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Coffee meetings

"Surviving and Thriving" in this tough economic climate will be the topic of conversation when the Canton Marketing Partners get together with Canton business people over coffee on March 10 at the new Comfort Suites hotel on Haggerty north of Ford.

The group, which has held similar meetings in the past, will discuss a variety of resources that are available to businesses to help them survive. Also there will be a presentation by Tammy Thompson from the Small Business & Technology Development Center at Schoolcraft College. The SBTDC offers free counseling to new and existing businesses.

The Canton Marketing Partners, comprised of the Canton Downtown Development Authority, the Canton Chamber of Commerce, and Canton Leisure Services, continue to work together to promote the Canton business community. Their ShopCanton brand encourages residents and shoppers from neighboring communities to do their shopping in Canton. Special events, like the summer Friday evening jazz concert series, have drawn hundreds of new shoppers to the area to discover all that Canton has to offer.

The coffee meetings are free of charge and will be held two different times to accommodate busy schedules. You can register for either the 8-9:30 a.m. session or the 1-2:30 p.m. session by calling (734) 453-4040.

Young Marines

The Canton Young Marines are looking for a few good boys and girls to join the unit. The group, which is open to students between the ages of 8 and high school, will start a 13-week "boot camp" beginning March 23. They meet weekly from 5-7:30 p.m., each Monday at Summit on the Park in Canton.

The Young Marines, which is the official youth program of the U.S. Marine Corps, focus on character building, leadership and promoting a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. During this program, participants learn general subjects such as history, customs, and courtesies, close order drill, physical fitness, and military rank structure.

After graduating from the "boot camp," the youth have the opportunity to learn more new skills, earn rank, wear the Young Marine uniform and work toward ribbon awards. Young Marines earn ribbon awards for achievement in areas such as leadership, community service, swimming, academic excellence, CPR, first aid, and drug resistance education.

For more information, visit www.cantonyoungmarines.com or contact Charles Volker at (734) 981-5059. The group is limited to 20 applicants. Orientation classes start March 16. Applications need to be submitted no later than March 9 (after that it is a case by case basis).



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Duane, Carol and daughter Samantha Holik pose with his 1972 Ford Pinto at their Canton home.

Purple pride and joy

Canton man's souped-up '72 Pinto to be featured at Autorama

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Walk into Duane Holik's Pittsford Street garage and you'll find carpet on the floor and heat flowing from the house to keep his baby warm.

Holik's baby — a purple passion colored 1972 Ford Pinto original nostalgia car — gets all the comforts of home, including its own room.

"My wife doesn't even know the comfort of using the garage to park her car inside," Holik, 58, of Canton Township said while smiling.

The garage is where Holik keeps the car that took him nearly five years to build, completing it in 1976 and showing it in the 1977 Autorama. Holik will show his pride and joy for a sixth time March 6-8 at the Autorama at Cobo Center.

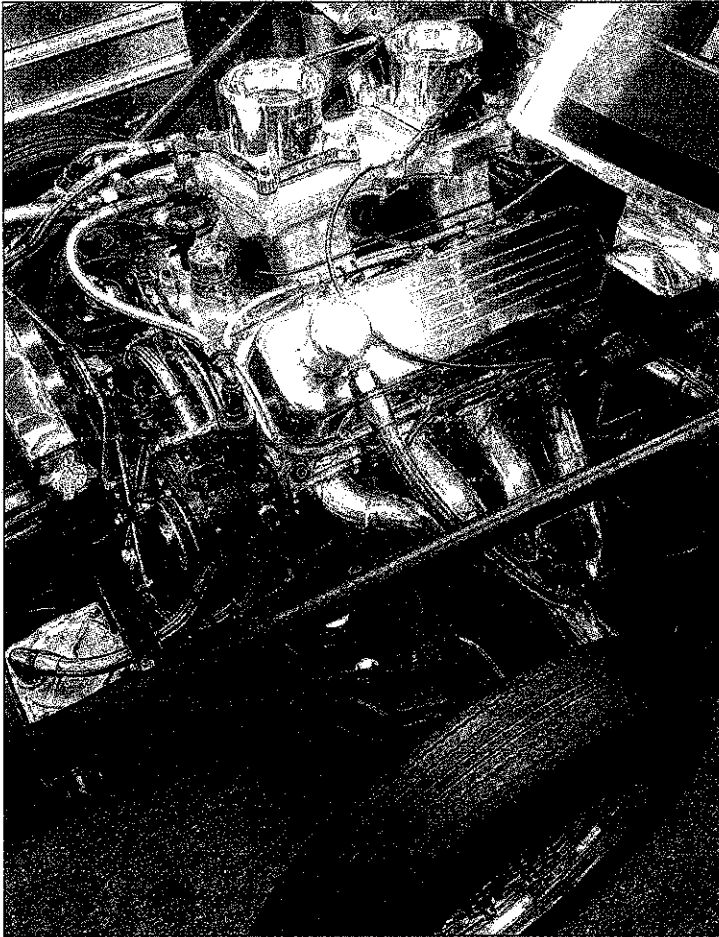
"I got the basic chassis and put a steel Pinto body on it," Holik said. "It has all our own chassis and suspension parts on it. I designed the fuel injection and ignition system. I built the wing out of an old metal drafting table from Ford. And I've been upgrading it for racing ever since."

The Pinto has a 540-cubic-inch, 900-horsepower Chevrolet engine, which Holik built with the help of friends.

Holik has been racing since he was 15 years old, starting with a 1960 Ford Falcon with a big V-8 engine.

"I drove the car on the street, but took everything out and built my own motor and transmission and put in a bigger rear end," Holik said. "It didn't go very fast, but we didn't know any better back then."

Holik's wife, Carol, used



The Pinto is powered by a fuel injected, 540 cubic inch Chevrolet big block engine.

to attend all of Duane's races because it was the only place she could be with him.

"We didn't date. He was always working on the car," said Carol Holik, who has been married to her race car husband for nearly 30 years. "I used to be at the races all the time to videotape them and I was nervous if I wasn't there. Now, after having kids, if he says he's going racing I say, 'Goodbye.'"

"I still worry because he wants to go faster and faster,"

she added. "It's in his blood."

Holik has owned a 1970 Ford Mustang Boss and a 1963 Chevrolet Nova ("I wish I had that one back") before building the Pinto. He still drag races a handful of times a year on tracks in Michigan and neighboring states, taking the Pinto up to 164 mph.

"I just love it," Holik said. "And I like showing it (at Autorama) because part of the fun is talking race cars."

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Judge bans public,
victim's family from
'thrill kill' hearing

BY BRAD KADRICH
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When Birmingham psychiatrist Gary Shiener testified Friday at a hearing to determine whether convicted killer Jean Pierre Orlewicz should get a new trial, not many people were around to hear it.

Including the parents of Orlewicz's victim. Third Circuit Judge Bruce Morrow banned the public and the media from attending the hearing for Orlewicz, the Plymouth Township teenager convicted last spring in the stabbing and beheading death of Daniel Sorensen, a 25-year-old from River Rouge.

While it was unclear what Shiener was saying Friday, he did interview Orlewicz once in jail prior to his trial last spring.

However, Judge Annette Berry, who presided over Orlewicz's trial, ruled in a pretrial hearing March 31 that Shiener wouldn't be allowed to testify. Shiener had said at the time he thought a second interview was necessary, but it never happened.

The victim's parents, Jim and Kim Sorensen of Westland, said they understood the judge's desire to protect the families, but they were disappointed at his decision.

"This young man murdered our son," Jim Sorensen said. "We understand (Morrow) did it out of respect for the Orlewicz family and any sensitive issues that may have been raised. But we should have been in there."

The closed hearing was requested by Orlewicz's attorney, Elizabeth Jacobs, who said afterward Shiener's testimony may not be heard in a potential new trial.

"There's no reason to taint a jury panel, which is what happened the first time," she said.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy said she did not want the courtroom closed.

"The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office is at a loss to understand why the Sorensen family, the public and the press were excluded from the courtroom today," Worthy said in a statement.

"There was no reason given by the court for this action. It is my firm belief that court proceedings should be an open and transparent process."

Jurors convicted Orlewicz of killing Sorensen at his grandfather's Canton home Nov. 7, 2007. He then beheaded Sorensen with a hacksaw and burned his fingertips with a blowtorch.

Orlewicz is serving a mandatory life sentence for first-degree murder. Accomplice Alexander Letkemann pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in exchange for his testimony against Orlewicz. Letkemann is serving a sentence of 20-30 years.

The hearing was adjourned Friday and is expected to continue April 24.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jean Pierre Orlewicz of Plymouth Township was back in court Friday, seeking a new trial following his conviction for killing and beheading Daniel Sorensen of River Rouge.

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Canton couple gets face time
in new George Clooney movie

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As an extra years ago in two movies filmed in Michigan, Christine Wofford of Canton Township was part of a large crowd and hardly noticeable.

However, after filming Thursday at Metro Airport, her face time in the movie *Up in the Air* brought her a little more than just a couple of scenes with actor George Clooney.

"I didn't get paid for the other two movies," said Wofford of her appear-

ances in Jeff Daniels' *Super Sucker* and the movie *61* filmed at Tiger Stadium with Billy Crystal. "For this one I made \$106."

That was \$7.40 minimum wage for eight hours, with four hours of time-and-a-half overtime. Hardly enough to make a living.

"It's not about the money," said Wofford, 56. "It's a lot of fun and you get to meet a lot of people."

Wofford and her husband, Gary, both spent the day at the old international terminal at Detroit Metro



Christine Wofford of Canton gets her make-up done before filming a scene in the George Clooney film 'Up in the Air' on Thursday at Metro Airport. She appears in two scenes as an extra.

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Earning three stars

Canton library one of two in state to earn national recognition

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Don Douglass of Canton's a big fan of his library.

"I think it's probably one of the best ones there is," the retired Westland John Glenn High School administrator said of the Canton Public Library.

He likes the vast book collection, including reference titles, as well as DVDs and videos.

"I enjoy going in and watching the kids in their library," he said. "The people that work there are very cooperative and understanding. They're great people."

"They treat the patrons very well, kind, considerate, understanding," Douglass added.

He's not alone in his assessment of Canton's library. The "Library Journal" recently recognized Canton with a three-star rating on its Index of Public Library Service. Canton and the Ann Arbor District Library were the only two Michigan public libraries so lauded.

"We were very surprised," said Eva Davis, library director, of the rating in the Feb. 15 issue. Davis, who has been at the helm a year, noted it's the first time for the "Library Journal" rating.

"We were thrilled," she said. The rating was based on 2006 data looked at by Ray Lyons and Keith Curry Lance, among more than 7,000 U.S. libraries. Areas examined were per capita circulation, library visits, program attendance, and public Internet use.

Davis noted Canton's 85,000 residents checked out some 1.8 million items in 2008. Usage in 2008 was up 11 percent from 2007.

"I think that has a lot to do with the recession," Davis said.

Some people have cut their Internet access at home, and many are seeking jobs online. "So we're seeing an increase



Canton Library Director Eva Davis helps Genevieve Merenda with an Internet search. Behind Davis is Sabrina Eyob. The Canton Library earned high marks for several criteria including Internet use and the number of patrons using the library.

there as well. We're seeing people in the library we haven't seen in years."

Davis said free Internet access and fax service for resumes bring the patrons in as well.

"We have always been a community center for Canton. Some people knew that and some didn't."

The library on Canton Center Road by the township administration building has a quiet study space, as well as gathering places for collaborative work by students and others.

"Those tend to be grouped in spaces where we're more tolerant of noise," she said.

Davis praised the library board as visionary.

"We want to be the best library in the state of Michigan," she said.

Staff and volunteers such as Don Douglass, who rebboxes and cleans DVDs, are a great help. Davis also cited the support of the Friends of the Library.

"Everyone here works really hard and I think this is a good acknowledgement of their work and dedication," she said.

"I think that the public notices that and appreciates that."

The library's in a strategic planning process, and eager to hear from patrons what services should remain with fewer resources available. Davis and others welcome feedback "so we can focus our dollars on those activities."

For now they're proud of the

rating from "Library Journal," anticipated to become annual (Ann Arbor's library got five stars). Davis said it helps libraries aim high in emulating services and strategies that work. A total of 256 U.S. libraries were recognized.

For more information about the library, visit www.cantonpl.org.

MOVIE

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Airport with each having the opportunity to be in a couple of scenes.

"Three of us were near the snack machine and it worked out nice because I got to be next to George Clooney for a couple of seconds," Christine Wofford said. "That was a thrill. We're not allowed to make eye contact with them or speak to them, but he came to our area and said 'Good morning.' He was very nice."

Gary Wofford, 57, also had two scenes, one with Clooney at the Hertz rental car desk.

"I was waiting in line and he was right behind me," said Gary Wofford, who had never done any kind of acting before. "At first I thought 'Oh, no, I hope I don't have to speak or move.' But, we had rehearsed the scene a few times and I felt confident in what I had to do."

Gary Wofford was able to snag the rental car lease agreement signed by Clooney, in which the actor also wrote "It's nice being here." It was also signed by actress Vera Farmiga.

The Woffords weren't in any scenes as a couple, but they walked past each other and "we would wink" said Gary Wofford.

While the Woffords aren't looking for careers in the movie industry, Christine said with more movies being filmed in Michigan she'd like to do more acting.

"I'm going to get more involved," she said. "I think I'm going to send some head shots to different agencies."

Of course, every woman wants to know what it's like being with Clooney, one of the most eligible bachelors around.

"My heart was beating ... it was extremely exciting," said Christine Wofford. "He is extremely good looking, very handsome and has a really deep voice."

But, would she ever consider leaving her husband to be with the sexy Clooney?

"In a heartbeat," she said.

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EDUCATION

Spelling success

Plymouth Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club gives word power to third-graders

How do you spell H-a-p-p-y?

While that's not a hard question, third-graders in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools received a tool that will allow them to spell more challenging words. The Plymouth Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club recently distributed over 1,400 dictionaries to all the third-graders throughout the district.

The club is committed to the dictionary project and with this year's distribution the club has provided over 5,500 dictionaries in the last four years. The dictionary is the student's to keep and use throughout the school year and beyond.

"Reading and reading comprehension are key elements in a child's development," said Kiwanis spokesman Mark Ott. "By encouraging an interest on the part of students, it is hoped that they spend time reading and writing to develop those skills for the future. In addition to standard definitions, the book also includes biographies of the U.S. Presidents, the Declaration of Independence, and the Planets, just to name a few topics."

Ott said people who wonder, "Do they appreciate a dictionary in the electronic age?" need only read the fan mail the club has received over the years. Among actual quotes culled from the mail: "Thank you again for the spectacular gift. It was truly awesome," "Thank you for the sweet dictionary. They are very cool;" and "I thank you for sooo much for the great dictionary. I needed one so badly it's not even funny."

"Parent comments via let-



The Plymouth Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club distributed over 1,400 dictionaries to all the third-graders throughout the Plymouth-Canton district.

ter and e-mail expressed their appreciation for the club's efforts and that their children were fascinated by the books beyond the dictionary usage especially to sections such at

biographies of the presidents and the alphabet in 'sign language,'" Ott said.

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers serving the world one child, and one

community at a time. In addition to this event, the club works with First Step, the Salvation Army, and Youth Leadership Canton. The club relies on community support

to make its programs successful, and there are many opportunities to give back to the community. The Kiwanis club is one of them.

Any questions about the

Dictionary Project, or the Plymouth Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club, can be directed to (734) 981-0460 or the club's Web site at www.pckiwanis.org.

