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Obama touts Canton for regional manufacturing hub

By Darrell Clem Staff Writer

President Barack Obama singled out Canton Tuesday afternoon as one of four manufacturing and research hubs he said can lead to good-paying jobs and "put America at the forefront of 21st century manufacturing."

Obama formally introduced Canton Township Šupervisor Phil LaJoy, among those who traveled to Washington, D.C., to attend an unveiling of Obama's vision to forge manufacturing ties between the public and private sectors.

Obama touted four manufacturing hubs - Canton, Chicago, Raleigh, N.C., and

Youngstown, Ohio – as critical to giving the United States a competitive edge against countries such as Germany. He said the latest initiatives can strengthen this country's middle class.

Project leaders have said Canton was chosen for a \$148million manufacturing research institute for lightweight metals that involves a consortium of more than 50 companies, universities and nonprofits across the nation. It will be led by the University of Michigan, Ohiobased manufacturing technology nonprofit EWI and Ohio State University.

Obama said the initiatives he announced Tuesday can help rebuild the nation's middle

class and return America to a stronger manufacturing base, much like decades past when "the work was hard but the jobs were good."

Already, he said 625,000 jobs have been created over the last four years, leading to what he called "the first sustained manufacturing growth in over 20 years."

'Manufacturing revolution'

Obama said the new hubs "have the potential to change the way we build things in America" and can "lead to a manufacturing revolution." Local officials have said

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President Barack Obama, here during a visit to Redford, singled out Canton as one of four manufacturing and research hubs he said can lead to good-paying jobs and "put America at the forefront of 21st century manufacturing."

Museum selling engraved pavers to build emergency fund

By Matt Jachman Staff Writer

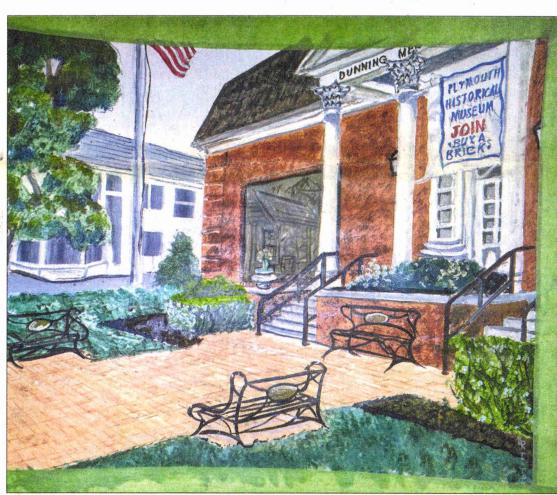
Brick by brick, the folks who run the Plymouth Historical Museum are putting together an emergency building

The museum is selling custom-engraved paving bricks, at \$100 each, to raise a reserve fund for building needs, such as repairing the front stairs or repairing or replacing aging mechanical systems should they fail.

"We want to have a pot of oney sitting there for an emergency," said Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens, the museum's executive director. The museum has no building fund, she said, aside from the occasional revenue that comes from selling announcements on the electronic billboard out front.

Kelley and museum officials envision replacing the front sidewalk with a small plaza of roughly 1,500 brick pavers and three benches, at a cost of approximately \$6,500. They hope to complete the project this year, during the warmer weather, and Kerstens says it can start

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An artist's rendering of the brick-paved walkway/patio planned for the front entrance of the Plymouth

Heise files, Democratic hopeful also in race

By Matt Jachman Staff Writer

Two Plymouth Township men, an incumbent and a first-time candidate for public office, seek to represent the Plymouth area (and a small part of Canton) in the Michigan House of Representatives for the next two years.

Second-term Rep. Kurt Heise, a Republican, and Nate Smith-Tyge, a doctoral stu-





dent and Democratic activist, both say they're in this year's race for the state House 20th District seat. Heise filed for re-election Friday at Wayne

County Clerk Cathy Garrett's office; Smith-Tyge said he will file his candidacy papers within the next couple of

Heise, 48, said that with unemployment down, the state's budget balanced, the Michigan Business Tax replaced and more money in a rainy-day fund, an economic turnaround has begun and he wants to help keep it on track. 'More work'

"The crisis is over, but there is still more work to be done and I want to continue to be part of the team, at least for the next two years," Heise

Heise said he wants to make sure state money is spent wisely, keep a positive business climate, invest in

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Plymouth Elks look for new home

By Matt Jachman

Plymouth Elks Lodge 1780 in Plymouth Township is beginning a search for a new home following the initial approval of plans for a senior citizens residential facility on Ann Arbor Road.

The site of the service and fraternal organization's lodge building is included in Pomeroy Living's proposed 33-acre senior complex off of Ann Arbor Road just east of the CSX Railroad tracks, west of Haggerty. The Elks have a purchase agreement with Pomeroy for the six-acre site that expires late this summer.

Phil Brooks, a past lodge exalted ruler and the point man for the lodge sale, said declining Elks membership and increasing costs have necessitated a downsizing. The building dates from the early 1950s, when the lodge was founded and Ann Arbor Road was a two-lane highway to Ann

"We're now on a prime piece of commercial property and we're not like a car dealership that benefits from that,' Brooks said.

Ties to area

The lodge has between 500 and 600 members, mostly from the Plymouth-Canton-Livonia area, Brooks said. In its heyday, membership was about 2,200.

The lodge has put together a search committee; Brooks said a new home will likely be in the township and no further east than the current lodge and no further west than M-23.

With Pomeroy still working on its plans, however, any move is months away, perhaps a year or more.

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education and infrastructure - particularly state roads and bridges - and have a say in regional issues, such as the nascent Regional Transit Authority, which he opposes, and the future of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, over which he would like to see more regional control.

Smith-Tyge, 37, while agreeing the economy is on an upswing, takes issue with some of the policies many Republicans say sparked that turnaround.

Tax reform, he said, amounted to shifting more tax burden to middle- and lower-income people and public education hasn't been properly funded, with per-pupil foundation grants taking a hit in the first couple of years of Gov. Rick Snyder's administration.

Education focus

Smith-Tyge, who is working toward a Ph.D. in education at Michigan State University, takes a special interest in education policy, saying education is key to further diversifying an economy that is still heavily dependent on the automobile industry.

'I think we're at a real crossroads for public education in this state," Smith-Tyge said, adding that he's skeptical of

cyber-schools and the proposed broadening of the Education Achievement Authority, a staterun program that oversees mostly Detroit public schools deemed to be failing.

"We need people who are immersed in the issues and immersed in the research and immersed in what's working" in education, he said. Those voices are missing from the debate, he said.

Road money

The candidates agree on the basics of infrastructure improvement, saying more money needs to be invested in roads. Heise said he'd entertain new ideas for road revenue, suggesting that relying heavily on gasoline taxes is outdated in an era of more fuel-efficient vehicles and alternative energy

"We are really feeling the brunt of years of inaction and lack of maintenance on our roads and bridges, Heise said. "We've got to do something long term for sustainable, predictable road funding.'

Heise is an attorney who worked in municipal law for years and was the director, for six years, of the Wayne County Department of Environment. He has played a role in addressing regional water and sewer issues for years and has House legislation pending that would give DWSD customer communities a greater voice in

running the system. Heise chairs the House Criminal Justice Committee and serves on the judiciary, elections and ethics and transportation committees. He and wife Catherine, an attorney for an insurance firm, have two daughters, Katie and Claire.

Smith-Tyge is the director of the MSU student food bank. He has worked for Democratic Congressman John Dingell and former Congressman Bart Stupak and was the communications director for Sayed Taj of Canton, an unsuccessful candidate for Congress in 2012. He is a former member of two state review boards and was an associate with the Presidents Council of State Universities of Michigan, a lobbying organization representing the state's public universities.

He and wife Anna, who works in human resources at a Ford Motor Co. plant, have no children.

Potential candidates have until mid-May to enter the Tuesday, Aug. 5, primary in the House race; the general election is Tuesday, Nov. 4. In addition to Plymouth and Plymouth Township, the 20th District includes Northville and Northville Township and an eastern section of Canton.

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Lilley Road south of Ford can jar your fillings loose. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Drivers bemoan pothole problem

By Brad Kadrich

Drivers already weary of having to navigate snow-covered roads in what has turned into a record-setting winter are now having to deal with the seemingly inevitable by-product.

Potholes. And with more than 500 miles of roadway in Plymouth and Canton alone, there are plenty of potholes causing problems. In fact, Canton Township Police over the weekend issued a notice to stay from a variety of areas, mostly on the west side of the township, because of pothole issues and frozen roads.

Laurie Aren of Westland was traveling to visit a friend at the University of Michigan hospital last week, using Geddes through Canton. She said the pothole dangers are compounded by dark roads.

"In Canton, the roads suck, it's dark and you don't see (potholes) until you're in them," said Aren, director of community and family outreach for the Plymouth Salvation Army. "As soon as I'd cross over into Washtenaw County, the roads were fine.'

Aren said she's also seen pothole problems at Joy Road and Morton Taylor ("It's always horrible, either ice, potholes or snow," she said) and on northbound Morton Taylor.

"I'm not trying to bash Canton," Aren said. "But the roads suck."

Other drivers have noticed potholes in various areas and not just in Canton. Liz Kelley Kerstens, the executive director of the Plymouth Historical Museum, said Warren Road has been "especially treacherous," particularly between Newburgh and Haggerty.

Other residents have cited pothole-saturated areas like the west side of Beck Road, south of Plymouth High School and Colony Swim Club, just before Gyde Road, and Morton Taylor between Warren and Joy, which Canton resident Jill Engel called "a swallow zone."

There isn't much Canton Township officials can do about it, according to the township's Municipal Services Department, which says Canton Township is not responsible for any of the 373 miles of road in the community.

In Canton, 9 percent of the roads are owned by the state, 68 percent are owned by the county and the remaining 23 percent are owned by private homeowners associations.

The problem for Wayne County road crews is that Plymouth and Canton roads aren't the only ones for which they're responsible. According to Cindy Dingell, deputy chief operating officer for Wayne County's Department of Public Services, the 140-member road crew staff has to maintain 1,986 lane miles of state highways and trunk lines (I-75, Ford Road, Michigan Avenue, etc.), more heavily traveled county roads like Canton Center, 2,472 lane miles of primary roads and 854 miles of local roads.

"By the time we're done clearing one round of roads, we've already traveled to Pasadena, Calif., and back," Dingell said. "That gives you an idea of how much is out

In February alone, the county got almost 2,000 service requests.

Dingell said drivers can report potholes or other problems two ways: By calling 888-ROAD-CREW or by going to compass.waynecounty.com and clicking the hazard icon in the lower right-hand corner.

State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, hopes a bill he introduced can help with the problem. Under House Bill 4015, under consideration in the state House Transportation Committee, two or more townships in Wayne County could form a "Road Alliance," an intergovernmental agreement Heise said would allow the alliance to get road funding directly from Lansing, rather than having to wait until it's gone to Wayne County.

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"Even if our deal goes through, it'll be late summer and possibly even fall, so there's a chance we'd spend (next) winter in our building," he said. The possibility of temporarily renting it back from Pomeroy after a sale is closed has been discussed, he said.

For its next home. Brooks isn't sure whether the Elks will rent or

buy.
"We may end of renting from somebody. We may end up with moving in with another fraternal organization of some kind," he said.

Another possibility, he said, is a merger with an Ann Arbor Elks lodge that has been severely affected by declining membership and recently sold its lodge building. "Their activity level's really gotten pretty low while they regroup," Brooks said.

Pomeroy, based in

Rochester Hills, plans a \$40 million complex with 253 units, including independent living and assisted living units, and a 7,000-square-foot commercial building. The township Board of Trustees earlier this month approved a planned unit development designation for the site and Pomeroy has a year to produce detailed plans and a formal PUD contact.

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after enough has been raised to cover the costs.

'We don't have to wait until we've sold them (the pavers) all, we just have to wait until we have enough money to do the project," she said. After that, she said, the museum can continue to sell the engraved paving bricks as a revenue stream for a building fund and replace plain bricks in the plaza with engraved ones, in lots, as they come in.

"It would be nice to have every one of them filled with something,' Kerstens said.

The pavers, she said, can be engraved in recognition of individuals, families or friends, in memory of loved ones or in honor of Plymouth historical figures. The three benches, she said, have already sponsors, at a cost of \$1,000 each, and with nine bricks already sold, the effort is nearly halfway to the \$6,500 needed to build the plaza.

Bricks can be ordered by making donations through Paypal at

www.plymouthhistory. org/support-us/ donate.html. Once a donation is made, the museum will follow up with the information. Donors can also call with a credit card or come in to place orders with a check, cash or a credit card. The museum is at 155 S. Main; hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, excluding holidays. The phone number is 734-455-8940.

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Beer bandit sought after skipping sentencing

By Darrell Clem

Staff Writer

Canton beer bandit Richard Kenneth Shock failed to appear for his sentencing on felony larceny charges, prompting a judge to issue a warrant for his arrest.

Shock, 48, was supposed to appear Feb. 20 in Wayne County Circuit Court for sentencing after he tussled

with Kroger employees while trying to steal beer from the store near Michigan Avenue and Canton Center.

His no-show prompted Judge David Groner to issue a warrant for his arrest. Shock, an Ypsilanti resident, could face penalties ranging up to 10 years in prison for an incident that occurred last Oct.



Shock was facing sentencing after he pleaded guilty in November to larceny from a person. Police say he fought with Kroger workers as he tried to flee the store with four

18-pack cases of Corona. three 12-packs of Modelo and

Two loss prevention em-

ployees told Canton police Shock shoved them before they tackled him and held him on the ground until authorities arrived, Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh has said.

Shock was allowed to plead guilty to felony larceny charges after Wayne County authorities agreed to dismiss a more serious charge of unarmed robbery, punishable by 15 years in prison.

Baugh has said an investigation indicated Shock may have been trying to steal beer to use as payment to a mechanic for car repairs.

Shock had been released on a \$25,000 personal bond as he awaited sentencing.

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Realtor receives one year in real estate fraud case

By David Veselenak

The man accused of profiting illegally on several homes in Wayne County has received a jail sentence and will be required to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars in restitution.

Samer Salami, 33, of Canton received a one-year jail sentence and five years probation from Circuit Judge David Groner last week during his sentencing at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit, according to online court records.

Salami pleaded no contest to 12 charges levied against him by the Wayne County prosecutor, including: conducting a criminal enterprise, embezzlement of \$100,000 or more, using a computer to commit a crime and false pretenses of \$20,000 or

In addition to the year in jail and probation, Salami is required to pay back about \$990,000 in restitution between all the charges, according to the Third Circuit Court's records.

The charges were announced last year by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. Kym Worthy said in a release that Salami was using his position at a Redford-based real estate business on Plymouth Road to sell homes at a low price to mortgage lenders Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

He would then supposedly steer the companies to sell the properties, which were located in Detroit, Dearborn Heights and Redford, at a higher price to another company he allegedly ran. Salami would then pocket the difference, Worthy said, which amounted to several hundreds of thousands

With Salami's no-contest plea, the case is treated as if he pleaded guilty in the sentencing phase, but is not an admission of guilt. The case worked its way through Redford's 17th District Court before Salami was bound over last year and sent to circuit court in Detroit.

Salami is currently serving his sentence in the Wayne County Jail.

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Burning car

A 57-year-old Monroe woman escaped a burning car after another driver motioned to her and alerted her to flames underneath her vehicle, a police report said.

The woman had pulled onto the northbound I-275 exit ramp at Michigan Avenue about 6:20 a.m. Saturday on her way to work. She told police her car had been making odd

A driver behind her managed to get her attention and alerted her to the flames, allowing her to pull over and safely get out of the car. Firefighters arrived and doused the blaze, which had spread through the engine area into the passenger compartment, the police report

Authorities closed off the ramp until the situation was resolved.

False report

A 41-year-old Canton woman told police she had been drinking when

she called in a false report that a man at her residence appeared to be unconscious from a possible drug overdose, a police report said.

CANTON CRIME WATCH

Police went to Heathmore Court, southeast of Ford and Haggerty, after receiving a 9-1-1 call about 10:15 p.m. Saturday from a woman who said she didn't know what the man had taken and that she couldn't wake him up. She then hung up the phone, called back and said she didn't need assistance and hung up

Apparently unsure of the situation, police called the woman back and got her voice mail. Officers went the residence and was told that the woman had been trying to call 4-1-1 rather than 9-1-1. The police report indicated she had been drinking, as had the man.

Police issued the woman a citation for falsely summoning police.

Fraudulent account

A 33-year-old Canton man noti-

fied police after someone opened an AT&T account in his name and accumulated a balance of \$169.65, a police report said.

The man notified police after he apparently had become a victim of identity theft. He said he hadn't given anyone permission to open the account.

The man told police the account had been opened to buy a phone.

Hit-and-run

A 32-year-old Woodhaven man's blue Honda was struck by a hit-andrun driver while he was inside a business in the 6500 block of Canton Center Road shortly before 6 p.m. Friday, a police report said.

A witness went inside the business and asked the man if the Honda was his. The witness told him the vehicle had just been struck by another driver, who drove off in a black SUV.

- By Darrell Clem

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Chocolate theft

A 23-vear-old Plymouth man was issued a ticket for third-degree retail fraud Feb. 16 after he was caught on a security video shoplifting a package of chocolates and an energy drink two-pack.

The incident occurred at the Kmart on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township shortly after 11 a.m., according to a Plymouth Township Police Department report. The man admitted the theft, police said, and added he had been stealing from Kmart since last August.

He was issued a ticket with a mandatory court date and told not to return to Kmart, police said.

Tax fraud

A township man reported Feb. 21 that someone had used his identity, including his Social Security number, to file an income tax return. He said he was informed of the fraud after trying to file his own return.

The man had reported the incident to the Internal Revenue Service's fraud department.

Wheel thefts

» The wheels were stolen from a Lincoln MKZ earlier this month as the car sat in the resale lot at Hines

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The dealership's used-car manager told police the wheels were discovered missing early Feb. 17; the car had last been seen intact around 5 p.m. Feb. 15. Police said the Lincoln was found resting on bricks.

» All four wheels were stolen from another Lincoln MKZ late Feb. 18 or early the next day. The car, a rental, was parked in a carport at a condominium complex on Newport Drive, in the area of I-275 and Joy Road. The car was found resting on bricks, police said.

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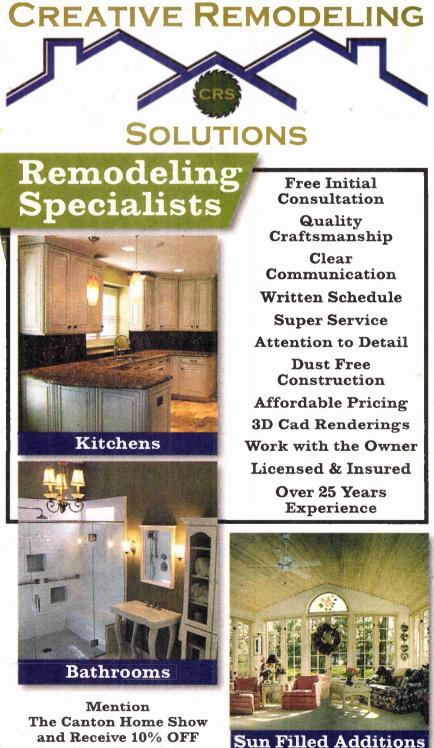
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Construction equipment is staged on the I-96 median between I-275 and Newburgh Road. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Caution: Freeway shutdown ahead

By David Veselenak Staff Writer

It's the calm before the storm when it comes to the I-96 shutdown, scheduled for less than a month from now.

Contractors working on the looming reconstruction of the sevenmile stretch of highway through Redford and Livonia have begun setting up some equipment on the project's western edge, but little else is currently taking place, Michigan Department of Transportation engineer Jeff Horne noted.

"It's business as usu-al," he said. "Not too much is going on.'

Drivers who frequentlv use I-96 between Telegraph in Redford and Newburgh in Livonia have only a few more weeks to use the freeway before being forced to find a different route. The freeway will close March 24 and will remain closed in both directions until sometime in Octo-

Barring any major inclement weather events, Horne said the plan is to close the freeway Monday, March 24. He did not have an exact time for when the closure would begin on that day.



Construction equipment is staged on the I-96 median between I-275 and Newburgh Road. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

More details regarding the shutdown will be released during March, Horne said. The entrance ramp to eastbound I-96 at Telegraph is expected to see some widening so an additional lane can be added. Horne said he was unsure of when that addition would take place, but said it would be in place sometime in March.

"We want that in place to handle the additional traffic," he said.

