## Stewart to run for state Senate

Former state representative from Plymouth will challenge incumbent Colbeck for 7th District seat

By Brad Kadrich
arly eight years after finishing his third term as a state representative, Plymouth attorney John Stewart is plan-
ning to try to get back into the state Legislature.
epresentative for the 20th District from 2000-06, will chalenge incumbent state Sen.
Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, for Colbeck's 7 th Senate District
seat in the 2014 election. seat in the 2014 election,
Stewart House as a Republican before

switching to the Democratic party, will challenge Colbeck around. Stewart ran unsuc-
cessfully for the same seat as an independent four years ago fee to the Wayne County elections division last month. As of Tuesday, he was the only candi"I'd love to run for state Senate," Stewart said. "I thin I'm the moderate and I think I can win it." Stewart, who has practice law out of the same Main

Street office for nearly 30 district - redrawn for the 2014 election - is more moderate now than it has been. Colbeck's district currently includes Plymouth, Canton, part of and downriver communities. For the 2014 election, the
downriver communities have


## PARTYING ELVES HIT DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH

Group dresses up in costumes for night of fun before watching 'Elf'

By Matt Jachman Staft Writer

Santa's helpers took a break from Christmas preparations to spend Sunday night on the town in Plymouth.
small, wore elf hats, adopted elf names, ate elf food at Sean O'Callaghan's and
dropped in at the Penn Theatre for a showing of the comedy Elf, starring Will Ferrell as a normal-sized human,
raised as one of Santa's elves, who reraised as one of Santa's elves, who re-
unites with his father in New York City

The organizers were Dan Stechow Ownship who dressed up Sunday as Mr. and Mrs. Claus or, in elf-speak, "There's something wonderfully weird about seeing dozens of laughing people in costume walking down the

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Pedal-powered cabs planned for Plymouth

Local couple pushing for ordinance to be passed By Matt Jachman Staff Writer
Central Plymouth is prized for its walkability and bicycles
are abundant in town, but residents and visitors should soon
have another people-powered have another people-powered
transportation option - pedicabs. sion approved Monday the first reading of a proposed
ordinance that would allow pedicabs - rickshaws, bicycle
cabs, tricycle cabs and the like, generally for one to three passengers - in the city. The law requires insurance seat belts, headlights and taillights, outlines a registration process for operators and prohibits pedicabs from traveling more than 30 mpph . It also includes rules for "cab stand"
pickups and for pickups and for loading and
unloading passengers. The proposed ordinance was modeled after ordinances in other communities that allow pedi-
cabs. Downtown Development Authority after Andy and Diane Webster of Plymouth Township
approached the DDA in Sepapproached the DDA in septer not currently affiliated
with a church, told commi with a church, told commisniche business that would be a new amenity for downtown and fit well with the city many festivals and public

See CABS, Page A2

Local economic forecast: Mostly sunny
By Matt Jachman

The region and the state have made economic progress since the downturn that began way, locally and nationally, next year. That was the general eco-
nomic forecast for 2014 as credit union president and a state legislator spoke to more than 70 people during a Plymouth Community Chamber Wednesday morning Bill Lawton, president and chief executive officer of the Plymouth-based Community
 ng a list of economic indicahimself as an economic weatherman.
ing, just like are always changer,", Lawt like told the crowd at er,' Lawton told the crowd at
the Hilton Garden Inn. Rep. Kurt Heise, a Repubmouth and Plymouth Township in the state House of Representatives, approached the economy from a lawmakprojected state budget surplus of up to $\$ 1$ billion could lead to tax relief, but also tha in on how to pay to upgrade
the state's roads.

## 'Strong recovery'

 The state "has turned the corner" economically and is "very much in recovery mode right now," said Heise, who House, "We're like a patient who gery and is making a strong recovery," he added. Lawton, citing severalsources, predicted 3-percen sources, predicted 3-percent economic growth nationwide
for 2014, compared to about 2 percent this year. Housing values should also also con-

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Rock the Clock!


The first ever Rock the
Clock Run in downtown Plymouth is slated for Sunday, Dec. 29, with children with Type diabetes to a enton tosased summer iving with the disease. Charlie Stamboulian
(left) and Kyle Meteyer left) and Kyle Meteyer,
along with Nick Allen, have put together the event. Businesses around Kellogg Park
have jumped on board to help the cause. For more on Rock the Clock turn to page $\mathrm{Bl}_{1}$. tspinoza

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## STEWART

been eliminated. The district will now includ Plymouth, Canton, Livonia. "The moderate adantage is even more trict has shifted," Stewart said. "I am the only one who has represented all of those comcluded the west side of Livonia in 2000-02). house door-to-door in Wayne." Stewart said Colbeck's votes - on the
pension tax in commitee and on the expansion of Medicaid - show he "doesn't represent he people he was elected to represent."
Stewart had b delaying his entry into he race until state Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton made a dimited Slavens has been rumored to be onsidering seeking a who had been waiting for Slavens' decision, said it no longer affects his status.
"I will not withdraw art said. "I filed knowing I could withdrawbut I don't like to. That's not my pattern." For her part, Slaven aid Tuesday she's conjob.
"r'm focused on my work in the House," Slavens said. "'lll make after the first of the year." Which leaves Stewagainst Colbeck, whom tewart said "is a great campaigner." But Stewart believes his support his experience as a mall businessman will carry him past a potenSlavens, whom he be lieves is too liberal, and against Colbeck. difficult race (againg Colbeck), because he really knows how to work his base," Stewar won't elect a liberal The people know me and they know I'm not a liberal."

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## PHYSICAL MEDICINE

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## Grant sends Fife \& Drum Corps to camp

time for the Corps each
year," "It's our first opportunity to get outside and start
marching It's also the first time our drummers can put their practice pads aside and actually play their drums. The begin to form a cohesiv unit during the band camp weekend." three-day weekend held in April at the Michigan Christian Youth Camp in Attica, Mich pay for food, lodging an instructor salaries for

## bankruptcy case and tha

 Kevyn Orr, Detroit's manager, is on the whol doing a good job. Heise parts company with Orr on some issues, particDetroit Water and Sewe age Department, which serves more than 10 "We will not progress as a region if Detroit continues to suffer, Heise said principal forecast sourc es were the Institute for Trend Research, the Association, and LPI Financial.miachman@hometownlifeco
eye toward expansion if
demand for the service warrants it. their pedicabs will have canopies and available blankets and thus will no be strictly for warm weather, but that they the weather creates hazardous road conditions. The Websters said equipment soon and tha it should arrive in about three weeks.

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## ELVES

 "Elf," part of the Penn's holiday season series. tom beaudoin


5,000 Santas. We loved it so much, we wanted to at home," said Stechow, who lived in Manhattan They hope to make "Elf Night," as they're calling it, an annual event.
O'Callaghan's, a block
from the theater, served
food like "Reindeer Slid ford like "Reindeer Sliders" "and "Shepherd's Boy
Pie" and adult beverages like "Bloody Merry Christmas." Names were rawn for prizes such as nowman paadebant, a game and a 2014 calendar featuring puppies. The
then walked down Penni-
man to the theater man to the theater.
"When the group of us walked across the street to go to the Penn Theatre I'm sure it attracted
some attention," Withrow some
'Adds to festivities' Jane McKimmy of

## Elks wrap up gift drive for veterans

The Plymouth Elks
Lodge 1780 on Ann Arb Lodge 1780 on Ann Arbor ship became an assembly line Saturday morning as more than 50 volunteers
with tape, scissors and with tape, scissors and
wrapping paper put together 850 Christmastime care packages for ill veterans and veterans luck.
Elks and their family members, along with Gi Scouts and Boy Scouts, the donated socks, toiletries and playing cards that were to be distribans through two veterans shelters in Detroit and one in the city of Wayne and to other veterans Affairs hospitals in Ann Arbor, Battle Creek and Detroit. Each gift package contained 14 items.

$30 \%$ ofi our Christmas Collection: Open Late (until 9pm) Thursday, Dec 19!

## Woman guilty of larceny from dementia patient

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer
A Westland woman has
pleaded guiltty to one of two
counts of larceny in a building
following allegations she stole
jewelry from dementia pa-
tients while working as a
health care employee at Crys-
tal Creek, a Canton assisted
living center.
Gail Lynn Good, 45, could
face penalties ranging from
probation to four years in
prison when she is sentenced
Jan. 14 by Whayne County Cir-
cuit Jutge James Chylinski.
Authorities agreed to drop
a second charge of larceny in
a building after Good agreed
to plead guilty to one count,
according to Wayne County
Circuit Court records.
Good was charged after


Canton Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh said police investigat ed allegations in late Septem ber and early October that gold necklaces, one with a
diamond, had been stolen from elderly women who have dementia.
The case
The case unfolded while
Good was working at Crystal

Creek, on Lilley north of Wa ren. She has been released
from custody while she awaits from custody w
Baugh has said relatives of the victims notified the assist-
ed living center's administration, which then contacted police. Baugh said the necklace
had been taken to jewelry hhops in Westland, where one was recovered, but the other already had been melted
Baugh had described the jewelry shops and Crystal Creek as cooperative while Canton police investigated Good, who was arrested on
the job in October the job in October.

313-222-2238

## PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Mail theft
Two children's books, purchased as Christmas presents, from the mailbox of a house on Crabtree Lane, in the area of Five Mile and Haggerty, ac-
cording to a Plymouth Township Police Department repor The books had been ordere to be shipped by mail, the complainant told police, but only them was found in the mailbox on Saturday
Purse theft reported A Westland woman reporte
the Dec. 7 theft of her purse and its contents including ca and credit cards, from Compu ware Arena, on Beck north of $\mathrm{M}-14$ in the township.
The woman told The woman told police she bleacher seat while attending her 6 -year-old son's hockey game that evening. Upon arriv
no longer had the purse and returned to the area, she told police. She and arena staff
were unable to locate it, a po lice report said.
Repeat vandalism A passenger-side window on a new Dodge Durango pickup
truck was broken earlier this month while the truck was parked outside a collision shop Arbor Road. The vandalism occurred at
the Dick Scott Dodge collision he Dick Scott Dodge collisio shop between the evening of
Dec. 10 and early the next af ternoon, a police report said. The frame of the broken window was also damaged; police sot had been cut and pried open. It was the second windowbreaking incident there within
two weeks and the fourth with in a 10 -month period, the shop manager told police.