ON CAMPUS

Plymouth Christian Academy

Plymouth Christian Preschool, a division of Plymouth Christian Academy, announced new, lower preschool tuition for 2009-2010.

Applications are being accepted for 3-, 4- and young 5-year-old classes. The school's Web site - www.plymouthchristian.org - has more complete information. Classroom visits can be arranged by calling the school at (734) 459-3505.

■ Plymouth Christian Academy is also announcing flexible kindergarten scheduling, including four or five full days per week, for the 2009-2010 school year. Applications are now being accepted for all classes.

Central Michigan

Jordan Dix of Plymouth has been named to the President's List for the Fall 2008 semester at Central Michigan University.

Dix, a Canton High School graduate, earned the recognition by achieving a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the semester.

Alma College

Three area students made the Dean's List for the Fall 2008 semester at Alma College.

Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits, at least eight of which are

evaluative grades, are named to the Dean's List.

Students include Carolyn Commissaris of Plymouth, who graduated from Salem High School; and Stephanie McGuire (John Glenn High School) and Christine Wheatley (Salem High School), both of Canton.

Olivet Dean's List

Christopher Gregory and Benjamin Kosmalski, both of Canton, made the Olivet College fall semester Dean's List. To make the Dean's List, a student must be full-time and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Honor Society membership

Western Michigan University student and Canton resident Daniel Matthew Nowak accepted membership and was initiated into National Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society for First Year Students on Feb. 15.

Alpha Lambda Delta is a national honor society that recognizes and encourages academic excellence among first year students. Membership is open to full-time freshmen students who earn a scholastic average of 3.5 or better at a four-year college or university.

Daniel has taken an oath to continue to "maintain high scholarship and to use my education for the benefit of my community, my nation, and the world in which we live."

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NEW PATIENTS

LaJoy to tout positives at first State of the Township

BY KURT KUBAN
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Despite a wicked economy that has the country and region in a funk, new Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy says he will focus on all the positives in the Canton community during his first State of the Township address Thursday at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

"What I want to do is talk about where we are in Canton, and some of the programs we have in place," he said. "Everyone knows the economy is struggling. And I will talk about that. But I will also talk about our strengths."

LaJoy said he will specifically discuss a new economic development program the township has developed, as well as highlight some of the economic successes of the last year including new commercial developments.

"In such a difficult time, I'm going to try to be as positive as I can be. We can get through this. We have a lot to be proud of in Canton," he said.

As in year's past, the State of



LaJoy

said he helped start the State of the Township program years ago when he served on the

the Township address will take place at the Canton Chamber of Commerce's monthly luncheon.

In a bit of irony, LaJoy said he helped start the State of the Township program years ago when he served on the

government relations committee for the Chamber. He said the first program took place at Fellows Creek Golf Course.

"I never thought it would be me giving the address. And at the beautiful Village Theater to boot," he said. "It is a dream come true."

For tickets or more information, call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP

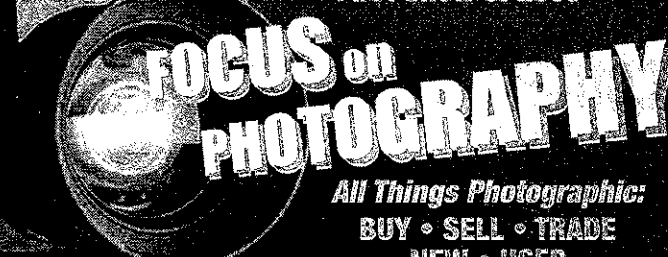
Who: Canton Supervisor Phil LaJoy

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Oscar contest winner gets yearlong movie pass for two

Dorothy Deitch of Southfield is the winner of the *Observer & Eccentric/Mirror/Hometown Weeklies* online Oscar contest.

Eight contestants picked the winners in six different categories and four tie-breaker questions (see below).

Deitch was selected in a random drawing. She won a yearlong movie pass for two to Emagine Theaters of Canton and Novi. Seven other winners will receive a pass for two for a single showing at Emagine Theater. They are Bonnie Burkhardt of Canton Township, Jimmy Orsag of Rochester Hills, Brent Rau of Novi, Denise Burke of Livonia, Mayda Sagherian of West Bloomfield, Penelope Vert of Livonia and Margie Hengtgen of Dearborn.

The winners answered the following questions correctly: Best Picture, *Slumdog Millionaire*; Best Actor, Sean Penn in *Milk*; Best Actress, Kate Winslet in *The Reader*; Best Animated Feature Film, *Wall-E*; Best Supporting Actor, Heath Ledger in *The Dark Knight*; Best Supporting Actress, Penélope Cruz in *Vicky Cristina Barcelona*. Tie Breakers: Best Directing, *Slumdog Millionaire*; Best Musical Score, *Slumdog Millionaire*; Best Cinematography, *Slumdog Millionaire*; Best Documentary Feature, *Man on Wire*.

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Phone calls coming in to contest tax assessments

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton residents have begun setting appointments with the township's Board of Review after receiving residential assessments in the mail this week.

However, the pace compared to last year is surprisingly slow.

"We have been getting a lot of calls, but so far we don't have as many appointments as last year," said Courtney Dugger, who works in Canton's assessor's office. "Home values did drop this year and taxable values also dropped."

"With everything that's going on in the state of Michigan people have a lot of knowledge of what's going on and it's not a huge shock, but an overall disappointment with the drop in market value," she said. "They just feel it's a shame that from the time they purchased their home, and now if they have to sell it how much values have dropped."

To meet with the Board of Review from March 9-13 residents need to set an appointment by calling the Assessor's Office at (734) 394-5111.

Finance Director Rick Eva calculated last month Canton Township resi-

BOARD OF REVIEW

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dential assessments are down 8.9 percent. He said an average 6.9 percent decrease in residential, commercial and industrial assessments in Canton this year is expected to result in \$2 million less tax revenue for Canton Township in the 2010 budget year, which begins Jan. 1. Trustees are expected to make adjustments to the budget to offset the loss of revenue.

Despite the free fall in assessments, many homeowners will find their tax bills still on the rise. A 1994 state constitutional amendment, Proposal A, requires a tax levy — pegged to the inflation rate — on homes with assessed values calculated higher than its taxable value. This year, that rate is 4.4 percent.

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Schoolcraft basketball players get in the pink zone

BY TIM SMITH
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During the national anthem Feb. 17 at Schoolcraft College, Karen Lafata couldn't help but think of the late college coaching legend Kay Yow.

It was "Get in the WBCA Pink Zone" night in honor of Yow, the legendary North Carolina State head women's basketball coach who recently died from breast cancer after battling the disease since 1987.

All proceeds from the night's women's-men's twin-bill between Schoolcraft and Oakland Community College went to the Kay Yow Women's Basketball Coaches Association Cancer Fund and Susan G. Komen For The Cure.

"I was sending my vibes to Kay Yow up there," said Lady Ocelots' coach Lafata, following her No. 2-ranked team's 80-51 pounding of OCC in the doubleheader opener. "Just thanking her for what she's done for the game and what her inspiration is going."

The event at Schoolcraft was festive, with many in the crowd of several hundred wearing "Pink Zone" T-shirts or other pink attire.

Even players, coaches and scorekeepers wore pink. Lafata promised that the program



RENA LAVERTY

Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team proudly display the pink T-shirts they wore during a special event to promote breast cancer awareness.

will become an annual event.

To do their part, Schoolcraft players went out and bought pink headbands, wristbands and socks to honor Yow and

make sure the night's message continued even on the basketball court.

Lafata said breast cancer is something being dealt with

in the families of two current Lady Ocelots, which only helped the evening's message connect with the team. "They know what it's about; it touches everybody."

Although the atmosphere was special, what happened on the court itself was routine. Led by 17 points from Plymouth Salem alum Taylor Langham, Schoolcraft racked up its 17th consecutive Michigan Community College Athletic Association victory of the season. Conference champion Schoolcraft (24-2, 17-0) will host a 7 p.m. Wednesday state quarterfinal game.

TAKE THE NEXT STEP

Fans who came out for "Get in the WBCA Pink Zone" had the chance to sign up for upcoming American Cancer Society Relay For Life events to keep the ball of awareness rolling.

Among those welcoming spectators was Redford's Abba Garcia, a Livonia Franklin graduate with Livonia Relay For Life.

"I think it's turning out great," Garcia said. "The main reason why we're here is to support the 'pink out' event and to promote awareness about cancer — not just breast cancer but any type of cancer."

"This is a community-driven event so we are trying to invite people to join our relay, form a team and come to our kick-off."

Pamphlets and handouts were distributed about the group's upcoming kick-off party 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, at Livonia's Doc's Sports Retreat and a 24-hour walk June 6-7 at Livonia Clarenceville. The walk will go from 10 a.m. to 10 a.m.

"We honor survivors, we remember those we have lost and we want to find ways to fight back," Garcia said.

Registration for the kick-off party will begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Kelly Weir at (248) 663-3458 or e-mail her at Kelly.Weir@cancer.org.

Another organization at the welcoming table was Schoolcraft Rotoract, promoting another Relay For Life walk taking place 10 a.m. May 16 to 10 a.m. May 17 at Heritage Park in Canton.

To learn more about that walk, stop by the Student Activities Center in lower level of the VisTaTech Center or call (734) 462-4422.

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ON THE AGENDA

Canton Board of Trustees

The board will hold a study session at 7 p.m., March 3 at the Canton Administrative Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Agenda items include:

- Community survey for Canton Leisure Services
- 2009 Update of water and sewer rate study

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Bankruptcy may be an option for some situations

Q: Dear Rick: I'm being pulled in 101 different directions. My problem is I can't pay my bills. I have over \$35,000 in charge card debt, I haven't paid my mortgage in two months and I'm worried about my job. I have talked to a number of different people and the options are bankruptcy, working with one of the debt relief companies or basically doing nothing. A friend suggested that because of some



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

new law, the bank won't be able to foreclose on my home and that as long as I pay something on my charge cards, there won't be a problem. My friend also said bankruptcy won't solve my problems because my credit would be ruined. I don't know what to do.

A: You can talk with three different people and receive three different courses of action. All the options may solve the issue, but the key is finding one that best suits your situation.

My general rule is if there is no possibility of paying off your debt anytime soon, bankruptcy is an option you should pursue. I disagree with

your friend. Bankruptcy is a viable option to put you on the path to financial solvency. Bankruptcy laws today are not as lenient as in the past. That doesn't mean people in dire situations should not pursue bankruptcy. In the past, people could declare bankruptcy and wipe out all debt. Today it is not as easy, however, it is still possible. Bankruptcy will allow you to reduce your debt and set up a payment plan you can live with.

There is no doubt that obtaining credit is going to be difficult once you go through bankruptcy. However, non-payment of your mortgage as well as late and delinquent payments on your charge card

will also have a negative affect on your credit. The fact that your credit will be affected is not the major concern. The major concern is getting you back on the road to financial solvency.

In today's difficult economic times, more people understand why it is necessary to file for bankruptcy.

One of the great things about this country is we give people the opportunity to rebound after adversity and eventually prosper. Corporate America has no problem using the bankruptcy laws. That does not mean bankruptcy is an individual's first option, however, it should be an option. If you do pursue

bankruptcy, I recommend discussing your situation with a bankruptcy attorney.

Doing nothing and waiting to see what happens in Washington is not a viable option.

As to seeking advice from a debt relief companies, I have no problem pursuing that option. However, you do have to factor into the equation what happens if you do lose your job.

In selecting a debt relief company, be careful. Check the company out through the Better Business Bureau, find out what their fee structure is and most important what they can do to assist with your individual situation.

There is no doubt we're in very difficult financial times and many people are having difficulty meeting their financial obligations for the first time in their lives. Although, there is no particular course of action that will solve everyone's problem, doing nothing is not the way to go. Study the pros and cons of all options available then act.

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Electronic tax filing is fast, easy and convenient

Each month, Wayne County Treasurer Raymond J. Wojtowicz will answer reader questions asked about property taxes. Wojtowicz reminds taxpayers: "Always remember that your property is your most precious asset. Do not risk losing it for nonpayment of property taxes. If in doubt, ask questions."

Q: Is there a fee to pay my delinquent property taxes by electronic debit (ACH)?

A: No. The electronic debit option is at no cost to you.



Ask the Treasurer

Raymond Wojtowicz

service provider, not the Wayne County Treasurer.

Q: Is there a fee to pay my delinquent taxes by credit card?

A: Taxpayers using MasterCard or Visa will incur a service charge of 2.49 percent of the total taxes paid. The fee is paid to the service provider, not the Wayne County Treasurer.

Q: How will I know if my payment was received?

A: As soon as the process is completed, you will receive an e-mail confirmation. A receipt will be mailed to the address that you provided on the screen.

Q: What are the benefits of paying my delinquent taxes on the Internet?

A: It's fast – the payment process takes only a few minutes. It's accurate – verification steps guide you along the way, you are able to review payment information before it is sent

It's convenient – this payment option is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week without having to leave the comfort of your home.

It's easy to use – the screens are self-explanatory and help buttons are there to guide you through the process.

It's secure – Wayne County maintains a high level of security on the Internet.

Readers can e-mail questions for Ask the Wayne County Treasurer to askabouttaxes@hometownlife.com

Some solutions to coyote 'problem' are overkill

Frustration. That word applies equally to those who want the deer of Rochester Hills or the coyotes of Bloomfield Hills to be shot as it does for those who do not. The culling program – and culling is just a sanitized word for sanctioned, organized killing with a purpose – has many residents fully disgusted and very angry.



Oakland Naturally

Jonathan Schechter

The culling program was officially spawned over concerns of the many deer-car crashes, yet other residents were delighted with the demise of deer for another reason: "Now they won't eat my flowers." That program has been halted. For now.

The city of Bloomfield Hills' planned response to "problem" coyotes is one of selective killing, using officers to shoot coyotes that are perceived to be threats to people or pets. As of press time, no shots have been fired. And that's well and good. For it's going to be a long stretch to sort out those coyotes that are happily munching on garden-raiding groundhogs or geese that poop prolifically on palatial properties from coyotes that want your bird-stalking cat as kitty cuisine or consider the family canine a competitor. Being opportunists, coyotes do both.

What neither kill program seems to have taken into consideration is that wildlife knows no borders: Coyotes and deer and all thing wild don't care about political boundaries. They respond to habitat availability and they are evolving to our behavior far more efficiently than we are to theirs. There is no quick



Coyotes are the subject of a video produced by Bloomfield Township Police Officer Pete Matejick.

fix. But there are facts that put the wildlife among us in perspective.

Fact: Coyotes do not belong up North "where they should live in the forest." Coyotes are not forest animals and they were not driven out from someplace else because of development. They are here because we give them food; abundant rodents, birds and foods associated with human behavior. Fact: Likewise deer are opportunists and everything about our landscaping practices screams Location! Location! Location!

To understand ways to reduce conflict, it is necessary to recognize the difference between biological and social carrying capacity. Biological carrying capacity is loosely defined as the number of animals that can be supported by a given habitat year after year without adversely affecting that habitat. The rotten apple in our planning process is the social carrying capacity, or how many of a species we humans tolerate in a given habitat. For some, one coyote is too many and deer "belong in zoos."

For others just the presence of wildlife rais-

es the quality of life whether we see them or not. Another fact is clear: Local government units are under pressure by their constituents to do something, even when that something is not long-term and does not include a serious and thoughtful educational campaign.