The exit ramp from southbound I-275 onto Six Mile has already been temporarily widened to accommodate more traffic that is expected to use

The \$150 million project will consist of reconstruction of the freeway, including repairing and replacing 37 bridges

along the route. It was decided to shut down the freeway for most of 2014 after a public survey found most drivers would prefer getting the work done sooner. Had the project maintained some

lanes of traffic, MDOT

several years to com-

said it would have taken

plete. Some of the equipment being used on the construction is currently being stored near the western edge of the project between I-275 and Newburgh. That will be the only place the equipment will be stored, Horne said, since that is the only place near the

space for it. "Everything east of it, there's nowhere to store the equipment. I think

project with the proper

that's the only staging area," he said. "There's no other places they can store that equipment.'

MDOT has opened an office in Livonia during the project, which is available for commuters, residents and other interested parties to ask questions about the project. Interested patrons can contact the office at 734-261-0560 or via email at MDOT-96fix@michigan.gov.

Horne said most of the communication the office receives comes from people with questions regarding their specific commuting patterns.

'We noticed a spike (in contact) after the public meeting, but it has sub-sided," he said. "It's more personalized on their daily commute. I'd say 80-90 percent are detour questions."

Official detour routes around I-96 include: the Southfield Freeway, I-94, I-696, I-275 and the Lodge Freeway. Horne said construction on those state trunk lines should be close to non-existent during the closure to ensure the increased traffic flows as efficiently as possible.

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Library to host shred event

Patrons can bring sensitive documents to have destroyed

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service is joining with the Canton Public Library to celebrate the 16th annual National Consumer Protection Week, March 2-8.

During NCPW, groups nationwide share tips and information that help consumers protect their privacy, manage money and debt, avoid identity theft and avoid frauds and scams.

Library officials said it's time to shred those old paper documents and correspondence for free. The library will host a free "Shredit-Day" document shredding event Tues-day, March 4.

The shredding will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot of the library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

Residential customers may bring up to four boxes of personal identification information to be shredded (paper only - mail, bills, credit card statements, tax documents, etc.). Metal, plastic or other objects will not be accepted. No mail or documents will be accepted from businesses.

Customers who wish to drop off their documents for shredding will be directed to enter the library parking lot shredding area from the Civic Center Boulevard entrance on the west end of the library and follow directional signs. They should have their paper items stored in boxes or containers and be ready for quick drive-up and drop-off.

"Identity theft is one of the fastest growing forms of consumer fraud," said E.C. Woodson, U.S. Postal Inspector in Charge of the Detroit Division. "We invite our postal customers the opportunity to protect themselves from all types of financial crimes by participating in Shred-it-Day as part of National **Consumer Protection** Week. Shredding documents is one of the simplest ways to protect yourself from identity theft and other financial crimes."

Library director Eva Davis supports this project.

"This continues our commitment to partnering with community agencies and modeling positive government collaboration for the benefit of the public," she said. "The public library is the ideal venue for such collaborations and we're happy the U.S. Postal Inspection Service approached us to offer this service." To read, view, down-

load and order multiple copies of educational materials, to check out a calendar of events nationwide and to find out how you can host an event, go to www.ncpw.gov. The website's blog features posts from consumer experts nationwide and allows consumers to connect directly with them about a variety of consumer protection

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Western Wayne leaders talk regional economy

When western Wayne County business and political leaders gathered for the first Western Wayne Business Leadership Banquet last fall, many who attended said they want to maintain the momentum created in promoting the region's attributes.

They'll try to do just that Friday, March 14, when the region's local elected leaders are set to gather for the first Western Wayne Economic Development Workshop at Summit in the Park in Canton. Michigan native Jeffrey Kaczmarek, executive director of the Prince William County Economic Development Department in suburban Washington, D.C., will lead the workshop to advise local elected officials, business leaders and economic development experts on strategies to utilize the I-275 corridor and western Wayne County as an economic engine.

Dan West, president

of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, said Oakland County leaders have "consistently talked up the entire county" when it comes to recruiting new business opportunities. However, West said, "there is more of a provincial voice emerging in western Wayne County" with respective economic development leaders marketing their individual towns.

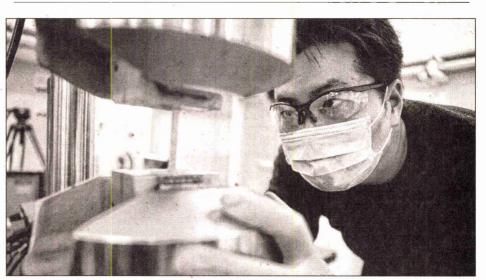
"Many local business leaders said we could attract more high-profile ventures to western Wayne County when they looked at every-thing offered by the entire region - low tax rate, close proximity to Metro Airport, central location, convenient freeway and roadways, climbing property values, diverse industries and it is home to a dozen college facilities," West said. "Regardless of where a company locates or expands, our whole area benefits with

its employees and visitors shopping, living, dining and recreating in the region."

In the workshop, coordinated by the Conference of Western Wayne and the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, Kaczmarek will share his years of economic development expertise gained from his roles at Oakland County, the Michigan Economic Development Corp., suburban Kansas City and now in Prince William County, rated in 2012 as Virginia's fastest-growing county and the nation's third fastest-growing county.

His presentation will take place from 10 a.m. to noon at public meeting of the Conference of Western Wayne Board, a group of the city mayors and township supervisors from 18 western Wayne communities.

Anyone interested in contending can contact West at dwest@livonia.org.



University of Michigan student Jeong-Seop Yoon tests the tensile strength of a piece of aluminum alloy in the S.M. Wu Manufacturing Research Center. U-M President Mary Sue Coleman said in a statement the initiative could help the region build "on its core strengths to become the nation's technology hub for lightweight materials and manufacturing." UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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Canton seems a logical place for a \$148-million manufacturing research institute due to its proximity to Detroit Metro Airport, the I-275 corridor and the University of Michigan. A precise location hasn't been named.

"It's a tremendous opportunity," LaJoy said.
"We're just down the road from the University of Michigan. We're close to the hub of manufacturing for the nation, really, with Detroit. This is great for Canton. It's great for the whole area."

Canton was thrust into the national spotlight over the weekend - much to the surprise of township leaders - after the White House and U-M announced the community was chosen for a hightech institute expected to bring 10,000 jobs to the

Midwest. Canton's choice for the American Lightweight Materials Manufacturing **Innovation Institute** comes after a Canton marketing plan, unveiled last fall by OHM Advisors, cited Canton as suitable to become a research and development hub for manufacturing and other purposes. The study even hinted at U-M support facilities.

Local officials aren't sure how much tax revenue the facility might mean for Canton, still a growing community with more than 90,100 people.

'Extremely excited'

"We're still waiting to get more information," LaJoy said. "We're extremely excited and we were a little surprised about this opportunity. It's about getting people working.'

Project leaders have indicated the institute could open in spring.

"It's a great opportunity for Canton and it proves that Canton is a friendly workplace and environment," township board Trustee John Anthony said. "We have the personnel to handle these

types of operations. Canton is looking forward to getting this project off the ground. It's an opportunity for Canton that is well-deserved. We are very pleased."

The federal government is set to invest \$70 million over five years with an additional \$78 million coming from consortium partners.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for Michigan and the region," U.S. Rep. Sander Levin, D-Mich., said in a statement, adding later, "Michigan is an obvious choice to host the lightweight metals hub. It builds on our state's core manufacturing strengths and Michigan's skilled

workforce.' Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano called the initiative "a game-changing development for Wayne County and all of southeast Michigan," saying it can create the materials and blueprint "for the cars, trucks, airplanes and ships of tomorrow."

Canton Trustee Pat Williams said local officials began learning of Canton's selection over the weekend.

"I believe it's a good thing because it's a private/public initiative,' Williams said. "Any positive investment in our community is welcomed."

Thousands of jobs

The institute is expected to create 10,000 jobs over five years. Its main office will be in Canton with support in Columbus, Ohio.

U-M announced the institute is designed to establish an ecosystem to support the production of advanced lightweight metals. It will enable research and development projects, as well as education and training programs to prepare the workforce. U-M has said the project is expected to have both national and regional impact.

'Through this initiative, our region will build on its core strengths to become the nation's technology hub for lightweight materials and manufacturing," U-M

President Mary Sue Coleman said in a statement. "Companies from around the country will come here not only because of our technological capabilities, but also because we have the workforce they need in their efforts to revitalize and transform domestic manufacturing."

U-M said the institute is intended to move cutting-edge lightweight metals out of the research lab and into future cars, trucks, airplanes and ships - both for the commercial and military sectors.

On its website, U-M said the institute's efforts will encompass the entire transportation supply chain, nurturing innovations from conception through design, development and production. It will contract more than \$100 million in research and development projects with partner organizations, the university said.

The institute also is expected to educate the next generation of manufacturing operators and engineers by establishing science, technology and engineering curricula for programs in grade school to graduate school.

Most of the 10,000 jobs are expected in the metal stamping, metalworking, machining and casting industries that are dominant in the Midwest. The aim is to add 100 more metal-related engineering professionals each year and 1,000 more skilled trade workers. Within three years, U-M said, the project should offer advanced training to an additional 1,000 current employees per year.

LaJoy and other local leaders said they are eager to learn more about the institute and its impact on Canton. The latest initiative comes as Canton already has embarked on a marketing plan to try to lure new companies.

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Ficano talks up deficit plan and calls for water authority

By David Veselenak Staff Writer

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said Tuesday that creating a regional authority for the area's water supply is a crucial step for the county, especially with some of the water assets being involved in Detroit's bankruptcy

"We don't have this kind of time. The judge has a schedule," he said. "They're going to move quickly as to what happens."

Ficano and other county leaders spoke Tuesday in Detroit regarding his State of the County



address, his proposed deficit elimination plan and other topics. The proposed deficit

elimination plan for the county, which faces a \$175 million deficit, calls for several moves, including the potential sale of the wastewater treatment plant to a new authority that does not yet exist and has some suburban leaders not yet committing until they see more details.

Ficano said it is his hope such an authority could be created to manage the area's water supply and the facilities in Wayne County. That authority, Ficano said, would have more local representation and control than if it were to be transferred to a private company in the city's

bankruptcy case. "If a private entity

gets it, or if it somehow stays with the city of Detroit, the rate payers aren't going to get out of this monopoly," he said. "My contention is it's better that we form an authority and, at that point, we know there's got to be improvements, but the improvements are going to go through an authority where the representatives from Oakland, Macomb, Wayne and Detroit and, in this case, the projection was the state of Michigan, sit on the board and try to make

these determinations." Mark Abbo, the county's chief financial officer, said that sale price of the facilities listed in the deficit elimination plan, \$121.4 million, could change, but the estimate is a conservative figure and would expect to increase rather than decrease.

That figure was used in the deficit elimination plan as a starting point and could change if the county begins talking about creating the authority with surrounding communities, Abbo said.

"If you look at the formula we're using, that \$121.4 million is really just a number to arrive at a zero fund balance as of Sept. 30, 2015," he said. "So it's more or less a placeholder, though we've done evaluations that we could arrive at at least that amount for the facilities."

Ficano's proposed deficit elimination plan calls for a decrease in multipliers in the county's pension program from 2.5 percent to 1.5

percent, which could save almost \$2.6 million to the county's general fund; reducing the number of circuit court judges; and a proposed 5-percent wage cut to county employees, which would need to be approved by several of the county's bargaining

Wayne County Jail

The issue of the botched jail project next to the courthouse downtown is also a point of contention for the county. A current proposal is to move the jail to the former Mound Road prison in Detroit and have it converted into the county jail.

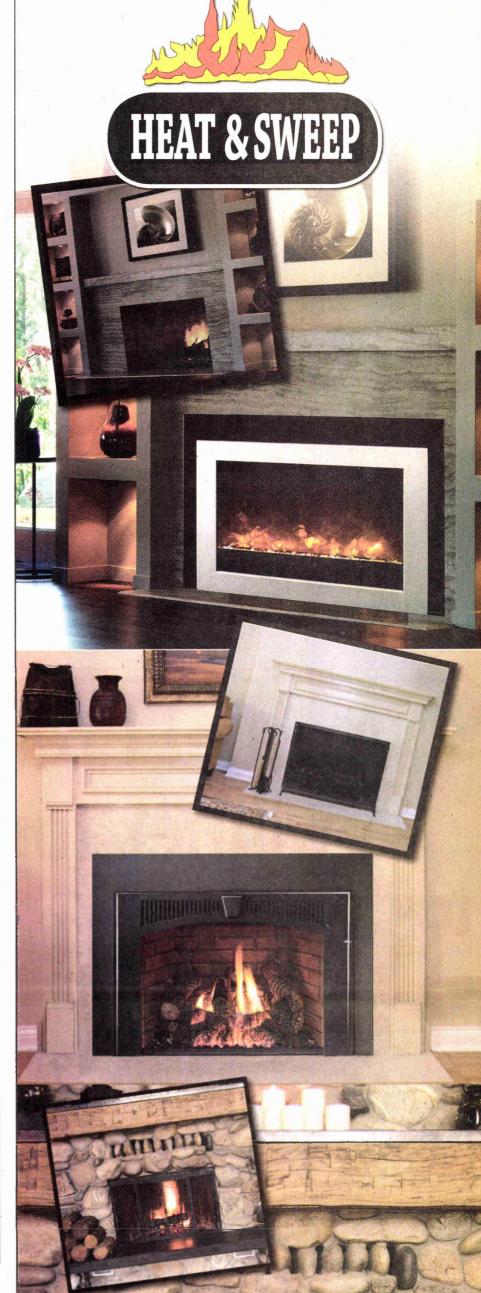
Ficano said the plan is to move the justice facility - including the jail and courtrooms, if possible - to the site, though the county is looking first at securing a new jail site.

"Our financial nut is one with the jail and that's what we're focusing on," he said.

Work on that jail has been halted since it was determined the project was \$100 million over budget.

With the move could come other redevelopment that could increase revenue for the county via taxes, Ficano said.

"If you move it to Mound, you'll actually be injecting into the neighborhood," he said. "Suddenly, you have to have restaurants, gas stations, all that kind of stuff that goes together with it. And those are revenue-generating tax-wise, as well."



Tea Party Express backs Bentivolio

By Laura Colvin Staff Writer

This is a battle worth

fighting. Those were the words of Milford Republican Congressman Kerry Bentivolio, who was back in town last week to accept an endorsement from the Tea Party Express, a Sacramento-based political action committee.

"(Bentivolio) understands that big government is the problem, they're not the solution," Tea Party Express Chairman Amy Kremer said during an enthusiastic endorsement speech.

The Tea Party Express endorsed Bentivolio when he first ran for office in 2012 and was fervent about standing behind the U.S. representative again, Kramer said during last week's gathering at Bentivolio's campaign headquarters near the Kroger market in Milford.

Bentivolio, a former Fowlerville Community Schools teacher who won his first election in 2012 after the resignation of U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, will square off against Birmingham attorney Dave Trott in the Aug. 5 Republican primary.

In terms of fundraising, Bentivolio has been significantly trailing Trott, but the Tea Party Express endorsement could potentially help the incumbent.

The group's political action committee gave him \$5,000 in the last race, but its endorsement could possibly be of greater help as a tool for the campaign to raise money nationwide.

'I don't care how much money is put into a race,' Kremer said. "We win races with boots on the ground, passion and fire



U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio (left), R-Milford, addresses supporters at his campaign headquarters.

in the belly. That's how we won it the first time and ... that's how he's going to win it again."

Bentivolio touched on a wide range of subjects as he addressed supporters during the Tea Party Express endorsement announcement last week, including education, the national debt, the shrinking middle class, the need for an overhaul of the tax code and his drive to eliminate the Affordable Care

"A war is raging for the soul of America,' Bentivolio said. "It is not a war of steel and cartridge. It is a conflict of ideas, fought not in trenches, jungles or in deserts. Instead, it is played out in town halls, round tables, tea party and liberty groups all across the nation. Instead of cannonades, there are editorials. Instead of bombs, there are speeches. Instead of rifle volleys, there is education on the blessings of liberty ordained by God and guaranteed by the United States Constitu-

Bentivoili also took the opportunity to describe what he called a "constitutional crisis" and to blast the press.

Your right to keep and bear arms, to due process, to the most sacred right of religious freedom, freedom of speech, the press,

peaceful assembly and the redress of grievances are under attack by the very same government that is supposed to protect your rights," Bentivolio said during his remarks to supporters. "And speaking of the press, servitude cannot be complete if the press is free. The press is a cheap Democratic instrument of freedom. Sadly, many in the press, like many in Congress, have neglected their duty to ensure a free people. This must change. This is a battle worth fighting.'

Chuck and Ann Pickett of Livonia also attended the event and said they've supported Bentivolio since before the first election.

"He's not out to impress those in higher places, he's concerned about representing the people he works for, which is the rest of us," Ann Pickett said. "All of us are concerned about the direction the country is going in; we want to rein it in and take it back to what it should be."

Two Democrats hope to challenge the eventual Republican nominee in the 11th District: Dr. Anil Kumar, a surgeon, and former U.S. State Department employee Bobby McKenzie. The district includes communities in Wayne and Oakland coun-





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The presidential tea is held at the Alexander Blue House at Greenmead. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Annual Presidential Tea a winner for Greenmead



Zachary Taylor is memorialized in the teacup design.

Approximately 80 women recently enjoyed tea, sandwiches, scones and cookies served from replicas of presidential china while listening to a reenactor of Mary Todd Lincoln tell her story of life in the White House.

The Feb. 20 event was the annual Presidential Tea at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia, held every February to coincide with Presidents' Day.

Maureen Casey, recreation supervisor at Greenmead, said the event is one of Greenmead's more popular teas, despite being held in the middle of winter. The event was sold out, as it is

nearly every year. Casey said Darlene Lum's presentation of Mary Todd Lincoln, while dressed in historically accurate attire, "delighted and entertained our guests, giving insight into this very complex

"Darlene's portrayal puts so many more things in perspective.'

Casey said people sometimes have a narrow view of Mary Todd Lincoln, who was institutionalized for mental health and criticized for her spending. But Lum points out that, like Jackie Kennedy, Mary Todd Lincoln was refined and wanted to make the White House "a place of national pride."

She was also highly intelligent, very supportive of education and knew how to use social situations to further her husband's career, Casey said, facts few people realize until hearing Lum's presentation.

The tea featured favorite presidential cookies made from authentic White House recipe books, including George Washington's jumbals, Lyndon B. Johnson's chewy macaroons, Jimmy Carter's pecan squares, Ronald Reagan's brownies and Barack Obama's shortbread.

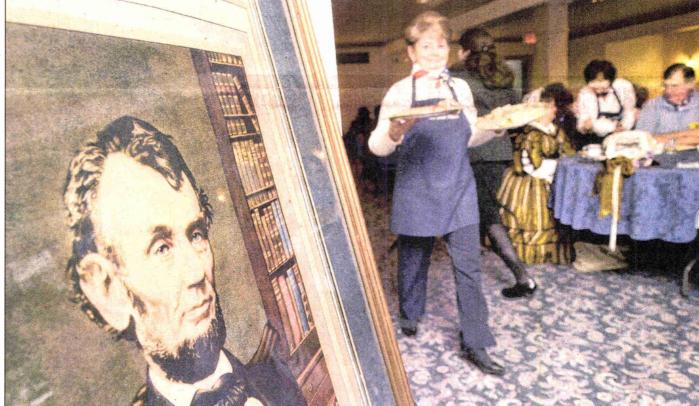
At least one piece of replica presidential china – be it a tea cup and saucer or a luncheon plate – is at every table. "It's always of interest to the gals at the table," Casey said.

The presidential tea has been going

on for more than a decade now and the popular event will be held again next year. Casey advises those who want to attend next February to call 248-477-7375 in January for reservations to

make sure they get a seat. All proceeds go toward preservation efforts at Greenmead Historical Park, located at Eight Mile and Newburgh.





Honest Abe looks over the crowd attending the tea. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



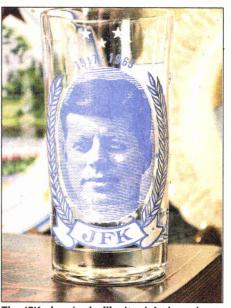
Janet Meloche pours tea for Judi Kutchner.



Re-enactor Darlene Lum of Madison Heights portrays Mary Todd Lincoln.



A decorative plate honors U.S. presidents.



The JFK glass looks like it might have been a gas station giveaway.

A conversation with ...

... a Canton historian

In nearly 40 years, off and on, of living and working in Canton, Bill Tesen has done a couple of stints as president of the Canton Historical Society, he's helped open a bank branch and he's helped take care of a precious resource - the Canton Historical Mu-

Tesen, a retired banker, sat down with the Canton Observer recently to talk about his love of the community, the changes he's liked (and the ones he hasn't) and what the area has to offer.

Observer: So how long, exactly, have you been around Canton?

Tesen: I helped open the Wayne Bank on Ford Road in 1976 and we moved here in 1984 (he lived here with his late wife Sharon, who passed away from cancer in 2006, and sons Todd and Scott, now grown). I was in Florida for a couple of years, but I came back

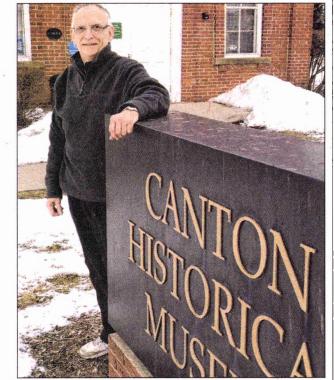
Observer: What brought you back?