Laced chocolate
Canton police Monday arrested a 17-year-old Plymouth boy after a
brownie he fed to a 17-year-old Canto girl made her ill.
According to Canton police, the girl got sick in class and reported to the partment resource officers started an investigation and notified the police When det When detectives talked to the boy, police said, he admitted to possession of marijuana-laced chocolate bars. Police bars in the boy's possession. Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials declined to comment, other than saying the girl was taken to a hospital Monday, treated and then The investigation is ongo
Pot possession A Canton Police officer on routine and Willard noticed a silver Chevy Monte Carlo switching lanes without

## CANTON CRIME WATCH

signaling to make a
pulled the car over. "Michigan left" and A check of the license plate showed the registered owner with a suspend mouth and Canton townships, accord ing to the police report. on eastbound thich officen puled the car over driver got out of the car. The officer handcuffed him and placed him in the rear of the patrol car for security reasons, according to the report. The driv-
er had parked the car on the shoulder but it was blocking Willard. The officer told the driver he would park the car for him and, when he got
in the driver's seat, the officer noticed plastic bag filled with what appeared to be a green, leafy substance on the passenger floorboard. According to the report, the offrcer asked for permission
to search the car, but was denied by the driver. The driver told the officer he'd been "returning from the city" and that his
cousin had been sitting in the passenger seat. A subsequent search turned up a gold watch and a Paypal card be-
longing to the driver's cousin. The driver was transported to the possession of marijuarant and cited for
Telephone harassment A Canton woman told police her ex-boyfriend had been sending her She said the ex-boyfriend, with whom she has a child, sent her some 50 mails in a week's time and had sent phone calls in one 54 -hour period She told police she didn't want him prosecuted, but wanted the threats to stop. She also told police the boyfriend
was on parole. Police advised the woman of the procedures for obtaining a personal protection order and also adised her to call the boyfriend's parole fficer.

## Retail fraud

While responding to the Meijer store on Michigan Avenue for a retail fraud
in progress, a Canton officer was notified the suspects had left the store in a burgundy HHR. The officer, arriving
on scene, noticed the vehicle pulling out of the parking lot and pulled it over. According to police reports, while
talking to the vehicle's occupants, the taking to the vehicle's occupants, the
officer noticed the interior of the vehicle was filled with toys and clothing. The driver told police they'd been shopping at Meijer, according to the report. tion officer at the Michigan Avenue Meijer, who accurately described the occupants of the vehicle as those in-
volved in the retail fraud While searching the car officers also found clothing from both Dots and Old Navy, When Dots employees were notified, they told police there were cording to the report, Old Navy staffers said they hadn't noticed the suspects, but would check their security video the Canton Police Department and questioned and, according to the report, all three made written statements that admitted to taking items from Meijer, Dots and Old Navy.
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Institute puts 'St. Nick' into historical context By Brad Kadrich Staff Writer
A. Michael Deller had
been performing as Sanbeen performing as Sa
ta claus for nearly a
decade before the $S t$. decade before the St.
Nicholas Institute opened Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church in Livo-
nia.
But when the institute, But when the institute, ing to its website, empowering "faith-filled
candidates with the tools needed to convincingly portray both St. Nicholas and the 'elfin' Santa
Claus in a wide variety of Claus in a wide variety
venues," whether religious or secular, it caught Deller's attention. "The institute ... would Nicholas, the actual per-
son, and his history and how some of his beliefs come through to the person we know as Santa Claus," said Deller, perhaps best known as the holiday parade in Livonia. "That sounded really interesting to me. 1 in
thought it would be in teresting to see what they provided."
The institute revolves The institute revolves
around St. Nicholas who, according to institute founder the Rev. Joseph Marquis, is "remem bered and revered thodox Christians and is also honored by various Anglican and Lutheran Charitable

## inspiration

According to informa tion provided on the in-
stitute's website, Nicholas was born in Patara of Lycia (present-day Tur-
key) during the third key) during the third wealthy parents who provided him with a Christian upbringing and education. Especially well-known, according to
Marquis, is his charity and love for children. He used his great wealth to need: families, widows, orphans and children. For this same purpose he pounded, as bishop, a poornouse, hosteliries and According to Marquis, charitable groups such as the Salvation Army, the
Goodfellows and the St. Vincent DePaul Society "owe a lot" to St. Nicho-
${ }^{\text {"I }}$ I look at St. Nicholas as a role model for Christians as a focus of solving need, not taking bows for
charitable works," Marcharitable
He was the person-
ification of Christian love and affection. As such, he
is honored by the entire Christian world, both the Eastern and Western Churches. In the West

students take part in the four-day St. Nicholas Institute at Sacred Heart in Livonia. The institute was founded last year


The Rev. Joseph Marquis, pastor of Sacred Heart in Livonia, founded the St. Nicholas Institute last year.

A. Michael Deller, as Santa, visiting with his grandchildren during an appearance at Saks Fifth Avenue in Troy last month.
especially, he is consid-
ered the great patron
saint of children and in modern times as the
cheerful giver of gifts, Santa. That's the benefit institute participants "We teach about the historic figure behind Santa Claus," said Marquis, the pastor at Sacred
Heart Byzantine Catholic Church in Livonia, home of the institute. "We're showing the historical Untext of St. Nicholas Nicholas is helps us mor accurately portray San

Longtime Santa Marquis should know about that since he's been doing it for 42 years. He's an Emmy
Award-winning Santa, a Award-winning Santa, a member ol the Santa used to portray Santa in the J.L. Hudson Thanksgiving Day parade in
downtown Detroit. He's done parades and home visits, mall appearances and hospital visits. One story stands out
in his mind of a little girl dying of cancer in a hos-
pital in Ann Arbor Her
grandfather appealed to
Marquis to visit her as Santa in the hospital and to give the girl a new,
blue dress she had wan
ed.
When he arrived, Mar
quis found the entire quis found the entire into the spirit of the occa sion. The hospital was totally decorated for members were all in Christmas costumes and the visit happened in the summer.
Marquis passed through the entire chil dren's ward, visiting with
all the patients and final-

A. Michael Deller got his start as a Santa in the
now-defunct holiday parade in Livonia.
ly ending up in the girl's standing of how this all room. Her eyes widened came together and came
with delight at the sight to be,"Deller said of Santa and she was all to "For many of us, smiles when she opened $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { was helpful in knowing } \\ & \text { what we needed to find } \\ & \text { the dress. }\end{aligned}$ Marquis said when the crowd got around to sing-
ing Silent Night "there ing Silent Night, "there
was a presence in the was a presence in the
room and a peace descended" - and a stark
realization realization hit him. "This was the real
reason I was called to do Santa," Marquis said. "If this is the only person I ever do Santa for, it's worth it.
Year-round spirit It's worth it for Delle too. A retired librarian, Deller has done story, done family visits. He's also the Santa at a banquet center near Mount Clemens every year. And lessons learned at the
institute. "(The institute) hasn't really changed how I portray Santa, but it deepened my under-
$\qquad$ or use in order to give a presentation of the bish
op known as St. Nicho op known as St. Nicho-
las."
The first institute las ear drew 17 students year drew 17 students
from 10 different states. This year's grew to 30
students from 15 state For Marquis, it's about spreading the word that
the Christmas spirit isn't the Christmas spirit isn't
relegated to just the Christmas season. is, the spirit if aval thing is, the spirit is available any day of the year," I'm trying to give th Santas' who come through here. The one
message they walk away message they walk away
with is, 'The most important child I ever see is the next one.'
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## Salvation Army thrift stores seeking donations

As the new year ap-
proaches, the Salvation
Army Southeast Michi-
gan Adult Rehabilitation
Center is seeking year-
end donations at the non-
profit's 34 metro Detroit
family thrift tstores.
Now through Dec. 31 ,
patrons are invited to
drop off their gently used
clothing, linens, home
goods and more to re-
ceive a 2013 tax receipt.
Army officials say it's as
easy as driving through
the donation line at any of the Salvation Army's local thrift stores.
The Canton sto located at 43403 Joy (near Joy and Morton Taylor). For hours, call D34-416-1925. used clothing, linent household appliances furniture, toys, shoes, purses and housewares
are accepted at all Salva
tion Army thrift stores All donations to the Salvation Army are tax deductible. Donate be-
fore Jan. 1, 2014, to receive a tax receipt that can be applied toward 2013 taxes. Stores will be open until midnight De
31 for last-minute 2013 tax year contributions. Salvation Army Thr Store shoppers will als into the new year with a



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Minimum distributions - the law for those 701/2

 age $70 \%$, investors are required to take disretirement accounts. It's a good time to highlight issues dealing with re quired minimum dis year. Whether an IRA, 403(b) or 401(k) plan, at
age $70 \% / 2$ taking distribu age $701 / 2$ taking distrib
tions is the law. The amount one is required to take changes every year and is based upon a forchanged throughout the years.
Although the law says ing minimum required distributions in the year you turn $70 \%$, there is an exception to the rule. You
can delay your first year can delay your first year
distribution until April 1
of the of the
next

required
minimum distribution ever, there is a downside to this. Even though you can delay your distribu tion, you have to make
your 2014 distribution by
Dec. 31, 2014. A double distribution in 2014 could cause some tax issues. such as being thrown into
another tax bracket and also losing deductions. Exceptions The second issue is
another exception that only applies to required minimum distributions
from salary deferral programs such as a programs such as a
401(k) plan. This exception only applies if you are working for the con pany that you have a
salary deferral program with and you own less
than 5 percent of the company. If you meet
these criteria, you can delay your required delay your required
minimum distribution
from that plan However from that plan. However,
you still have to take your required minimum
distribution from your other accounts such as an
The penalty for failure to comply with required minimum distributions is severe. If you fail to take
a required minimum a required minimum basis or if you do not take the proper amount, the IRS can assess you with a possible to get these penalties waived; however, it is not easy. an's calculation to make sure they are accurate. Remember, you are the
one who will be responone who will be respon-
sible for any penalties or interest that the IRS may assess.
Good luck.

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## Track Santa as he circles the globe <br> Have you ever won-

dered how Santa gets one day?
According to North American Aerospace a doesn't feel time like regular people and, in his eality, he's traveling fo nuch longer than 24 Children all over the world are fascinated by is journey and the folk at NORAD have gra-
ciously allowed us to
share its tracking servi with our readers. Go to our website, Hometownlife.com, Dec 24 to track Santa as h circles the globe. Chil-
dren in these parts will want to know when he gets to North America so they can set out milk and goodies are planned to welcome Santa. Just look to the right side of our site for the


NORAD Santa Tracker, crick on the link fun.

## PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Blood drives
Dates/Times/Loca ions:
n. Monday, Dec. 23,
30-7:15 p.m., VFW Post, 426 S. Mill, Plymouth ". Monday, Dec 23, 9:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., Summ mit Parkway, Canton " Tuesday, Dec 24, 8 m. to $1: 45$ p.m., Hampgerty, Canton " Tuesday, Dec 24, 8 m. to 1:45 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 3950 S. Lotz Canton
"Thursday, Dec 26, 1-6:45 p.m., Resurrectio hurch, 48755 Warren,
Details: The American Red Cross hosts blood drives at the abov mes and locations. Ap but walk-ins are wel-
Contact: Diane at iane.Risko@red cross.org to set up an appointment

Open mic nite Date/Time: Saturday, Dec. $21,7 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Winkelman Hulce Center


The Salem Junior Varsity Rockettes took first place in the contemporary pom division and first place in the hip hop
division at the 2013 Michigan State Spirit Showdown held Saturday at Brighton High School. Team members include (front, from left) Sarah O'Donnell, captain Becky DeWater, coach Jes Wilhoite, captain Erica Garczynski and Morgan
Poulos, along with (back, from left) Alyssa Marshall, Poulos, along with (back, from left) Alyssa Marshall,
Maddie Martinsky, Emily Bates, Tiffney Cicotte, Basia Mokuniewicz and Hannah Parent. Also on the team are Kara Rocheleau and Kelcie Rocheleau.
for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council mouth . Sheidon, in Plymouth.
Details: The Baselin Folk Socts: The BaseLine Folk Society presents its,
festive "Total Open Mic" night. Artists can begin signing up at $6: 15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. This monn-wic be complete open-mic with persongs, original or cover. There's no featured guests this month. Host
for the evening is Kenny
for the evening is Kenny

Lang, a BaseLine favor
ite who has performed ite who has performed
more than 40 years. BaseLine Folk Society is a group of talented mu preserving the fine art of traditional acoustical folk music. Tickets are
$\$ 5$ at the door, including Contact: Email the president, Scott Ludwig,
at BFSpresiat BFSpresi-


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23-26 Forever After Productions - Shrek the Musical Various - Various Times
24-25 Spotlight Players - Murder Mystery Studio Dinner Theater - Death at Dinner - 6:30pm 31 Spotlight Players - I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change - 8pm
February
1-9 Spotlight Players - I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change-2pm, 8pm
PCCS Showcase: Field Elementary Talent Show - 7pm
Star Tributes from Las Vegas Valentine's Day - 7pm
Michigan Philharmonic - Fabulous Fifties - 7:30pm
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## Mutt Hutt bakes up all-natural pet treats

## By Sue Mason

After years of work-
ing with humans in the ing with humans in the Geer are going to the dogs ... and cats and, quite soon, birds.
They are partners in the Mutt Hutt Bakery on
Ford Road in Westland, Ford Road in Westland,
which specializes in allwhich specializes in allmet dog treats. Pet owners can treat their favo
ite pooch to truffles, cupcakes, bagels, even fries, which are not only good to eat, but good for "We care about our "We care about our dogs," said Geer, a Canon resident. "I have yorkies and they get the tomer walks out of here with treats, they know that if they're good enough for my dogs,
they're good enough for theirs."
Business partners, Geer and VandenBosch who lives in Holland, working in food service Geer has owned three restaurants and Vanden


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Heights every few weeks Big opportunities and buys $\$ 100$ worth o
treats every time," sh treats every time," she The bulk treats are
available by the pound available by the pound,
while the frosted items are priced by the piece. The bakery has gift baskets like its popular All
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french fries, a cheeseburger, slice of pizze- and a hot dog for $\$ 6.99$, plus cat treats, toys and
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ers who want to carry its ers who want to carry its
products. One is the Lucky Dog Luxury Daycare and Boarding in
Garden City.

Geer likes having the
business in Westland. business in Westland.
The city is big enough for big opportunities, but
small enough to embrace businesses like the Mutt Hutt Bakery. She also can't say enough about getting the business
open. "They've been inGeer also stresses that pet owners can expect the fresh baked treats rom the Mutt Hutt. simple: to always have
the highest quality, handmade, nutritional fun reats for dogs," Geer
said. "Owners know that the products from Mutt
Hutt are the best they Hutt are the best they,
can give their animals."


Mitten tree
Bereavement Coordinator Ann Christensen and Program Director Brenda Kassees pose by the 2013 Mitten Tree in the lobby of Compassionate Care Hospice, based in Canton.
More than 100 items were donated by staff and volunteers, many knitted or crocheted More than 100 items were donated by staff and volunteers, many knitted or crocheted
with love. The items were collected Monday by Elizabeth Bennett, a board member of "Help's on the Way," the charity for which the hospice collects these items. For 888-983-9050.

Hats for homeless Killer Crowns Hat and T-Shirt Shop in Can for the Hats for Homeless program sponsored by the United Way. On Saturday, Dec. 21,
for every winter hat or pair of gloves purchase in store, Killer Crowns will donate a similar Hom to the Hats for the store meets its goal of 100 items donated, Killer Crowns will doin cash to the charity Killer Crowns Hat \& T-Shirt Shop is located at 42711 Ford Road in Lilley, between Outba Steakhouse and Hobby Lobby.
Jersey Mike's Jersey Mike's Subs
opened its doors Wednesday in Canton Franchise owner and Shipman is hosting grand opening and fre sub fundraiser through

Sunday, Dec. 22, to sup port the Plymouth-Ca Athletic Department. fundraising coupon a get a free regular sub for a minimum $\$ 1$ con tribution. Fifteen thousand coupons are bein the community. Started at the Jersey Shore in 1956, Jersey growth in 2012, opening 92 new restaurants throughout the country, a 33-percent increase in
new store growth over new store growth ove
2011 . "For the first five days that we are open,
we will be raising monwe will be very integral aspect of our communi ty, the P-CCS Athletic Department," Shipman "In many ways, Canton is a vital hub of the suburban Detroit area
and we are very fortu and we are very fortu-
nate to be opening our nate to be opening our great place for us to plant our roots."

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"This competition "This competition promote Michigan apple
cider and provide cider and provide educa-
tional opportunities for tional opportunities for
cider makers," said Bob Tritten, district fruit educator with Michigan State University Exten-
sion and founder of the contest. "I would like to thank our nine judges, especially Harold Tho-
me, who has served as a me, who has served as a judge for every year
the contest. We have
come a long way since
he inception of this competition and, in my opinion, Michigan cider is Second place in the 2013 contest went to cider maker Jim Hill of Hill ids. Third place went to Jim and Becky Engelsma of Engelsma's Apple Barn and Cider Mill in
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## year's contest.

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## OUR VIEWS

## Remember the true meaning of the season

Give thanks for all
of life's blessings
Christmas is a time to celebrate humanity.
As you can tell by the bitterly cold weather week, the first major snowstorm last weekend the increased trafficion the roads and the crowds at your favorite mall, the Christmas season is
upon us. But th
ful - trappings of the seasons. For people of the Christian faith, it is one of the most significant times of the year. It marks the
coming of the Messiah - the birth of Jesus Christ Christians all over the world celebrate this great milestone with prayer and reverence. But this time of year is also important to the
followers of other religions. Jews, for example, recently finished celebrating Hanukkah, the eight-day "Festival of Lights,", which ended Dec.
5. The eason is marked by the candles of the me-
norah and Jews celebrate their ancient heroes and the survival of their culture with festive foods, games and blessings.
Although Hanukkah is considered to be a mi-
nor holiday on the Jewish calendar, it has taken on nor holiday on the Jewish calendar, it has taken on
more significance, especially in America, because of its proximity to Christmas.
It is also at this time of year that many African Americans begin to celebrate Kwanzaa. Although not a religious holiday, Kwanzaa, which runs from
Dec. 26 through Jan. 1, is a time when followers come together and celebrate family, community and tradition.
So in reality
So in reality, the Christmas season means different things to different people, especially in America, where so many dirferent cuitures have seems to be that it is a time of celebration, to hold dear the things that we might take for granted th
rest of the year
In recent years, some people have complained that there has been a war on Christmas. A debate
has raged about whether the meaning of Christhas raged about whether the meaning of Christ stores or the political correctness police. It's an unfortunate debate, particularly at this
time of year, because it seems to run counter to all time of year, because it seems to run counter to all
the virtues that are celebrated during Christmas the virtues that are celebrated during Chistmas. time to reflect on the common bond of humanity. There are so many people around the globe, in-
cluding right here in our own back yard, who are cluding right here in our own back yard, who are hot as fortunare
In America, we are fortunate to have the freedom to celebrate Christmas or Hanukkah or Kwanzaa. That in itself is reason enough to cele
brate this holiday season. brate this hova season
take a few moments during this wonderful season to think of those in the world who are not as fortunate. And give thanks for all that we are blessed Merry Christmas.


While Christmas is the time to welcome Santa, it's also a time of rejoicing and a time to reflect on the common bond of man. TOM BEAUDOIN

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
Good coverage
Kudos to the Observer for giving front-page coverage to
hree important matters in the Dec important matters in the " The township recreation
"The township vote on the PARC proposal. " The township board's ap-
proval of the $\$ 13$ million 2014
budget.
These critical areas will have ignificant impact on the lives of ropolitan" area. Bill Huppenbau

Bill Huppenbauer
Upset by headline I am the owner of Pet Suite Retreat on Michigan Avenue in City that you wouldn't have eiher heard of us or driven by ou facility at some point over the
past 13 years that we've been in
business. I am a bit upset by the tag line
of your article "New resort is suite retreat" for obvious reasons. We have a good number of clients from the Plymouth-Canon area and I don't want them to As the kennels at All Amercan are not really "suites" as hey are at Pet Suite Retreat ours are 10 by 12 rooms), you
could just as easily and perhaps more accurately used "sweet retreat" instead.