There is no easy fix to what some see as problematic wildlife behavior. But the sooner we realize that it's our behavior that alters wildlife behavior, the better off we are and the less government will have to respond to human behavior by shooting wildlife. Kudos to Bloomfield Township and Police Officer Pete Matejick for the township's bold steps in the right direction with a much needed on-line education campaign on suburban coyotes (www.bloomfieldtw.org/Services/Police/Coyotes.htm) and the recognition that it's all about habitat and food and aversion conditioning.

Final thoughts: If you want that coyote off your property, tell it so. Keep a portable air horn handy.

Blast it and yell, wave your arms. Run towards it, yelling all the way. Run away and you send a message: You are weak and afraid. And be realistic: Drunk and distracted drivers pose far more threat to you and your pets than the coyotes of Oakland County.

Lastly, deer feeding is illegal in all of Lower Michigan. Feeding creates unnatural gatherings and provides grains for mice, rabbits, squirrels and birds. Abundant small animals in your yard attract coyotes that become less cautious of us. And that means more conflict, perceived or real.

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School aid bill could devastate district's budget

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland school officials will be sitting down with local lawmakers Monday to talk about the devastating effect Gov. Jennifer Granholm's proposed state school aid plan budget will have on the district and what can be done stop it.

While there has been a lot of talk about the \$59 per pupil cut in the foundation allowance and cuts to categoricals,

Wayne-Westland is facing a even bigger cut — the elimination of a more than \$6 million supplemental foundation payment en lieu of millage. Coupled with a projected loss of 360 students next year, the district is facing a \$15 million revenue shortfall.

"The regional economy can't afford this devastation," said Superintendent Greg Baracy. "This isn't pork barrel language, this is partial restoration of a wrong; it's \$7 million of \$12 million we should have

received."

"This is just devastating," added State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, whose district is being hit hard by the cuts. "I was stunned when I heard about this. I knew they were going after the categoricals and I saw the funding cut, but I didn't know they had zeroed in on special allocations."

Anderson's Senate district is being hit hard by the budget cuts. In addition to Wayne-Westland, the Garden City Public Schools will lose \$800,000 in supplemental foundation money, while the Redford Union district will lose a district grant and Livonia Public Schools faces up to a 20 percent in its 20-J money. Those are in addition to cuts in funding and categoricals like adult education and Renaissance Zone reimbursement.

The supplemental foundation money relates to a 10-mill tax levy turned down by voters within months of the passage of Proposal A. The millage was disallowed in calculating the new foundation allowance which threw the district into deficit. It wasn't until 2000-2001, that the district was able to convince lawmakers of the damage done by the elimination of the millage and it received a partial restoration - 7 of the 10 mills.

"It wasn't retroactive," said Baracy. "We had a \$70-80 million loss in funding and that's significant. No other district in the state was as negatively impacted as Wayne-Westland."

Anderson has already been talking with state officials and is working with the school district's consultant on a strategy to get the funding restored. It appears that federal stimulus money will be used to bring

back much of what has been cut from school funding, but Anderson is concerned about what will happen when the money runs out in two years.

Projections are that the state's 2012 budget will be worse than this year unless there's a major upswing in the economy, he said.

"Every school district was hit hard, but the hardest hit was Wayne-Westland," he said. "I'm cautiously optimistic of getting it partially restored, but I want them to be made whole."

He added that district residents and school officials should keep in mind that the governor's proposal is just the first step in the budgetary process, what she presented isn't anywhere near what it will end up being.

Like Anderson, school board Trustee William Gabriel is concerned about using stimu-

lus money. The governor's proposal takes funding away from districts and puts it back with the federal stimulus money, he said.

"I find it ironic that to get federal money to bail out an ailing school system, we have to lose almost \$7 million," he said. "How can we take federal money and take a severe cut. This is a disaster for the school district."

Gabriel plans to be at the meeting with Anderson and State Rep. Richard LeBlanc, who serves on the K-12 Committee in the House of Representatives.

And Anderson plans to keep in communication with the governor and his colleagues.

"The administration is going to hear a lot from us," he said. "I plan to do everything I can to get this funding restored."

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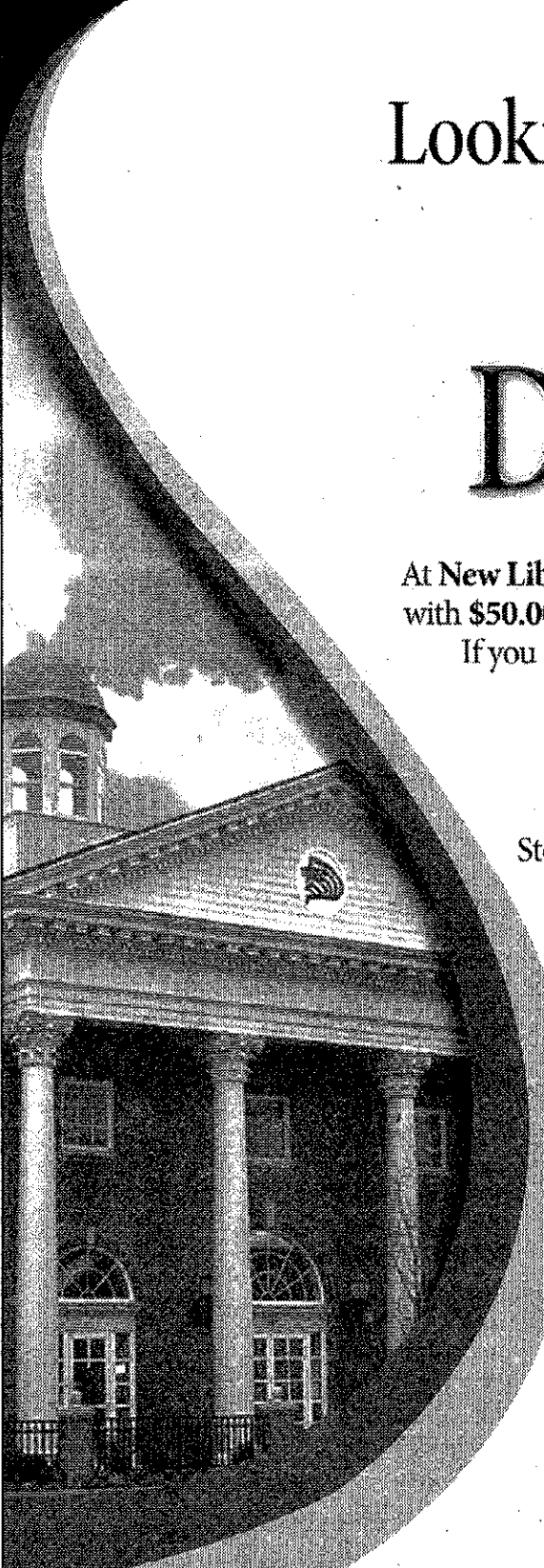
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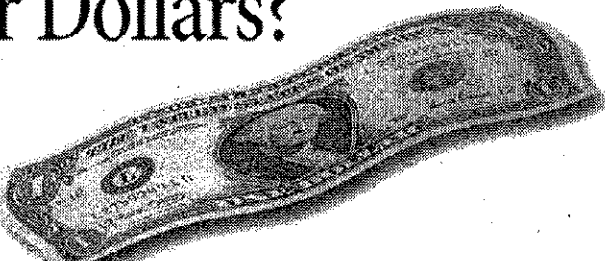


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Fulfillment found

Love of art launched local design and marketing firm

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

His love of art tempered by practical financial concerns, Bill Anderson took a cautious approach when it came to picking a career: He became a civil engineer.

But several years of working in the field left him unfulfilled.

"It wasn't what I was cut out for," said Anderson one afternoon last week. "My heart was always in art and animation."

So when his daughter Jennifer was born, Anderson decided it was the right time to follow his dreams. He founded Doubletake Studios, a graphic, video and Web design firm in downtown Plymouth that will celebrate its 15th anniversary in April.

Doubletake designs Web sites, employee training programs and videos, product packaging, and marketing tools such as commercials, magazines, brochures, posters and billboards.

"It's fun work. It's different work. It's never the same thing twice," said vice president Nic Donakowski, one of Anderson's two employees and a Canton resident.

As a small shop, Donakowski and Anderson said, Doubletake can set its prices below those of larger firms and offer a way for companies to continue marketing efforts in a tight economy.

"Everybody's cutting back," Donakowski said. "Nobody's budget is wide open." But companies can't stop advertising, he added.

Doubletake helped Bosco's Pizza Co. of Warren bring its cheese-stuffed breadsticks to retail customers, after the company found success with them in school cafeterias.

"We went from just a plain-Jane Web site to something really dynamic now," said Craig Mulhinch, Bosco's vice president of sales and marketing.

Doubletake has done other work for Bosco's too, Mulhinch said, including designing a retail bag for the Bosco Sticks, plus designing fliers, posters and other marketing pieces.

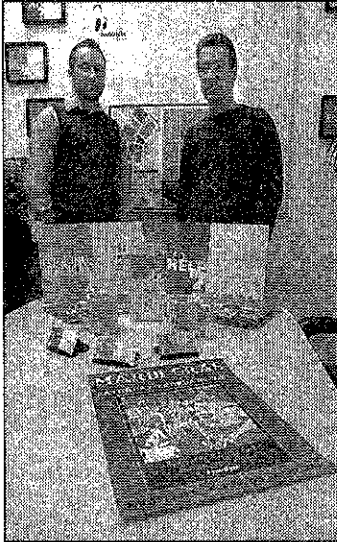
"I really liked the quality of their work," Mulhinch said.

Locally, Doubletake created a marketing brochure (and digital course catalog) for the Michigan Theological Seminary, designed the poster for Plymouth's first Mardi Gras celebration, which was Feb. 20, and designed the Downtown Development Authority's magazine-style shopping and events guide, which, Donakowski and Anderson said, was well-received.

"It's good to have that kind of recognition," Donakowski said. Other area clients include Johnson Controls, the



Doubletake Studios president and founder Bill Anderson, right, and vice president Nic Donakowski of Canton at the company's suite in downtown Plymouth.



Doubletake Studios' Vice President Nic Donakowski, of Canton, and Bill Anderson, president, pose with a few of the products they designed.

High School graduate) and lived at the time.

He moved the shop to Plymouth about a decade ago, and he and family live in Ann Arbor.

Anderson, in addition to getting his civil engineering degree at Lawrence

Technological University, has studied graphic design, Web design and computer programming.

Donakowski, who grew up in Alpena, studied graphics at Wayne State University. He lives in Canton Township.

For a company without a marketing plan, and no interest or skill in creating one, Doubletake can make and execute a plan starting from the ground floor, Anderson said.

His advice is to start with a logo, as that helps build an image and plays a role in all other marketing tools. After that, he said, a presence on the Web is crucial.

But Anderson recommends a company use several different types of marketing tools to get its message across.

"I don't think there's any one silver bullet for advertising," he said. "You've got to use a few different things."

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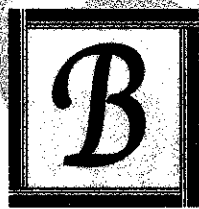
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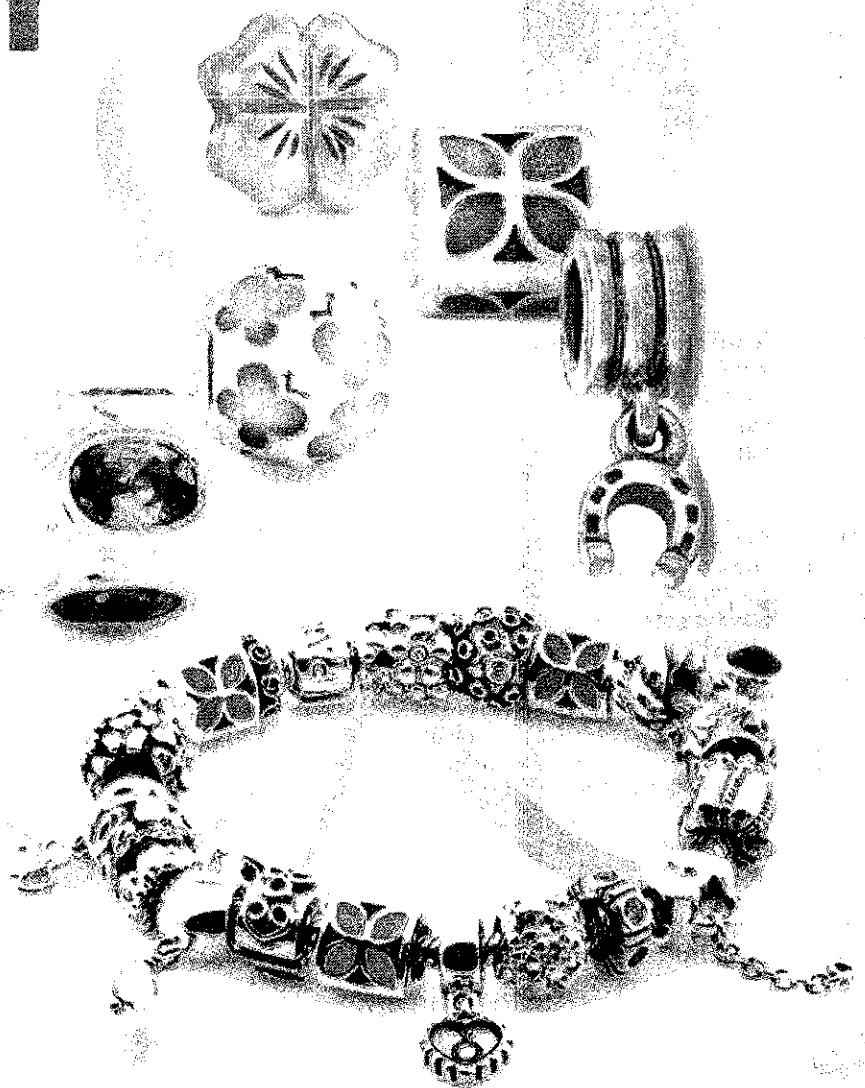
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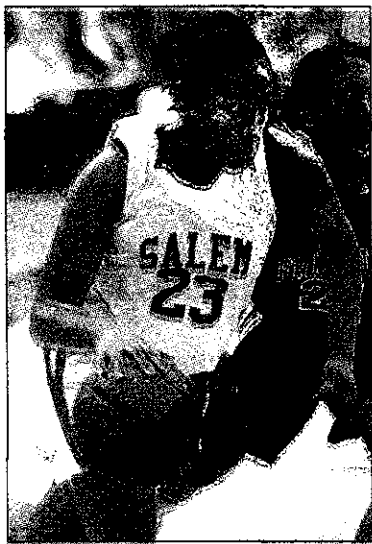
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HOMETOWN LIFE

Stone drives Salem into KLAA winner's circle

BY JEFF THEISEN
SPORTS WRITER



Salem's Sara Stone, pictured during a game earlier this week, led the Rocks to the KLAA Association title Friday by scoring 23 points, including seven in overtime.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Sara Stone took over in the second half and overtime to help the Rocks win the first-ever KLAA Association girls basketball title Friday night, 45-38.

A late Lakeland push sent the game into overtime and just missed pulling out the win with a late put-back, but once overtime hit, it was all Stone.

She scored seven of her game-high 23 points in the extra session. She hit for 19 points after halftime, mostly inside.

"It feels great," Stone said. "I got really used to it when I got in the post. I used to post up all the time

in seventh and eighth grade. I've played guard ever since I got to Salem, but I was really used to it."

The Rocks used the height advantage from Stone and Chelsea Davis to work almost exclusively inside all night.

Davis provided six points, but she picked up several assists working the pick and roll with Stone and others throughout the win.