Tesen: I love the place. It's got opportunities other communities don't have. It's a great community, we get a lot of support. It's a friendly place.

Observer: What does the president of the **Canton Historical Soci**ety do?

Tesen: I work with the board to oversee finances, projects, work on different committees. Our big fundraiser is the Beer, Brats and Bands event (it's coming up in September). It started in 2010, I think, as just an idea for a way to raise money to replace money we spent on our pole barn. It's grown a lot from then. The first year, I think, we had 250 people and now we're up to about

Observer: Why do you think it has morphed into such a



Bill Tesen is president of the Canton Historical Society.

popular event?

Tesen: We've learned as we've gone. We've gotten a lot of support from Canton Leisure Services, but it's something the township has never done. They have Liberty Fest, but nothing like this. Tickets are only \$25 and you get a little cup you can keep for a souvenir, you get the bands and you get all the food you can eat. It's a pretty good deal for the money.

Observer: Could it get even bigger?

Tesen: I think we could grow it, maybe use Baseball City or something. But we don't plan on moving it from Preservation Park. We're going to keep it there and we're going to keep the tickets the

Observer: Why so involved with the Canton Historical Society?

Tesen: I've always liked history, not so much when I was in school, but I love it now. The basic idea of the Canton Historical Society is to tell Canton's story. Other than the 90,000 people who live here (he smiles), no one knows about us, really.

Observer: You've been in the community, working or living, basically for almost 40 years. Has it changed much?

Tesen: Immensely. I can remember Ford Road as a two-lane highway. You had Wayne Bank, you had the Cracker Barrel and the nursery and that was pretty much it. I can remember waking up with pheasants in the yard, way back then. That doesn't happen now. There's been a big change, some for the good, some for the bad.

Observer: What do you want people to know about your town?

Tesen: I'd like people to know it's diverse, but I like how it's not divided. It has the amenities people are looking for, it has a great school system. And even with the diversity, we're not divided. We've got all the religions and all the ethnic groups and we're not divided at

Draft an estate plan to protect your family

a celebdies, an article is published about what he or she should have done with their estate. Recently, there have been a number of articles written about the death of actor Philip Seymour Hoffman, the size of his estate and the

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tax liability. I bring this up for a couple of reasons. First, everyone is speculating because no one knows anything at this point. The so-called experts are speculating on things without having the facts. They do it when it comes to analyzing the stock market or commenting on the crisis du jour.

Secondly, almost all the experts are talking about the taxes. They've implied that the only reason that Hoffman should have done any estate planning is to avoid taxes.

Although avoiding taxes is a noble goal, it is not the only one someone should have with regard to their estate. There are many other goals more important than saving on tax-

I believe the main reason for estate planning is because you care about your loved ones and want to make life easier on them when you are no longer

In many situations, in order to protect the family and to do what is right, there may have to be a probate or the estate may be subject to



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taxation. A perfect example is where the deceased is married to a second spouse and has children from

riage. In order to protect the children of the first marriage, the estate is subject

to an estate tax. In many cases, that estate tax could have been eliminated by leaving everything to the second spouse. However, that may cause issues with the children. The bottom line, estate taxes are not the end all, they're just one item to consider.

For the majority of people, estate taxes are a thing of the past and it's not something to worry about. Currently, the estate tax exemption is a little over \$5 million. What that

means is, if you die, the first \$5 million goes estate tax-free to whomever you choose. Most people do not have an estate of \$5 million.

If you don't have an estate plan, now is the time to do it. There is no reason to delay.

If you have an estate plan, make sure it is current. Remember, family situations change and your estate plan may need to change.

The bottom line is everything and anything can happen and if something did happen unexpectedly, the question to ask is whether our families are protected. If not, now is the time to act on an estate plan.

Good luck.

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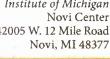
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Canton hosts home improvement expo

Canton's annual Home Improvement Expo takes place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 1, and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 2, at Canton's Summit on the Park.

Highlights at this year's expo include free parking and refreshments, live broadcasts from special guest stars Murray Gula, host of "Your Home with Murray Gula" on FTRradio-.com and Joe Gagnon, "The Appliance Doctor" from WAAM-AM (1600), how-to workshops on a variety topics, live woodcarving demonstrations,

a hands-on children's' project center and multiple raffles throughout the weekend, including wood projects made by Canton Construction along with the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters.

Those who attend can stop by a welcome station and pick up a free Expo Advertisement Booklet. The booklet is filled with vendor coupons, a map of the show, workshop schedules and several home improvement tips. All expo attendees will also receive a free, reusable canvas bag. If you attended last

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For more information, call Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division at 394-

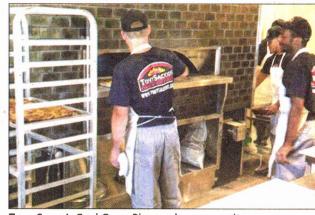
Tony Sacco's to open Canton eatery

Tony Sacco's Coal Oven Pizza opens its newest location in Canton on Sunday, March 9, in the Center Village shopping center. The unique family restaurant prepares menu items in a coal-fired oven that generates an internal temperature of more than 1,000°F, allowing food to cook quickly and create a perfect crust while leaving toppings al

Tony Sacco's offers an extensive lunch and dinner menu that includes salads, sandwiches, wraps, wings, pizza and dessert.

All food is made fresh, never frozen or cooked in a microwave. Professional pizza maker Doug Blair has been working hard to perfect the coal oven method.

"This is the way pizza was made originally in 1905," Blair said. "It took a little relearning, but the end result is worth it. I'm confident our customers will appreciate the unique taste of this amazing pizza. Rotolis are my favorite menu item. I could eat them with every



Tony Sacco's Coal Oven Pizza, where menu items are prepared in a coal-fired oven, will open its newest location Sunday, March 9, in Canton's Center Village shopping center.

meal."

"We are in the perfect location to embrace neighboring businesses, theater goers and tourists," Tony Sacco's owner Bobby Kramer said. "We hope to become an active member of the neighboring community and believe with our unique menu, comfortable environment and local staff, we are well on our way.

Kramer owns three Tony Sacco's restaurants. His Novi location opened in 2011 and Hartland

opened in 2013. There are now 14 restaurants in the growing chain.

The atmosphere at Tony Sacco's is contemporary, yet cozy. While it focuses on the family experience, many workers will enjoy a stop after work to relax at the trademark granite bar for cocktails and happy hour appetizers.

For more information and to follow their progress, visit tonysaccos-.com or Tony Sacco's Canton on Facebook.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CHAMBER CHAT

Scholarship fundraising

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and the Canton Chamber of Commerce are starting their fundraising for the Student Citizen Scholarships.

The chambers' Education Committee awards scholarships to up to five students based solely on their community service during their years in high school

Last year, the chambers were able to offer five students \$1,100 each.

For information on how to donate, call the Plymouth chamber at 734-453-1540 or the Canton chamber at 734-453-

Canton dinner auction

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual dinner auction. this year themed "The Luck of the Irish," 6:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, March 15, at Burton Manor Banquet & Conference Center, 27777 Schoolcraft, in Livonia.

The event offers the business community a night of networking possibilities while socializing with more than 400 key business people and community leaders. Attendees should come dressed in Irish attire (lots of green). Tickets are \$75 and include strolling dinner, open bar, green beer, entertainment, live

auction, raffles and more. Sponsorship opportuni-

ties are available at various levels and include event tickets and sponsorship recognition before, during and after the event. Sponsorships range from \$375 to \$2,500.

Donations are needed for the \$2, \$5 and \$10 raffles, as well as the live auction. This is a great way to show your support for the chamber.

For more information, call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at 734-453-

Chamber luncheon

Canton's State of the Township Luncheon is set for 11:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy will address the audience. The event is sponsored by Oakwood Healthcare Systems and the Xuereb Law Group

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill. For more information, call the chamber at 734-453-4040.

Coffee connection

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce sponsors its next Coffee Connection, hosted by Ambassador co-chair Deena Heath of Huntington Bank, 8-9 a.m., Thursday, March 13.

Chamber officials called the Coffee Connection a "great way to start

your business day. You can enjoy a cup of coffee and breakfast treats while making new connections with other chamber mem-

Huntington Bank is located on Five Mile (across from The Inn at St. John's). These events are designed for 20-40 members to meet in a comfortable setting where they can get to know each other. There is no fee to attend this event.

Anyone interested in attending should call Teri at 734-453-1540.

Showcase and Taste

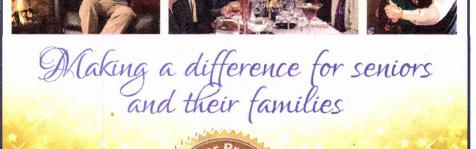
The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's 2014 Showcase and Taste of Plymouth is set for April 14 at The Inn at St. John's.

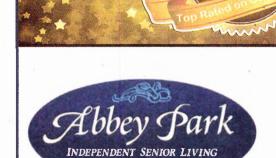
The event generally draws more than 90 exhibitors, including 20 restaurants, and attracts more than 600 people. This year's event will be held in the main ballroom and adjoining garden gallery at the Inn at St. John's.

Major sponsors include Community Financial and Hines Park Lincoln.

The chamber is now taking exhibit space reservations. The cost is \$110 (plus \$10 if you need electricity) and includes a 6by 3-foot skirted table.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

New manager

Michael Webb of Plymouth has accepted the position of account manager at Rudolph/Libbe Inc.'s Plymouth office.

Webb holds a bachelor's degree in construction management from Eastern

Michigan University. The

Rudolph/ Libbe Cos. is among the region's largest

Webb contractors

and employs 1,000 to 1,500 construction trades through offices in Lima, Toledo, Cleveland and Walbridge, Ohio, and Plymouth.

Wellness Wednesdays

Integrative Chiropractic Wellness Center of Plymouth is launching Wellness Wednesdays to better serve the health and wellness needs of the people in its community. Every Wednesday, it will be offering free health or chiropractic consultations, posture evaluations, body composition analyses, antioxidant

scores and/or scoliosis screenings. Schedule an appointment from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 2-6:30 p.m. any Wednesday.

'We decided to launch Wellness Wednesdays because we want to help families in our area live a healthy, active lifestyle,' said Dr. Elizabeth Sisk, director of Integrative Chiropractic Wellness Center. "There is so much chiropractic services can do for your health and overall wellness and we want to bring awareness to the community. We welcome people of all ages. This is a great opportunity to get your family and friends a health checkup.'

For more information about Integrative Chiropractic Wellness Center and the new Wellness Wednesday program, visit www.ichiro.com, call 734-454-5600 or email info@ihchiro.com. Integrative Chiropractic Wellness Center is located at 1075 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

PR pros

Public relations professionals from across the region recently welcomed new leaders for

PRSA-Detroit, the 400member professional organization.

Elected officers to the board of directors for a one-year term, which began Jan. 1, include president Dan Artman, APR, Plante Moran; president elect Debra Lacey-Ortisi, APR, Johnson Controls; treasurer Don Tanner, Tanner Friedman; secretary Jim Burke, Federal-Mogul; and immediate past president John Austerberry, APR, DTE Energy.

The group also welcomed new members to its 16-person board, for a three-year board term, including Maribeth Farkas, Caponigro Public Relations; Anne Santori, APR, CareTech Solutions: Stephanie Scheer, Plex Systems, Inc.; Megan Soule, APR, Airfoil; and Beth Marmarelli, University of Michigan-Dearborn. They join existing members board members Karah Davenport, Stratacomm; Kim Eberhardt, Tanner Friedman; Jasmin Nadalizadeh, Stratacomm; Tom O'Connell, BusinessWire; Katy Teer, Plex Systems, Inc.; and Tim Wieland, APR, Airfoil.

Some Detroit-area winters have been colder, snowier

Record books don't always tell the whole story

e sure like to talk about the weather, especially this winter. In fact, the winter soon passing (we hope) has put the weather, starting with the icicles on our roofs and the snow piles in our driveways, at the top of conversation topics locally and nationally ... everywhere except Florida and

The Detroit area recorded its snowiest January in official weather history (31.5 inches), but not its snowiest month or winter season ... not yet anyway.

Our snowiest month on record was February 1908, when 38.4 inches fell. Our snowiest winter since 1870, when official weather records were first kept, was 1880-81. The snow that season totaled 93.6 inches. This winter, with 78.5 inches so far, we will likely move into second place (78.9 inches) any day

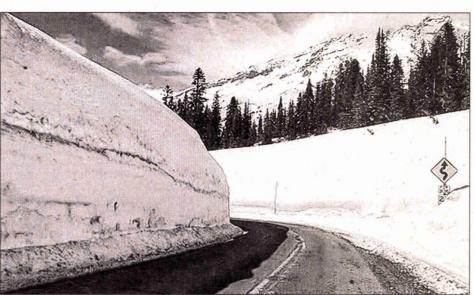
This area's snowiest day ever (24.5 inches) was on the unlikely date of April 6, 1886. Our biggest single snowfall since then was Dec. 1-2, 1974, when we received 19.3 inches. Most recent biggest snowfall: 16 inches

on New Year's Day 2008. For all of Michigan, the one-day snowfall record (29 inches) came Feb. 23, 1872, at Ishpeming. Thompson Pass, Alaska, north of Valdez got 62 inches in one day (Dec. 29, 1955) on the way to 551 inches that winter, more than twice what falls during an average Upper Peninsula winter.

The state record for the most snow in one season? That's 333 inches at Tahquamenon Falls near Paradise (Michigan, that is) the winter of 1976-77.

World snow record

Snowiest place on Earth? Since the 1998 Winter Olympics, ski resorts north of Nagano, Japan, have been making that claim: 600-700 inches



Nineteen feet of snow borders state highway 410 near Paradise, Wash., in Mt. Rainier National Park. EXPLORENORTH.COM

a season.

Thompson Pass passed that years ago in 1952-53 with 974 inches and Tide Lake, British Columbia, accumulated 1,104 inches in 1971-72. But none of these are the rec-

This belongs to another Paradise, the one in Washington near Mt. Rainier, where 1,122 inches (93.5 feet) piled up the winter of

Locally, we've had snow on the ground since early December - nearly three months. But this is below the local record of 119 days set in the winter of 1903-04, when there was snow cover from late November to early

Younger folks might think we've experienced our coldest night ever this past Jan. 6-7, when the temperature dipped to minus-14 degrees, but not so. Coldest night in this area was three days before Christmas 1872, when it was minus-24.

Two years later, the winter of 1874-75 may have been the coldest of all, when January and February had an average daily temperature of 13.7 degrees. Or was it the winter of 1880-81, with 86 below-freezing temperatures? Ironically, the following winter (1881-82) was the warmest of the century (19th century, that is), when the average daily temperature here was 37 degrees.

Gene

Scott

GUEST

COLUMNIST

More recently, this area had its longest cold spell in January 1977, when it was below freezing the entire month. Longest period of sub-zero temperatures was 68 hours, Feb. 8-11,

In the 1920s, the Detroit area had three winters in succession without a sub-zero reading. The local record for warmest winters was 1953-58, with no sub-zero nights five winters in row.

Coldest temp ever recorded

The coldest night in Michigan - minus-51 degrees - happened Feb. 9, 1934. Compare that to the coldest temperature ever recorded on Earth: minus-128.6 degrees July 21, 1983, at Vostok Station, Antarctica. There also is a NASA report of minus-135 degrees having been recorded Aug. 10, 2010, in east Antarctica.

So far this winter, we've had 14 nights of sub-zero temperatures. The record for cold nights here: 23 in 1884-85.

It should be noted that there are slight variations (usually) between temperatures recorded at City Airport on the eas side, a weather station since 1934 (before that in downtown Detroit), and other official weather stations at Detroit Metropolitan Airport and White Lake/Pontiac. Suburban stations also often report slightly lower temps and different rain and snow amounts. A principal factor is closeness to Lakes Erie and St.

Will we set a new record here for snowfall this winter? Maybe, if you believe the Farmers' Almanac predictions, but I'd rather not count on it.

How do we know what the weather might have been like here or anywhere before the mid-19th century, when reliable weather records were first kept? Daniel Fahrenheit's thermometer wasn't invented until 1714 and it wasn't until 1870 that the National Weather Service was established in the War Department Signal Office, forerunner of the U.S. Weather Bureau.

According to early histories of Detroit, the winter of 1784-85 may have been among the coldest the city has ever known. A device for measuring temperature at that time recorded 23



Daughter Rose Scott (then age 6) likes to be on top of things, like the 19 inches of snow that came down during the Detroit area's last biggest snowstorm, Dec. 1-2, 1974.

sub-zero days in January and February. The Detroit River had frozen over by Jan. 7 and February went out with a roar at minus-10 degrees. The ice on Lake St. Clair that winter didn't melt until May. On the other hand. the winter of 1824-25 was so mild that grass grew a

foot in January. **During the 1855-56** winter, people could walk across the Detroit River to Windsor. Ice-fishing shanties dotted the river for two months and there was a concession built on the ice to sell liquor and supplies. The winter of 1869-70 was so bitterly cold that more than 100 ships were still waiting April 26 for 10-foot thick sections of ice to clear in the channels of Lake St. Clair. Who can recall winters quite like these in

the last 100 years? None of these records and recollections from earlier times are official records. Those were not

kept until 1870. So there are historic weather records and modern-day

official records. Want to know more about Detroit and Michigan weather history? Try these sources at many public libraries: All About Michigan Almanac, Detroit Free Press Almanac, Silas Farmer's History of Detroit and Wayne County, Information Please Almanac, Richard Kean's Michigan Weather, Mal Sillars' Detroit Weather Book, J. Van Eichenlaub's Weather and Climate of the Great Lakes Region and other listings in library catalog files and website search-

Gene Scott has been a Livonia Historical Society member for about 12 years. He is a retired editor and teacher who has published four books on the histories of Michigan towns. The most recent is "Michigan Shadow Towns." He and his wife Barb have lived in Livonia for 23 years.

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BID PACKAGE #5: "21ST CENTURY CLASSROOM PROJECT" PCCS BOARD OFFICES: 454 S. HARVEY ST., PLYMOUTH, MI 48170

Sealed responses to a Request for Proposal (RFP) will be accepted for the 21st Century Classroom Project at the PCCS Board Offices.

Bidders MUST comply with the Pre-Bid Process as prescribed below. Please refer to the full RFP documentation for additional deadlines.

Bid Publication available on or after February 21, 2014

RFP drawings and documentation will be available by contacting Russ Gill rgill@shwgroup.com or Dwayne Henderson dhenderson@shwgroup.com at SHW Group (email only). Site visitation shall be scheduled for February 27, 2014 at 2:00pm EST at Salem High School, 46181 Joy Rd, Canton, MI 48187. A second visitation will be scheduled for March 7, 2014 at 2:00pm EST (if required).

Pre-Bid Meeting, March 7, 2014, 1 PM EST

A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting shall be held at the PCCS Board Offices on March 7, 2014, 1:00 PM EST.

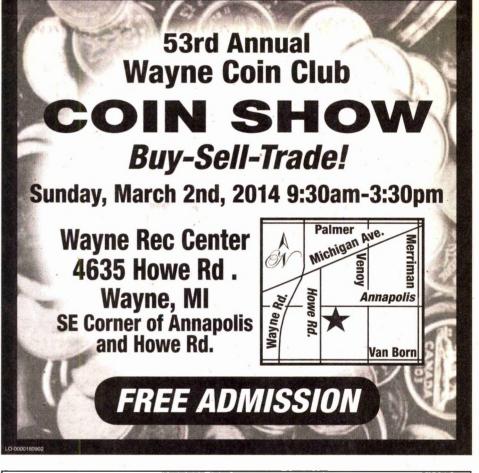
Bidder's Questions, March 11, 2014, 5 PM EST All questions pertaining to this RFP shall be issued in writing (email) and directed to

rgill@shwgroup.com by March 11, 2014, 5:00 PM EST. Responses to questions will be issued on an addendum and submitted through NewForma to the interested Vendors by March 12, 2014 by 11:00 AM EST.

Proposals Due, March 17, 2014, 1 PM EST

Proposals shall be delivered to PCCS Board Offices, ATTN: "Bid Package #5: 21st Century Classroom Project" by March 17, 2014, 1 PM EST. Late bids/proposals will be returned unopened. PCCS will not consider or accept a bid/proposal received after the deadline. PCCS reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Proposals and waive any informality or irregularities in any qualifications should PCCS consider it to be in its best interest. Bids/proposals shall be publicly opened and read at the PCCS Board Offices immediately following the submission deadline.