Karen Knopper
Pet Suite Retreat
Inkster
Tirade no surprise Once again, another right-
wing zealot has Rick Snyder his Tea Partiers scrambling for
over. ports, Dave Agema, Michigan's Republican National Committee
anti-gay comments and set off a firestorm. Agema has never kep
his opinion and distaste for gay his opinion and distaste for gay said homosexuals wanted to get married so they could use their partner's insurance because they
have AIDS. Due to past slurs and lies, this latest tirade comes as no surprise. So, I would ask Mr. Snyder
and company and company, why is a known mittee man? This whole sordid story reminds of a tale I once heard. A woman found a snake that was
almost frozen to death. She took him home, warmed him in front of the fireplace and fed him tea
and honey. When the snake and honey. When the snake
thawed out, he fatally bit her. When the woman screamed, "Why?" the snake replied, "Lady, you knew I was a snake when you brought me tames. Huddleston James Huddleston

## GUEST COLUMN

## Lansing: Don't short-change higher education funding



some very critical of higher ed, some supportive. One well-connected insider put it in a nut-
shell: "Today's Lansing environshell: is teayr Le for universi-
Some think the schools have brought that on themselves. They consider themselves un "They're asked for metrics, for tuition restraint, for greater link needs of the Michigan work force. They say don't bother, they're autonomous - and that's
The state Constitution says public universities, especially the Big Three - University of Michigan, Michigan State Unisity - are independent of the Legislature or governor in se ting policy.
That doesn't sit well with elected lawmakers who figure they're the ones who should be at the top of the food chain. Nor does it help soften legis-
lative attitudes when universities appear to be wasting public resources on turf competition among universities; cited repeat Western Michigan universities, both with dueling billboards in the Lansing area.
Couch-burning and other
disorderly conduct in East disorderly conduct in East Lan-
sing after Michigan State beat sing after Michigan State beat
Ohio State this month doesn't help, either.
Political problem Universities also suffer from a structural political problem: Relatively few families in a giv-
en legislative district have dents at college at any one time whereas many families have kids in that district's elementary and secondary schools. "They
started to cut the universities," started to cut the universities,
one source told me, "and there was no political backlash. If
there's no pain in cutting, why not keep doing it?
Despite the record of solid support for higher education during the years Republican
John Engler was governor the "let's cut 'em" attitude seems pretty much evenly distributed between Republicans and Demo crats. Gov. Jennifer Granholm,
who started her term in office with a "listening tour" around the state, reported most people told her to cut higher education
and she did, by around 18 perand she did, by around 18 per-
cent over eight years. Her successor, Gov. Rick Snyder, cut higher education funding by 15 percent in his first year in offic
That's a puzzle. Granholm That's a puzzle. Granholm Sity of California-Berkeley and Harvard Law School, while Sny
der has three degrees from the der has three degrees from the
University of Michigan. of all people, they both should know he value of a great education. However, while I got an ear-
ful of grumbling in Iansing I also got the impression that legislative attitudes are much better than they were a couple of
years ago. Some senior legislayears ago. Some senior legislaeasy to mortally wound a good university, it's very hard to resurrect it. All in all, I wouldn't be
surprised to see serious attensurprised to see serious atten-
tion being given to higher ed funding in the state's next bud-
get. There's no doubt in my mind that one of Michigan's few world-competitive advantages cially U-M and MSU. Given toenormous sense for our state's economic future to have the universities, the governor and the Legislature sit down and
reason together

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charge and standard installation charges up to $\$ 500$.


Sara Olson of Canton brought her son Gavin to the birthday party. He came dressed as a
pilot in honor of his great-grandfather, Col. Jack Sims, who flew a $B$ - 25 in the Doolittle

## Fans celebrate B-25D war bird's 70th birthday

By Sue Mason
Star
Jim Rucker made a As co-pilot of the Yankee Air Museum's B-25D Womber, the "Yankee ed the 7 -year-old Canton resident that the plane will still be around for many years to come.
"My job is to make sure it's still here when you're ready to fly it," said "I'm flying it now so you can fly it later." Gavin and his family were among several packed Bay 8 of Hangar 1 at Willow Run Airport on a recent Sunday afternoon to celebrate the
70 th birthday of the "Yankee Warrior." The Mitchell bomber rolled of the assembly line Dec Kan. The youngster came dressed for the occasion wearing a biue flight sui sunglasses. He even had the aviator lean when standing around. ther, Col. Jack Sims, flew with the Doolittle Raiders," his mother Sara Olson said. "The helmet grandfather. He is his absolute hero. He was a co-pilot of B-25 B14 on
the raid." the raid."
that It Co- 25 bombers little used April 18, 1942, during a carrierThe "Yankee Warrion" wasn't one of them. It saw service during World eight missions from the island of Corsica until being sent back to the

The war bird
The Olson family came to the party to see been at the hangar in October, when the volun teers showed off the portion of the willow Run buy to turn into a permanent home for the museum.
"Gavin came dressed in costume and ended up son said. "He wants to grow up to be a pilot and
fly a B- 25 . He wrote fly a B-25. He wrot
about it in school." Rucker has been flying for more than 40 years, but has only been years. He described the plane as loud and very responsive in the air. On the ground, it's "grass-
"In the air
challenge," he said. The air museum ac quired the bomber in military war bird status. Volunteers have been plane's travels from the sas City to Europe to Canada and finally Willow Run Airport. The crew of six helps main-
ain it and keeps it in lying condition. "What makes this plane special is that it's a history," Rucker said. When we say it's a war bird, it truly is a war
bird. There are only still flying in the world today."
Air museum officials and volunteers were as well as veterans, an original Rosie the Rivet er from the Willow Run Bomber Plant and two Hart, 94, of Westland and Art Love, 97 , of Ida. Hart was 21 years old military. He and two buddies decided to sign up before being drafted so they wouldn't end up
in the infantry. Hart and one friend enlisted in the Air Force, while his other buddy signed up for the Navy.
Good and bad Listening to Jerry Lester, public relations
officer for the "Yankee Warrior," talk about the bomber brought back memories, "both good "We got shot up bad a couple of times, but some were milk runs," said Hart, who flew a total of Theater. "We had two bad missions; one was to hit on a Japanese airfield on
the tip of Bougainville. I don't know who dreamed up that mission, but we were supposed to come strafe and bomb the and strafe field."
He recalled one crew member saying they big on the ground because of the explosion he saw. Hart didn't tell him planes.
"When we came across the runway, the Japanese opened up with lost 45 percent of our aircraft on that mission," he said. "I came off that cameld Love came to the hangar Sunday "just to see the plane." He was in 1941 and signed up for the Air Force after the
war broke out. He flew missions off Okinawa sion in which, at the last minute, the target was shifted 100 miles. As we were flying over Japan, we saw a the ground below us; when we came back it was way above the
ground and was mus ground and was mush-
room-shaped," he said. We didn't know until two days later that it was an atomic bomb, the one they dropped on Hiroshi-
ma. We didn't know what atomic bombs were; the ones we dropped were
explosive", explosive.
He also ordered to load the bomb bay with the beer a supply ship had brought for
the men and fly around the men and fly around but the result wasn't what the men had antic pated.
it tasted horrendous," he said. "I don't know if it was because it got warm
and then we chilled it but it tasted bad. And there were a lot of guys waiting, with their

## Flying high

In a brief ceremony, Lester explained the
history of the plane and how fortunate the museum is to have it. Volunteers like Rucker fly all
over the country as a was over the country as a way
to raise money for the museum. In its hangar for the winter, the war
bird will be back in the skies during the in the flying season and, along with the museum's B-17 bomber, will be available The cost is $\$ 450$ for the B-25 and $\$ 475$ for the
$\qquad$ Olson is hoping to next year. year ago at a Doolittle reunion in Columbia,
S.C.," she said. "I hope get my husband Kirk and Gavin up in it next year." The museum is located at 47884 D St., Belle-
ville, and is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information about
the Yankee Air Museum the airplane rides and its current fundraiser to buy a portion of the former Plant, visit the website www.yankeeairmuseum.org or its Faceboo page, www.faceseum, or call 734-4834030 .
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## FIGHTING TYPE 1 DIABETES

## Crunch time at Kellogg

Downtown Plymouth park to host Dec. 29 Rock the Clock Run

By Tim Smith
When Kyle Meteyer's brother, Gerad, passed away in 200 Type 1 diabetes, it understand ably crushed him.
After all, Gerad Meteyer was only 34 and he had been a
relatively healthy, very active young man who was a varsity athlete at North Farmington High School.
prompted former Salem vars prompted former Salem varsi Kyle Meteyer to establish a
foundation in his rothers foundation in his brother's midicha, an American Diabetes Association-operated camp in Fenton, Mich., where Gerad was a counselor.
And now, Met
longtime running buddies Nick Allen and Charlie Stamboulich - won't rest until youngsters with Type 1 diabetes have the
chance to learn about battling the disease while relishing in all the sights, sounds and sensations of summer camp. to organize and launch the firstl Rock the Clock Run (8:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 29 , in downtown Plymouth). Proceeds
from the 5 K run/walk will hel kids of all ages get scholarships to the camp.

## Something good

 "As heartbreaking as it(Gerad's death) was, we want ed to do something," Meteyer said. "It was a catalyst for us t
do something good and so we started the Gerad Meteyer


Foundation to provide schol
arships to Camp Midicha arships to Camp Midicha. ly for children living with Type 1 diabetes. It's very expensive for them to attend it, and we
knew there really was no re knew there really was no re--
sources for families that didn't source the money to send their kids. So we thought, let's start a foundation that provides money for these kids to go on
scholarships to the camp." scholarships to the camp,
Through ADA camps, youngsters combine typical camp "fun stuff" with valuable
education about how they and their families can game plan to make healthy lifestyle choices. "Before they have dinner at
some camps they say a some camps they say a pray-
er," Meteyer said. "At other camps they say "Rub a dub dub, thanks for the grub.' At this camp, they test their bloo
sugar" He emphasized that children are not afflicted with Type 1 diabetes (formerly

## ROCK THE CLOCK RUN

What: The first Rock the Clock Run When: Sunday, Dec. 29, with race time slated for $8: 30$ a.m. and ends at Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth, near Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail. Registration tents will be stationed that morn
ing outside the Sun \& Snow business from ing outside t
Why: Nick Allen and Charie Stamboulian organized the race (then enlisted Kyle MeLeyer to help promote it in order to generate
proceeds for the Gerad Meteyer Foundation That money will help send children with Type 1 diabetes to Camp Midicha. The GMF was created following Gerad's 2007 death at age
from Type 1 diabetes. Gerad was by all accounts a relatively healthy, active young man who was a varsity ath
ton High School Honoring Gerad: Gerad Meteyer also was a youth counselor at Camp Midicha, a Fentonbased camp operated by the American Diabe-
tes Association. An award is set up in his tes Association. An award is set up in his
name, given to the camp counselor who makes the biggest positive difference in campers' lives each summer.
Camp Midicha: At the Camp Midicha: At the ADA camp, young"fun" activities (swimming, horseback riding, archery) while receiving valuable age-appropriate diabetes knowledge and providing
plenty of "teachable moments." According to
the ADA, campers: Learn at their own pace; discover ways to manage diabetes and start
developing skills to help take care of oneself; developing skils to help take care of oneself; start accepting more responsibility for diabetes self-management; take steps toward self-
care. 1 Diabetes: In the ADA definition, Type
Type 1 diabetes stems from the body not producing insulin, a hormone needed to convert sugar, starches and other food into energy needed
for daily life Only about 5 percent of people for daily life. Only about 5 percent of people
with diabetes have this form of the disease. it usually is diagnosed in children and young adults, and was previously known as juvenile
diabetes.
Register/Info: To participate in the Rock the

Clock Run/Walk, register online at wow. rocktheclockrun.com by Dec. 27 . Cost is $\$ 35$
$(\$ 40$ or race day) To send uestions about the event, email them to info@rocktheclockruncom. Rock the Clock pint glasses will be presented to the top 5 finishers in each age group (age 3 up to senior citizen). Free long
sleeve moisture wicking shirts will be given to all registrants. Sponsors: A number of downtown Plymou businesses are all in for Rock the Clock, in-
cluding Sun \& Snow, Kilwin's Farecia cluding Sun 8 Snow, Kilwin's Faurecia Engi-
neering Worldwide, Greek Islands Restaurant Sideways, Running Fit, Sun Heating and Air Conditioning, Jimmy Johns, Tri-Covery Mas sage of Novi and Dunkin Donuts.