"That was a really hard-fought basketball game," Salem head coach Fred Thomann said. "That was two really even teams going at it out there."

"Sara had a great game, and Chelsea Davis had a great game. I thought our guard play was good because we took their guards out of

stuff they like to do. Then it was our front line versus their front line."

Lakeland came out the aggressor in the first quarter and held a 10-4 lead heading into the second. Salem hit just one of 12 shots in the opening session, but missed several inside shots.

They started falling in the second, and the Rocks cut the lead to 16-14 by halftime.

It didn't take long to get the lead in the third quarter. Salem hit its first four shots and went on to outscore the Eagles 13-6 for a 27-22 lead heading into the fourth.

The Rocks pushed the lead to seven before Lakeland fought all the way back.

Trailing by six, Jessica Duleba hit

a three-pointer, and Amy Carlton produced a steal and a bucket to cut the lead to one.

Salem's Bret deBear hit a free throw with 1:44 left to go up 34-32. Lakeland's Katherine O'Leary responded with a shot in the lane to tie it up 11 seconds later.

Eventually, Lakeland had the ball for the final shot. Duleba forced a shot up that bounced off to Amy Carlton. With time running out, she tried to hit the putback, but it wouldn't fall as the buzzer sounded to end regulation.

"I'm very proud of them," Lakeland head coach Mike Head said. "We had two good looks. Jess

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HONORING BOB BRODIE'S 25-YEAR HEAD-COACHING CAREER

Balanced attack leads Rocks over Chargers

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

On an evening highlighted by the recognition of a silver milestone, Salem's boys basketball team played like gold Thursday against visiting Livonia Churchill.

The Rocks helped put an exclamation point on a night-long celebration of Bob Brodie's 25th year as head coach by outlasting the Chargers, 73-66, in an often fast-paced contest that was anything but dull.

Salem's fourth-straight triumph improved its record to 8-10 while the entertaining Chargers slipped to 7-11.

"We played a very solid game tonight," said Brodie, who was honored at halftime in front of a crowd that included several members of his family and close to 30 of his former players. "We had five guys in double-figures, so a lot of players contributed."

"We beat a good basketball team tonight. They're better than their record indicates."

The Chargers threatened to spoil the hosts' festivities by surging to a 17-9 lead five min-

utes into the game. They also grabbed a 63-62 lead with 3:50 left on an Adam Bedell inside hoop, but Salem had an answer for every Churchill threat.

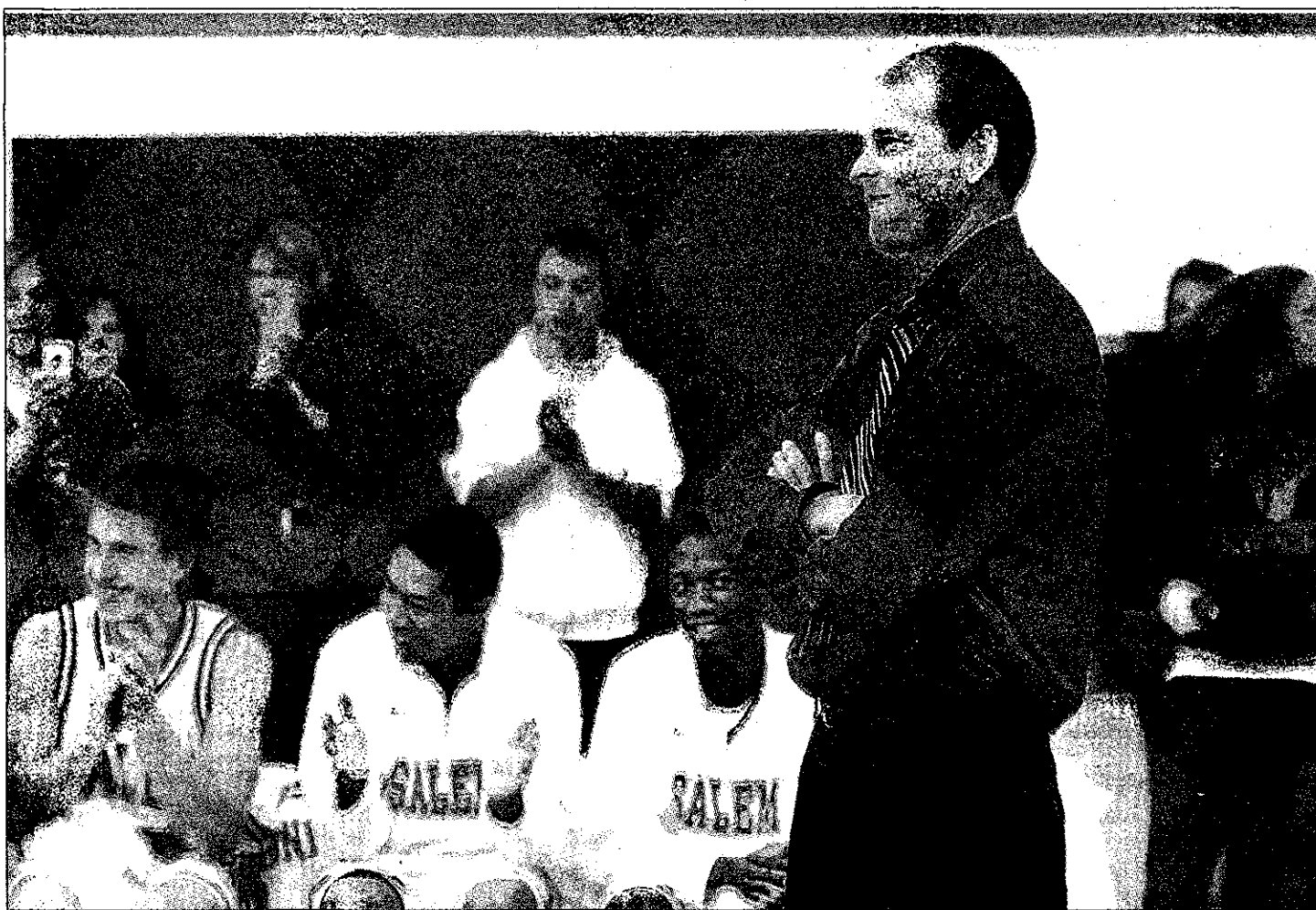
A trio of seniors did most of the damage for the winners. Forward Jim Dexter led all scorers with 18 points (to complement his team-high seven rebounds), guard Anthony Mullins added 16 and Joe Posler chipped in with 12 points and six boards.

Juniors Jake Peterson (12 points and six rebounds) and Blake Hayes (10 points off the bench) also shone for the Rocks.

Fleet-footed Ryan Woods paced the Chargers with 16 points while Scott Sencyszyn netted 14. Tony Frezzell and Bedell both poured in 13 while Cameron Norscia registered 11 points and a team-high eight rebounds.

"I thought we executed well offensively tonight," said Churchill coach Jim Solak. "We've been struggling to score lately, so that was nice to see."

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Salem basketball coach Bob Brodie looks on as a surprise half-time celebration to honor his 25 years as the head coach of the Rocks unfolds Thursday night.

'He's a class act'

Brodie's many contributions to Salem recognized

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Following 25 years of choosing to operate in the shadows of his players, Bob Brodie couldn't evade the glare of the spotlight Thursday night.

During a surprise halftime ceremony that was attended by several of his family members and at least 30 former players, the widely respected Salem boys basketball coach was lauded for his quarter-century as the lead mentor of the Rocks' program.

"When I realized what was going on, I asked one of my assistant coaches, 'This isn't a retirement party, is it?'" Brodie joked, moments after his team's victory over Livonia Churchill. "Before the game, I saw a few of my former players showing up, but I see former players at a lot of games. But when they started setting up chairs along the sidelines, and more and

more players started filing in, I figured something was up."

"Like I said during my halftime speech, you can't do a job like this for as long as I've done it without being surrounded by tremendous people. It takes a great family, great players and assistant coaches, and supportive administrators."

"It was especially nice to see all the former players who showed up because they're all like family to me."

The widespread admiration for Brodie has been earned by far more than his gold-plated career won-loss record. His calm sideline demeanor and the care he shows for his players — both present and past — also drew praise Thursday night.

"First and foremost, people who know Bob see a guy who's a class act and a man with integrity," said Tom Williams, who has coached with Brodie for over 20 years. "A lot of times, in the arena of coaching,

you see guys ranting and raving on the sidelines, drawing the focus away from their players. Bob's never been about that. It's always been about the players for him. His No. 1 commitment has always been for his players — both in the gym and the classroom."

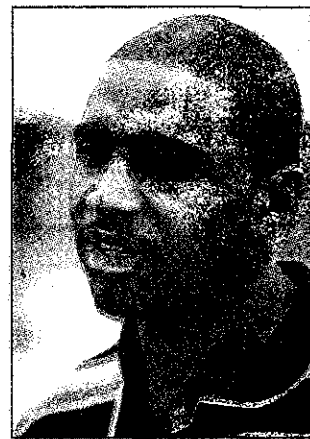
James Head, arguably the greatest Salem player in Brodie's tenure, echoed Williams' sentiments.

"You just don't find too many coaches as dedicated as coach Brodie," said Head, who excelled on the hardwood at Eastern Michigan University following his career at Salem. "He always took the time to make sure his players were doing what they needed to do to achieve their highest goals."

While watching Thursday night's game, Head noted that not a lot has changed with his former coach.

"I see he still emphasizes funda-

Please see **BRODIE, B2**



"You don't find too many coaches as dedicated as coach Brodie. He always took the time to make sure his players were doing what they needed to do to achieve their highest goals."

JAMES HEAD

Salem's Joe Posler (22) finds the going tough during the drive to the hoop during Thursday win over Livonia Churchill. Posler had 12 points and six rebounds.



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Criteria decides Canton grapplers' fate in regional final loss to Glenn

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The MHSAA rulebook had final jurisdiction in deciding the outcome of Wednesday night's Division 1 team wrestling regional at Westland John Glenn.

With the score deadlocked at 29-all after Glenn's Joshua Austin decisioned Canton's Carl Lucke, 6-3, in the last match of the evening at 119 pounds, officials Tom Arsenault and Jerome Angelo huddled with the coaches of both teams at the scorer's table to determine the tiebreaker criteria.

"We had to go through each weight class," Angelo said. "We went from A through F." The deadlock was broken on the sixth criteria - most first-points scored in each match, and the host Glenn came away the dramatic victor.

Here's now the tiebreaker criteria was broken down: unsportsmanlike points (even); matches won (7-7); pins (2-2); technical falls (1-1); major decisions (zero each); and finally initial points scored (8-6 in favor of Glenn).

The Rockets, now 25-7 overall, will be making their first trip in school history to the Elite Eight, beginning at 3:15 p.m. Friday, March 6 at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena.

"The kids just believed," Glenn ninth-year coach Bill Polk said. "It's been a rocky year at times, we've had some ups-and-downs, and we lost four or five matches that we could have probably won. But I noticed prior to the league

meet (Kensington Lakes) that they started coming together. I think we're peaking at the right time."

It was an emotionally charged night with Glenn upsetting No. 5-ranked Temperance Bedford in one semifinal, 32-28, while No. 10 Canton needed a pin in the final match from 112-pounder Waleed Faraj to stave off Southgate Anderson in the other semifinal, 33-27.

It was the only the second time since the MHSAA team finals began in 1988 that Bedford has not won a regional.

"I've been working 12 years for this, ever since the first day I walked in the door here - that's what it's been," Polk said. "It stretches back even before my coaching career. They (Bedford) knocked us out when I was wrestling for Dearborn High, so I have my own personal reasons."

Glenn and Canton, meanwhile, fought tooth-and-nail in a match that didn't end until it was nearly 10 p.m.

When Glenn's 103-pounder Steven Wakeford pinned Dan Filippelli with 1:01 left in the third period, the Rockets took their first lead since the opening match of the night, 26-23.

Faraj then returned the favor with another pin at 112 to put the Chiefs ahead, 29-26, setting the stage for the Austin-Lucke finale.

"I told Josh after Canton had won against Southgate that 'the match was coming down to you,'" Glenn coach Bill Polk recalled. "We knew we had a shot because every match with

Josh (vs. Lucke) was either one point or overtime. We knew it could go either way. I told Josh he had to have a major decision. But we checked the score sheet, and then one of my former wrestlers, Eric Schambers, looked it up in the (rule) book and I knew one of the criteria. We knew if we win the match, we've got it."

Austin had lost his first three matches this season against Lucke - all close decisions - but captured the last meeting at the Kensington Lakes meet.

Austin jumped out to a 5-0 lead and nearly had a pin at the end of the first period as Lucke was saved by the horn. The Canton senior then rallied to within two, 5-3, but Austin was able to close out the match and force the team tiebreaker.

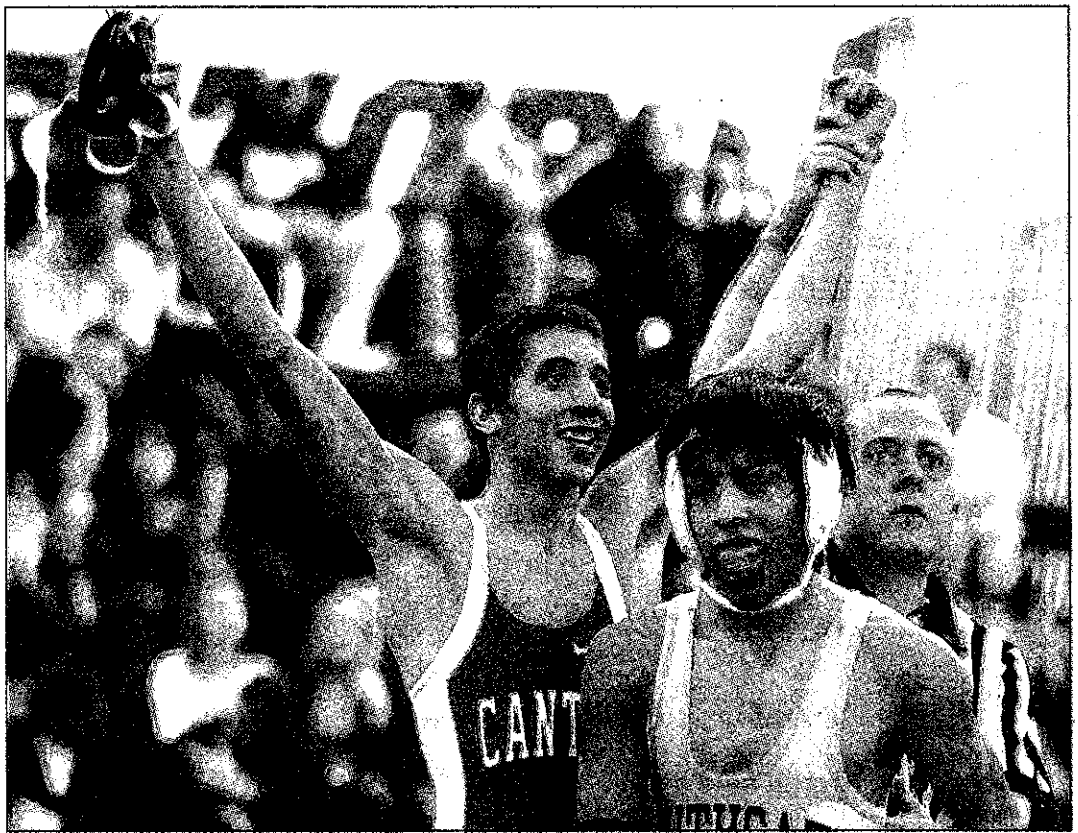
Canton, which earned a trip to last year's state finals, bows out with a 25-11 dual-match record. Canton senior Donnie Watkins (135), who had two pins on the night, recorded his 150th career victory.