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INVITATION TO BID BID NO. 8 - MIDDLE SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR PLYMOUTH CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The Plymouth Canton Community Schools Board of Education ("Owner") will receive firm, sealed Bid Proposals for all labor, materials, equipment and all other services to complete the

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Technology Infrastructure bid package.

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Three complete copies of your Bid Proposal (including the Familial Disclosure form, bid bond, and other attachments), marked "BID PACKAGE 8 - Middle School Technology Infrastructure", noting the category that your Proposal is for, must be delivered no later than 2PM, Tuesday, March 25, 2014, to: Brodie Killian, Deputy Superintendent of Business & Operations, E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S Harvey St, Plymouth MI, 48170. All Bid Proposals received on or before the Due Date will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately thereafter in the Board Room, in order of category number. Bid Proposals received after the due date will not be considered or accepted.

A pre-bid meeting has been scheduled for March 10 at 1:00PM at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S Harvey St, Plymouth MI, 48170. This pre-bid meeting is not mandatory, but is highly recommended.

All Bidders must provide a Familial Disclosure Form, Iran Sanctions Act Form, and a bid bond and attach this information to the Bid Proposal. The District will not accept a bid proposal that does not include this information.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bid Proposals, either in whole or in part; to award the Contract to other than the low Bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the Owner

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OUR VIEWS

Michigan's lousy roads are just a disgrace

State lawmakers need to reform funding

A half century ago, Michigan families were part of that great summer expedition Out West to see the national parks that was so well-documented in Ken Burns' PBS documentary.

What those families saw, in addition to natural wonders, was the state of the country's man-made road system. What those families found was a sense of pride, learning that Michigan's roads were well-recognized as among the best in the nation and that the state boasted the northern terminus of what would become the country's greatest north-south freeway – I-75.

How times have changed. Now travelers comment frequently about knowing when they have entered the state of Michigan, because the roads immediately change – for the worse, far worse.

The truth is that funding for roads is just about as broken as the roads themselves. Part of the reason for that lies with the vehicles that use them. As vehicles have become more fuel-efficient, the amount of revenue derived from tax levied on each gallon of gas, or diesel, has dropped. With fewer gallons purchased, tax revenue drops.

The problem with road funding, however, doesn't lie just with fuel efficiency or the materials used to build and repair roads – although that should be questioned as well, following the yearly work on Telegraph. The problem lies with the source of the potential solution – the broken leadership in the state Legislature and the U.S. Congress.

Gov. Rick Snyder has called for measures that would change and increase funding for roads. We aren't talking chump change here. Consider that the Road Commission for Oakland County says that it takes \$1 million to pave just one mile of a gravel road. His calls have gone unanswered by a Legislature unwilling to do what members were elected to do – lead. That should read, unwilling to face constituents who are loath to pay tax increases.

According to a recent EPIC-MRA poll of 600 Michigan residents, 36 percent of respondents said the state's budget surplus should go to improving roads.

The poll points out not only how serious the problem is, but that motorists are committed to solving it.

Visit just about any tire shop in the metro area and it doesn't take long to find a frustrated car owner whose car suffered a blowout thanks to a pothole.

A tire costs \$150, a rim another \$200 and suspension work even more. Residents are weary of the oft-used excuse that our shoddy roads are due to a vicious freeze-thaw cycle that is somehow isolated to Michigan.

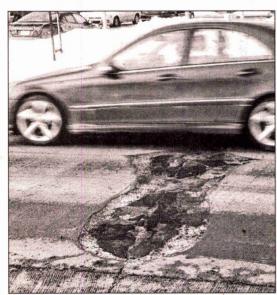
No matter what happens with funding, it will be a long time before Michigan's roads return to reliability.

It should also be remembered that poor roads are a deterrent to economic development, with businesses not wanting to locate in places where they have trouble getting goods to market.

Constituents, meaning voters, need to insist that legislators buckle themselves into their elected seats and drive home a solution to Michigan's lousy roads.

Enough excuses already.

Think about this—the Pure Michigan campaign is bringing more people to our great state than ever. What message do we want them taking back home? That our roads are the worst they've ever driven on or that our lakes, beaches and forests offer the perfect backdrop for a family vacation?



There are far too many massive potholes in Michigan. JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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OUR VIEWS

Township not wrong, but misleading

You can accuse Plymouth Township officials of being disingenuous in using the Plymouth Area Recreation Complex plan to strengthen their case for shared services on a form for the Michigan Economic Vitality Incentive Programs.

But you can't accuse them, as many on social media and the blogosphere did last week, of falsifying documents. They didn't.

That view comes straight from the Michigan Department of Treasury, which said last week there was nothing wrong with the township's use of the PARC project in the plan. The fact the board subsequently voted not to participate in the PARC doesn't change the township's EVIP eligibility status, according to the Treasury Department.

Plymouth Township is expected to receive some \$9,000 in EVIP funding during the state's current fiscal year.

The Treasury Department's statements must be very frustrating to township critics, who screamed "Foul!" when it came out last week township Supervisor Richard Reaume included the PARC on the plan. Reaume said the PARC, which is, for now, off the township radar, will be re-

moved from the EVIP plan the next time the township updates it, later this year.

That's fine with the Treasury
Department. And there's a valid
argument in Reaume's use of the
PARC to help get his community
funding it can use. It fits with the
personality of a man who believes
he's doing what's best for the

But township Trustee Bob
Doroshewitz, who has become
one of the board's biggest critics
from his seat on the dais, isn't as
forgiving as the Treasury Department. Doroshewitz, who has supported the PARC idea from the
beginning, called its inclusion
among EVIP criteria "unconscionable" and demanded it be removed immediately. "At minimum, it's misleading," Doroshewitz said.

We agree with him there. It's right up there with accepting credit for things like the quality of the school district and city of Plymouth amenities in all of the "best places to live" surveys in which Plymouth Township does so well.

Five township officials have consistently blocked the township's participation in the PARC plan from the beginning. And even if inclusion on the EVIP application preceded the vote not to participate, it's still disingenuous. The PARC committee has certainly been talking to township officials longer than that and those officials have been against the PARC plan from the beginning.

To use it as a positive is, as Doroshewitz said, is misleading. It is not criminal, as many wanted to shout in the aftermath following the leak of the information. One could argue it's not even wrong, since the state allows it.

It does, however, speak to the penchant of township officials to ignore the old adage, "Perception is reality." Reaume is perfectly correct when he said the consolidation of services report "is not limited to successful conclusions" and probably would've included PARC even if it had been written after the board rejected it.

But he doesn't know – or doesn't care – how it looks. The board's critics are a vocal few, but it's a group that is growing. Things like this feed the impression that township officials will do or say things that benefit them, true or not.

Township officials did nothing wrong in including the PARC on the EVIP plan. Unless you count the damage to their reputation.

STAFF COLUMN

Brush with cancer has wake-up call effect

here's been a lot of cancer in my life lately.

Most of it came – coincidentally, that is – in various ways at roughly the same time. It started with the biopsy ordered for my 16-year-old son Robert by his doctor. He's had swollen lymph nodes popping up on various parts of his body, including a couple on the back of his head the doctor found particularly, to use his word,

"worrisome."

Blood tests ruled out mononucleosis, but didn't really rule
out much else. His doctor, being
thorough decided to order a bio

Here's the thing I learned in the last couple of weeks: The word "biopsy" is much scarier when it's being said about a loved one than it is when you hear it applied to others. It's particularly scary when it's followed by words like "non-Hodgkins lymphoma" and "leukemia." I didn't even hear the doctor explain he wanted to "rule those things out" when he was describing his thought process. In fact, for several minutes, I didn't hear anything else, because those words were still blaring in my ears.

At about the same time, stories about cancers in various forms suddenly started popping up in my professional life. There was The Dance Connection, the Canton-based dance studio conducting fundraisers to fight lung cancer, a passion for Melissa McParlane ever since her mother, long-time studio owner Carol Jackson, was diagnosed with the disease in 2010. (Jackson ultimately lost that fight in 2012.)

There was Abigail Stonerook, whose passion for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life is contagious. She's the ACS staff partner for the Canton Relay for Life. It's already maybe the biggest one the ACS runs in Michigan, but watch what Stonerook does with it. The bet here: It sets a fundraising record.

And, for the second time in

three years, there was Eric Bacyinski, a warrior in the fight against children's cancer, asking me to shave my head for the annual St. Baldricks's Foundation fundraiser he organizes every year.

These are stories we cover every year, because they're important causes his and because supporting them has become part of the fabric of this

Brad

But never before (except the year I found out my mentor had breast cancer) have these stories resonated with me the way they did this year. I wrote all three stories during the longest few days of my life – the days after they took the biopsy from the back of Robert's head and before

we got the all-clear.

I've written dozens of stories about cancer in my career, listened and nodded sympathetically to folks telling me about the effects the disease has had on their lives. For the couple of hours my son was in the operating and recovery rooms, I thought about those interviews, replayed them in my mind and wondered how someone would write this one.

Thankfully, it doesn't need to be written. Whatever it is affecting my son, it isn't cancer, and I couldn't believe how much easier it was to breathe when we found that out.

But the story still needs to be written for millions of others. Did you know heart disease is the biggest killer of women in the United States (according to the American Heart Association)? Neither did I. I would have thought it was breast cancer, considering the American Cancer Society estimates some 232,670 women will be diagnosed with it this year and some 40,000 will die from it

The LUNGevity Foundation, a nonprofit organization "committed to making an immediate impact on increasing quality-of-life and survivorship of people with lung cancer by accelerating research into early detection and more effective treatments," says one in 14 people will be diagnosed with lung cancer at some point. The disease, the foundation says, kills more people than breast, prostate and colon cancer combined.

Yet lung cancer research gets less federal funding than any of those, a paltry \$1,400 per death caused (which is, in itself, a macabre way of doling out funding).

You can help all of them. If you

» Support the Canton Relay for Life, you can find everything you need to know at www.relayforlife.org/cantonmi.

» Support The Dance Connection's Dancing Divas in their fight against lung cancer, there's a sale at the studio, 1672 S. Lilley in Canton, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 1. To help, call 734-397-9755 or go to the website www.the-dance-connection.com

» Support me as I get my head shaved for the St. Baldrick's Foundation, go to www.stbaldricks.org/events/ mypage/1164/2014, find my name and donate. If you don't want to donate for me, you can always donate for Bacyinski or perhaps Plymouth's most famous shavee, Deb Madonna.

The event, to be held at the Plymouth Roc, has already raised nearly \$7,000.

If you don't feel inspired to support any of these events, there are many, many others you could find with a Google search. The point is, help is needed.

I'm happy to say there's no cancer in my life or, most importantly, my son's life. We don't have to live with that fear and I certainly don't pretend to know what it's like for those who do.

And there are millions of them.
Doing what I can to help those
still fighting the fight is the least
I can do.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

People not a priority

Plymouth Township has changed. Our once-proud community is struggling with a divisive and ego-centric brand of slate government.

Good ideas should rise to the top regardless of who authors them. This is not the case. Our township motto, "People Our Priority," is no longer accurate or descriptive. When our political leaders voted to try to eliminate public questions from board meetings, they are not placing people first. When calls and letters are routinely ignored by these leaders, they are not placing people first.

When Plymouth Township officials voted to stop working with the city of Plymouth, they (the township) are not placing people first. When township spending initiatives are based on personal agenda wants and not needs, they are not placing people first. The trajectory of this downward spiral seems to be accelerating rapidly.

This disingenuous board no longer represents the people's best interests. Every week gives way to a new political folly which is embarrassing to those of us who are engaged and care. It has been said it is easy to win with the truth on your side – maybe this has a lot to do with the lack of success this

board is experiencing. Give credit to the two board members (Curmi and Doroshewitz) who remain independent thinkers/problem solvers and have guts to stand up for what they believe is right – putting people first.

The township motto should be changed to reflect this culture of deceit, political isolation, and arrogance. Perhaps we consider the following mottos: "Once A Great Community," "No Questions, No Problem" or "Divided We Stand." This board behavior is setting a deplorable example of leadership for the youth in our community. How sad.

John Itsell Plymouth

County summit focuses on mental health care issues

Quality mental health care and making sure it reaches those who need it - especially children was the topic at a summit held Monday in Livo-

Redford's Commission on Children's Issues and Redford's 17th District Court sponsored "Navigating Mental Health 2014 & Beyond" at the St. Mary's Cultural Center.

The program brought together educators, mental health workers, local officials and others to discuss challenges and upcoming changes to the way mental health issues are handled in Wayne County.

"We have the responsibility to take over \$700 million of the people's money and give quality care," keynote speaker Tom Watkins said.

"We will decide what constitutes quality" mental health care, he said. "We should stop buying

Watkins took the position of president, CEO and executive director of a newly created Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority as of Oct. 1,

The Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency, which served more than 72,000 providing services for people with mental illness, developmental disabilities, serious emotional disturbances and substance use disorders, converted into an authority similar to the Wayne **County Airport Authority** on Oct. 1.

The new authority has the responsibility to re-bid the county's mental health services, which haven't been bid out since 2002, Watkins said.

Forums set

Public forums on the proposed changes will be held in March and April throughout Wayne County including 5-8 p.m. March 13 at the Westland Public Library and 5-8 p.m. April 3 at the Redford Community Center.

Among the changes are an "elimination of real and perceived conflicts of interest up and down the system" and coordination of case management, Watkins

"We believe that we can and should do better," he said.

School social workers and guidance counselors, although the first to be cut when budgets are tight, are an important part of helping kids, state Rep. Phil Cavanagh of Redford said.

Cavanagh has served as an appointee to the **Detroit-Wayne County** Community Mental Health Agency.

"A lot of kids don't have a strong family unit," he said. A large percentage of those with mental health issues are diagnosed while in the juvenile criminal justice system, he noted.

Other speakers on the panel included Dale Yagiela, executive director of Growth Works; Christopher Wignet, superintendent of Wayne County RESA; and Tamela Rusch and Tracy McCullough of the Michigan Department of Mental Health.

Mental trauma has emerged as a second leading issue after substance abuse among teens who use Growth Works services, Yagiela

Last resort

The juvenile justice system often becomes the treatment of last resort, he said.

Treatment options have also been very limited offering only "plain vanilla treatment," he said. A lot of issues call for a different way of doing things, he said, but "the process moves gla-

"It's safe to say we aren't providing what we



the floor. To his right are Christopher Wignet, superintendent Wayne County RESA and Tracy McCullough of the Michigan Department of Human Services. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Dr. Stanley Szczotka of the Garden City School District questions the ability of students to access services.

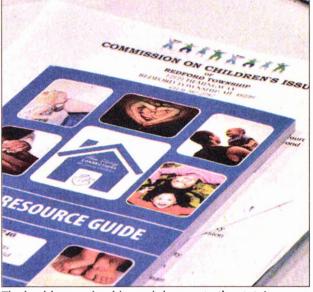
need to," RESA's Wignet said.

Common Core, EAA, making up snow days and MEAP scores don't mean anything if children aren't ready to learn, he said.

Students with mental health issues often don't get the attention they need until they are in the criminal justice system, he said.

Another issue is children "aging out" of the foster care system with no family to go back to, Rusch said.

Foster children with mental health issues are also at a higher risk to become homeless as adults, McCullough said.



The health summit addressed changes to the state's mental health system.

Only half of foster children finish high school, 20 percent go to college and only 2-9 percent finish a bachelor's

degree, she said. Her department

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works to connect the dots between education, working and successful life outcomes, she said.

"They don't have the support that many of us had in college," she said.

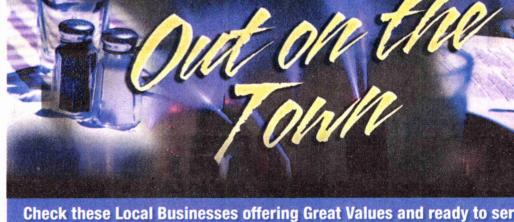


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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR



The Michigan Philharmonic and the Plymouth Oratorio Society come together at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 9, at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth in a concert that brings together chorus and orchestra. "The Ives of March" features two popular pieces of classical music from Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana," in addition to Anton Dvorak's "Te Deum." Concert goers also have the opportunity to attend a special pre-concert brunch at Station 885 in Plymouth (\$25 includes beverage, tax and tip). For reservations or concert tickets, call 734-451-2112 or visit www.michiganphil.org.

Agent Orange town hall

Date/Time: Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (registration 8-9 a.m.).

Location: Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile, Northville

Details: Vietnam Veterans Chapter 528 sponsors an Agent Orange Town Hall to inform and register veterans, their families and community, that have been affected by Agent Orange and other dioxins used during the Vietnam War up to the present. The effects of these dioxins are carried in the DNA of the affected person for up to seven generations. The National Academy of Sciences and Veterans Administration has connected Agent Orange and other dioxin exposure during this period, to include 12 diseases, 38 cancers and 20 birth defects. Reservations are required for this

Contact: To RSVP or for more information, go to www.VVA 528.org.

Bingo night

Date/Time: Wednesday, March 5, 7:15 p.m.

Location: Sunflower Clubhouse, 45800 Hantord, Canton **Details:** Canton Newcomers

and Neighbors' Bingo Night features prizes donated by local businesses, a slice of pizza from Benito's, a raffle to benefit First Step and an opportunity to sign up for activities for the entire family at the next adult general meeting. Request a complimentary March newsletter at www.cantonnewcomersand neighbors.org. Contact: To RSVP, donate a small prize or with any questions, call Noreen at 734-981-0486 or email nrybar@yahoo.com.

Medicare/Medicaid counseling

Date/Time: March 5, 1-3 p.m.

Location: United Home Health Services, 2200 N. Canton Center Road, Ste 250, Canton

Details: United Home Health Services offers free individual counseling with a certified MMAP counselor who will help you understand: Medicare/Medicaid eligibility, transitioning from employer coverage to Medicare, plan options, assistance programs, drug insurance and Medicare/Medicaid fraud and abuse identification and reporting. Medicare plan enrollment and subsidy application assistance also provided.

Contact: Call Heather Pinage at 734-727-2063 to schedule an appointment. For MMAP information, visit www.mmapinc.org/pages/ about.html

Schoolcraft open house

Time/date: 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12 Location: VisTaTech Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600

Haggerty Road, Livonia

Details: Learn about your new education options in nursing, health information administration, communications and criminal justice through Schoolcraft College and The University of Toledo. alk with Schoolcraft and University of Toledo advisers in one location at one time. Contact: www.school-

craft.edu/SCtoU; 734-462-4426

Dates/Times/Locations:

Blood drives

» Sunday, March 9, 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, N. Territori-

» Friday, March 14, 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main.

» Sunday, March 23, 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., St. Kenneth Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth.

» Monday, March 24, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., City of Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main. » Tuesday, March 25, 1:30-7:15 p.m., St. Michael's

» Friday, March 28, 3:30-8 p.m., Dodson Elementary

Church, 7000 N. Sheldon,

Canton.

School, 205 Beck, Canton. Details: The American Red Cross sponsors the above blood drives. All donors will be entered into a raffle for a two-year lease on a 2014 Ford Fusion, with a \$5,000 ash option. Donors will also be entered into a weekly raffle for a \$125 gas card. Walk-ins are welcome.

Contact: Donors can call Diane Risko at 313-549-7052 or email at Diane.Risko@redcross.org to set up an appointment.

Building bridges

Date/Time: Saturday, April 12, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Location: The Muslim Community of Western Suburbs (Canton Mosque), 40440 Palmer, Canton.

Details: The Muslim Community of Western Suburbshosts the annual "Building Bridges – A Family Fun Day," a free open house event, with the goal of meeting neighbors and fellow citizens to foster communication and build relationships. There will be fun activities, henna, calligraphy, information on Islam around the world and a variety of ethnic food.

Contact: For more information, contact mcwsoutreach@gmail.com and RSVP at mcws.org/outreach.

Spelling bee

Date/Time: Wednesday, March 26, 7 p.m. Location: Canton High School Allen DuBois Little Theater

Details: The Community Literacy Council hosts its 2014 spelling bee, a night of what organizers call "spirited spelling competition" that supports the local literacy program. Businesses, groups and organizations can sponsor a team, make a donation, be a speller or be part of the cheering section. The event is designed to "make a difference for many adults in our community who are not proficient in English."

Contact: For more information, call chairperson Carol Saunders, 734-455-4940, email desaunders64@comcast.net or visit www.plymouthcantonliteracy.org

Church fundraiser

Dates: Through March 21 Location: Abundant Life Church, 2100 Hannan, Canton

Details: The youth department of Abundant Life Church of God is holding a Little Caesars® fundraiser to raise money for Summer Youth Revival & Community Service Activities. Pizza kits, cookie dough and pie kits range in price from \$12 to \$19 and contain all the ingredients to bake pizza, bread, pies and cookies at home in minutes.

Contact: To order items from Abundant Life Church of God, contact Pastor Bobby Curry at 734-249-1801 before March 21.

Community conversation

Date/Time: Thursday, March 20, 7 p.m.