## Wâtel civir

## Tyler made for Sensky

Canton High School
junior steps into
Plymouth Whalers' lineup

## $\underset{\text { By } \text { Timf }^{\text {St Writer }}}{ }$

It might only be an audition of
sorts.
But to the newest Plymouth Whaler, 16 -year-old defenseman Tyler Sensky
of Canton, that really doesn't take of Canton, that really doesn't take
away from what promises to be a whiraway from what promises to be a
wind couple weeks in the Ontario Hockey League.
Sensky - a junior at Canton High
School from the Honeybaked School from the Honeybaked Midget contract with the Whalers, to fill in until Dec. 31 while blueliner Yannick Rathgeb is with Team Switzerland at he World Junior Tournament
He ended it playing for the Whalers Compuware Arena against Peterbor-ough. He had family members and
friends in the stands during the ers' 3 -2 shootout loss.
"They're all here watching and supporting me and I can't thank them enough for it," said Sensky, who actually is a grizzled vet when it comes to
playing hockey on the Compuware Arena ice.
That's because he has six years of experience in the Compuware youth the Compuware U-16s. Plymouth general manager/coach Mike Vellucci drafted Sensky in the 12th round of the 013 OHL draft.


Tyler Sensky (No. 5) skates during Saturday's game at Compuware Arena for the Plymouth Whalers. Sensky is a junior at Canton High School who will remain with the
OHL team until the end of December. RENA LAVERTY | PLYMOUTH WHALERS
with Switzerland and so we signed Tyler this week," said Vellucci, follow ing the Peterborough game. "He's a great player and he's going to be a "He can only play 10 games for us (or up to Dec. 31) but next year he'll be a permanent thing ... Rules are we
he's got to go back and finish the (sec
ond) half of the year there. and then play for us next year."

## Face time

One clearcut sign Saturday that Sensky isn't yet a full-fledged OHLer was his black-painted face cage attached to his helmet. All of the other

See SENSKY, Page B2

## Deep lineup sparks 'Cats

## By Tim Smith <br> staff Writer

Entering Saturday's Wayne County Wrestling Tournament at Wyandotte, Plymouth head coach Quinn Guernsey
reminded his athletes to fight first and worry about where they finish later. With that all-for-team approach, the Wildcats won the tourney with 200 points, eclipsing runner-up Westland
John Glenn and Dearborn Heights AnJohn Glenn and Dearborn Heights An
napolis by 50 points. napolis by 50 points.
In fifth, with 108.5 points, was Can ton with the Salem Rocks placing 14th
(42 points). (42 points).
"We knew going in that we wouldn't shock the tournament with a huge num-
ber of champions," Guernsey said. "We thought we'd get three, but Franklin, John Glenn, Canton, and Annapoli could also get that many. team depth, we needed guys who we ren't championship contenders to still place. The tournament was won by our
guys who fought for the highest spots guys who fought for the highest spotsery guy on our team contributed to this win."
To that end, 12 of 13 wrestlers brought to the tourney secured points.
The Wildcats did have three individual champions, as many or more than the other four teams mentioned b Guernsey.
Still-undefeated Brandon Harris won by a technical fall over Riverview's
Kyle Sparks to finish off a strong 3-0 Kyle Sparks to finish off a strong 3-0
tourney. tourney.

## Spartans top Plymouth, Northville back-to-back

Livonia Stevenson continued its season-long gauntlet of a schedule
Monday night and the Spartans wer able to pass another test impressively. The No. 1-ranked and defending MHSAA Division 2 state champions ce Arena with an impressive $5-0$ win over Northville, which came into the game ranked No. 4 in Division 1. "The key to the win was in our said. "Going in we knew Northville was a very solid team. They'd only given up six goals in eight games, so we got." and two assists in the victory. Linemate Dominic Lutz opened the
coring with his 23 rd goal of the sea scoring with his 23 rd goal of the sea-
son just
36
seconds into the open period off assists from Irvine and Devin Kelly.
Irvine then scored on a power play the same period to make it $2-0$ The Spartans added two more in the second period to take a $4-0$ adMcDonald at 2:00 followed by Irvin second at 14:07 from Andrew Nowak and Lutz

## BOYS BASKETBALL

HVL's Schaffer breaks 1,000-point mark

By Brad Emons . Despite a pair of lichigan Lutheran Seminary boys basketball tournament, it weekend for the West and Huron Valley Luinan. In Saturday's consoack to Howardsville Christian, the Hawk enior forward Ryan three-pointer with 1:02 remaining in the second quarter to surpass the 000-point mark.

Michael Sinclair added a power play goal to cap the scoring with 4:10
left in the third period from Christie and Lutz third period from Christie Stevenson, which moved into first outshot the Mustangs by a wide ma gin, 48-20.
Spartan goaltender Andrew Rozenbaum made 20 saves to post the shut out, while Jeremy Onofrio made 43
or Northville, which slipped to $6-2-1$ overall and $4-1$ in the KLAA Central "Team-wise we had all guys going Defensively we were strong and An-
drew Rozenbaum was strong in net. We got a couple of goals from our top line, then a couple of other lines chipped in. From start-to-finish we was a good win."
STEVENSON 3 , PYMOUTH: : Livonia Stevenson (8.1.,-0)











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Ryan Hartman (No. 21) scores Plymouth's first goal at Compuware Arena, one-timing the

## Hartman's two goals not enough for Whalers

## By Tim Smith Staff Writer

Saturday's Plymouth Whalers game Saturday's Plymouth Whalers game how this has not been an easy season for the Ontario Hockey League team. The Whalers recently welcomed
back center Ryan Hartman from an injury, and he scored two goals - including a power play marker with $2: 24$ remaining in the third period of the game against Peterborough to make it
2-2. Plymouth ultimately lost $3-2$ in the shootout.
But during the second frame, top goal scorer Carter Sandlak (who has 17 markers) was lost to an upper body
injury after slamming into the end boards behind Petes netminder Andre D'Agostini.
"tt's not fun getting guys hurt but Whalers coach and general manager Mike Vellucci said. "He (Hartman) had two nice goals and we need somebody
to score because we don't score a goals."
Hartman opened the scoring with
just 27.9 seconds remaining in the first just 27.9 seconds remaining in the first crisp cross-crease feed by linem. Zach Lorentz was slam-dunked by the Chicago Blackhawks prospect (who
soon will leave for the World Junior soon will leave
Tournament)
Plymouth (11-19-0-4) held the 1-0 lead for most of the second stanza, as Whalers' goalie Alex Nedeljkovic ( 28 saves on the night) and D'Agostini (29 saves)
came up with some nifty glove and pad stops. A bad break for the Whalers resulted in the tying goal by Josh Maguire A shot from the left point by Connor

Boland caromed in off Maguire, staPeterbourough (13-18-0-3) went up
$2-1$ with four minutes to play in the third. Stephen Nosad sent the puck across to Michael Clarke between the circles and Clarke drove a low shot inside the right post.
Hartman's goal on a one-timer from above the left circle secured the point for Plymouth.
Defenseman threaded a sharp pass from the right half-wall to Hartman. Also assisting
was winger Matt Mistele. "The power play actually looked good in the third," Vellucci said. "When we were desperate we played good,
moved the puck and actually had a lot of chances. "I think (Victor) Crus Rydberg also had a great shot and their goalie made Following an overtime session where
Clarke hit the left post the Petes preClarke hit the left post, the Petes pre-
vailed in the shootout on goals by Nick vailed in the shootout on goals by Nick Tanus.
Plymouth's only shootout marker came on a high shot by Lorentz. debut in a Whalers uniform by 17-yea old defenseman Tyler Sensky (see related story), a Canton High School junior who last week was signed to fill in
while Yannick Rathgeb is with Switzerland's World Juniors. Sensky must be returned to the Hon eybaked Midget Majors as of Dec. 31, Sensky's OHL debut came in Friday night's 3-2 loss at Sarnia. Scoring for Plymouth in that contest were Hartman and right wing Connor Chatham.
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## SENSKY

> players wear visors. "Yeah, it's a league
rule that I have to wear the cage," said Sensky, shortly after experi-
encing the OHL perk of signing posters for youn hockey players visiting the Whalers' dressing room. "I don't think (the
cage) bothered my vision cage) bothered my vision (wear) it."
Sensky Sensky did a good job stances, Vellucci saidstances, vellucci saic
"This was a tough game (for Sensky) to jump right in and play," good defensively. he moves the puck well and he's strong. I don't think guy but he's got some offensively ability, too." According to Sensky,

| and Peterborough enabled him to get a closeup look at the Ontario Hockey League style of play. He wasn't surprised or intimidated. <br> "It's a lot faster, the guys are a lot better, they can handle the puck a lot better, too," Sensky said. "More physical (than Honeybaked games)? Oh yeah, the guys are bigger, stronger. It's a harder game, in general." <br> Helping him adapt to the Compuware environment against the Petes was having logged so many practice and game hours inside the arena on Beck south of Five Mile roads for youth, travel and AAA squads. <br> "It's always nice because it's the home rink, I've been here all my life," Sensky went on. "Plus it's a lot fasterpacek hockey, faster Yeah, I think I'm step- |
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> work but I think I'm
> Cool response Since he was signed to month, Sensky has been bit of a celebrity around Plymouth-Canton Educ "My classmates all know, they're all congra ulating me," Sensky said "They all think it's pretty cool, which, it's super And by being with the Whalers, hell have the chance to play in the Sunday, Dec. 29, at Co merica Park (in conjunc tion with the HockeyHow cool would that
> "I love it (the opportunity)," Sensky said. "Wh
could ask for more play ing outside at Comerica with the Whalers.