"I'm proud of them, they overachieved and we were not supposed to make it this far, and we nearly made it all the way back," Canton first-year coach Cory Mancuso said.

"After (Robert) Lincoln's match (at 285) and I thought we had it won, but I knew the 119 match would be tight tonight. My guy (Lucke) had won three-of-four, but he (Austin) just got the best of us tonight."

(See a complete summary of the team regional results.)

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Canton's Waleed Faraj was all smiles after his hand is raised by referee Tom Arsenault, after pinning Southgate Anderson's Ludwing Castanada to win the 112-pound match that sealed the Chiefs' Regional semi-final team victory. Faraj also won his match in the team championship match against John Glenn.

WRESTLING RESULTS

MHSAA TEAM WRESTLING REGIONAL RESULTS DIVISION 1
Feb. 25 at WESTLAND JOHN GLENN (Championship final)
JOHN GLENN 29, CANTON 29 (Glenn wins on sixth criteria)

125 pounds: Mark Thompson (WJG) decisioned Mitch Wolski, 6-4; **130:** Jeremy Filippelli (C) dec. Anthony Pavlich, 7-5; **135:** Donnie Watkins (C) won by technical fall over Jared Stephens, 15-0; **140:** Jimmy Mann (WJG) pinned Ryan Terrell, 1:47; **145:** Brent Winekoff (C) p. Mike Johnson, 3:03; **152:** Zaid Ammari (WJG) won by tech. fall over Austin Mach, 20-4; **160:** Anthony Abro (C) dec. Jeff Adkins, 11-5; **171:** Keith Zech (C) dec. Zach Redden, 7-3; **189:** Kameron Jones (WJG) dec. Ben Poirer, 6-4; **215:** Tyler Bourcier (C) dec. Gerald Powell, 7-2; **285:** Dustin Gajewiak (WJG) dec. Robert Lincoln, 7-2; **103:** Steven Wakeford (WJG) p. Dan Filippelli, 4:59; **112:** Waleed Faraj (C) p. Doug Wiley, 11:4; **119:** Joshua Austin (WJG) dec. Carl Lucke, 6-3.

Dual match records: John Glenn, 25-7 overall; Canton, 25-11 overall.

(Semifinal matches)
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 32
TEMPERANCE BEDFORD 28

119 pounds: Joshua Austin (WJG) decision Tom Fox, 12-8; **125:** Mark Thompson (WJG) won by major dec. over P.J. Stevens, 13-3; **130:** Anthony Pavlich (WJG) dec. Brian Gibbs, 8-6; **135:** Jared Stephens (WJG) won by major dec. over Mike Peck, 18-8; **140:** Billy Osborne (TB) dec. Jimmy Mann, 4-0; **145:** Mike Johnson (WJG) pinned Tanner Duval, 3:15; **152:** T.J. Romin (TB) dec. Zaid Ammari, 8-6; **160:** Aaron Jeffrey (TB) dec. Jeff Adkins, 14-12; **171:** Zach Redden (WJG) won by void; **189:** Nick Whitenburg (TB) won

by injury default over Kameron Jones; **215:** Eric Draper (TB) won by major dec. over Gerald Powell, 15-5; **285:** Mason Cole (TB) dec. Dustin Gajewiak, 7-0; **103:** Steven Wakeford (WJG) won by void; **112:** Mason Allison (TB) won by void.

Dual match records: John Glenn, 24-7 overall; Bedford, 22-4 overall.

CANTON 33

SOUTHGATE ANDERSON 27
119: Carl Lucke (C) won by major decision over Chris Branoff, 19-7; **125:** Nick Boone (SA) dec. Mitch Wolski, 6-3; **130:** Jeremy Filippelli (C) dec. Isaac Morissette, 9-0; **135:** Donnie Watkins (C) pinned Dan Jarbo, 3:31; **140:** Anthony Shear (SA) dec. Sean O'Keefe, 9-2; **152:** Anthony Abro (C) won by major dec. over Donovan Mozzezy, 16-5; **160:** Keith Zech (C) dec. Devon Bronson, 9-3; **171:** Anthony Golema (C) won by technical fall over Pat Durocher, 19-4; **189:** Ben Dominguez (SA) dec. Ben Poirer, 11-5; **215:** Tomas Gomez (SA) dec. Tyler Bourcier, 3-1; **285:** Jacob Moore (SA) p. Robert Lincoln, 3:20; **103:** Chad Turner (SA) won by major dec. over Daniel Filippelli, 15-5; **112:** Waleed Faraj (C) p. Ludwing Castanada, 3:09.

Dual match records: Canton, 25-10 overall; Southgate, 33-6 overall.

Feb. 25 at NOVI (Championship match)

NOVI-DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL 67
GROSSE POINTE SOUTH 9
(Semifinal matches)
NOVI-DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL 43
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 19

171 pounds: Garrett Hay (LF) decisioned Steve Shikora, 9-2; **189:** Mike Kimble (CC) dec. Don Stratz, 3-2; **215:** Cody Hay (LF) dec. Andrew Johnson, 4-3; **285:** Mike Modes (LF) pinned Dave Knuth, 0:40; **103:** Todd Melick (CC) p. Rian Klein, 0:41; **112:** Alec

Mooradian (CC) won by technical fall over Gabe Martinez, 18-2; **119:** Justin Melick (CC) p. Ryan Derry, 1:31; **125:** Charlie Joseph (CC) won by tech. fall over Erik Czech, 20-5; **130:** Doug Eldridge (CC) won by void; **135:** Roland Neal (CC) dec. Ryan Haarala, 7-4; **140:** Kevin Sullivan (CC) dec. Justin Jacobsen, 5-1; **145:** Elvin Ferreira (LF) dec. Gerid Gee, 10-3; **152:** Trevor O'Connor (CC) p. Matt Roos, 3:21; **160:** Brandon Billiau (LF) won by major dec. over Miles Treasolt, 12-2.

Dual match records: CC, 15-4 overall; Franklin, 21-9 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH 35
LIVONIA STEVENSON 30

Stevenson's dual match record: 25-20 overall.

DIVISION 4
Feb. 25 at BLISSFIELD (Championship match)

MANCHESTER 72
MONROE ST. MARY CATHOLIC CENTRAL 3
(Semifinal match)
MANCHESTER 72

LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND 6

103 pounds: Ryan Abrigo (M) won by void; **112:** Mitchell Leamon (M) won by void; **119:** Drew Fischer (M) decisioned Brad LaRose, 7-6; **125:** Austin Deacons (M) dec. Laith Francis, 9-7; **130:** Cevin Walker (M) p. Justin Pakka, 2:34; **135:** Jimmy Hamilton (M) p. Brock Crandall, 5:28; **140:** Johnny Woodlams (M) p. Shawn Rowe, 2:27; **145:** Coyle Render (M) p. Drew Maynard, 0:35; **152:** Stephen Sheiler (M) p. Alex Bos, 0:50; **160:** Chris Margraves (M) p. Bob Schwartz, 0:16; **171:** Stephen Kemp (LV) p. Isaac Miller, 4:53; **189:** Will Rickert (M) won by void; **215:** Brandon Schneider (M) p. Craig Kowalsky, 1:42; **285:** Dylan Neff (M) won by void.

Dual match records: Manchester, 31-3 overall; Lutheran Westland, 20-10 overall.

Glenn's 31 leads Chiefs over Stevenson, 67-51

Canton senior Marlan Glenn had a career night Thursday at Livonia Stevenson.

The sharp-shooting guard tallied 31 points to lead the Chiefs to a 67-51 victory over the Spartans.

Glenn drained six threes on the way to his offensive explosion.

"Marlan played with a lot of energy and he did a great job on the offensive and defensive ends of the court for us," said Canton coach Dan Colligan. "When he's feeling confidence with his job, he's capable of nights like this."

Dietrich Lever and Kiere Daniels both netted eight points for the winners. Lever also dished out 11 assists.

The victory improved Canton's record to 10-8.

BOYS PREP HOOP

Stevenson slipped to 10-7.

Canton led 30-29 at the half before pulling away by outscoring their hosts 18-3 in the third quarter.

Nick Marzec led the Spartans with nine points, while Gary Cobb chipped in with eight.

NORTHVILLE 59, PLYMOUTH 50: On Thursday at Northville, the pin-point outside shooting of Andrew Baldwin and Tim Hasse led the Mustangs to a KLA A cross-over victory.

Baldwin scored 19 points while Hasse added 18 as they both found the twine three times from beyond the arc.

Brennen Beyer paced the Wildcats with 15 points while

Cliff Buttermore scored 12 on four triples.

Justin Moss added 10 for the Wildcats, whose sixth straight setback dropped them to 8-10.

Northville improved to 6-12. "We played O.K. tonight, but they played really good," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "They made some key second-half threes and took the game over."

Plymouth held a narrow 23-21 halftime advantage before the Mustangs racked 19 points in both the third and fourth quarters.

Sophomore guard Bryce Groshek scored nine points for the Mustangs, all coming from three-point land.

Alontae McIlhaney played well for Plymouth, netting eight first-half points.

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BRODIE

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mentals, which a lot of coaches - even at the college level - don't do enough," added Head.

Brian Kearis, who graduated from Salem in 1987 and served as one of Brodie's first captains, said he still utilizes many of the life lessons he learned while playing high school basketball.

"To this day, I still remember how coach Brodie taught us about responsibility and accountability," said Kearis. "And no matter who you were, he treated everyone the same."

"Even now, when I'm working in the business world, I still use things I learned from coach Brodie back in the 80s. Things like keeping your nose to the grindstone and working hard no matter what."

Churchill coach Jim Solak will never forget the reception Brodie

offered him after he accepted the Chargers' head coaching job seven years ago.

"Bob had been around for a while and I was the new guy, so I didn't know what to expect," reflected Solak. "But he showed me the utmost respect from the first time I met him, which is something I'll never forget."

"He's one of the all-around good guys. He's a class act."

From the deepest roots to the highest branches, coaching basketball flourishes in the Brodie family tree. Brodie followed in the footsteps of his dad, who was a high school basketball coach. And his youngest son, Joe, is currently the freshman boys basketball coach at Belleville High School.

"I was the ball-boy for some of my dad's teams, and that kind of triggered my dream of becoming a basketball coach," Brodie said. "I was a student-teacher for one of the greatest coaches of all time

- Lofton Greene - at River Rouge, so I've had some great teachers."

"I tried to talk my kids out of going into coaching because it takes a lot of time away from your family. I know I missed a lot of my sons' games because of coaching. But Joe really enjoys it, so I think it's great."

What's been the most important element of Brodie's longevity?

"You have to keep an even keel," he said. "Don't get too high when things are going well and don't get too low when they're not."

And true to form, when the Rocks fell into an early 17-9 hole Thursday night, the veteran coach wasn't ranting.

And when they put the finishing touches on a 73-66 victory, he wasn't raving.

He was simply Bob Brodie - a class act.

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ROCKS

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"We fought to get the lead back late in the game, but we lost the little 30-second games within the game. Give Salem credit, though. They made their shots tonight."

Salem led 39-34 at the half before a wild-and-crazy third-quarter that ended knotted at 56-56 thanks to a last-second triple from Hayes.

The junior tripled again to start the fourth quarter but Churchill retaliated with clutch shots from Frizzell, Alex Bay and Bedell to grab a 63-62 edge with 3:50 to play.

However, the Rocks - inspired by the desire to win one for their esteemed coach - ripped off a 9-0 run to put a stamp on the victory.

Brodie said he like the game's tempo, which ranged from NASCAR to tractor pull.

"We like to run, but we also

like to change things up and put the brakes on, too, like we did tonight," said Brodie. "I liked the pace tonight."

Statistically, Salem won the game at the free-throw line as they attempted 24 freebies (making 16) to Churchill's four.

Despite the game's up-tempo style, both teams took care of the ball. Salem committed 10 turnovers while the Chargers recorded just six miscues.

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Still going strong

Canton native Allison Schmitt, pictured above on the awards podium following the 500-yard freestyle event at last week's Southeastern Conference Championships, is making an immediate splash as a member of the University of Georgia swimming team. The freshman, who graduated from Canton High School last year, was named the SEC's "Freshman Swimmer of the Year" last week after excelling in the SEC championship meet. Schmitt, a member of the 2008 U.S. Olympic team, won the 500-yard freestyle in 4:37.90, finished second in the 200 freestyle (1:43.52) and fifth in the 100 freestyle (48.48). She was also the lead swimmer on two second-place UG relays—the 400 freestyle and 800 freestyle. Schmitt set school and conference records in the 200 freestyle as part of the 800 relay team. Her time of 1:42.90 was the fastest time for the 200 freestyle in the NCAA this season. Schmitt led the Bulldogs to a third-place showing.

Wildcat lady cagers gain momentum SALEM

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GIRLS PREP HOOP

On Friday night, the Plymouth girls basketball team earned some much-needed momentum heading into Monday's Class A District tournament with an entertaining 68-62 victory over Waterford Kettering.

Both teams finished the regular season with 8-12 records.

Several players stepped to the forefront for the triumphant Wildcats, including Shaakira Haywood, who registered 17 points and eight rebounds; Kelsi Robinson, who scored 16 points; Megan Quinlan, who scored 10 points; and Stacey Klonowski, who tallied 10 points, 13 rebounds, eight assists and five steals.

Chandler Levitt led Kettering with 19 points.

Plymouth opens District action Monday at 6 p.m. when it takes on Northville

at Livonia Ladywood High School. A victory would propel the Wildcats into Wednesday's 6 p.m. semifinal contest against Novi.

CANTON 51, W.L. WESTERN 42

On Friday at Canton, the Chiefs used a 23-8 fourth-quarter surge to rally past the visiting Warriors, who carried a 36-28 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

The Chiefs, who are ranked No. 6 in Class A, finished their regular season with an 18-2 mark. Western will take a 9-11 mark into the post-season.

Kari Schmitt led the winners with 16 points and four rebounds. Sara Schmitt added 11 points and six boards while CarolAnn Sexauer netted seven points.

Robyn Mack tallied seven

points and six boards while Alyssa Cottrell chipped in with five points.

"Defensively, I didn't think we played very good tonight," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "But I was proud of the way the girls finished with a big fourth quarter. We're going to have to get better defensively if we want to do well in next week's District tournament."

Paige Partenio led the Warriors with 14 points.

Western led 11-6 after one quarter and 24-17 at the half.

The Chiefs connected on half their free throws (19 for 38) while Western hit 7 of 11 shots from the free-throw line.

Canton opens District play Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. against the winner of Monday night's Salem-Livonia Ladywood game. Ladywood is hosting the tournament.

made a valiant effort to get the ball to the rim and maybe draw a foul. We also had an offensive board that didn't hit the mark. "We're disappointed obviously. We were climbing a mountain this week, and we have another mountain to start climbing next week."

Salem didn't panic and worked the ball back inside to Davis for a bucket, and it was all Stone after that as Salem put the game away at the line.

"It was a great end of the season, first KLAA championship game," Thomann said. "We were fortunate and prevailed. I think our kids did a great job of earning it tonight."

Salem is 13-7, but the Rocks have won 11 of their last 12 games. Lakeland is 15-5.