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

Details: The Center for Michigan will hold a Community Conversation at which the public is invited to provide their input regarding education, jobs and prosperity, quality of life and public money priorities, among other state issues. This is an opportunity to engage in meaningful and informative conversations that make a difference to Michigan residents.

Contact: To RSVP, email IreneLamanen@gmail.com

Charity Mom2Mom

Date/Time: Saturday, April 5, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Location: Summit on the Park in Canton

Details: In anticipation of their Mom2Mom Sale benefiting Big Family of Michigan, which serves the needs of Michigan's foster children and young adults, the Canton Newcomers and Neighbors Club, a social, civic and charitable organization, invites table renters to sell new and gently used maternity, baby and child items including furniture and larger play equipment.

Contact: For more information, call Carrie at 313-520-5626 or email coollaccia1975@yahoo.com.

Hospice support

Date/Time: Third Saturday of each month, 10-11:30 a.m. Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 N. Lilley, Suite A, Canton

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts a grief support group, "Compassionate Words," providing emotional support to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one. The group focuses on the various stages of grief and incorporates basic journal writing as a way to express feelings. The program is free of charge.

Contact: To register, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement Coordinator at 888-983-9050 or email achristensen@cchnet.net.



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CHIEFS OF WEIGHT

Canton wrestlers Pantaleo, Griffin eye Palace podium to cap stellar prep careers

By Tim Smith

Staff Writer

They both are from families who eat, sleep and drink wrestling.

They also have simultaneously carved out amazing legacies with the Canton Chiefs varsity wrestling program that will long outlast their final prep matches this weekend at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

So it follows along perfectly that Canton seniors Alec Pantaleo and Ben Griffin don't just plan on being on the podium in their respective weight classes when the Division 1 state finals conclude Saturday (the three-day tourney begins Thursday).

Pantaleo (49-0) and Griffin (46-3) will compete at 145 and 130, respectively.

"My goal is to be at the top

of the podium," said the 17year-old Pantaleo, who actually did win a state title as a sophomore in the 135-pound weight class.

weight class.
Likewise, Griffin isn't about to come that close to the ultimate achievement and not reach it. He painfully remembers 2013, when a knee injury curtailed his bid for a championship.

"My last performance last year was a grueling experience on my knee," said Griffin, also 17. "The year before that I was the state runner-up. This year, I won't be satisfied with anything but the top. I'll regret it if I don't win it now."

Lots of wins

Both four-year sensations have combined for nearly 400 victories with the Chiefs since first stepping onto the mat in 2010-11.

Griffin reached the 200-win plateau in the recent D1 team districts.

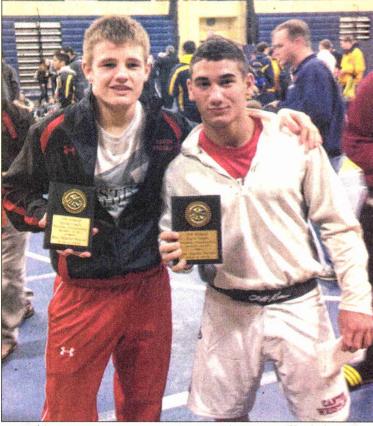
Pantaleo — who will wrestle at the University of Michigan, where his uncle was an All-American — might have reached that mark too, if not for a broken hand that wiped out the final couple months of his junior season.

He has over 170 career wins and only eight losses in four splendid seasons with the Chiefs.

No matter what happens at the state finals, Pantaleo-Griffin will always be regaled as an outstanding Canton combo.

It will be hard to think about one wrestler without thinking about the other, perhaps like the Detroit Tigers' double-play combination of Alan Trammell and Lou Whit-

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It's nothing new to see Canton senior wrestlers Ben Griffin (left) and Alec Pantaleo clutching medals. They have amassed many in their four-year careers with the Chiefs.



Salem senior forward Jake Sealy (No. 9) accepts high fives from teammates after scoring the first of two goals on Monday night against Canton. Photos BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Relentless Rocks

Willer's hat trick leads Salem to 9-1 mercy-rule rout of Canton

> By Tim Smith Staff Writer

Early penalty trouble wasn't what shorthanded Canton needed in Monday night's Division 1 pre-regional boys hockey game at Plymouth Cultural Center.

But Salem scored two power-play goals within 47 seconds to break a scoreless tie, and the Rocks kept on shooting and scoring the rest of the night in a 9-1 mercy-rule victory. Junior forward Noah Willer's third

Junior forward Noah Willer's third goal of the night opened up the eightgoal spread with 13 minutes remaining in the third, at which point the game was called.

Salem (11-14-1) will face Plymouth at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the preregional semifinal.

"This is good to see, because we've struggled to score goals all year," Salem head coach Ryan Ossenmacher said. "... Everything up to this point is basically getting ready for this and you need balanced scoring. You can get a line that produces, but you need more than one line.

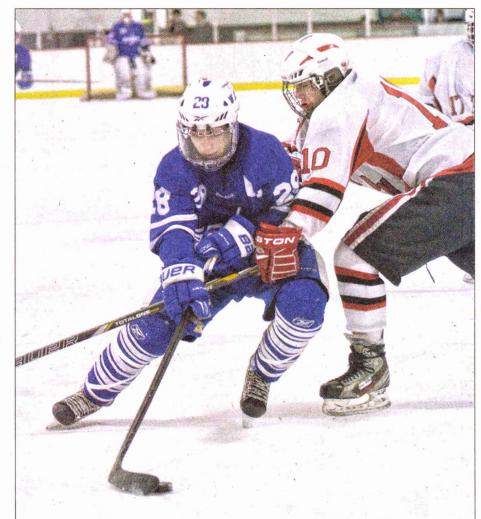
"Tonight we had three lines going and every one of them chipped in."

Also scoring two goals each were senior forwards Jake Sealy (who also had three assists), Jason Newell (three points) and Jack Driscoll.

Powering up

For Chiefs first-year coach Brad Barath, the relentless Salem attack (a 49-7 edge in shots on goal) was too much for his squad.

"It's not what I expected or what anybody else really expected. I thought we were going to come out here and have a battle. But that cer-



Cutting around Canton defender Bryan Eastman (No. 10) is Salem senior forward Jack Driscoll (No. 28).

tainly was not the case.

"... They've got a good power play and our PK has struggled all year. Having guys in the box with a short rester it's not going to be any good."

roster, it's not going to be any good."
Salem's first goal of the night came with just two seconds remaining in a 5-on-3 power play.

Willer hammered home a centering feed from junior forward Liam Walker (three assists) with Jason Newel also earning a helper.

That fired up the Rocks because

they still had about 90 seconds with

the extra man.

"It felt good, that 5-on-3 really put us on top and we scored with two seconds to go," Sealy said. "And we scored the 5-on-4 right after that."

Scoring with a slam dunk at the right post was Willer, after receiving Sealy's crisp cross-ice pass. Starting the play was junior blue liner Noah Saad.

Just 32 seconds after that, Driscoll got in on the fun to make it 3-0.

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'Cats ward off rally by Rocks

Salem's uprising too late; Plymouth to face Novi

> By Tim Smith Staff Writer

If the Plymouth Wildcats varsity girls basketball team ever had that sinking feeling in the second half Monday against Salem, Brooke Senkbeil took care of it.

With the Rocks charging back into the Class A district opener at Northville, senior wing Senkbeil helped ward off that comeback with perfect shooting (4-for-4) from the free-throw line in the final stanza to cap off Plymouth's 45-40 victory.

Salem outscored the Wildcats 19-14 in the fourth — all but two tallied by junior forward Hayley Rodgers and junior forward Shara Long — but could not finish the rally.

"Credit Salem a lot for being relentless and making some big plays in the fourth quarter," Plymouth head coach Nick Brandon said. "But I was also really proud of some of our standout players, notably Brooke Senkbeil, for stepping up and making some gutsy shots in the second half to help us win.

"We let our lead slip near the end of the game, but to out team's credit we gained it back at crunch time to earn

an obviously important win."
Senkbeil led the Wildcats (17-4) with
12 points, while senior center Shelby
Cheston (10 points) and senior wing
Jada Woody (eight points) also chipped

For Salem (12-9), Rodgers nearly pulled off the comeback for her team. She drained three treys in the fourth quarter and led the Rocks with 11 points.

Collecting 10 points (eighth in the fourth) was Long.

Plymouth enjoyed leads of 12-6 after one quarter and 19-14 at halftime before opening up a 31-21 edge after three.

Salem 'family'

The Rocks were not about to go without a fight, with an 11-0 run cutting the deficit to two with a minute to go.
"We had a couple opportunities to tie

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Plymouth senior point guard Kylie Robb (left) dribbles past Salem junior guard Jamyra Wilson on Monday night at Northville. JOHN KEMSKI J EXPRESS PHOTO

KENSINGTON CONFERENCE MEET

Middle of the pool

P-CEP squads finish 5-6-7 as Spartans nip Mustangs

By Brad Emons

It seemed most of the stars aligned Saturday for the Livonia Stevenson boys

After losing the KLAA Central Division title just a week earlier to Northville, 655.5-608, the Spartans reversed their fortunes at South Lyon East in a big way by repeating as the Kensington Conference champions by a mere 4.5 points, 888.5-881.

Central Division teams Novi (758.5), South Lyon Unified (615) and Salem (376) took the next three places followed by KLAA South Division squads Plymouth (305.5), Canton (236), Livonia Churchill (211), Westland John Glenn (188), Wayne Memorial (181.5) and Livonia Franklin (72).

Salem head coach Chuck Olson was pleased with how his squad performed.

"We had some great swims," Olson noted, "led by captain Matt Pairitz with state qualifying times in the 50 and 100

Pairitz finished fourth in the 50 freestyle with a time of 22.25 seconds and came in fifth in the 100 free (48.98).

Olson listed several others as rising to the occasion.

Those included Charles Liu (200 free with state qualifying time of 1:48.39, 100 breast), Patrick Casey (200 IM, 100 back), Brendan Wellman (100 fly, 100



Salem's Matt Pairitz qualified for the D1 state meet in two individual events and one relay. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

back), Phil Collingwood (200 IM, 500 free), Colin Urbaczewski (200 IM, 100 fly), Greg Payne (100 fly, 500 free), Noah Fleming (50, 100 free) and Brian Kuang (200 free, 100 back).

Divers Michael Falzon and John Vary also scored to help the Rocks to their fifth-place finish, Olson said.

Casey's 57.01 in the 100 back just missed the 56.59 qualifying time. Salem's 400 free relay (Pairitz, Col-

lingwood, Kuang, Liu) and Plymouth's 200 medley relay team of Ben Yang, Garrett Beauprez, Ryan Heinze and Michael Wischer also qualified with respective times of 3:22.26 and 1:43.09

But Salem's efforts could not offset the dominance by Stevenson, winners of nine of 12 events.

Leading the Spartans was senior Nick Arakelian, who figured in four first places including individual wins in the 200-yard individual medley (1:49.2) and 100 freestyle (46.48).

Arakelian's most impressive victory came in the 200 IM as he was more than 10 seconds faster than runner-up Joel Bischoff of South Lyon (1:59.7). Arakelian also broke the meet record of 1:51.65 set by Canton's Victor Zhang in 2012

Arakelian then teamed up with Michael Chen, Alex Lee and Jackson O'Dowd to win the 200 freestyle relay (1:27.28) and also anchored the firstplace 400 freestyle relay (3:08.94) which included Jake Goeddeke, Parker Belmore and O'Dowd.

Both were meet records.

BOYS SWIM RESULTS

KENSINGTON CONFERENCE **BOYS SWIM MEET FINAL RESULTS** Feb. 21-22 at South Lyon East

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 888.5 points; 2. Northville, 881; 3. Novi, 758.5; 4. South Lyon Unified, 615; 5. Salem, 376; 6. Plymouth, 305.5; 7. Canton, 236; 8. Livonia Churchill, 211; 9. Westland John Glenn, 188; 10. Wayne Memorial, 181.5; 11. Livonia Charling 20.

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200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Parker Belmore, Grant McNamara, Bradley Bielicki, Jake Goeddeke), 1:36.2 (meet record); 2, South Lyon (Nick VanDyke, Mikhail Wisman, Joel Bischoff, Max Wilkinson), 1:37 91; 3. Novi (Gordy Williams, Nathan Louie, Tanner Vincent, Arthur Shi), 1:41.58; 4. Northville, 1:42 54; 5. Plymouth, 1:43.09; 6. Salem, 1:43.55; 7. Canton, 1:49.61; 8. Churchill, 1:51.42.

200 freestyle: 1. Jackson O'Dowd (LS), 1:44.96; 2. Matt LaPorte (LS), 1:46.99; 3. Charles Liu (Salem), 1:48.39; 4. Mark Karninski (N'ville), 1:48.48; 5. Alex Lee (LS), 1:49.32; 6. James Popyk (Novi), 1:50.74; 7. Nick Dufresne (N'ville), 1:50.86; 8. Garard Niermann (Canton), 1:52.72.

200 individual medley: 1. Nick Arakelian (LS), 1:49.3 (meet record); 2. Joel Bischoff (SLU), 1:59.7; 3. Bielicki (LS), 2:00.79; 4. James Xue (N'ville), 2:01.55; 5. Josh Liu (N'ville), 2:03.71; 6. Wisman (SLU), 2:03.85; 7. Tom O'Donohue (LS), 2:04.76; 8. Chris Geng (N'ville), 2:06.18.

50 freestyle: 1. Goeddeke (LS), 21.61; 2. Andrew Westphal (N'ville), 21.85; 3. Wilkinson (SLU), 22.14; 4. Matt Pairitz (Salem), 22.25; 5. Cody Hodges (WJG), 22.74; 6. Michael Chen (LS), 22.92; 7.

Yash Bajaj (N^{*}ville), 23.16; 8. Alan Ruan (N^{*}ville), 23.18. 1-meter diving: 1. Ethan Schmidt (SLU), 389.50 points; 2. Ethan Burke (LC), 381.50; 3. Matt Meadows (SLU), 363.30; 4. Levi Oxner (SLU), 33.80; 5. James Cioli (Novi), 316.15; 6. Nathan Pellerito (Novi), 302.40; 7. Brian Atiyeh (LS), 293.80; 8. Anton Travis (N'ville),

100 butterfly: 1. Vincent (Novi), 52.46; 2. Bischoff (SLU), 52.99; 3. Belmore (LS), 54.18; 4. Sid Kareddy (Novi), 54.36; 5. Xue (N'ville), 54.47; 6. Bielicki (LS), 54.67; 7. Ryan Perczak (SLU), 55.79; 8. Frank Zhang (N'ville), 56.09.

70 (Novine), 30.03.

10 freestyle: 1. Arakelian (LS), 46.48; 2. Westphal (N'ville), 47.14; 3. O'Dowd (LS), 47.64; 4. Wilkinson (SLU), 48.59; 5. Pairitz (Salem), 48.98; 6. VanDyke (SLU), 50.06; 7. Lee (LS), 50.14; 8. Kaminski (N'ville), 50.19.

500 freestyle: 1. LaPorte (LS), 4:44.6; 2. McNamara (LS), 4:54.11; 3. Dufresne (N'ville), 4:54.18; 4. Phillip Collingwood (Salem), 4:57.29; 5. Fred Schulz (N'ville), 5:01.67; 6. Matthew Schafer (N'ville), 5:01.96; 7. Perczak (SLU), 5:08.53; 8. David Alameddine (N'ville), 5:13.4.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Arakelian, Chen, Lee, O'Dowd). 1:27.28 (meet record); 2. South Lyon (Wilkinson, VanDyke, Bischoff, Wisman), 1:28.5; 3. Northville (Xue, Ruan, Kaminski, Westphal), 1:29.55; 4. Novi, 1:32.2; 5. Plymouth, 1:32.88; 6. Wayne,

vesapnary, 1.29-53; 4. Novt, 1:32.2; 5. Plymouth, 1:32.88; 6. Wayne 1:33.81; 7. Canton, 1:36.27; 8. Salem, disqualified.

100 backstroke: 1. Vincent (Novi), 52.81; 2. Belmore (LS), 53.39; 3. Goeddeke (LS), 53.72; 4. VanDyke (SLU), 55.32; 6. Casey Patrick (Salem), 57.01; 7. Connor Pogue (SLU), 57.12; 8. Gordy Williams (Novi), 58.0.

100 breaststroke: 1. McNamara (LS), 1:00.04; 2. O'Donohue (LS), 1:00.72; 3. Liu (N'ville), 1:01.05; 4. Bajaj (N'ville), 1:01.32; 5. Geng (N'ville), 1:01.89; 6. Wisman (SLU), 1:02.41; 7. Ruan (N'ville), 1:03.15; 8. Louie (Novi), 1:04.02.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Arakelian, Goeddeke, Belmore, O'Dowd), 3:08.94 (meet record); 2. Northville (Xue, Kaminski, Liu, Westphal), 3:16.52; 3. Novi (Kareddy, Shi, Jacob Robbins, Vincent), 3:18.19; 4. Salem, 3:22.26; 5. Pymouth, 3:27.09; 6. South Lyon, 3:28.03; 7. Wayne, 3:30.48; 8. Canton, 3:31.77.

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Carrying the puck from Salem's zone down the right side of the rink was Driscoll, with left wing Walker as a decoy for Canton starting goal-

ie Nick Borg to worry about.
Driscoll ripped a high shot from the right circle over Borg's trapper. Junior defenseman Nick Smith was credited with the lone assist on the play.

Glimmering hope

Canton (3-19-1) showed a spark of life to open the second period, and needed just 40 seconds to get on the board.
A faulty clearing attempt

by the Rocks landed on the stick of Canton senior defenseman Collin Smith at the left

Smith wired a slapshot that gueaked through Salem sen ior goalie Parker Godfrey to make it a 3-1 contest.

Then came what Ossenmacher agreed was probably the biggest goal of the night for his team, the one that reopened a three-goal spread with 12:45 left in the frame.

A point shot by Saad (two assists) caromed off the boards behind the net into a pileup of players to the left of Borg — who was caught out of position after coming out to cut the angle on the blast.

The rebound was jammed in by Jason Newel.

The fourth one definitely put us back in control," Ossenmacher said.

But for good measure, Sealy and Driscoll (again) found the range before the second period concluded, opening up a 6-1

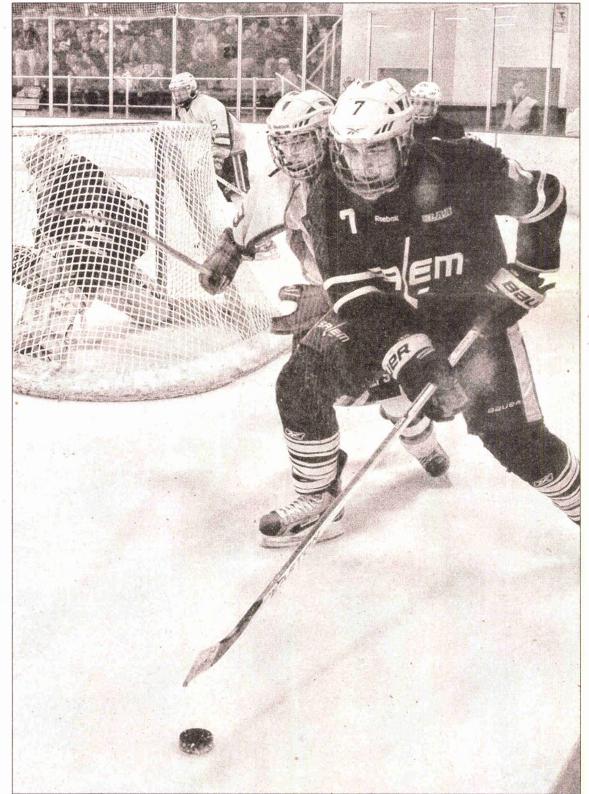
Sealy's second of the night made it 5-1 with seven minutes to go in the middle stanza.

On target

Sophomore forward Evan Newel set up the goal with a perfect pass up the middle. Sealy, moving to his left into the circle, roofed the puck over Borg's glove.

"I just saw the D step up on me," said Sealy, describing the goal. "I walked around him and I saw the far side open, so I just went far side high.

That goal was the end of the



Chasing the puck behind the Salem goal are Rocks defenseman Nate West (No. 7) and Canton forward Matt Eastman (No. 19). BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

night for Borg, pulled in favor of sophomore Isaac Salinas.

Driscoll's second of the night was set up by line mates Walker and junior Richie Cor-

so (two assists). The onslaught continued in the third, with Jason Newel scoring (from Sealy) at the 17-second mark.

Barath brought in his third goalie (senior Justin Kolbicz) at that point, but it didn't mat-

Shots by Sealy and Willer (from senior forward Steven Homrich) beat Kolbicz within a one-minute span to finish off the Chiefs.

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COLLEGE BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Crusaders take two from St. Francis

Madonna University ended its four-game weekend baseball swing Sunday in Marion, Ill. by sweeping a double-header from host University of St. Francis, 6-4, and 6-0, at Rend One Park.