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due to poor diet or not getting enough physical activity. Thei bodies simply cannot produce
sufficient insulin to break down sugar, starches and other food into energy. About 5 percent of all peo-
ple with diabetes have the Type 1 form, according to the
ADA. "One of the biggest misconceptions about Type 1 diaparticipate in sports," Meteyer from the truth. It's be forther what their eating making sure that they're well-fed before a sporting event.
"My brother played in three
sports when he was in high sports when he was in high
school, football, diving and track and field. He just had to make sure he consumed enough calories to support that
kind of activity, because it's all about your blood sugar."
Still teaming up
That the trio of close-knit friends would unite to spring
Rock the Clock might not surprise anybody who knows
them. Meteyer and Stamboulian grade and went on to go to North Farmington (the 2000 graduates were on the Raider Allen, a track and field standout at Salem (he graduat ed in 1999), went to Wayne State University and eventu-
ally became roommates and cross country teammates with Stamboulian. "Nick's younger brother it's close to Nick's heart as well," Meteyer said. "The pur pose of it is not only to raise money but spread awareness
of it, because a lot of people are totally unaware of what Type 1 diabetes is exactly and Type it can really affect people
how
"It's more

## GIRLS BASKETBAL

## Chiefs slow down Novi star in 35-27 triumph

## By Tim Smith

Canton varsity girls basketball coach Bria Samulski fully knew putting the defensive
clamps on Novi senior guard Kerri McMahan was the best way for his team to get a win Tues ay night. And that's what happened as the Chiefs held oints in the 13 points (she had been eclipsing 20 allied a $35-27$ KLAA crossover victory The Chiefs were relentless in the first three quarters, allowing a total of 13 points. Canton $1-13$ edge into the final stanza.
"I thought we defended really the fourth. first half, took care of the ball, got good shots, said Samulski, whose team improved to 2-2,
overall "" Their full-court pressure and their half-court zone I thought we did a nice job attacking that.
"And it gave us some good opportunities and e were able to hold on."
Rachel Winter's hot start on of fense to open the contest also didnt hurt. She scored five of with 12 points.
Also registering 12 points was Paige Aresco
(along with six rebounds) despite battling the (alu.
"I had to keep taking her in and out of the
game," Samulski said. "Her effort and what she game," Samulski said. "Her effort and what she put into the game w,
Chipping in with 10 points, six boards and four blocks was Taylor Hunley while Shannon Perry (four rebounds), Natalie Winters (three cause. loss was Novi's first of the season in four
The lol contests.
Next for Canton is Thursday's conference rossover at undefeated Livonia Stevenson.

## Wildcats roll on

Plymouth trailed $38-35$ to visiting South Lyon East after three frames Tuesday night, but first
year head coach Nick Brandon knew his team wouldn't fold the tent
The Wildcats, behind big fourth quarters
from seniors Shelby Cheston, Jada Woody and Kylie Robb, outcunned the Couda Woody and final stanza to earn a $56-47$ KLAA crossover
victory.
"It was another come-from-behind win fo ord into Thursday's contest at South Lyon
Cheston led Plymouth with 20 points and scored eight of those in the fourth. She helped in ther categor
University of Toledo-bound Woody chipped in with 16 points (including a huge trey in the final tanza to put the Wildcats in front). Adding four ate free throws to seal the win was Robb (seven
Brandon pointed to the "mental makeup of our team right now" as a key reason for the "Which is toughness this season. ing on each other" he added. "This neamer quit


Plymouth's Shelby Cheston (No. 34) puts the ball up
bought into that attitude from the first day I Contributing 11 points was junior post Leah Kliczinski, who Brandon said played "easily he best game of the season so
proud of her effort tonight."
Junior wing Kendall Rose helped out with six rebounds while junior point guard Paige Slominski added two points.
South Lyon East (3-2) junior forward Gabi South Lyon East (3-2) junior forward Gab
Bird scored 15 points to pace the Cougars.
SALEM 55, WAYNE 33. The Rocks (4-1) poured it on early with a $22-9$ first quarter at Wayne Memorial and never looked back Tuesday night.
Salem built leads of 30-16 at halftime and Shara Long led the Rocks with 15 points, with Jamyra Wilson and Ashley Baker each scoring nine. Adding six points was Hayley Rogers.
"We played everybody so many minutes we really didn't have a dominating rebounder," Salem head coach Fred Thomann said. The Rocks will host Westland John Glenn 7 p.m. Thursday.
ST. CATHERINE 49, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 28: Jenna Rogers scored 13 points and Alex Hudson added 12 Monday to lead Wixom St. Catherine of Siena Academy past host Lutheran
High Westland (1-4).




## BOYS BASKETBAL

## Big night for Taylor keys

 Canton to another win| ior forward | gua |
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| Javon Taylor's powerhouse start to the 2013-14 varsity | uting 11 points was se guard Connor Cole |
| ys basketball season con- | Brooks also puile |
| ued in a big way Tuesday | eight reb |
| he scored 23 points to | d Allante W |
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| Senior forward Jordan | visiting Ann Arbor Prep. |
| Nobles also had a solid co | Jipping led the Eagles |
| with nine points and | 17 points and 12 rebounds |
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| In all, eight Canton playe | Davenport poured in 20 |
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| ainst Livonia Stevenson. | CANTON 60, HENRY FORD |
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| ach Mike Soukup said his | bles dominated the third, |
| uad extended the lead as | scoring 13 of his points dur- |
| game went on anyway. | ing that fr |
| "It was a slower paced | That helped the Chie |
| me because they played | come a halftime deficit |
| ne against us," Soukup said. | of 28-22. |
| ut we were able to whittle | "We had a shaky first half |
| m down and they finally | did enough to stay in the |
| to come out of that zone | e," Canton head coach |
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| SALEM 60 WAYNE 50: | ms in Class B this year. I |
| Host Salem (2-1) defeated | continue to be proud of the |
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| ard Tyler Brooks and junior | nine rebounds. |

PREP WRESTLING RESULTS


## WRESTLING

At 119, in what Guernsey aid was the toughest weight Mohamad Youssef defeate two-time regional qualifier
Austin Koehler of Belleville in convincing, 7 -0 fashion. The chance to go up against the chance to go up against and the Plymouth senior pre-

Grit pays off
Plymouth also won at 140 with Jon Conn improving to Austin Avison in 1:23. His final match pitted him Woodhaven who couldn't fight off Jon's early onslaught and
was pinned in the first period," Guernsey noted. Canton's Ty Jasman came in third in that weight class,
with his $3-1$ decision Haider Alhussain of Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

The Chiefs did have firstplace finishers at have and 152 ,
with seniors Ben Griffin and Alec Pantaleo the respective Griffin won by a tech fall ver Belleville's Jamonty Houze (17-2), topping a field ncluding Bruce Haslitt of Ile's Jacob Barwickowski for seventh place).
Pantaleo al Pantaleo also won by tech Frankln's Nick Frazier. But to Guernsey's weeklong chalk talks with his team wasn't all about firsts. Plenearned valuable points with various seconds and thirds keying the team's champiFalling just short of win ning their weight classes were Sof Us Nielson (145) and Hussein Youssef (171).
Nielson dropped a 10-5 decision to state qualifier Brandon Garcia of Riverview but "despite the loss Nielson
continued to show improvecontinued to show improveseason."

At 171, Hussein Youssef looked strong once again but fell just short of a championship when he ran into two-
time state qualifier Hunter McCoy of Annapolis." Plymouth third-place fin-
ishers included Dylan Dwyer ishers included Dylan Dwyer
(130) and Joey Shaver (160) (13ith and oer placers including 89-pounder Tarek Tamimi fourth) and heavyweight Michael Jordan (sixth) Other solid performances from Plymouth-Canton Educlutional Park wrestlers in cluded those turned in by
Harrison Samoy (fourth at $112)$ and 215 -pounder K.J. Wooley (second at 215 , losing
$4-3$ to Annapolis' Jakob Cain in the final) of Canton. Salem's Akash Rai and Seth Dunn placed eighth at 103 and 40, respectively. while Hamad Abad earned an 8 -2 deciTim Nicholson in the 145 pound weight class.

## Dezelski All-Region



Claire Dezeiski (Livonia Ladywood) of Dominican University (III.) recently led the Stars to a 24-10 record, along with a berth in the NCAA Division III National Tournament. The All-Midwest Region selection, a
native of Northville, averaged 3.98 kills per set as the Stars captured the Northern Athletics Collegiate native of Northvile, averaged 3.98 kills per set as the Stars captured the Northern Athhetics collegiate
Conference title. Dezelski topped 20 kills twice on the season, including a season-high 29 -kill effort in a victory in over UW-La Crosse. The senior posted a team-best 22 double-doubles, incl
effort in the Stars' first-round NCAA setback to No. 5 -ranked Elmhurst College (III.).

## PREP WRESTLING

## Chargers win Hawk Havoc tourney

Livonia Churchill made it two-for-two Sat-
urday, earning another dual meet wrestling tournament title in the young 2013 -14 season by capturing the Farmington Hills Harrison
Hawk Havoc Invitational The Chargers, now $10-0$ overall, were com ing off a team title in their season opener a week earlier at the Waterford Mott Invitation
${ }^{\text {al. }}$ Churchill posted victories over Farmington (40-33), Livonia Stevenson (42-33), Orchard Lake St. Mary's (48-35), Royal Oak ( $60-18$ ) and host Harrison (47-32) en route to the title.
Four different Churchill wrestlers went $5-0$ on the day led by senior captain Josh Perez (125 punds), Bac Leck (140), , chase Gardner (145) and Baker Hadwan (215) Perez led the way with four pins, while
Gardner and Hadwan added three each. Leck contributed two pins. Meanwhile, Colin Englehart (189) captured all three of his matches with two pins, wh.
Josh Mussen (103) went $4-1$ with two pins. Josh Mussen (103) went 4-1 with two pins.
Freshman Ethan Englehart (112) added three wins with his only loss a $15-4$ major decithree wins with his only loss a 1 -4 major deci-
sion setback to Michael Volyanyuk of Harri-
son, last year's Division 1 state runner-up at

Ryan Delp (160) also finished 3-2, while Brian Walrad (130), who jumped up a weight
class to avoid any voids, added two victories.