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Grieving owner goes beyond the paw print

Losing a good friend is never easy. It's been three years since Shamrock, our Irish Wolfhound, died of cancer and I still can recall the pain I felt after his death. It was sudden and I could have used a support group like the one Micky Golden Moore is starting March 9, at Orchard United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills. While many people have become understanding of losing a member of the family, others show indifference or downright callousness.

Moore lost Pablo and Nellie, the cats she lived with for 18 years just a month apart. She and husband Bud were devastated. Instead of wallowing in grief, Micky developed a program to help veterinarians care for the owners who are hurting. A series of losses had brought the Farmington Hills woman to the point of wanting to be able to help others.

Moore's father died of cancer in February 2003. During his illness the two went to support groups at the Karmanos Cancer Institute's Weisberg Center in Farmington Hills. Afterwards she began volunteering at the Institute as a patient advocate and was responsible for the success of the public speaking program she developed.

"He eventually ended up in hospice and I fell in love with the support group. Then my mother died three years later and I went into an abyss, a terrible depression," said Moore who worked in speech communication for 30 years. "I didn't know how to help myself. Then I found out about the hospice and bereavement program at Madonna University and started taking classes. The more I learned, the more I knew I wanted to help other people like myself. I was working through my grief and then



This photograph of Micky Golden Moore, Pablo (background) and Nellie was taken in happier days.

BEYOND THE PAW PRINT

What: A pet loss support group
When: Begins meeting 7-9 p.m. Monday, March 9, and continues the second month of every month
Where: Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, south of 14 Mile, Farmington Hills. For information, call (248) 701-2345 or e-mail mjmoore@beyondthepawprint.com

lost my two pets and there was nothing, no support group to help me, so I developed a program from what I learned through the hospice program."

In the middle of the night Moore said she experienced an epiphany. All she had to hold onto after her pets' deaths were the concrete paw prints from her veterinarian. Moore needed more so she came up with idea of seeking and sharing solace through a pet loss support group. Beyond the Paw Print is meant to transform the grieving process.

"I don't want to be seen as a kook but some people laugh at you because of pet loss and grieving. We're disenfranchised, not acknowledged. What people don't understand they ignore or ridicule," said Moore who is currently serving an internship at Karmanos while finishing a master's degree in hospice studies at Madonna University in Livonia.

"People are embarrassed about the emotion over a pet loss. You've got to turn your grief around. I turned it into something to help others. Talking helps grieving owners receive validation about their loss and encouragement to heal. I don't want anyone to stay in the abyss of their grief. People can't heal until they face their loss."

For more information, visit www.beyondthepawprint.com.

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Keep kids and canines safe

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

The economic crisis is definitely having an effect on humans seeking the companionship of animals, says Terri Bennett. In 34 years of owning Specialty Pet Supplies in Plymouth, she's never seen so many customers coming into the store in search of supplies for the newest members of the family. That's why she's offering a seminar to educate kids and parents about preventing dog bites 1 p.m. Sunday, March 8.

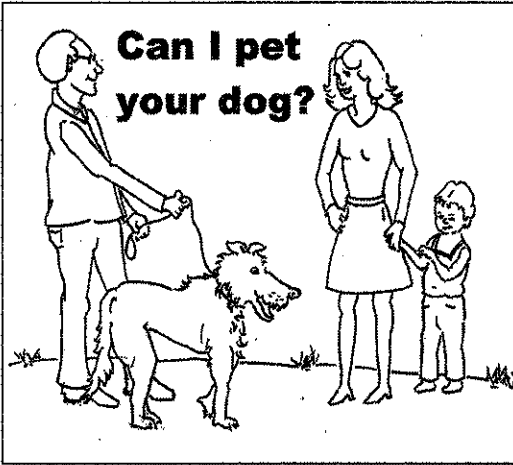
"I noticed this Christmas season as the economy got worse people were focusing on home and deciding on Susie having that kitty. They're adopting and buying. Our rescue groups say as quickly as they come in they go out. That's why education is beneficial," said Bennett. "We're making sure they have cages, toys, but with all this new interest owners need to learn about the proper care of pets."

"Common sense is not always common. Education can go a long way to make sure children keep from getting injured. I'm a big believer in prevention. It's important to pick the right temperament, size, and the more you can instill in people about what to expect, what to avoid, the better and since spring is a good time to start looking for a puppy they're hungry for information."

Bonny Wainz, master trainer and behaviorist, came up with the idea for the seminar after hearing too many stories about children traumatized for life after being bitten by dogs who were later euthanized. Kids and Canines: Keep Them Safe is an interactive presentation to teach children and adults about not approaching dogs in certain situations. A coloring book, illustrated by artist Gwen Dietrich of Canton, allows children, especially the very young, to retain the lessons. It's important that everyone learn not to approach strange dogs quickly and without the owner's permission, as well as what to do when approached by a dog they don't know on the street. Wainz talks about never bothering a dog while it's eating, sleeping or playing with a toy. And never to chase a dog around with a stick.

"It's for kids and parents because parents need to know as well," said Wainz of Alternative Canine Training. "It's kid based, kept at a kid level so they understand what they're learning. I tell them mom and dad have rules, now you have rules for dogs: how to meet a dog. I teach them Doglish or how to read dogs. How do you know when a dog is aggressive or happy? The 10 things they should never do."

Wainz is bringing her dog Eclipse to demon-



This coloring book illustration by artist Gwen Dietrich of Canton teaches the correct way to approach a strange dog. Never attempt to pet a strange dog without the permission of the owner.



There is a correct way to pet a strange dog as demonstrated in this illustration by Canton artist Gwen Dietrich. Never extend the fingers in case the dog decides to bite. Let them sniff your hand first before scratching underneath the chin never the top of the head as it is a dominant gesture.

strate.

"I have them walk the dogs. One woman wanted to walk Eclipse because she was afraid of dogs," said Wainz of Royal Oak. "We'll have a bean bag toss into a dog food bowl for kids afterwards with prizes. It's for ages from about 5 on up. There's no charge but we would like them to register so we have enough coloring books."

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Zoo offers up Frog Fun Days

The Detroit Zoo invites visitors to "spring forward" into daylight-saving time while learning about endangered amphibians at Frog Fun Days March 7 and 8.

Frog Fun Days will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the National Amphibian Conservation Center and will include face painting, mask making, guessing games, zoo-keeper talks and a visit from the Rainforest Café tree frog mascot, Cha! Cha!. All Frog Fun Days activities are free with regular zoo admission.

The Frog Fun Days event continues the momentum from 2008's Year of the Frog, a global conservation campaign focusing on endangered

amphibians and the critical work being done by zoos and aquariums to save them.

The Frog Fun Days weekend coincides with the Detroit Zoo's Wild Winter Zoobilee March 7 and 8 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ford Education Center. Activities include animal arts and crafts, games, a scavenger hunt, animal enrichment, zookeeper talks and live performances by musical duo Gemini.

The Detroit Zoological Society is a nonprofit organization that operates the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo. Situated on 125 acres of naturalistic exhibits, the Detroit Zoo is located at the intersection of 10 Mile Road and

Woodward Avenue, just off I-696, in Royal Oak. The Detroit Zoo is open daily 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. November through March and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April through October. Admission is \$11 for adults 15 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 14; children under 2 are free.

For more information, call (248) 541-5717 or visit www.detroitzoo.org. The Belle Isle Nature Zoo is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. year-round and provides educational programming with interpretive staff support from the Huron-Clinton Metroparks. Admission is free. For more information, call (313) 852-4056.

Meet farmers, try foods at cholesterol seminar

Learn about lowering your cholesterol, while sampling food from local farmers and vendors at "Friday Night Live," an informational seminar, from 6-10 p.m. Friday, March 6, at Life Christian Center, 3193 Rochester Road, Troy.

Healthy Traditions Network, the Metro-Detroit chapter of the Weston A. Price Foundation, will present the event, which features psychologist Steven Fischer, PhD. He'll talk about the latest methods for lowering cholesterol and explain why cholesterol-lowering drugs may cause more harm than good.

Cost is \$25 if pre-registered by

March 4. Cost at the door is \$35.

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Age 77, February 26, 2009. Beloved wife of John. Loving mother of Joan (Carter). Survived by one sister, Merry L. Scheck of California, many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. She was active in the Women of the Moose (Chapter 1339) and American Legion Auxiliary (Unit 396). Funeral arrangements pending at Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Road, Garden City (734) 427-3800. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation or the U.S.O.

WILLIAM P. BENTON
Age 85, of Bloomfield Hills. Died Feb. 19, 2009 of cancer. He was born Nov. 4, 1923 in Laurinburg, NC. He is survived by his wife Blanche, daughters Barbara Benton, Roxanne Darling & her partner Shane Robinson, Judy Dennis & her husband Mike Dennis, Nancy Lievois & her husband Jim Lievois, and grandchildren Carl, Annie, and Christina Dennis, and Jordan and Tyler Lievois. The funeral service will be at St. Hugo of the Hills Church in Bloomfield Hills, MI on Sat., Mar. 21, 2009 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Henry Ford Hospital, Schepens Eye Clinic, Hospice of Palm Beach County or the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Mr. Benton was a well-known and loved automotive executive. For more information please visit www.williampbenton.com.

NORMAN O. PAULSON
Age 83. Of Farmington Hills, MI. Died Wednesday, February 18, 2009 in Sarasota, FL. He was born on July 11, 1925 in Rockland, MI, son of the late Oscar and Hilda (Aho) Paulson. Norman married T. Elizabeth Paulson on February 19, 1949 (deceased). After proudly serving in the United States Air Force, stationed in Boca Raton, FL, Norman came home and began working in electronics repair at S.S. Hough Company in Detroit. On April 1, 1960 he began his own business, World-Wide TV & Appliance opening his first store in Detroit. Later he opened six additional stores and the World Wide Shopping Center on Grand River Avenue in Farmington. Norman's business activities provided career opportunities for many family members and friends throughout his 34 years in business. Norman is survived by his wife Linda Lou, sons Dennis (Gerrie), Michael (Cathy) of South Carolina, Charles (Vicki); his daughter Norma (Charles) Bawtinheimer of Midland. Step-daughters Marissa (Shawn) Sayers and Collene Hawk. Norman loved his nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. And sisters, Virginia (Melvin) Ahonen, Nancy Moritas. Norman was preceded in death by his wife T. Elizabeth Paulson, his parents and two brothers Raymond Aho and Stanley Paulson and granddaughter Jennifer Elisabeth Bawtinheimer. A memorial celebration of life for Norman will be held at Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, MI on Saturday, March 28, 2009 with visitation starting at 10:00 a.m. until time of service at 11:00 a.m.

OPAL CLARK
February 27, 2009 in Scottsdale, AZ. Opal was born April 29, 1921 in Muncie, IN to Okal and Florence Carter. She lost her mother at the young age of 8; she and her brother Gerald Carter were raised by their grandmother Mata Mall in Saginaw, MI. She met and married Orrin Clark in 1938. After the war they settled in Birmingham, MI and raised two daughters. Opal worked for Mints Ice Cream on Woodward Ave. and then in 1954 she went to work at the Birmingham Post Office for 25 years. In her earlier years she loved to dance with Orrin and travel with her family during summer months. They continued to travel after their children were grown, including trips to many European countries. After retirement she wintered in Mesa, AZ and later bought a home and moved there. After Orrin's death in 1991, she continued to travel to visit her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In the past few years Opal moved to Scottsdale, AZ to be near her daughter. She was loved and will be missed by all. Wife of the late Orrin. Dear mother of Karen York and Sharon Hart (Michael). Grandmother of Kimberly Bozin and David Hart. Great-grandmother of Zackary and Nicholas Bozin and Waverly and Collin Hart. Funeral service Thursday, 11am at White Chapel Cemetery, Chapel of Flowers, 621 W. Long Lake Rd., Troy. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-362-2500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

KATHLEEN F. RAUCH
February 25, 2009. Age 62. Beloved wife of Phillip. Loving mother of Julie (Jeff) Glebe and Suzanne (Phil) Waligora. Dear sister of Ralph Fader. In state Tuesday 10 am with Mass to follow 10:30 am, at St. Edith Catholic Church 15089 Newburgh Road (south of Five Mile Rd.). Visitation Sunday 2-9 pm and Monday 2-9 pm with Scripture Service 7:00 pm, at the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home 30200 Five Mile Rd. (Between Middlebelt and Merriman) Livonia. Memorial contributions may be made to IHM Sisters or Angela Hospice and envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. www.neely-turowski.com

MARJORIE WERTHEIMER
Age 80, of Farmington Hills, MI. Beloved wife of the late Dr. Frederick W. Wertheimer. Loving mother of David (Carmen) Karen (Robert) Dickey and Eric (Cheryl). Grandmother of Michael, Laura, Austin and Andrew. Also survived by her brother Ernest (Joan) Spence. Services were entrusted to McCabe Funeral Home and were held February 28, 2009.

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In transition Center changes for the better

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OGE STAFF WRITER

Stacey Stover worries the economic crisis combined with the Women's Resource Center name change could mean fewer tickets sold for the annual fund-raiser March 10 at Schoolcraft College. The Spaghetti Dinner and Wine Glow usually sells out the DiPonio Room in the VisTaTech Center. Last year 435 supporters raised \$15,000 for scholarships to help women and men displaced by divorce or loss of a job.

This year tickets are still a bargain at \$30. The name change could cause some confusion though. On Dec. 9, Schoolcraft College announced the WRC was becoming the Transitions Center. In addition to helping stay-at-home moms pursue an education, the center expanded its services to offer financial planning, volunteer income tax assistance and support for workers in transition. The Family Resources program provides recruiting information. Student Engagement not only expanded Women's History Month programming, but assists students with building their academic schedules and attracts high school age youth to the campus with its Women on the Way.

"We're adding new services, blending departments," said Stover, who was supervisor for student recruitment and activities until September when she became center director. "We still receive calls from women, domestic violence survivors, seeking housing but also from males interested in checking out the culinary arts program. We're helping with transitions in all of the areas students are experiencing transitions. We're known for working one on one and offering personalized assistance."

"The change allowed us to expand to meet growing needs. An adult student who's a displaced worker can sit down and we can walk them through the process. We serve as an ombudsman, a family resource in times of illness, accident, crisis that gives families a place to go. New is helping students with their schedules. We're excited. We have a new Web site, www.schoolcraft.edu/transitions, but the money (from the fund-raiser) still goes to scholarships for Transitions Center students."

POSITIVE CHANGES

WRC always helped males but by leaving women out of the name they hope to attract even more. One of the key offerings has been CHIPS, a program teaching computer skills.

"We're still retaining our history, maintaining the strengths and identities in the past and expanding because of economic needs," Stover said. "For the



Stacey Stover is the new director of the Transitions Center, formerly the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

SPAGHETTI DINNER & WINE GLOW

What: Schoolcraft College's Transitions Center hosts its annual dinner to raise money for scholarships.

When: Tuesday, March 10. The evening includes a 6 p.m. Wine Glow, 7 p.m. dinner, and 8 p.m. program.

Where: VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia.

Tickets: \$30, sponsorships \$75 (includes two dinners and program listing). Advertisements available for \$20 to \$100. Call (734) 462-4443.

2006-2007 school year 80 percent of those helped by the center were employed after graduation, 75 percent employed in their field."

This year's dinner has expanded as well to include tortellini, carafes of wine on the table and tiramisu for

dessert. Afterwards a video will highlight the changes. Charlotte O'Connor sees the transition as positive even though the name change has caused rumblings in the center. The word women was removed as a result of passage of the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative Proposal 2 in 2006 banning affirmative action.