The Crusaders, now 6-4 overall, will start their southern road trip Saturday in Auburndale, Fla. with a doubleheader against Hannibal-La-Grange (Mo.).

Freshman right-hander Mike Kanitra (Livonia Stevenson) picked up his first win as a Crusader going six strong innings in the nightcap. While working out of a fifth-inning jam, Kanitra allowed five hits, walked only one and struck out

Reliever Alec Padilla pitched a scoreless seventh to complete the shutout.

Offensively, Shane Dokey went 2-for-4 with two RBI. Donny Holland also added two hits, while Ryan Lech and John Lauro each added an RBI.

In Game One, Ben Matigian (Livonia Churchill) went 2for-2 with two RBI and Lauro added two hits.

Winning pitcher Adam Prasad, a sophomore, improved to 2-0 allowing five hits and one earned run over the first six innings. Reliever Dan Stoney (Canton) was roughed up for three earned runs in the sev-

enth, but MU hung on. The loss dropped St. Francis

to 5-5 overall. ST. FRANCIS (III.) 3-5, MADONNA 1-4: On Saturday, host St. Francis (4-4) swept a twinbill from the Crusaders (5-3) at Rend One Park. Winning pitcher Adam Panayotovich threw a complete-game six-hitter as the Saints took the

Losing pitcher Evan Piechota (1-1), a sophomore right-hander from Stevenson, allowed just two earned runs on five hits over six innings, but suffered the loss. Joe Ruge knocked in two runs, while Luke Wyss added an RBI for the victorious Saints.

Thomas Daffern collected two hits, while John Lauro knocked in MU's lone run.

In Game Two, Anthony Feliciano went 2-for-3 with two BBJ, while Kyle Burton also knocked in two runs as St. Francis earned a 5-4 victory.

Winning pitcher Jake Butler went the first six inpings allowing two earnerf runs on eight hits and

innings allowing two earned runs on eight hits and four walks. He struck out five before Ruge came on in

the seventh to earn the save.
Freshman Alex DeYonker (Livonia Franklin), the MU starter, gave up four earned runs on six hits over four innings. Reliever Jake Varcie (1-1) took the loss, while Justin Hicks pitched two scoreless innings. Lauro went 2-for-3 with an RBI, while Joel Coope

also knocked in a run for the Crusaders

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

Crusaders beaten by WHAC foe N'western

Schoolcraft wins to earn District 10 playoff spot

The Madonna University men's basketball team is literally limping into the postseason.

The Crusaders ended their Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference regular season Saturday with a 70-57 setback at the University of Northwestern Ohio.

MU, which slipped to 19-11 overall and 15-7 in the WHAC (fourth place), suffered its fifth loss in its last eight games.

But the good news was that senior All-America pointguard Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson) returned to the lineup after sitting out the previous game with an injury.

Naubert finished with a team-high 15 points, while Derek Lennen (12), Travis Schuba (11) and Salem's Tyler Stewart (10) all scored in double figures.

Junior center Donald Owens also grabbed 10 rebounds for MU, which trailed 37-33 at the half.

The Crusaders committed 21 turnovers and shot 23-of-52 from the floor (44.2 percent)

Ed Jenkins paced the third-place Racers (21-7, 17-5) with 21 points, while Johnny Elliott added 17. Derrick Tate chipped in with 16 points and 10 boards.

MU the fourth seed, will open WHAC tournament play beginning at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at home in a quarterfinal matchup against fifth-seed Aquinas College (15-15). SCHOOLCRAFT 81, KIRTLAND 68:

Canton's Terrell Sewell scored 20 points, while Andrew Mapley added 13 points and 19 boards Monday to lift host Schoolcraft College (14-13, 7-10) to an MCCAA Eastern Conference triumph over Kirtland Community College (6-19, 2-15). Schoolcraft, which dressed only eight players, also got 18 points and eight rebounds from Olushakin Cole (Livonia Franklin). Schoolcaft shot 52.4 percent from the floor (33-of-63). Terrence Coles (Redford Thurston) added 15

Ierrence Coles (Redford I hurston) added 15 points, while Devonta Riley collected six assists as sixth-place Schoolcraft sewed up a berth in the upcoming NJCAA Division II District 10 tournament Tuesday, March 4 on the road against third-place Flint MottCC (22-5, 13-3).

Jack Ocobock led Kirtland with 22 points, while Collin Craven and Ivan Vukovic added 17 and 11, respectively. The Firebirds, who trailed 36-34 at halftims, sept only 32, a percent from the field.

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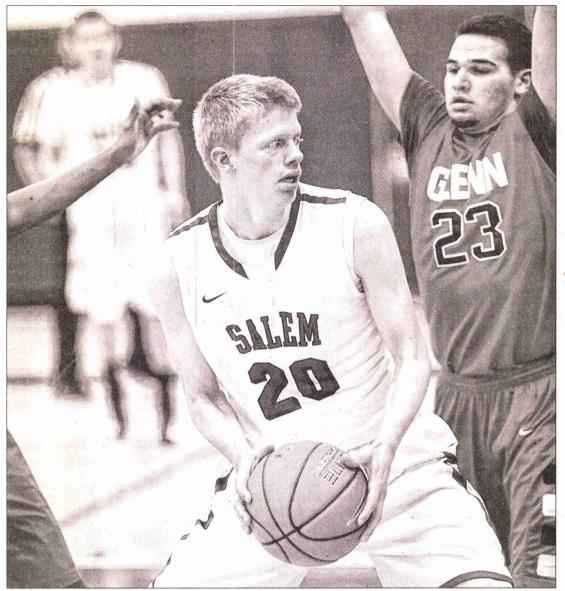
Saturday, host Flint Mott Community College (21-5, 12-3) scored 70 points in the paint to romp past Schoolcraft College (13-13, 6-10) in an MCCAA Eastern Conference game. The Bears, who shot a blistering 48-of-81 from

the floor (59.3 percent), had four players score at least 20 points including Jamal Reynolds, who also pulled down 12 rebounds, Devin Foster, who dished out 10 assists, along with Marcus Johnson and NJCAA Division II Player of the Week Malik

Albert.
Ruston Hayward also came off the bench to added 13 as Mott outscored the Ocelots 67-32 in

the second half.

Terrence Coles (Redford Thurston) led Schoolcraft with 28 points and eight rebounds, while Andrew Mapley added 14 points and nine boards. Schoolcraft committed a total of 26 turnovers.



Salem's Jake Lenders (20) tries to get past Glenn defender Mo Foani. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Rocks fall in bid for conference title

Everette, Pruitt lead John Glenn to victory

By Brad Emons Staff Writer

The Sochi Olympics provided plenty of golden moments.

And the winter of 2014 has also proven to be memorable as well for the Westland John Glenn boys basketball team.

The Rockets, who came in as the KLAA South Division champs, picked up their second title of the season Saturday night by downing host Salem, the Central Division champs, 56-51, for the Kensington Conference champi-

John Glenn, now 14-5 overall, will now take on White Lake Lakeland, also 14-5, for the overall Association crown beginning 7 p.m. Thursday at

The Rockets' one-two punch of 6-foot-4 senior forward Isaac Everette (26 points) and 6-6 senior forward James Pruitt (10 points, 16 rebounds) proved to be to much for the Rocks, who

slipped to 15-4 overall. But it was a team effort for Glenn, which was able to withstand a late Salem push after leading by as many as 11 points

early in the fourth quarter. Glenn raced out to a 21-10 first quarter lead as Everette scored nine points, including a three-pointer. Triples by Mychael Bradley and Mo Foani also helped create the 11-point advantage.

Glenn came out full-court pressure to start the game and made 8-of-15 first period shots. "We just try to get some energy going," Glenn coach Dan Young said. "Nothing special, just try and pick up and get some pressure from the start. Just try and get a good start, be aggressive, and not be passive, that's all.'

Slow start

Meanwhile, it was not the start Salem envisioned.

"Glenn came out of the blocks blazing, and they never looked back," Salem coach Bob Brodie said. "They led from wire to wire. It was a force. They played tough both ends of the court. They're a big, strong team ... fast. Isaac (Everette) didn't play us the first time, and he did a nice job. And Pruitt was tougher

than heck inside." Salem cut the lead to 28-22 at half time, but Glenn outscored the Rocks 16-11 in the

third quarter to go up 44-33. Salem shot 15-of-35 from the field through three quarters (42.8 percent) and hung around in the final quarter despite going 9-for-23.

Michael Hoover's basket with 1:28 left in the fourth cut the deficit to 49-45. And the Rocks thought they had possession arrow going their way after forcing a jump ball just three seconds later. But officials ruled Glenn had asked for a timeout prior to the tieup and Everette nailed six straight free throws to seal the victory.

Salem committed only nine turnovers on the night, but

shot only 1-of-7 from the foul

"In the game like this we told the kids. 'If you're going to win a game like this you've got to have shots fall,' and we didn't shoot that well tonight," said Brodie, whose team finished 24-of-58 from the floor (41.3 percent).

"There was a lid on the bucket up there, but give Glenn credit also. They changed the trajectory of our shots quite a bit, too.

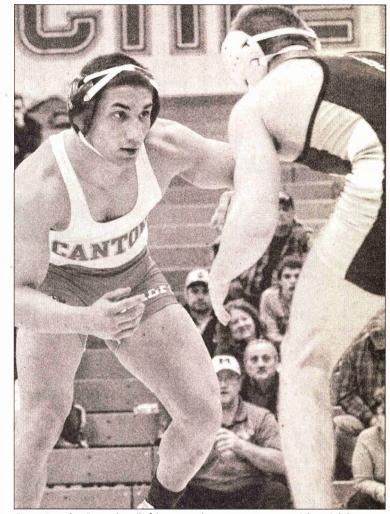
Senior guard Connor Cole paced Salem with 14 points, while junior forward Tyler Brooks added 10. Hoover grabbed a team-best six

"It was tough, but we hung in there," Brodie said. "I was proud of the way the kids hung in there. It looked like it could have been a blowout at a time, but we fought back into the

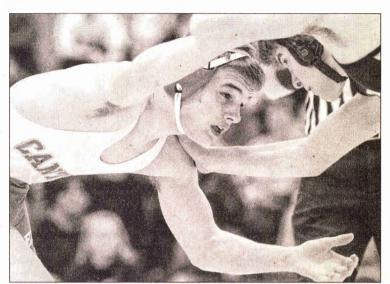
Salem will play its regular season finale also on Thursday at home against Walled Lake

'We'll try and regroup and use that last (regular season) game as a springboard into the state tournament," Brodie said. "It's a brand new season again. We lost a game late in our division schedule - South Lyon got us — and you wonder how you're going to bounce back, and they did a pretty good job, so hopefully they bounce back.'

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Canton's Alec Pantaleo (left) wears down opponents with quick legs and mental toughness. DR. ANDREW RUBENSTEIN



Nothing bothers Canton's Ben Griffin (left) when he's in the heat of

WRESTLERS

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They seem to know that,

"We are like brothers," said Griffin, slated to join the Eastern Michigan University wrestling program next season.
"Our legacy, I honestly think
we might be one of the best duos to come through here, through the Park. We have been together since we were 6 years old. We were dual part-

ners from 6 to 18. "It's been a wild ride. Not many people can say that they've been that close-knit and that hard-working for so long."

Leaving their mark

Concurring was the musclebound yet soft-spoken Pantaleo, who despite being just 5-foot-5 looks like he could bench press a small car.

"Definitely, I think we are going to leave our legacy here," Pantaleo said. "I'm just hoping that there will be some place in the school, not in the wrestling room, where (people) see our names and see what we did. That's the only thing I want after leaving here.

During those recent team districts, Pantaleo peered up at the crowded bleachers at Canton High School and mavbe realized he doesn't have to worry so much about that.

"I look in the crowd and see a giant group of my friends that are watching," Pantaleo said. "That's always sweet looking in the crowd and seeing people that usually don't go to tournaments.

He acknowledged that it takes time to get to know the sport's nuances and tactics. But once somebody makes that kind of investment in learning about wrestling, that person undoubtedly is a fan

"It's a very confusing sport," Pantaleo said. "I mean, even I get confused and I've been in it for years now. The thing is about wrestling, once you watch it you're going to love it because it's so exciting.

"There's different stuff that can happen at any time. Unlike football, where it's basically just straightforward right in front of your face.'

And wrestling fans can see just how special Pantaleo and Griffin are, and have been, throughout their Canton careers. All they've had to do is watch how fiercely they compete.

Down the road

Astonishingly, their career

paths have almost been in

lockstep.

Pantaleo said he started wrestling as a little kid when his dad (Mike Pantaleo, a Chiefs assistant coach) operated the Canton Youth Wres-

The seed, of course, had been planted as soon as he could walk, with his family's link to wrestling featuring an uncle, Joe Pantaleo, who was a two-time NCAA All-American at Michigan.

Alec Pantaleo recalled his first big victory, winning a state championship trophy in a youth league while in sixth grade and "after that I realized I had a lot of potential" in the sport

That feeling of accomplishment fueled a work ethic that only elite athletes can relate to. Pantaleo said he weighed 101 pounds in sixth grade, but bulked up over the ensuing years to 152.

"I work out every day," he said. "Sometimes more than I need to. I work out a lot.'

Ben Griffin — whose dad. Ben Griffin Sr. also is on Canton head coach Cory Mancuso's staff — often was Alec's opponent during those early formative years at the Canton Youth Wrestling Club.

The older Griffin encouraged him and instilled in him a jaw-dropping work ethic that the youngster makes sure to never forget. (For the record, the wrestlers also give major props to their moms, Wendy Pantaleo and Andrea Griffin.)

"I might have not been wrestling if it wasn't for my father right now," Griffin said. "He was a big support and a big push, and he is the one

who taught me this work ethic.
"At the beginning it was him pushing me. And now it's me pushing him to get out of bed to get me to practice."

And now, he said he has an unquenchable thirst to keep working, improving, getting better.

"It's all about a competitive state of mind," Griffin said. 'Once you get mentally tough and you know you're mentally tough and you know you're good, it excites you.

"It's always fun getting better at stuff. It's never fun getting beat up and getting

Pantaleo is as strong as they come. But he added how important mental toughness is to succeed in wrestling.

"You get a fast wrestler tired he's not so fast, you get a strong wrestler tired he's not so strong," Pantaleo said. "But you can't get a mentally tough wrestler tired."

Sounds like a plan — a championship kind of plan.

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the game and came up short," Salem interim coach Lindsay Klemmer said. "I believe we played hard enough to win that game.'

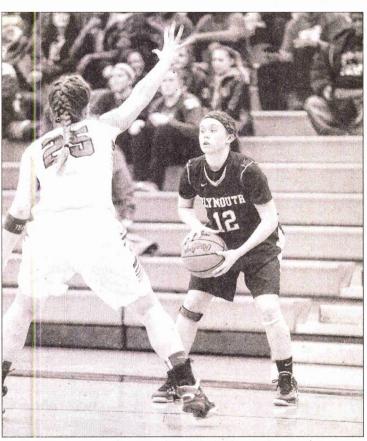
Salem's season was filled with tragedy and emotion, with the late December death of longtime coach Fred Thomann. But the Rocks showed Klemmer a lot during the past couple months, under adverse

'All in all, the amount of commitment and courage these girls showed this season was inspiring," Klemmer said.
"We fought through a lot and came out as a family in the

Meanwhile, Brandon described the contest as having "that special feeling of a Park rivalry game, proved by that neither team quit until the final buzzer."

Plymouth will meet Novi at 5 p.m. Wednesday in what Brandon expects to be a bat-

"Novi will present us with great challenges with (senior point guard) Kerri McMahan as their leader," Brandon said. "She is a talented player in so many ways, but what really



Getting set to take a shot Monday night is Plymouth's Brooke Senkbeil (No. 12), while Salem's Kelly Whalen (No. 25) defends. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

makes her so effective is her competitiveness and mental toughness.

"We'll have to match it if

we are going to have success on Wednesday night."

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HIGH SCHOOL POMPON

JV Saberettes make a 'state'ment

Plymouth pompon team captures Mid-American state championship

By Ed Wright Staff Writer

On the same court Michigan State University men's basketball coach Tom Izzo seeks perfection, Plymouth High School's junior varsity pompon squad turned in a slam-dunk performance Feb. 8 at the Mid-American Pompon State Championships.

In an event held at MSU's Breslin Center, the Saberettes racked up 471 points to outdistance several other JV teams from throughout Michi-

Saginaw Heritage finished second with 458.5 points, just

ahead of Midland Dow (456).

Canton placed sixth.
All of the competing teams advanced to Breslin by qualifying at a regional event earlier this winter.

The pom teams perform routines set to music and are judged in a variety of categories, including appearance, form, execution, choreography, team unity and showmanship. Points are deducted for mistakes.

The JV Saberettes, who perform at halftime of Plymouth boys basketball games, also placed first in the only other major competition they entered this season.



The previous time Plymouth's JV pompon team won a Mid-American state championship was in 2005. The team is coached by Jillian Covault and Taryn HoSchool junior varsity pom team members (front row from left) Emily Lindbloom, Kelsey Connell, Emma Belanger, Megan Baker, Michelle Zydeck, Kaytlyn Glud, (second row from left) Ali Bologna, Brittany King, Haley Shawver, Kenzie Jones, Anastasia Pikow, Emily LeBlanc, Kara Timko, (third row from left) Olivia Dillaha, Izzy Bologna, Chelsea Justice, Jordan Kelley, Alyssa Salloum, Erin Berger, Nina Pascua, (fourth row from left) coach Jillian Covault, Sarah Gamble, Urara Kaneko, Gabby Olsen, Haley Kowalski, Marin Engstrom and coach Taryn Holowicki.

Pictured are Plymouth High

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"THRILLING AND INTENSE!

UNIVERSAL PICTURES AND STUDIOCANAL PRESENT A SILVER PICTURES PRODUCTION

Whalers, 4-3

ics of Alex Nedeljkovic nearly helped the Plymouth Whalers steal at least a point Saturday night from OHL powerhouse London.

er-play goal at 14:25 of the third period snapped

Lighting the lamp for Plymouth were Danny Vanderwiel, Victor Crus Rydberg and Zach Lorentz (his 23rd).

The Whalers return home for a 7 p.m. Saturday matchup against

OT loss for PCA girls

Academy's varsity girls er in double overtime

chael Fuller, while Rachel Smith and Jen Malcolm added nine and eight points, respective-

kept the Eagles alive, forcing a second extra session.

scheduled to open play in the Class D districts Wednesday night against Allen Park Inter-City

SPORTS ROUNDUP

London tops

The goalkeeping hero-

Nedeljkovic faced 54 shots at Compuware Arena and kept his team in the mix right until the final minutes as London prevailed 4-3 in front of 2,864 fans.

Nikita Zadorov's powa 3-3 tie.

Plymouth Christian basketball team lost 46-41 to Bloomfield Hills Roep-

Leading PCA (10-10) with 11 points was Ra-

Martha Mullett's trey at the end of the first OT

The Eagles were

Baptist.

Triple Threat tryouts

Boys basketball players (grades 5-8) looking to sharpen up their game and take it to the next level are invited to attend this weekend's Triple Threat Training tryouts.

The sessions run from 2-3 p.m. Saturday and TBA on Sunday at High Velocity Sports on Michigan Avenue in Canton.

T3 is a basketball developmental club focusing on improving skills, conditioning and agility.

For more information, contact coach Troy Coleman at 734-341-1336 or tcoleman@tttsports.net.

Strike It Rich

Canton Community Foundation's "Strike It Rich for First Step" bowling fundraiser is 1-3 p.m. Sunday at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton.

Funds raised from the event will benefit First Step of Western Wayne County, an agency that provides shelter and services to victims.

Super Bowl is located on Ford Road east of Canton Center.

Rocks baseball clinic

The Salem Rocks Dugout Club announced the annual varsity baseball clinic is Saturday, March 29, in the Salem High School gymnasium.

Session 1 (players ages 7-10) is 9 a.m. to noon. Session 2 (players ages 11-15) is 1-4 p.m.

Visit www.rocksbaseball.com to download a flier or call Anne Driscoll of the Dugout Club at 734-392-4901.

NDEFEATED!



The Salem freshman girls basketball team defeated Brighton on Friday night to "run the table" and finish the season 18-0. It was the first undefeated season for head coach Bill Mair and assistant coach John Lenders. Standing (from left) are Lenders, Emily Stewart, Khadega Mohammed, Jayna Lenders, Kyleigh Gavin, Cecilia McIntosh and Mair. In front (from left) are Frankie DiVirgilio, Isabel Rodriguez, Darby Scott, Kristin Mihalic and Kamryn Thomas. Not present due to injury is Gabrielle Teodorescu. JOHN KEMSKI J EXPRESS PHOTO

INDIVIDUAL BOWLING REGIONALS

Canton frosh tops regional field

Friday's Division 1 team bowling regionals were disappointing for all three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park high

But there was redemption Saturday when the D1 individual regionals yielded a champion and several other state qualifiers. The top-10 boys and ified for the state finals, Friday and Saturday at Sunnydale Lanes in Sterling Heights.