## Spartans finish 3-2

Livonia Stevenson took three of five match es in Saturday's Harrison Havoc with victorie over the host Hawks (45-28), Royal Oak (61-25)
and St. Mary's (40-36). The Spartans fell to tourney champ Chur-
chill (42-35) and Farmington (37-34) with both chill (42-35) and Farmington (37-34) with both
losses coming down to the final match. "I thought we did a very nice job wrestling with a few key guys still out," Stevenson coach Dan Vaughan said. "Our young guys are get-
ting some valuable experience that should help ting some valuable experie, us at the end of the season."
Connor Vaughan (171) went a perfect 5-0 the day to pace the Spartans, while Emmanuel Austin (135) and Sandro Lytwyn (141) each finished 4.1. Tyler Denski (285) also won both
Stevenson, Farmington and St. Mary's tied for second with $3-2$ records followed by St. Mary's and Harrison, 1-4 each, and Royal Oak

Figure skating


The members of Farmington United figure skating ter a fro row, from left) Natalie Bearss, Megan Harris, Bridget Race, Amanda (back row, from left) Hafsa Khan, Sabrina Elia, Sydney Helwig, Allyson Lobsinger, coach Susan Moran, Kara McGlashan, Lilly Reid and

## United skaters have early success


#### Abstract

The United Farmington excellent start toam had an season Friday with its ' $A$ ' and B' teams taking first place in B teans taking first place in Uions. high schools, is part of District 1 with Northville, Mercy, Novi, Plymouth-Canton and Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard. Each team has an ' $A$ ',' and ' $C$ ' team based on the skat ing level of each participant, with ' $A$ ' being the most skilled. competitions. When the results of all three are compiled, the top three teams in each level advance to the state champiadvance to the stat onships in March. In the first district meet,

United Farmington's 'A' teams and third in spins at Farming- ton Hills Ice Arena. The ' ${ }^{\prime}$ ' team was first in all three events, while the ' C ' team, which finished fourth overall, was third in moves an fourth in jumps and spins. The United Farmington skaters are Megan Harris from Farmington High Schoo Carolyn DaBrowa and (cap- tain) Bridget Race from Harr son and Natalie Bearss, Sabrina Elia, Sydney Helwig, Tolu Igun, Michaela Keils, Olivia Keils, Hafsa Khan, Allyson McConnell, Kara McGlashan, Lilly Reid and (captain) Veron ica Stafford from North Far- mington. The team is coached by Susan Moran.


SPORTS ROUNDUP
Canton gymnasts topple Huron Valley
The Canton varsity girls
gynastics team Saturday gymnastics team Saturday
defeated Huron Valley, 139.875-130.05, improving to
$4-0$ on the season $4-0$ on the season
Nearly reach without co-captains Erica Lu cas and Melissa Green again showed the Chiefs' top-notch
depth, head coach John Cundepth, head co
Sparking the Chiefs were
Moraw and Maddie Toal each Moraw and Maddie Toal, each scored 9.0 on vault, 9.05 on uneven parallel bars and 9.15 on balance beam while Toal won beam and floor exercise
with scores of 9.25 and 9.1, respectively.
Hailey Ho
Hailey Hodgson took second
on yault (9.15) and flo and third on beam (8.95) and third on beam (8.95) and
all-around (34.775). Other Canton performers included Ellie Bachman (fourth on beam, 8.5) vault, 8.65).
Softball camps
" The Livonia Churchill or girls in grades 3 -8 will be from 9 a.m. to noon Saturda
Dec. 21, at the high school Dec. 21, at the high school
fieldhouse. fieldhouse
The cost is $\$ 25$. For more information, email coach Steve Gentilia at Churchillsoftball@gmail.com or call 734-76-1716. Camp (all ages through high school) will be from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, Dec. 26, and 9-11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 27, at
Precision Baseball, 7835 Mar Precision Baseball,
ket Drive, Canton.
The cost for the two-day The cost for the two-day
camp, which features the forcamp, which features the for-
mer University of Dethoit Mercy assistant coach, is $\$ 90$. Also appearing will be Amy Dunleavy (Ferris State) and
Kayce Nieto (University of
For more information, call 734-459-5921 or 248-891-1241 or email coachtomd@comcast.net Ferrick All-America Midfielder Amanda Ferrick (Warren Cousino) was recently named NAIA All-America
A four-time All-WolverineHoosier Athletic Conference
honoree, Ferrick closed her career with her third selection 2013 and posted fhree team in 2013 and posted three assists. recorded nine goals and 15 assists for 33 points. A two-time Academic All-
WHAC selection, Ferrick was
also named to the Daktronics NA. Schorar-Athlete team fo the second time.
MU ended the 2013 season

MU softball camp Madonna University womham will offer a hitting camp from 9-11 a.m. (Session 1 ) and Saturday, Dec. 21 at the MU Activities Center. $\$ 30$ per player. There will also be a fundamentals camp from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Saturdays, Jan. $4,11,18$
and 25 (cost $\$ 150$ ) at the MU Activities Center. ing camp from noon to 2.30 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 5, 12, 19 and 26 (cost \$150 per player). Abraham at jabraham@madon na.edu or call at 734-432-5612. You can also visit Madonna-

WYAA volleyball Registration for Westland girls volleyball (ages 9-17) is girls volleyball (ages 9-17) is
under way. Games and practices will be
at Marshall Upper Elementary School. League age-groups School. League age-groups
include 9-11, 12-14 and 15-17 For more information, email wyaavolleyball2013@com-

Free throw contest The annual Knights of Co-
lumbus Youth Free Throw Championship for boys and girls ages $9-14$ will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19, at St. Thomas a'Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley
Canton.
Registration begins at $1: 30$ p.m. and the contest is free. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their
participation. Contestants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental con-
sent. For more information, call
David Lengel at $734-516-4930$. Pitchers-catchers Champs, a five-week pitcher and catcher progression camp will be from 1-2 p.m. (ages up) each Sunday at the Henry Ford Community College Athletic Memorial Building. Upcoming camp dates in-
clude Jan. 12. 19, 26; Feb clude Jan. 12, 19, 26; Feb. 2, 9 ,
16 and 23 . The cost is $\$ 30$ for each session or $\$ 100$ for five pitching or catching sessions To register, visit www.henyfordcamps.com. For more information, call mail sjbrown@hfcc.edu.


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## High profile: Madonna film students screen their works at Masonic Temple

| By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer <br> Aspiring cinematographer Tyler Henker is only a sophomore in Madonna University's Broadcast and Cinema Arts program, but he has filmed music videos, commercials, a fictional story - and worked on nearly 30 other projects over the past year and a half through its Capstone film class. <br> The class is set up so that you start low and work your way up," said Henker, of Canton. "II started off as a PA (production assistant) on the first shoot and came back on the second shoot as the AC (assistant camera). During a good portion of 2012 I worked in the camera department and was cinematographer on four projects: A Motor Honey music video, a BLT (Sportswear) commercial, Paulina Jayne one of the biggest country artists - her music video, and Forever Saturday, a short film." <br> The public will get a chance to see those and other film projects created by Henker and his Capstone classmates at a red carpet premiere, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, at The Masonic Temple, 500 Temple <br> St., Detroit; (313) 832-7100. <br> Doors will open at 6 p.m. and a party will follow the film show case at 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance, $\$ 12$ at the door. Get advance tickets at tiny-url.com/CapstoneFilmClassPremiere. The red carpet premiere will feature commercials - some that are currently airing on television locally - music videos and five short produced over two years. <br> Hard work <br> "I went to the 2011 premiere and saw their work and basically what I saw was what they did that entire year," said Jeff Graham, a Capstone student and Madonna senior from Farmington Hills. "I thought they must have put tons of |
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Jeff Graham (right) directs a scene from A Dark Roast with Christopher Merbley, director of photography, w
director, looks on in the background.
blood, sweat and tears into what they did. That's what I'm
hoping the audience will see hoping the audience will see
this year. We put so much blood, sweat and tears into these projects. I hope they enjoy it. We worked hard on Graham, a graphic design major, signed up for the Cap
stone class as a part of his stone class as a part of his minor studies in broadcast an cinema arts. Like Henker, hi tant on his first few class projects and then moved on to production design, enabling him to incorporate his exper
ence as an artist, in Forever

Saturday and The Hunting of he Jackalope, two short films ooking for props and making props. It's like a shopping spree and a scavenger hunt," Graham said. "After I did production design, I directed my a silent film noir. I didn't know if I wanted a silent film or film noir, I decided why not do
both? of hard work but it's the expemence of a lifetime. I never hought I'd get this experience out of college."


Director of Photography Tyler Henker (cole) sets a show director Benjamin Berg (lift), and gaffer lan Wolffe, on the set of Forever Saturday.

## Professionally run

Teacher Jennifer Champagne, who taught the class for
three years, said she ran Capthree years, said she ran Cap-
stone like a professional production company. She also
called on class alumni and called on class alumni and
production colleagues to help mentor each new group of film
students. students. "My main goal is to make "My main goal is to make sure Champagne, a producer and 18 -year veteran of the film
industry. "When they show the industry. "When they show that
they are professional and know they are professional and know
their craft, I start referring them out (for jobs). They get out of the class what they put into it "I hire many of them myself because I have trained them. I'm tough, but the industry is tough. set many of the 2012-13
She projects in Detroit. Student crews have filmed at Masonic Temple, the Max Fisher Theater, The Bottom Line Coffee
House, Town Pump and more A lot of these students
L.A., however, they've never eft the suburbs. If you want to understand what city life is We," Champagne explained. s reinventing itself Detroit icredible artist community there. I think students should ake a hand in that. The red carpet premiere year teaching stint at Madonna. She plans to resume her wn professional film project with her students. "I claim these kids for life and will continue having a hopes the audience at the upcoming film showcase will recognize the "voice and talent" her students demonstrate
in their work. "I hope the
hese students. I hope they have a fabulous time and rec ognize Madonne as a leader in
filmmaking."