"It's not a secret the initiative influenced this," said O'Connor, who oversees 45 center volunteers. She's worked in the center for 5 1/2 years. "The Michigan Civil Rights Initiative says we can not use public dollars for a specific group. The message is we're still helping the same people, but trying to cast a broader net seeing a lot more people in a time of the economy crisis. The people we see — that's the story. We help people who fall between the cracks. We see older adults displaced by the economy and divorce, women who have been at home without an education and skills. We're seeing the poorest of the poor."

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The spaghetti dinner is just one of the highlights of the annual event that raises money for scholarships. A Basket Raffle is popular as well.



Last year, 435 supporters enjoyed the Spaghetti Dinner to raise money for scholarships for the Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center, now the Transitions Center. Pictured here (right of center) is Conway Jeffress, college president.

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MILESTONES

Saatio-Tyler
Ellen and David Saatio of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Lynn Saatio, to Bennett William Tyler of Novi, the son of Marian and Bill Tyler of Livonia.



The bride-to-be earned a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Michigan-Dearborn in Elementary Education, in December 2006. She attends Madonna University, earning a master's degree in early childhood education, and works as a kindergarten teacher for West Bloomfield Public Schools.

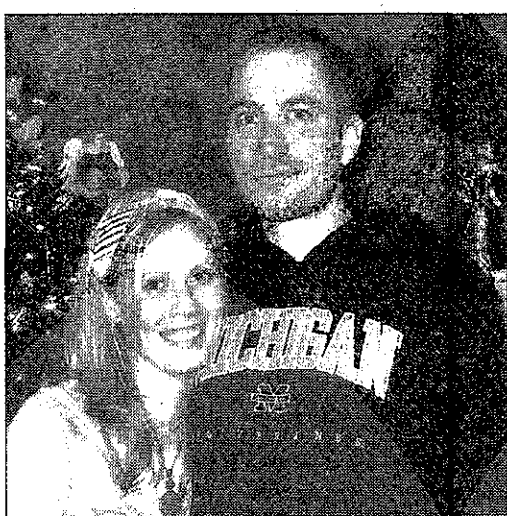
The groom-to-be earned a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Michigan-Dearborn in elementary education, in April 2006. He attends the University of Michigan-Dearborn, earning a master's degree in public administration, and works as a fourth grade teacher for West Bloomfield Public Schools.

The couple plan to wed in July at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Canton Township.

Hajduk-Guilmond
Chris and Lisa Hajduk of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Stephanie Hajduk, to Eric Guilmond, son of Thomas and Barbara Guilmond, of Clare. The bride-to-be is a 2003 graduate of Salem High School and a 2008 graduate of Central Michigan University. The groom-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Clare High School and a 2008 graduate of Central Michigan University. Their wedding will take place in August in Canton.

**Kleinschmidt-Felczak**

Michael and Shirley Felczak of Livonia announce the engagement of their son, Michael Felczak, Jr. of Jacksonville, Fla., to Emily Kleinschmidt of Jacksonville, formerly of Marshall, Mich. The groom-to-be graduated from Stevenson High School in 1998 and earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Eastern Michigan University in 2002. He is employed as an accounts manager at Aaron's Rental Service in Jacksonville.

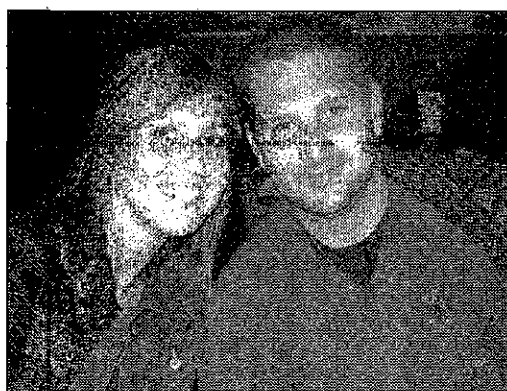


The bride-to-be graduated from Marshall High School in 2000 and earned a bachelor's degree in public relations from Western Michigan University in 2004. She is employed as a catastrophic claims representative for State Farm Insurance in Jacksonville.

The couple plan to wed in August at Mission Pointe Resort, Mackinac Island.

Sied-Heseltine

Marshall and Sue Sied of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Kathryn Sied, to Adam Jeffrey Heseltine, son of Shirley Heseltine of South Lyon, and the late Jeffrey Heseltine.



The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Stevenson High School and a 2004 graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed as an account manager at Google in Ann Arbor.

The groom graduated in 1999 from Stevenson High School and earned his bachelor's degree in 2003 from Western Michigan University. He is employed as a sales account manager at Hilti Tool in Livonia.

The couple plans to wed in July at Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

Starfish helps kids, families

BY JULIE BROWN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Last year, Starfish Family Services helped more than 9,000 kids and families. The agency, on Hiveley in Inkster with additional offices nearby, began 45 years ago to help children in foster care.

Its name and mission have changed somewhat in that time, according to Paula Brown, chief development officer.

"Our families are very much dealing with the issues of poverty," said Brown, who lives in Plymouth Township. Brown, speaking Feb. 19 to the Westland Rotary, noted 70 percent of Inkster residents receive free/reduced school lunches.

Starfish services include emergency food, along with seasonal clothing for children; a teen shelter and crisis center where youth age 10 and up can stay for up to 14 days; and mental health counseling that is offered to young people and adults through Westland and Livonia locations. Staffers focus efforts on families with children.

"Many of our parents are single moms, very young, some of them. We do everything we can to hold that family together."

The Starfish Family Resource Center in Inkster houses a gym where parents can play with their children. Staff lends a guiding hand, helping moms and moms-to-be understand that they should hold their children and read to them.

Staffers see about 700 children a day in Head Start and Early Head Start, which help children prepare for school. Starfish works with partners to avoid utility shutoff, which can lead to children being removed from the home.

The agency has an organic garden where children help food to grow. "By August, we've got eggplant like this," Brown said, holding her hands wide apart. The children take pride in their contributions to the garden.

Starfish focuses on the family life cycle from birth, to school readiness and into the teen years. They've continued some help for young people coming out of foster care due to age, who face limited options.

The agency, with a \$12 million budget, received a \$1 million Fisher Foundation grant to work with young families over three years, "as far as what poverty is doing to their lives."

By the third year, families will counsel each other, Brown said. With help of the McGregor Fund, more families can participate.

"They are now moving toward independence and having hope for their future," she said.

David Ingham, a Rotarian and principal at Westland John Glenn High School, praised Starfish: "They do a nice job helping families," Ingham said.

For more information, call Starfish at (734) 728-3400 or visit www.starfishonline.org.

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Can patients expect a possible knee injection if they have knee pain but no swelling, that is, no evidence of any fluid in the knee? The answer is yes, a knee injection will may be the treatment of choice.

Before undertaking such treatment, the doctor will try to diagnose the problem. Instances where a person could have knee pain but no knee effusion include a meniscal or ligament tear, a bone bruise or bone cyst or a deposit of calcium crystals in the joint. Often knee x-rays will uncover these abnormalities, but not always.

Injecting the knee with a steroid at the time the patient presents with pain helps in several ways. First, the injection relieves pain in a timely manner. Second, a good response to the injection may last for months or more, making it unnecessary to go forward with further studies or immediate surgery. Third, a good response supports the diagnosis that the problem is not a tumor or cancer that if left alone will cause serious impairment at a later date.

The purpose of knee injections is to resolve pain. The presence of fluid gives the physician another reason to undertake the procedure. The absence of fluid does not deter him from the task.

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CITIZENS FOR PEACE FILM SERIES

Four provocative films designed to stir the conscience of the viewer will be shown weekly beginning 7 p.m. Friday, March 13, at Madonna University in Livonia. Sponsored by the Citizens for Peace, the films will be facilitated by a knowledgeable local spokesperson who will answer questions following each presentation. A donation of \$5 is requested for each viewing.

Health for Sale is the title of the 53-minute film for March 13. The focus is on the practices of Big Pharma that accounts for \$500 billion of world health spending which allows for maximum profits while keeping needed drugs from all but the most affluent citizens.

March 20 is *Soldiers of Conscience*, a dramatic window on the dilemma of eight U.S. Soldiers in the Iraq war including four who decide not to kill and instead become conscientious objectors. Made with the permission of the U.S. Army, the film explores the tension between spiritual values and military orders. Mark Gaffney, Michigan AFL-CIO president, leads a discussion on the impact of the Iraq War on the economy. The Detroit Area Peace with Justice Network commemorates the sixth anniversary of the start of the war with this film and discussion. The theme is: Beyond War: A Better Economic World Is Possible.

Traces of the Trade: A Story of the Deep South is scheduled March 27. It is the story of one Rhode Island family's painful but persistent confrontation with its continuing legacy of the slave trade. This 86-minute film asks what Americans can and should do to deal with what has been inherited from the country's past.

April 3 is *Made in L.A.* which traces the moving transformation of three Latina women who decide they must resist an American garment retailer and the labor conditions under which they must work by initiating a groundbreaking lawsuit and consumer boycott. This 70-minute film puts a human face, a woman's face, on labor organiz-

ing, immigrant struggles and women's rights.

For more information, call Colleen Mills at (734) 425 0079.

BIRD LECTURE

The Friends of the Livonia Library present Tim Nowicki who will talk about the seasons of Michigan by recounting the birds in our area, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15. Nowicki has been a naturalist for Oakland County Parks and Recreation for the past 20 years. He has educated hundreds of children and adults about the ways of the natural world. In addition to his work as a professional naturalist, Nowicki has written a column about nature for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, spoken about nature in our backyard on Jimmy Launce's WJR radio show, and hosted a children's cable television program that focused on nature with live animals. This is a free program.

The Civic Center Library is at 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road, Livonia. For information, call (734) 466-2491.

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP DISCUSSION

Henry Ford Community College will hold a panel discussion on "Women's Leadership in the Michigan Economy; Reflecting on 70 years of Innovation and Change" at 11L15 a.m., Wednesday, March 18 in the Andrew A. Mazzara Administrative Services and Conference Center on HFCC's main campus at 5101 Evergreen in Dearborn. The event features prominent women of local and national acclaim speaking on ways to help improve Michigan's economy.

Registration for the free event is required. Call HFCC's Vice President of Student Affairs Office at (313) 845-9610 by Wednesday, March 4.

Women who will be speaking at the event are Maggie Allesee, nationally renowned choreographer, philanthropist, cultural community leader and 2007 Michigania of the Year; Debbie Dingell, vice chair of the General Motors Foundation; Haifa Fakhouri, president of the Arab American Chaldean Council; Annie L. Ford, World War II assembly worker and longtime Detroit resident; Eleanor Josaitis, co-founder of Focus:HOPE and inductee in the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame; Gail C. Mee, HFCC president, and Nancy Schlichting, president and CEO of Henry Ford Health System.

Learn to remodel, check out spas

Kurtis Kitchen and Bath Centers will offer a do-it-yourself clinic, "Managing Your Own Project," for homeowners, 6-8 p.m., Thursday, March 12 at all of its locations.

The clinic will guide participants through the remodeling process for a kitchen and bath, including assessing the requirements, determining a budget, choosing contractors and establishing a timeline to complete the project. They'll learn simple and easy cost-saving tips and ideas for color flexibility, product selection, scheduling, savings on full versus cabinet depth refrigerators and using licensed professionals. They'll also hear about the cost difference between cabinets from the same and different manufacturers.

Kurtis staff will be on hand to answer questions and offer assistance in selecting the right cabinets.

"Homeowners are looking for affordable remodeling options in this economy and we can provide them with the edu-

cation necessary to carrying out their projects on their own," stated Wayne Weintraub, owner of Kurtis Kitchen and Bath Centers.

Center locations include 28946 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, (248) 539-0700; and 12500 Merriman, Livonia, (734) 522-7600.

For more information or to register for the open house, call (888) KURTIS-1 or visit www.KurtisKitchen.com.

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The show is sponsored by the Michigan Pool & Spa Association. Hours are 3-9:30 p.m., Friday, March 27, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Saturday, March 28 and 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, March 29. Rock Financial Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River Avenue between Novi and Beck Road in Novi. Admission is \$8; \$4 for children 6-14 and free for children 5 and under. Discount coupons for \$2 off adult admission on Friday and Sunday are available at participating Wendy's restaurants. Parking is available on site for a fee. For more information, visit www.NoviPoolShow.com or call (800) 328-6550.

GARDEN CALENDAR

If you have an item for the garden calendar, submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

At English Gardens

■ Watch a free demonstration on arranging fresh-cut flowers, 1 p.m., Saturday, March 7, at all stores.

■ The store will supply all necessary items and hands-on instruction for making a vase arrangement of spring flowers, at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 7, at stores in Ann Arbor, Clinton Township, Dearborn Heights, Eastpointe, Royal Oak and West Bloomfield. This "make it and take it" workshop costs \$24.99. Registration is limited. Sign up in the store or online at www.englishgardens.com.

■ Learn how to maintain a green, healthy lawn at a free presentation, 1 p.m., Saturday, March 14, at all stores.

■ Find out what you can do now to prepare for the upcoming gardening season during a free presentation at 1 p.m., Saturday, March 21, at all stores.

■ The store will provide culinary or fragrant herbs and a white ceramic planter for participants in the "make it and take it workshop," at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 21, at all stores. They'll make their own fresh herb gardens. The cost is \$19.99. Sign up in a store or online at www.englishgardens.com.

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■ Learn about the new varieties of roses, proper care, maintenance, planting procedures, insect and disease control, pruning and fertilizing in a free presentation, 1 p.m., Saturday, March 28, in all stores. Visit local English Gardens stores at 44850 Garfield at Hall in Clinton Township, (586) 286-6100; 6370 Orchard Lake Road at Maple, West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506; 4901 Coolidge, Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; 22650 Ford Road at Outer Drive in Dearborn, (313) 278-4433; and 155 Maple at Jackson, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900.

Heirloom bulbs

Scott Kunst, landscape historian, preservationist and owner of Old House Gardens, will present a slide lecture on the antique bulb varieties that are available to gardeners today, at the next meeting of the Village Gardeners, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Monday, March 23, in the community room of the Lathrup Village Municipal Building, 27400 Southfield Road, three blocks north of I-696 in Lathrup Village. South Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) volunteers will be on hand with information about healthy garden practices, rain gardens, composting, mulching, biodiversity and lawn care, from 6:30-7 p.m. The presentations are free to club members. Guests are asked to donate \$5. For more information call Susan Arneson at (313) 655-1928 or Nancy Bacinski at (248) 569-6548.

Mark your calendars

The Michigan State African Violet Society will hold its annual spring display and plant sale, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday, April 4 and 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sunday, April 5 at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro, Ann Arbor.

African Violets will be on display and available for purchase. Gesneriads will be available, along with supplies. For more information call (248) 698-3628 or e-mail to INGRIBOWMAN07@comcast.net.

Water solutions

Beth Rowley, owner of Landscape Beauty by Design, will offer practical, water-saving advice on mowing, fertilizing and watering your lawn at 7 p.m., April 21, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 South Canton Center, Canton. She'll also talk about creative landscaping to save water. The program is free, although registration is required. (734) 397-0999.