Canton freshman Meghan Macunovich was the star at Super Bowl in Canton on the girls side of things. Macunovich won the individual championship with a six-game tally of 1,282. In second was Allison Morris of

Ann Arbor Huron, with

Also making the cut among Park girls was Plymouth senior Caitlyn Webb. She finished ninth with a score of 1,091. Howell's Jack Herndel

ran away with the individual boys championship, registering 1,374.

Finishing second was with a 1,258 tally. He qualified for the state meet along with teammate Steven Cadwell (seventh, 1,196), Canton's Josh Pozan (tied for third, 1,248) and Plymouth's Jordan Orzech (eighth,

Placing ninth was Novi-Detroit Catholic Central's Joey Krzywonos (1,169).

PLYMOUTH CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PLYMOUTH, MI 48170 **SECTION 00 11 13** ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools, Bid Package #4, consisting of Technology

Electrical Upgrades at:

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Elementary Schools Bentley Allen Bird Dodson Eriksson Farrand Field Gallimore

Hulsing

Tonda

High Schools Canton Plymouth Salem

Other Facilities Tanger Center

Curriculum Building Starkweather Academy at Fiegel

will be received at the office of Mr. Brodie Killian. Deputy Superintendent of Business & Operations, Plymouth Canton Community Schools. 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 until 1:30 P.M., local time on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at which time they will be opened and read publicly at Plymouth Canton Community School, E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170. Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened.

Faxed or e-mailed proposals will not be accepted.

This Project will consist of separate sealed bids for the following Bid Divisions of work:

Bidding documents prepared by TMP Architecture, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the Dodge Plan Room, Construction Association of Michigan (CAM), Reed Construction Data, and Builders Exchange, Lansing.

Bid Documents will be available beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 20, 2014 via the following: - Bidders may obtain one (1) set of ½ size bidding documents for a refundable \$50.00 deposit, beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 20, 2014, by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., at (248) 427-8400. Deposit checks should be payable to Plymouth Canton Community Schools. Deposit will be refunded upon return of complete documents in good condition to McCarthy & Smith, Inc. no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the bid opening. · Bidders may download bid documents from Gradebeam.com free of charge by contacting the

Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., at (248) 427-8400. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope. The bid division(s) being bid is/are to be identified on the outside of the envelope.

There will be a pre-bid meeting held on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 10:00 A.M. at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., located at 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the project, schedule and to answer any questions that bidders may have. All Bidders are encouraged to attend.

All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00 41 26) Proposal Execution Form (Section 00 42 00), and the Iran Economics Sanctions Act Affidavit. The Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by Section 1267 of the Revised School Code, as amended, MCL 380.1267, and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted. The Iran Economic Sanctions Act Affidavit form may be found in section 00 42 10 of the Bidding Requirements & General

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security, in either the form of a bid bond or certified bank check, in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to Plymouth Canton Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the school district is secured from loss or damage by reason of the withdrawal of the bid or failure of the bidder to enter a contract for performance. Further, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder may be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond. Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding.

This project is authorized by Plymouth Canton Community School's Board of Education Secretary Kimberley Crouch

Publish: February 23, 2014

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED USE OF THE 2014 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS **MARCH 18, 2014**

Notice is hereby given that public hearing concerning the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Meeting Room of the Plymouth Township Hall located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road on Tuesday, March 18, 2014.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to afford the public the opportunity to place before the board any proposed use of the 2014 CDBG funds.

Preliminary indications from the Wayne County Community Development Block Grant program are that the estimated 2014 funding allocation for the Township will be approximately \$97,102. Wayne County requires that our request for public service projects not exceed 15 % of the total allocation. Based on that special requirement the projects are proposed as follows:

ESTIMATED 2014 ALLOCATION BASED ON 15% PUBLIC SERVICE CAP

	Allocation
PUBLIC SERVICES	\$14,565
Senior Services	\$7,283
Council on Aging	\$5,059
Senior Alliance	\$2,224
Senior Transportation	\$7,282
Senior Transportation	\$7,282
ADMINISTRATION	\$9,710
Administration	\$9,710
BRICK & MORTAR	\$72,827
ADA Township Park Improvements	\$72,827
TOTAL ALLOCATION	\$97,102

If Wayne County Determines after all applications are received that additional funds shall be available for public service projects the proposed allocations shall be as follows:

ESTIMATED 2014 ALLOCATION BASED ON TOWNSHIP PREFERENCE

	Allocation
PUBLIC SERVICES	\$47,580
Senior Services	\$11,124
Council on Aging	\$8,900
Senior Alliance	\$2,224
Senior Transportation	\$33,986
Senior Transportation	\$33,986
ADMINISTRATION	\$9,710
Administration	\$9,710
BRICK & MORTAR	\$39,812
ADA Township Park Improvements	\$39,812
TOTAL ALLOCATION	\$97,102

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth will determine the use of the 2014 funds upon completion of the public hearing.

Any written comments regarding the proposed use of the 2014 funds should be directed to Susan Vignoe, Solid Waste and Public Service Coordinator, Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI and must be received by Friday, March 14, 2014.

> Nancy Conzelman Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Publish: February 27, March 6, 2014

Celebrate Irish culture at two musical events

By Sharon Dargay Staff Writer

Fiddler Mick Gavin of Redford will give you two big reasons to love Irish music next

He and his band, Crossroads Ceili will perform, along with pipers, dancers, singers and guest musicians at a Doctors Without Borders extravaganza Saturday, March 1, in Redford, and later this month, at his 30th annual St. Patrick's Irish Fest, in Westland.

Harpist Siobahan McKinney, singer Katie Else and flutist and penny whistle player Colleen Shanks will open the fundraiser at 5 p.m. It runs to midnight at the Ancient Order of Hibernians Hall, 25300 Five Mile, Redford. Admission is a donation at the door, with checks made out to Doctors Without Borders.

"I thought it would be lovely to have the three young ladies perform," Gavin said. "I think we'll have a lot of seniors coming in at 5 p.m. to have a corned beef sandwich, a beer, coffee or tea, to hear an hour of traditional folk songs, tunes on harp, flute and penny whistle." The menu also will include hamburgers, hot dogs and a cash bar and performers will play throughout the evening.

Gavin started the annual Doctors Without Borders fundraiser five years ago in response to the earthquake in Ĥaiti.



Local musicians and dancers will perform at the Doctors Without Borders fundraiser, March 1 in Redford.

"We raised quite a lot of money at that time, \$8,000 or \$9,000. I had a lot of musicians and dancers with me, a lot of guys from Ireland. We said let's do it again. It would be a nice thing to have a benefit again. And the parents of the youngsters I teach really enjoy it. They like that their children are involved in something like that. They think it's a worthy

"I make sure they (students) get up and play (during the benefit) even if it's only one tune."

Continuous music

Performers this year also include Anne McCallum Set-Dancers, Terrence Bradley Highland Pipers, Frank Kennedy, Ray Maguire, Colin Paige, Michael Gavin, Steve Agacinski, The Chambers Family, Suzanne Camino, Marty Somberg, Conor O'Neills Session group, Ardan Academy of Irish Dance, Mike Houston, Brendan McNulty, Craig Wagner, Nicolas Brown, and the MacNeil Family Cape Breton Band.

Paddy Homan, originally

GET OUT! CALENDAR

from Ireland and now from Chicago, Ill., is the special guest tenor.

"Paddy is quite a character. He's a social worker, and he spent time in the priesthood, too. He is devoted to the elderly. A part of his job is visiting the elderly who live alone. He sings a song for them and tells a story. Paddy is always telling stories. I think he can't help it, Gavin said. "He has two CDs to his credit and he sings Danny Boy in Gaelic, which is a rare version and he sings it in EngSt. Patrick's Day show

Many of the local performers, including Gavin's Crossroads Ceili, will play both the fundraiser and St. Patrick's Day event, which will run from 3 p.m. to midnight Sunday, March 16, the day before St. Patrick's Day, at Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland. It's the first time the group won't perform on the holiday.

"Sunday is more suitable for families, for mom and dad and grandparents and the kids to come out. The parade is that day - it starts at noon - and it will by over by 2 p.m. We'll have food and entertainment ready by 3 p.m.," said Gavin, referring to the St. Patrick's

Day Parade in Detroit.
The Irish Fest is a familyoriented event that will include food and beverages for purchase in addition to continuous music. Admission is \$10, with children admitted free.

"We have people come from as far away as Flint, and Down-river and Ann Arbor," Gavin said. "We put in a big dance floor and we have a big party. Everybody has a good time and people can bring their children."

For more information about the Doctors Without Borders event or St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest, call Gavin at 313-537-3489, Chris Murray at 313-563-2078, Peggy Gray at 734-891-4871 or Kathleen O'Neill at 313-96-IRISH.

ANIMALS

DETROIT ZOO

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March 31

Location: I-696 service drive and Woodward, Royal

Details: Admission is \$14 for adults 15-61, \$12 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$9 for children ages 2-14; children under 2 are free. Parking for cars and vans is \$5. Detroit Zoological Society members get free admission and parking

Contact: 248-541-5717 **ART & CRAFTS**

CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: Through March 14; open during business hours **Location**: Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington

Details: The fiber artwork of artist Cynthia Bodene is on

Contact: 248-473-1856 LIBERTY STREET BREW PUB

Time/Date: Through March 29; open during brew pub hours

Location: In the Upper Hall Gallery at the pub, 149 Liberty, Plymouth

Details: "Open Source" exhibit includes works by Gerardo Antunez, Colin McGorey and Scott Moelich

Contact: 734-207-9600 NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Gallery hours, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through March 1 Location: 215 W. Cady,

Northville Details: Eighth annual

Member Exhibition Call for entries: Submissions due 5 p.m. April 12 for "West of Center," an all-media show that will run June 6-28. Department chair and asso-

Robert Schefman, Foundations ciate professor at the College for Creative Studies, will jury the show. Cash prizes will be awarded. Applications at www.NorthvilleArtHouse.org Contact: 248-344-0497;

http://www.northvillearts.org: **AUDITIONS**

BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, March 10-11 Location: 240 N. Main, Ply-

Details: 5 Women Wearing the Same Dress offers roles for five women, portraying ages 21-37 and one man, approximately age 28

Contact: justgobarefoot-

DANCE

BERMAN CENTER

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12 Location: 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, on the campus of the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit

Details: Gallim Dance, a New York-based contemporary dance company, performs original work by Andrea Miller. Tickets are \$37 and \$32 for Center members

Coming up: Michigan Five: Choreographer Showcase will highlight outstanding and creative dance from University of Michigan, Wayne State University, Oakland University, and Hope College, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 15. Tickets are \$27; \$22 for Jewish Community Center members

Contact: 248-661-1900; www.theberman.org **DETROIT OPERA HOUSE**

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 1, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 2

Location: 1526 Broadway,

Details: The Joffrey Ballet performs; tickets \$25-\$80, available through the Detroit Opera House box office, or by calling 313-237-SING or at MichiganOpera.org Contact: 313-237-3251

FILM FESTIVAL

Time/Date: March 6-8 Location: Civic Theater, 33332 Grand River Ave., Farmington; Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills

Details: Greater Farmington Film Festival includes screenings at 6:45 p.m. and 9 p.m. March 6 at Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge campus, 7:15 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. March 7-8 at the Civic Theatre in downtown Farmington. The festival will present six "films for a better world," each with a message covering an important contemporary issue, with the goal of inspiring positive changes. Eleanor's Secret, an animated children's film, also will be shown, at 10:30 a.m. March 8. Children's film is free; others are \$5 each or all for \$25. 248-231-2158; dwayne.hayes@kickstartfar-

mington.org Contact: www.gffilmfest-.com PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Feb. 28-March 1, 4:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 2, and 7 p.m. Thursday, March 6 Location: 760 Penniman

Ave., Plymouth Details: Philomena, admis-

Coming up: The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug, 7 p.m. Friday, March 7 and Thursday, March 13, 3:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 8-9

Contact: 734-453-0870; www.penntheatre.com REDFÔRD THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. meet and greet, 8 p.m. screening, Thursday, Feb. 27

Location: 17360 Lahser, north of Grand River Avenue,

Details: Madman or Martyr, a documentary on the life of John Brown by Detroit Country Day student, Luke Jaden,

Coming up: Wait Until Dark, 8 p.m. Feb. 28 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. March 1, \$5; The Lady Eve, 8 p.m. March 14 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. March 15, \$5

Contact: 313-537-2560

BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

Time/Date: Open mic sign mances 7-9 p.m., the third Saturday of the month through

Location: The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: Open mic musicians may perform two songs. original or cover. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Annual memberships are \$25 for individuals and include free admission.

Contact: Scott Ludwig at BFSpresident@aol.com for additional information BERMAN CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 16

Location: On the campus of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Yale Strom & Hot Pstromi perform klezmer music; tickets \$13, \$10 for Jewish Community Center members Contact: 248-661-1900 **BLUES@THE ELKS**

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month **Location**: Plymouth Elks Lodge 1780, 41700 Ann Arbor

Road, Plymouth **Details:** \$5 donation at the Contact: 734-453-1780

FARMINGTON PLAYERS BARN

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. March 7-8 Location: 32332 12 Mile,

Farmington Hills Details: Blackthorn band performs, with Tim O'Shea. Tickets are \$19 for adults and \$17 for seniors and students. Buy tickets at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, by calling 248-473-1848 or by visiting

recreg.fhgov.com Contact: 248-473-1856 JAZZ@THE ELKS

Time/Date: 7-10 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month Location: Plymouth Elks

Lodge 1780, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

Details: \$10 donation at the door includes hors d'oeuvres. Contact: 734-453-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@yahoo.com MICHIGAN PHILHARMONIC

Time/Date: 2 p.m. Sunday, March 9

Location: First Methodist Church, 45201 N Territorial, Plymouth

Details: The symphony and Plymouth Oratorio Society perform together in this "The Ives of March" concert. They will perform Dvorak's TeDeum and the choruses from Carmina Burana. Tickets are \$30; seniors, 65 and over, pay \$25 and students with ID pay \$10. Available online at www.michiganphil.org Contact: 734-451-2112

TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

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

Location: 38840 W. Six Mile,

Livonia Details: Jill Jack, Feb. 28;

David Nefesh, John Finan and Bob Young in the Round, March 1; Empty Chair Night, March 2; Drive South, March 7; Krista Detor, March 13; Kitty Donohoe, March 14; The Potters Field, March 15; Khalid Hanifi, March 21; Christopher Mark Jones with Steve D'Angelo, March 22; John Batdorf and James Lee Stanley, March 23; Nathan Bell, March 28. Most shows tickets are \$15, and \$12 for subscribers. Only cash and checks accepted.

Contact: 734-464-6302 **THEATER**

BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Feb. 28 and March 1 and 2 p.m. March

Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth

Details: Twilight of the Golds, directed by Craig Hane, is a dark comedy that raises questions about morality. An audience discussion will be held after the show on March 2. A Livonia teacher and three students will facilitate the discussion, "The Challenges of Raising a Child who is Different." Tickets are \$15

Contact: justgobarefootcom; 734-560-1493 **EMERGENT ARTS**

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Feb. 28 and March 1

Location: The Mix Studio Theatre, 8 N. Washington St., **Ypsilanti**

Details: The Improv Mixer consists of two nights of improvisation. Feb. 28 acts are Hexagonal Knife Fight performing The Harold, Harem of Handsome with a dating game structure and montage of scenes, and Gut Shot, with a montage of scenes. Damage Control will perform monologues and a variety of scenes on March 1. Tickets are \$8, available online at emergen-

tarts.com or at the door **Contact**: 734-985-0875

Dixieland band plays Mardi Gras music



Trombonist Ron Kischuk and his Tartarsauce Jazz Band will perform Sunday, March 2 at First Presbyterian Church, Farmington Hills. ARCHIVE PHOTO

Trombonist Ron Kischuk and his Tartarsauce Jazz Band will celebrate Mardi Gras, 4-6 p.m. Sunday, March 2, at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills.

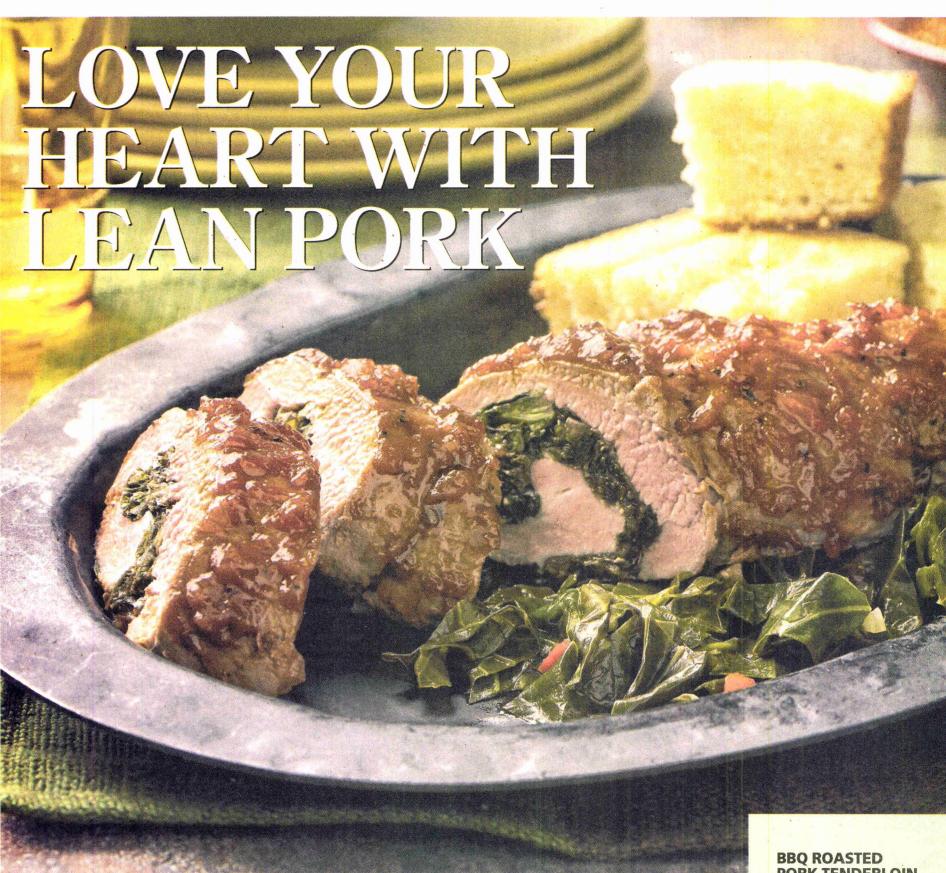
The band features Johnny Trudell, trumpet; Gene Parker, clarinet; Marian Hayden, bass; Bill Cairo, drums; and Chuck Shermetaro, piano.

The Dixieland band is one of the most popular musical groups to perform in the church's seven-year concert series.

Tartarsauce Jazz Band is the ensemble-in-residence at Greenfield Village, and plays there throughout the summer. The group also performs extensively at local and regional jazz festivals, private functions, and Detroit Tigers games.

No tickets are required. A donation of \$15 per person and \$25 per family is suggested.

For more information about the Performing Arts Series at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, visit www.farmington-pres.org/ performing-arts. For more information about the Tartarsauce Jazz Band concert, call 248-474-6170, Ext. 208.



ccording to Chef Judson Allen, a "Next Food Network Star" finalist and chef who has maintained a 150-pound weight loss, Americans can take care of

their hearts without sacrificing their favorite foods.
For chef Allen, those favorite foods include fried pork, greens and cornbread — a meal he remembers enjoying with his family on Sunday nights. "Just like so many people across the country, there are certain meals that I just don't want to give up," said Allen. "When I decided to create a healthier version of that dish, I used pork tenderloin, which is certified as heart-healthy by the American Heart Association, and so flavorful and versatile enough to include in any generational recipe."

For a complete meal that everyone will love, serve chef

Allen's BBQ Roasted Pork Tenderloin Stuffed with Braised Collard Greens & Caramelized Onions with cornbread and a salad on the side. Or try other healthful pork dishes, such as Mexicali Pork Chops or Cajun Pork Pinwheels. And remember, for a tender eating experience, cook pork loin roasts, chops and tenderloins to an internal temperature between 145°F (medium rare), followed by a three-minute rest and 160°F (medium), using a digital thermometer to ensure an accurate reading.

Learn about all the leanest cuts of pork and try even more great-tasting pork tenderloin recipes at porkbeinspired.com.

Courtesy of Family Features

MEXICALI PORK CHOPS

Prep time: 10 minutes Cook time: 15 minutes Marinating time: 4 hours Servings: 4

- 4 New York (top loin) pork chops, 1
- 1/2-Inch thick 14-ounce can green chiles, chopped
- 2 teaspoons oregano
- 2 cloves garlic, minced 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 4 tablespoons cider vinegar 2 teaspoons oil

3-minute rest time.