## Gospel version of Handel's

 Messiah aims to get toes tapping| By Sharon Dargay <br> Staft Writer | Twelve years later, | Handel orchestra will <br> Minnick can't imagine |
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## MESSIAH

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who haven't experienced who haven't experienced
it. You almost have to go it. You almost have to go
and see what I'm talking
about." about.'
Challenging piece Andrea Tawil, an at
torney and a Livonia torney and a Livonia
resident, will experience the show for the first time on Saturday as a
soprano in the choir. She soprano in the choir. Sne
joined the group in January and has only sung the piece in rehearsal. Messiah, but I've never done gospel before. This has been an amazing experience," said Tawil,
who sang in the choir at who sang in the choir at and later in a glee club a the University of Michi-
gan. "It's challenging in two ways. Iven ing you
haven't done it before,


## most people have heard the pieces from the origising the original. Then the other difficult part is <br> not having done gospel efore. It has to be tech- challenging, but in a good nically perfect but sound we're getting out of it." free-flowing strained. It has been

Joining the choir Tawil was watching a choral show on televisio decided it was time to re-charge her interest in
choir. She scheduled choir. She schedule
auditions with two groups, including Rack
ham. was terrified when I
"I was terrified when
did it. I sang my piece and they had me do some arrangements, highs and
lows," Tawil said. She lows," Tawil said. She
was invited to join and was invited to join and
stay for rehearsal.
uTh "Talk about hitting the ground running. The first
thing we were doing was thing we were doing was
the Voices of Light. There is a silent movie about
Joan of Arc. In the '90s Joan of Arc. In the '90s a
composer wrote a chora composer wrote a chor score to go behind it.
They do it every few years. We were doing the performance while the movie played."
More than song
Minnick said Mallare
Acton often "pushes the
envelope" combining the
choir with a multi-media choir with a multi-media presentation, dance
narrators or film. "The thing that keeps me at Rackham is the director," Minnick said. "Every rehearsal is a
voice lesson. She has voice lesson. She has
high expectations for everyone who sings
there" there." Minnick had sung in school and church choir
for many years before for many years before
auditioning for Rackham auditioning for rackna
The group consists of approximately 85 singers. It rehearses weekly at First Presbyterian Church in Royal Oak and
membership is by audimembership is by audi-
tion. "Church choirs do a lot of things connected to
the service. With the kind of repertoire we do,
we're able to do alot of big things. We always sing with orchestra." For more information
about Rackham Sympho ny Choir, visit rackhamchoir.org.


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For most home cooks, using a French about maximizing the appliances you have on coffee press to create a tasty soup broth or a microwave to make a delicious custard might seem unime of year when many are cooking warm, comforting meals inside their kitchens, thes comforting meals inside their kitchens, these
deas on making the most of small appliances and available ingredients start to make per ect sense.
popula aid ch tool - you see them everywhere," Kitchens " "Many Vetter of the McCorrmick Kitchens. "Many people, however, might no
know what to do with one - or that it's actually really easy to get different kinds of fla-
vors and meals from it.
"Cooking in 2014 and beyond is going to be
and, and using ingredients in multipurpose creative ways to get the big flavors we all crave. For example, there's a good chance you
have something as simple and affordable as have something as simple and affordable as
tea in your kitchen cabinets - did you ever tea in your kitchen cabinets-did you ever
think about using it as a cooking liquid, a savory spice rub or even adding it to a mari-

## nade?"

According to Vetter, these tips and others hem were inspired by the Clever Com pact Cooking trend from McCormick's Flavo Forecast 2014: 125th Anniversary Edition. The trend, which highlights the inventive ways creating bold flavor, has helped cultivate a new kind of cooking - and a thoughtful, efficient way to explore flavors.

New ways to create big flavors: Savory step - Make Vegetable Pho with Tea using a French coffee press. It's the perse pase for a vegetable version of VietnamMicrowavable desserts soup. Lemon Tea Infused Custard - Prepare Eas Apricots in individual serving cups in the microwave. The bright flavor from the lemon ea is perfectly complemented by ground
${ }_{n}$. Pressure cooking 2.0 - Cook Cajun Spiced Chicken Risotto in a pressure cooker for a creamy dish with just the right bite to
the rice; no stirring needed. the rice; no stirring needed.
Visit www.FlavorForecas flavors, trends and recipes to try in 2014.

CAJUN SPICED CHICKEN RISOTTO



Mix Cajun seasoning,
garlic salt and ground coriander. Sprinkle chicken with 1 tablespoon of the seasoning mixture. Heat oil in open pressure cooker on medium-high heat. sottened. Add water and green Aea packets Bring to boil. 2. Stir in rice, bell peppers, sausage and remaining seasoning mixture. lose lid. Bring pressure cooker to full pressure on high heat. Cook 5 minutes emove from heat. Let stand 5 minutes.
3. Run cold water over pressure
Remove tea bags. Stir in onions.

Test Kitchen $T p$. Be sure torns.
your pressure cooker to familiarize yourself with the features of your cook

## VEGETABLE PHO WITH TEA BROTH

This flavorful, tee-based broth steeps in a French coffee press with spices. It serves as a perfert base for ve vege
Prep Time: 20 minutes
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Makes 4 sevings
1 package ( 8 ounces) shirataki noodles
1 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Chinese Five Spice
teaspoon onion powder
$1 /$ teaspoon crushed red pepper
2 tablespoons loose Lapsang 5
2 tablespooons hoisin sauce
curns boilling water
Ganishes:
2 green onions, thinly sliced
$y_{\text {rcup }}$ thinly sliced res bell
$\mathrm{y}_{1}$ cup julienned carrots
$y_{1}$ cup julienned carrots
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4 sprigs fresh cilantrio
Lime wedges
. Rinse noodles with hot water in colander. Divide among 4 soup bowls. stand 3 minutes. Using the French press plunger, strain stock. Pour clear liquid evenly into bowls. Sprinkle with desired garnishes.
Test Kitchen Tip: Shirataki noodles can be found in Asian markets, health food stores, or in refrigerator case in the produce aisle of some supermarket age.

EASY LEMON TEA-INFUSED CUSTARD WITH CANDIED APRICOTS
This custard is deceptively
easy to achieve - you don't even easy to achive - you don't even
need an oven! The lemon tea steeped custard and candied
apricits are both prepared using apricot are both prepared using
a microwave, and can be on the
table in lest tha 30 table in less than 30 minutes.
Prep Time: 10 minutes Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cook Time: 15 minutes Makes 4 senvings
Lemon Tea-Infused
Custard:
13/cups heavy cream
4 lemon-flavored herb tea bags, such as Bigelow I Love 4 eggs
\% cup sugar
h teaspoon ground ginger
Candied Apricots: y,cup finely chopped dried apricots
2 tablespoons sugar
\%/ teaspoon ground ginger
\% cup sliced almonds
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1. For the Lemon Tea-
Infused Custard, microwav
 um microwavable bowl on high 4 to 5 minutes. Cover. Let steep 5 minutes. Discard tea bags. for the Candied Apricots, place apricots, sugar, water and ginger in small microwavable bowl. Microwave on high 1 minute. Stir in Gradually whisk in cream mixture. Pour into 4 ( 6 -ounce) microwavable ramekins or cups. Microwave on medium ( 50 percent power) 7 minutes or just until custard is set. Let stand 5 to 10 minutes
Serve warm with Candied Apricots.
Test Kitchen Tip: Check your tea bags for metal staples. Be sure to re move before microwaving

## Realtor group chief urges change in mortgage market

As lawmakers debate how
best to reform the secondary mortgage finance market, they must ensure that any new system retains access
safe, secure and affordable sources of mortgage capital for creditworthy consumers in all market conditions or risk a major disruption to the
economy warned the National Association of Realtors recently in testimony before the Senate Committee on Bank ing, H
fairs.
advocate for homeownership and housing issues, NAR ommended essential reforms to the current housing finance structure tha
consumers.
consumers.
"Realtors support a stable
secondary mortgage market secondary mortgage market
with strong, reasonable lend-


credit. We believe that the current system can be transiis bound by an explicit government guarantee and a sus-

tained flow of private capital tained flow of private capital
while protecting taxpayers from unnecessary risk,", said Thomas, broker-owner of
Evergreen Realty, in Villa Evergreen Realty, in Villa
Park, Calif. "We fear that without the government's backing, the only mortgage
products available in the secproducts available in the sec-
ondary market for the averondary market for the aver-
age homebuyer would not be aligned with their best in-
NAR supports the bipartisan Housing Finance Reform of 2013,", which provides for
an explicit goverment gur an explicit government guar-
ante end includes many of antee and includes many of
the elements outlined in the association's principles for secondary mortgage finance
reform that NAR presented to
the administration in early During his testimony, Thomas expressed concern about emerging barriers to
homeownership facing middle class and first-time buyers hat could potentially derail he housing recovery, "Appre hensive bankers are leery
about issuing new loans as a esult of proposed risk retention rules and ability-to-repay equirements that are set to
go into effect next year. At the go into effect next year. At the
same time, rising interest rates and growing student loan debt is limiting consumers' access to credit and con-
tributing to an already tight lrending environment." Realtors urged policymakers to prioritize strong under-
writing standards over high down payment requirements that would put homeownership out of reach for other-
wise creditworthy buyers.

Rather than adopt a complex Qualified Residential Mortgage rule, NAR believes the agencies should follow the strong standards set by the
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau for the related Qualified Mortgage Rule. Thomas warned against
other proposals that would other proposals that would
restrict lending, such as low ering loan limits and putting private capital in a 10 percent first-loss position, which could
inhibit private investors from participating in the secondary mortgage market, especially during periods of economic
distress. "Our goal is to help Co gress, and our industry, de sign a secondary mortgage market model that will serve
America's best interests today and into the future, and ensure a strong housing market and economic recovery," said Thomas. up-to-date on flood legislation

Q: Could you give me some basic information about the Biggert Waters
Flood Insurance Reform Act Flood Insurance R
of 2012 (BW ACt)? of 2012 (BW AAt)?
A: The BW Act requires that most properties insured
through the National Flood through the National Flood Insurance Program be charged
rates reflecting the full risk of flood loss. The premium increases apply immediately to flood insurance policies co residential properties are sold or a lapsed policy is renewed. Additionally, the BW Act re quires that flood insurance expedited schedule. Appar ently, due to BW Act reforms,
many homeowners are facing significant increases in their may be that these increases are so substantial that owners can no longer afford to main Obviously, this is a substantial problem for homeowners in areas where flood insurance al law for mortgaged properties. To help Congress better understand the impact of BW Act reforms, the law required flood insurance rate hikes would affect homeowners living in areas where flood
insurance coverage is insurance coverage is manday required that FEMA study how substantial increases in flood insurance premiums would affect overal plarticipation in
the National Flood Insurance Program. There is new legislation that has been submitted in an effort to set aside substan-
tial flood insurance rate hikes, tial flood insurance rate hikes,
but you are best advised to consult with your local congressperson or senator as to
how it may impact on you

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