta's flame-out from socialmedia star to showroom bust. One was the introduction about a year ago of the new Ford Focus, a little bigger than Fiesta but not all that much more expensive; Focus's appeal and Ford's promotion of its breadand-butter small sedan surely sapped



The 2014 Ford Fiesta.

thousands of sales from Ford's Fiesta.

Secondly, the Fiesta began facing more competition in the subcompact sector, \$3-a-gallonand-up gasoline became a staple of the American scene. Chevrolet's new Sonic, for instance, proved to be a worthy alter-

Which brings us to the 2014 Fiesta. Monty told me that the Movement "remix" and eventual ads will generate content "about a lifestyle and everything in concert and in particular being able to get the value with Fiesta that we can prove to customers." Ford will do that by tasking the influencers "to say whatever they're going to say" based on monthly themes that each will be related to different aspects of the car's appeal and personality, including travel, adventure, entertainment, technology, a "healthy lifestyle" and "social activism."

From what it learned during the first Fiesta Movement, Monty explained, the brand needs to be careful to emphasize such "lifestyle" elements "rather than be in your face about product features. We think it's a more powerful approach because, ultimately, when someone buys a car — and particularly someone in the target Fiesta demographic - they're interested in what it can do to support their

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"So by designing missions" for the influencers, and their content, "around these broad themes, we'll be much more authentic and in line with what [target consumers] are interested in learning about and sharing."

Nevertheless, Monty recognizes that Ford is in business to sell cars, not just social-media-marketing platforms, and to that end the company is counting on at least two significant differences with the 2014 Fiesta from its effort of three years ago.

First, it will tie a program of paid TV spots and other advertising directly to Fiesta Movement content - and derived

Second, the new Fiesta will have some significant advantages over the version three years ago. Primarily, it'll offer as an option a 1-liter EcoBoost engine, and Ford has been very good at promoting the capabilities of its EcoBoost engine line.

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