In blender container, place chilies, oregano, garlic, cumin, and vinegar. Puree until smooth. Marinate chops in mixture 4-24 hours, refrigerated. Heat oil in heavy skillet. Remove chops from marinade, and cook 6-8 minutes on each side until internal temperature on a thermometer reads

Nutritional information: Calories 162, protein 22 grams, fat 7 grams, sodium 38 milligrams, cholesterol 55 milligrams, saturated fat 2 grams, carbohydrates 1 gram, fiber 0 grams

145 degrees Fahrenheit, followed by a



CAJUN PORK PINWHEELS

Prep time: 20 minutes Cook time: 45 minutes

Servings: 6

- 2 pork tenderloins, 1 pound each 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 cup red bell pepper, finely chopped
- ½ cup onion, finely chopped ½cup celery, finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves,
- crushed ¼ teaspoon garlic salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- ½ teaspoon paprika 1 tablespoon fennel seed, crushed 1 to 3 teaspoons lemon pepper

Using sharp knife, cut lengthwise slit down center of 1 pork tenderloin almost to, but not through, bottom of tenderloin. Open tenderloin so it lies flat; cover with plastic wrap. Working from the center to edges, lightly pound tender-

loin with flat side of meat mallet or

rolling pin until about 1/4 inch thick; remove plastic wrap. Repeat with re-

maining tenderloin. Heat oven to 325 degrees F. Heat oil in large skillet over medium heat. Add red bell pepper, onion, celery, thyme, garlic salt, red pepper and paprika; cook about 5 minutes or until vegetables are tender; stirring frequently. Spread vegetable mixture evenly over each flattened tenderloin to within 1 inch of edges. Starting with shortest side, roll up; secure edges of each roll with toothpicks or tie each with string. In small bowl, combine fennel seed and lemon-pepper; press mixture onto top and sides of each tenderloin roll. Place rolls seam-side down on rack in shallow pan. Roast for about 45 minutes or until meat thermometer registers 160 degrees F. Let rolls stand 5 minutes. Remove toothpicks or string; slice.

Nutrition information: calories 197, protein 31 grams, fat 7 grams, sodium 275 milligrams, cholesterol 84 milligrams, saturated fat 2 grams, carbohydrates 4 grams,

FRUITED PORK MARSALA

Prep time: 15 minutes Cook time: 20 minutes Marinating time: 15 minutes Servings: 4

- 4 butterflied pork chops, cut 1/4-inch thick
- 1 cup water, boiling ½ cup mixed dried fruit
- 3 tablespoons flour

- 1 tablespoon butter 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 3 tablespoons Marsala wine
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

In a small bowl, pour boiling water over dried fruit. Let stand 15 minutes; drain well. Set aside. Lightly pound chops with meat mallet. Dredge chops in flour and brown in butter in large skillet over medium-high heat. Add 1/3 cup chicken broth and 3 tablespoons Marsala. Cover tightly and simmer over lowheat for 8-10 minutes. Remove pork and keep warm, reserving pan drippings in skillet. Combine ¼ cup chicken broth, water, 1 tablespoon Marsala, cornstarch and cloves; mix well. Gradually add to pan drippings. Cook over medium heat until thickened and bubbly, stirring constantly. Add fruit to sauce; cook until heated through. Serve sauce over chops. Suggestions: Pork cutlets simmered in Marsala and dressed with a dried fruit sauce, this elegant skillet supper is easy enough to fix on a Wednesday night. Serve with hot couscous.

Nutrition information: Calories 220. protein 20 grams, fat 8 grams, sodium 210 milligrams, cholesterol 55 milligrams, saturated fat 2 grams, carbohydrates 15 grams, fiber 1 gram



PORK TENDERLOIN STUFFED WITH **BRAISED COLLARD GREENS &** CARAMELIZED ONIONS

Yield: 4-5 servings

- 1 tablespoon olive oil 1 cup onion, chopped
- 1/4 cup red bell pepper, finely chopped
- cloves garlic, minced 1/4 teaspoon sea salt to taste
- ½ teaspoon black pepper 1 cup low-sodium chicken
- stock ½ cup stout beer or 1 cup
- low-sodium chicken broth 1 tablespoon apple cider
- vinegar 1 tablespoon honey 1 pound collard greens,
- washed and cut 1 tablespoon no-fat cream
- cheese 1 teaspoon hot sauce
- 1 pound pork tenderloin
- 1 ½ cups any jarred BBQ sauce

Toothpicks In heavy pot, add oil and onions and cook over medium heat until caramelized. Add red peppers, garlic, sea salt and black pepper. Cook for about 2 minutes. Add chicken stock, beer, vinegar and honey and bring liquid to a boil. Add greens to liquid. Cook for about 45 minutes to an hour or until tender. Remove pot from heat and drain remaining liquid. Add cream cheese and hot sauce and stir. While greens cook, prepare pork tenderloin. Butterfly your pork tenderloin by cutting a slit down middle. Do not cut through pork. Cover pork with plastic wrap; pound with flat side of meat mallet until about 1/2-inch thick, starting from middle and working outward. Discard plastic wrap. Spread collard green mixture over tenderloin and tightly roll. Secure seams with toothpicks.

Place pork in baking dish and brush liberally with BBQ sauce. Bake in 350°F preheated oven for 25-30 minutes or until internal temperature of pork has reached 145°F. Let pork rest for 5 minutes and then slice and serve.

Nutritional information per serving: Calories 290, fat 6 grams, saturated fat 1 gram, protein 26 grams, sodium 330 mg, cholesterol 65 mg, carbohydrates 34 grams, fiber 4 grams

MARCH **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Time/Date: 7-8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 5 Location: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia Details: The Rev. Linda M. Golden and the Rev. Michelle Y. Werner will offer ashes in the morning by drive-thru in the front driveway of the church; ashes distributed in the evening inside the church. The outdoor ashes distribution is part of a movement called "Ashes to Go." For more information, visit ashestogo.org

Contact: htlc@holytrinitylivonia.org; 734-464-0211

ASH WEDNESDAY

Time/Date: 7 p.m. March 5 Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Details: Service marks beginning of Lent. The church holds a soup supper at 6 p.m. and service at 7 p.m. every subsequent Wednesday during Lent Contact: 734-427-3660

ASH WEDNESDAY

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday,

Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford Details: Free soup and sandwich supper served at 6 p.m. Contact: 313-0532-8655 or 734-968-3523

AUCTION

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Saturday,

Location: St. Damian Catholic School, 29891 Joy Road, West-

Details: "Totally '80s" auction with dinner served at 7:15 p.m. and the auction at 8:45 p.m. Tickets are \$30, available only in advance from St. Damian parish office at 734-421-6130: St. Theodore at 734-425-4421: Divine Savior at 734-455-3620; and St. Damian School at 734-427-1680

Contact: www.stdamian auction.2014.weebly.com

CHILDREN'S CONCERT Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Sunday,

March 2

Location: Sacred Heart Banquet and Conference Center, 29125 Six Mile, just east of Middlebelt,

Details: "The Doughnut Man" Rob Evans and his sidekick Duncan will perform original Bible story-songs such as In The Beginning and The Miracle Song Families are encouraged to sing along and dance in the aisles. Tickets are \$5 at the door; children under 2 are admitted

Contact: the Rev. Joseph Margui at 734-522-3166

EXERCISE CLASS

Time/Date: 10-11 a.m. Monday, March 10 through April 14 Location: St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Road, Canton

Details: Joe Mason, certified personal fitness trainer leads a class that includes aerobic movements for warm-up, balance and strength training, high repetitions with light hand weights, followed by yoga-

oriented strength and stretch work, abdominal and back exercises and final cool down. \$42 for six weeks

Contact: 734-455-5910 **GRIEF SUPPORT**

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, beginning March 12 for five consecutive weeks

Location: St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard,

Details: "Grieving with Great Hope" is for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. It is conducted by Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization co-founded by John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy. Register through the ministry's website or through the church

Contact: 734-261-1455; goodmourningministry.net

GRIEFSHARE Time/Date: 6 p.m. Sunday,

beginning March 16 Location: Faith Community Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia

Details: This 13-week, nondenominational program features Christ-centered, biblical teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. Includes a video seminar featuring grief experts and real-life stories; support group discussion and workbookbased personal study and reflection. Grief-related handouts available weekly. Fee is \$15 and includes the workbook

Contact: pastor Roger Wright at 313-682-7491

GUEST SPEAKER

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday,

Location: St. Linus Church, 6466 Evangeline, Dearborn Heights Details: Al Kresta, author and host of the radio show, Kresta in the Afternoon on AM 990 WDEO, will talk about "The New Evangelization: Build the Church, Bless the Nation.'

Contact: 313-274-4500 for more information

LENTEN SERVICES

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday from March 5 through April 9 Location: Lola Park Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford Details: Theme is "From Garden to Glory

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

RELATIONSHIP **SEMINAR**

Time/Date: 7 p.m. March 10-13; with banquet at 6 p.m. March 14 Location: Plymouth Seventhday Adventist Church, 4295 Napier, Plymouth

Details: Emerson Eggerichs talks about understanding and communicating with the opposite sex in this seminar on DVD; admission free, optional workbook available for \$8

Contact: Register at 989-965-

SERMON, BIBLE SERIES

Time/Date: 8 a.m. traditional, 11 a.m. traditional and contemporary services, beginning March 2 Location: St. Matthew, 5885 N. Venoy, north of Warren Road. Westland

RELIGION CALENDAR

Details: Six-week sermon series and Bible study, "40 Days in the

Contact: 734-425-0260

SEVEN DEADLY SINS Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Thursday, from March 6 through April 10 Location: St. Michael the Arch-

angel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia **Details:** The Siena Heights University Campus Ministry team will lead this series for teens. The series is based on the Rev. Robert Barron's new video series that focuses on the way pride, envy, anger, sloth, gluttony, greed, and lust may affect a person's life and relationships with God and others. Includes suggestions for "curing" each sin. Registration is required; cost is \$12.95 for accompanying study

Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 207; www.livoniastmichael.org **SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

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

Location: Concordia Lutheran School, 9600 Leverne, Redford Details: Tour the school and visit the annual spring carnival. Incloudes carnival games, book fair, food and more. New students can receive a coupon for \$5 in free carnival tickets by calling the campus or visiting

Contact: 313-937-2233; www.concordials.org

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Sunday,

Location: St. Paul's Preschool and Daycare, 20805 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Details: Child care for ages 2 1/2 and up; preschool for ages 3-4: Young Fives class: extended care and summer camp for all ages Contact: 248-474-2488

SOLANUS CASEY CENTER

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 11

Location: Trip to the center departs St. John Neumann parking lot, 44800 Warren Road,

Details: Participants will carpool to the Center in Detroit. Cost is \$15 and includes tour and lunch. Deadline to pay and register is Monday, March 3, at the church;

Contact: jgilbo@wowway.com; sborke@wowway.com for more information

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, through March 9 Location: St. Edith Church,

15089 Newburgh, Livonia Details: This weekly bereavement support series is designed to help deal with emotions, loneliness and other issues experienced after the loss of a spouse. Widowed Friends is a peer support group in the Archdiocese of Detroit. Contact: Priscilla at 734-591-

ONGOING

CLASSES/STUDY Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m. Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville

Township Contact: John Shulenberger at

734-464-9491 **Our Lady of Loretto**

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford Township **Details:** Scripture study

Contact: 313-534-9000 St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the

second and fourth Thursday

Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia **Details:** Catholic author and Bible scholar Gary Michuta leads

the study of Acts of the Apos-Contact: 734-261-1455, Ext. 200,

or www.livoniastmichael.org

Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Township Details: Learner's Bible study is

Contact: 248-374-5920

FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every

Thursday Location: The Salvation Army,

27500 Shiawassee, Farmington **Details:** Free meal

Contact: 248-477-1153, Ext. 12 MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m.

second Tuesday, September-May Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergart-

Contact: Ethanie Defoe at 248-227-6617 and Jody Fleszar at 734-658-2463

Dunning Park Bible Chapel Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 W. Chicago

Road, Redford Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope. Contact: Amy at 313-937-3084

or Kristen at 734-542-0767 **PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE**

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service

Contact: 313-563-0162

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PARK

SHIRLEY GRACE

Age 86, born September 9, 1927 in Detroit, MI. Beloved daughter of Leslie and Vida Leslie passed

away on February 12, 2014 from

complications of Alzheimer's Disease. She is survived by her husband, Andrew Park and chil-

dren, Leslie R. Jones (Don), Da-

vid F. Park (Jane and children

Matt and Rachel), Tammy A

Crenshaw (Robert) and grand-

children, Vanessa Park-Friedman

and Chloe L. Jones. Shirley was

long time resident of Bloom-

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BLOYER, SHIRLEY (NEE ATKINS)

Age 93, died Friday, January 17, 2014 at home in Beverly Hills, Michigan. She was born on December 17, 1920 in Highland Michigan predeceased by her husband Philip Richard Blover to whom she was married for 65 years. She is survived by their two children: John Bloyer of Troy, Michigan Linda DuChene Newmarket, New Hampshire; and five grandchildren: Christopher Bloyer, Nathan Bloyer, Ted Teegarden, Annie Teegarden and Ian DuChene. She was a devoted mother as well as a church and Beaumont Hospital volunteer for many years. Memorial Services will be held at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 Maple Road, Birmingham, Michigan at 3pm on Friday, March 14, 2014.

May peace be

with you in this

time of sorrow.



"RICK"

Age 60. February 18, 2014, of cancer. Loving brother, uncle and friend to many. Class of 1971 Farmington High School graduate, and attended Ferris State. Rick was an auto parts logistics and shipping office manger for TDS/Syncreon in Jacksonville, FL and Riverview, MI. Beloved brother to Philip, his wife Cheryl, uncle to Chase of Alaska, and nephew to Mary Jane of Chicago, IL. Contribu tions may be made to the Henry Ford Hospital Annual Fund. Private services entrusted to Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington. Memories may be shared at www.thayer-rock.com



MAYER, SONIA JUNE February 21, 2014, of Plymouth

Visitation Sunday 1 p.m. until the Funeral Service at 3 p.m. at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, (be-tween Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army of Plymouth or March of Dimes. To are a memory, please visit

neulenfuneralhome.com

field Hills and served for many years as a docent at Cranbrook Questers, The Village Women's Club and Forest Lake Country Club. She was a talented gardener and cook and loved books,

music and antiques. She was much loved by her husband, children and grandchildren and will be missed by all. A memorial service will be held at St. James Episcopal Church in Birmingham on March 29 at 3:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to The Alzheimer's Association.

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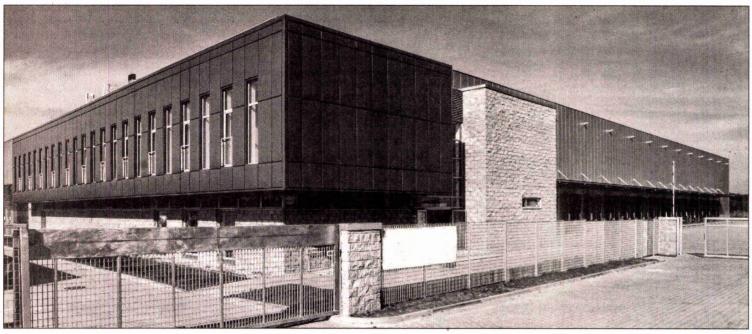
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COMMERCIAL INVESTORS 'CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC'

Commercial real estate investments are expected to produce generally solid returns in 2014, according to the authors of Expectations & Market Realities in Real Estate 2014—The Future Unfolds, an annual forecast report released by Real Estate Research Corporation (RERC), Deloitte, and the National Association of Realtors.

The three organizations have drawn on their respective capabilities to examine the economy, capital markets, and commercial real estate property markets; thoroughly assess and analyze existing research; and offer an objective outlook for commercial real estate for 2014 and beyond. Findings indicate that although uncertainties remain, the economy is expected to continue to grow slowly and improve modestly in 2014. Capital is flush, and commercial real estate investment has expanded to the secondary and tertiary markets. In addition, the report carefully analyzes and offers a research-based assessment

of the office, industrial, apartment, retail, and hotel property sectors. The report also provides an outlook for the three mostly likely economic and investment scenarios for 2014 and beyond.

We have seen steady if slow progress since the commercial real estate market collapsed in second quarter 2008, and as the future unfolds, we expect that the positive returns for commercial real estate will continue," stated Kenneth Riggs Jr., president and CEO of RERC. "The value increase from the trough is now about 30 percent, just slightly less than the value lost during the past six years. Although returns are likely to be positive in 2014, we forecast them to be a little lower than in 2013, but still a very reasonable approximate average of 8.75 percent."

'The stabilization that we have seen in the commercial real estate markets during the past year has added greatly to the 'cautiously optimistic' outlook we have for the year ahead," said Matthew

Kimmel, principal and U.S. real estate sector leader for Deloitte Transactions and Business Analytics LLP. "Overall, we see the potential for moderate and continued growth in the volume of commercial property transactions and in property prices.

The commercial real estate recovery is expected to continue throughout 2014, based on slightly stronger economic growth, noted Lawrence Yun, Ph.D., NAR chief economist. "We anticipate the economy to grow at an annual rate of approximately 2.6 percent, with about 2.2 million jobs to be added in 2014. More jobs mean increased demand for office, retail, apartment, and other commercial real estate sectors," noted

Expectations & Market Realities in Real Estate 2014—The Future Unfolds can be obtained electronically at www.rerc.com.

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REVEKTA HITTZ	
32101 Arlington Dr	\$263,000
32031 Auburn Dr	\$280,000
17400 Beverly Rd	\$258,000
17161 Birwood Ave	\$260,000
19710 W 13 Mile Rd # 202	\$218,000
31650 Westlady Dr	\$323,000
BIRMINGHAM	
939 Chester St	\$346,000
1935 Cole St	\$155,000
1336 Haynes St	\$252,000
1211 Holland St	\$142,000
331 Larchlea Dr	\$670,000
1115 N Old Woodward	\$223,000
Ave Unit	
1710 Pierce St	\$739,000
809 Ruffner Ave	\$549,000
412 S Glenhurst Dr	\$430,000
1383 W Lincoln St	\$1,713,000
586 W Merrill St	\$130,000
586 W Merrill St	\$247,000
1346 Washington Blvd	\$900,000
1050 Wimbleton Dr	\$257,000
2863 Yorkshire Rd	\$550,000
4007 Overlea Ct	\$324,000
1921 Pine Ridge Ln	\$360,000
5642 S Adams Way	\$185,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
4035 Fairlane Dr	\$102,000
1771 Maplewood Ave	\$120,000
5588 N Adams Way	\$200,000
1094 Park Place Ct	\$500,000

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	482 Westwood Dr		
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\$280,000	COMMERCE TOWNSHIP		
\$258,000	3212 Belle Terre		
\$260,000	3228 Belle Terre		
\$218,000	8674 Buffalo Dr		
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Slip and fall case facts vary

Q: We listed our home with a real estate company and allowed it to have an open house. We left the house key with the broker who asked us not to be present at the open house. A potential buyer who came to the open house, slipped in our driveway. When we left, the sun was shining and the driveway was completely clear of snow. The buyer is threatening to sue us and our broker. Do you think they have a case?

A: While each case depends upon its facts, in a similar case that was decided by the Michigan Court of Appeals, the suit against the



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owners was dismissed because they were not in possession of the property at the time of the accident, but the listing broker was held liable because he was in control of the property at the time and was responsible for the buyer's protection. The court in that case noted that the sellers had taken reasonable measures to clear the snow from the driveway and sidewalk, and then turned over possession and control of the premises to the broker. You should check with your attorney as each case has to be considered on its individual

Q: Can you tell me what my real estate agent's obligations to me are?

A: There are six general common law fiduciary duties that a real estate agent owes to

his or her client. They are:
Obedience – following your lawful instructions. Loyalty - agent must act

only in your best interests. Disclosure - agent must tell you all relevant facts about the property or sale.

Confidentiality - agent must keep your confidences.

Accountability - agent must be accountable for your possessions, such as keys, money, important papers.

Reasonable care and skill agent must act competently

These are in addition to any other specific duties spelled out in the agreement you sign with your agent.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of " Condo Living 2: An Authoritative Guide to Buying, Selling and Operating a Condominium." It is available for \$24.95, plus \$5.55 for tax, shipping and handling. " Condo Living 2" is available in both print and e-book editions. The e-book is available for download through iTunes, Amazon.com, and barnesandnoble.com. He is also the author of " Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track," second edition. It is available for \$9.95, plus \$2.20 for tax, shipping and handling. Call 248-644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-law.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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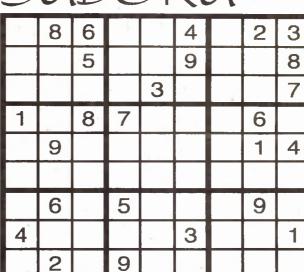
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