Yard Scraps to Garden Treasure

Advanced Master Gardeners and composers Nancy Perry and Luann Davis of the Canton Garden Club, will talk about using inexpensive vermicomposting methods to enrich soil and reduce waste, at 7 p.m., April 22, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 South Canton Center, Canton. Register for the free program by calling (734) 397-0999.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a **Bid for Asbestos Abatement at the District Curriculum Center and Transportation Building.** The project will be completed prior to the April 14, 2009 building renovation activities and will include the removal and disposal of asbestos flooring materials, asbestos thermal system insulation, and windows with asbestos window caulk as needed. Bid documents will be available on or after Monday, February 23, 2009 by contacting Steve Roach at at The healthAIR Group at 248-426-0165 or in writing at 23437 Research Drive, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48335. A Pre-Bid meeting will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. at the PCCS Transportation Building located at 1024 South Mill Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. All submissions should include 3 bid copies (1 original, 2 duplicates) which are due to the PCCS E.J. McClendon Educational Center, RE: Abatement Bids, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170, on or before 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 12, 2009 where they will be read publicly. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the newspaper as space allows, and online in its entirety at www.hometownlife.com. Submit your reunion announcement at least two weeks in advance to Linda Chomin, e-mail lchomin@hometownlife.com.

Birmingham Groves

Class of 1969
40th high school reunion will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, 2009, at The Community House in Birmingham. Contact Sue (Dickson) Carlson at (248) 737-1398 or grovesclassof69@aol.com for further information.

Brighton High School

Class of 1989
Planning a July 25 reunion at Barnstormer Entertainment Complex in Green Oak Township. There will be a buffet dinner, DJ, and cash bar. Tickets \$75 per person or \$140 per couple. Contact Kelley (Doan) Simpson at (269) 375-5773 or at email4kelley@yahoo.com, or see groups.yahoo.com/group/brightonclassof1989.

Class of 1959

50th reunion with activities June 5-7, 2009. Events will include a Saturday evening dinner party at Plum Hollow Country Club in Southfield. Visit www.casstech59.com or contact Marge Teramino Knable, reunion@casstech59.com; Debbie Friedman, (248) 626-3729; or Steve Sperling, (248) 360-9658.

Dearborn Fordson

Class of 1969
Planning a reunion. Contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayniniilu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core.com.

Dearborn Heights Riverside

Class of 1967
A 42-year reunion is planned for Sept. 18-19, 2009. Event includes: Friday night graduate-only get-together with pizza and salad (\$10) at DeLuca's, 27424 W. Warren Road, Westland; Saturday night dinner at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. Tickets for Saturday event are \$35 per person. Contact Gerry Porta for more information at (734) 718-9401 or gwiatr@gmail.com.

Detroit St. Brigid

Class of 1959
Planning a reunion and looking for classmates. Contact szonyek@att.net with any information about classmates.

Detroit schools

We are planning a mini reunion for anyone who graduated from Bagley Elementary in January 1957 or Post Junior High School in January 1960

in Detroit. If interested, call Gloria Weinman Little at (248) 352-9114 or Marlene Kutnick Yamron (e-mail) hahatdc@yahoo.com. The reunion is planned for Feb. 27, 2009.

Henry Ford II

Class of 1982
Looking for classmates. We are having a reunion picnic on June 6, at Stony Creek MetroPark and we're also planning a reunion in 2010. For details, contact Gwynne (Doemer) Bamback at (248) 740-9759, ford21982@aol.com or visit our FREE class webpage on www.classreport.org.

Detroit St. Casimir High School

Class of 1959
Planning a Sept. 13, 2009 class reunion. All upper and lower classmates invited. Contact Judy (Zimski) Coogan at JudyCoo@hotmail.com or (734) 675-0148 or Pete Rakowski at PJcruisin@wowway.com.

Garden City High School East

Class of 1959
3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, 2009 high school tour; 6:30 p.m. Albert's On The Alley; 11 a.m. Saturday Sept. 19, Garden City Museum tour; 6 p.m. to midnight party at K. of C., 30759 Ford Road and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, picnic and old car show at Garden City Park large pavilion. Bring your own picnic and some to share. For more information, call Lana Clark at (734) 721-2331, Jim McKendrick (734) 788-5165, Carl Gowan (517) 548-1523, or Jim Porth (734) 522-1845.

Garden City High School

Class of 1960
Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@aol.com.

Class of 1989

20th reunion 6 p.m.-midnight, Aug. 29, 2009, at Joy Manor. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets include dinner, premium open bar, dj, door prizes, picture cd and other gifts, and available for purchase at www.gardencity89.com or contact Paula at gchs1989reunion@hotmail.com.

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Lincoln Park High School

Looking for members of Lincoln Park High School class of 1958 for 50-year

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Livonia Bentley High School

Classes of 1968-1970
Combined class reunion Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, at the Radisson Hotel Detroit-Livonia, I-275 and Six Mile. For details, visit www.bentley686970.org to e-mail, or call Connie (Scarlett) Flynn class of '68' at (734) 812-7936, Bev (Valentine) Wilkie class of '69 at (248) 366-6492 or Colleen Siembor class of '70 at (734) 455-1395.

Livonia Franklin

Class of 1969
A reunion is in the pre-planning stages. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayniniilu@aol.com.

Milford High School

Class of 1978
Planning a 30th reunion. Class members should contact the reunion committee as soon as possible. E-mail milford78@gmail.com.

Mother Of Our Savior

All class reunion
Aug. 15, 2009 at Monahan's K of C in Livonia. For more information. Call Joe McCauley at (734) 420-2898.

Novi Orchard Hills Elementary

Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Orchard Hills Elementary School, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, May 9, 2009, at Orchard Hills Elementary School, 41900 Quince Drive Novi. RSVP to (248) 449-1400 or bhurst@novi.k12.mi.us. Program includes 1-2 p.m. tours of Orchard Hills, 2 p.m. celebratory program in gymnasium, 3-4 p.m. sock hop and refreshments.

Our Lady of Fatima Elementary

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Class of 1970
Planning a May 23, 2009 reunion at OLF Bradley Hall. Still looking for classmates that graduated with us or joined us any time during those years. E-mail Joan Barrett-Stec at steccland@aol.com.

Redford Thurston High School

Class of 1972
37th Reunion/55th Birthday Bash May 2, 2009 at Mama Mia in Livonia. For more details, contact ths72reunion@gmail.com or call (248) 348-9214.

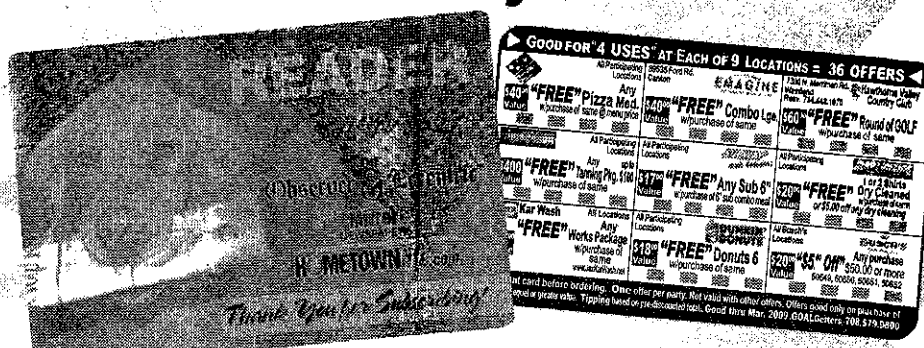
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Mind-body connection

New hospital like visiting northern Michigan

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OSE STAFF WRITER

Patients might feel like they're going on vacation when they need medical care at the new Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital. Every effort has been made to combine nature with good food and relaxation to speed healing and reduce the unpleasantness associated with leaving home for treatment.

The \$360 million facility opens March 15 with 191 private rooms that not only block out noise but make it possible to have a restful night's sleep by adjusting schedules so nurses, whenever possible, aren't taking temperatures in the middle of the night.

A committee researched over 600 articles that showed design elements could reduce the stress on bodies and minds as well as shorten stays.

"Studies have shown that private rooms can reduce infection rates by 50 percent," said Dr. Michael Seidman, director of Vita, the wellness center offering complimentary therapies in the hospital.

Safety and compassionate care were major concerns when designing the 730,000-square-foot structure that blends into the existing Henry Ford Medical Center. Christine Zambricki stopped to inhale the scent of one of the elements, the towering ficus trees, as she led a tour of the new structure last Monday.



Dr. Michael Seidman and Christine Zambricki stand in the state-of-the-art Technology Wing at the new Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital.

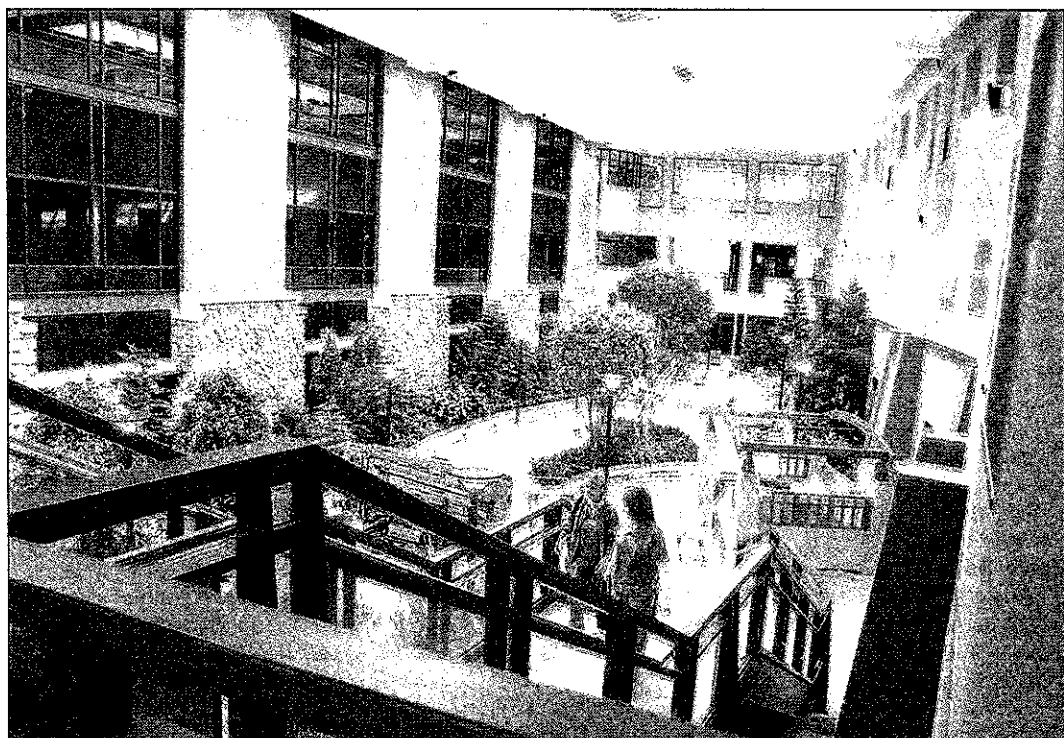
Decorative leaves on the wall sconces and winding paths in the floors add to the tranquil Northern Michigan-like environment.

"The curved walls prevent dust and dirt in corners and gives a warmer feeling," said Zambricki, chief operating and nursing officer and a Bloomfield Hills resident. "So much love went into the building. The quiet atrium is for reflection with an interfaith sanctuary and a storeroom for prayer rugs. All of the patient bedrooms look out on the atrium or outdoor pond. There are sleep sofas so families can sleep in the room and we've upgraded ceiling tiles to absorb sound. Most of the decibel level comes from the corridor which is now 15 to 20 feet from the bed and frequently

guarded by a glass door."

While patient comfort was a consideration, no expense was spared equipping the technology wing, which includes four new state-of-the-art surgical suites and the emergency room. By August, another six operating rooms will open as six old ones in the medical center close. The green lighting is meant to improve visual acuity.

"This is no ordinary community hospital. We're licensed for 300 rooms and hope to keep building," said Zambricki. "We're cutting wait time in the ER for patients 30 percent. The typical ER room has a glass door wall and is larger than an 8-by-10 so family could be together. It gives total auditory privacy so a woman losing a child can't hear a child



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Towering ficus trees welcome patients and visitors to the atrium inside Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital.

being born."

Decontamination and trauma rooms in the ER allow staff to handle disasters. The hospital offers a range of services from critical care to pediatrics.

On the lower level Chef Matt Prentice passes out samples of the strawberry sorbet made for patients who eat the same food as served in Henry's, the cafeteria. Previously he showed off the refrigerated locker where the organic red leaf lettuce is kept.

"It's all fresh," said Seidman. "Hippocrates said, let thy food be thy medicine. If you don't put proper food into the body it doesn't function properly."

Prentice developed 600 recipes for the hospital menu and trained and hired the kitchen staff. The Matt Prentice Restaurant Group owns a

number of area restaurants including Coach Insignia at the Renaissance Center in downtown Detroit.

"I spent last summer writing a manual on healthy eating for the staff to follow," said Prentice of West Bloomfield. "I use no salt and lots of herbs."

Trained as a medical doctor, Seidman became curious about non-traditional medicine many years ago. He believes equally in prevention.

Today he's excited about Vita, which offers wellness counseling, a mind-body studio for yoga classes, skin care treatment to reverse sun damage and acne, and complementary therapies like hot stone massage, acupuncture and chiropractic care. Free wig and makeup consultation are available at no charge for cancer

patients from any hospital, not just Henry Ford.

A relaxation room with a neuroacoustic chair resonates and vibrates through the body with speakers for relaxation, which has been shown to enhance the healing process. A behavioral therapist provides services such as biofeedback and hypnotherapy.

"We use acupuncture before surgery to help heal, reduce pain, fire up the immune systems, preparing body and mind before surgery," said Seidman.

"We're also linking with Schoolcraft (College Culinary Arts program) to teach classes to cook healthy."

For more information, visit henryfordwestbloomfield.com.

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Classes focus on cancer survivorship

Survivorship University, a community-based education program of the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, offers free lectures to help cancer survivors, their families and caretakers navigate the everyday challenges of living with, through and beyond cancer. The classes encourage and support the personal empowerment and advocacy of cancer survivorship. To register for the free spring 2009 classes,

call 1-800-KARMANOS (1-800-527-6266) or visit www.karmanos.org.

■ **The Ride of Your Life: Developing a Positive Attitude (F605)** sessions are held 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, at the Karmanos' Weisberg Cancer Treatment Center, 31995 Northwestern Hwy., Farmington Hills; and Wednesday, March 25, at the Mount Clemens Regional Medical Center's Wahby Cancer Center, 1000

Harrington Blvd.

Author John Ricco talks about adversity. Ricco fought his way past a cancer diagnosis with treatment, support and, most importantly, an eye on the future. He found while he was writing about his ordeal, there were many other people who had been through other life-altering experiences and they came through it because of their positive attitude. This lecture is for anyone who has experi-

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CHADD meeting

CHADD (Children & Adults with Attention-Deficit Disorder) meets Monday, March 2, at Way Elementary, 765 W. Long Lk Road, east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. The parent group will have Kara Brooklier Ph.D. speaking on "Understanding and Building Social Competence in

Children with AD/HD and Asperger Syndrome." The adult group will have Paul Gutterman M.D. speaking on "Mood Disorders in Adults with AD/HD." Sign-in begins at 7 p.m.; meetings 7:30-9 p.m. Free, members; \$5, non-members. Call (248) 988-6716 or visit www.chadd.net/527.

Diabetes event kick-off

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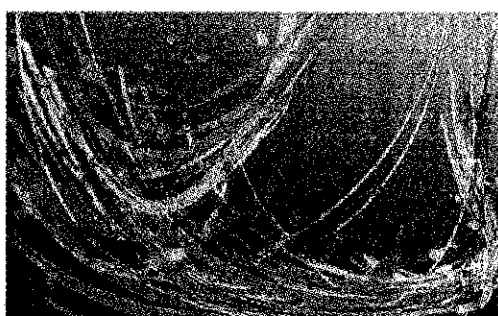
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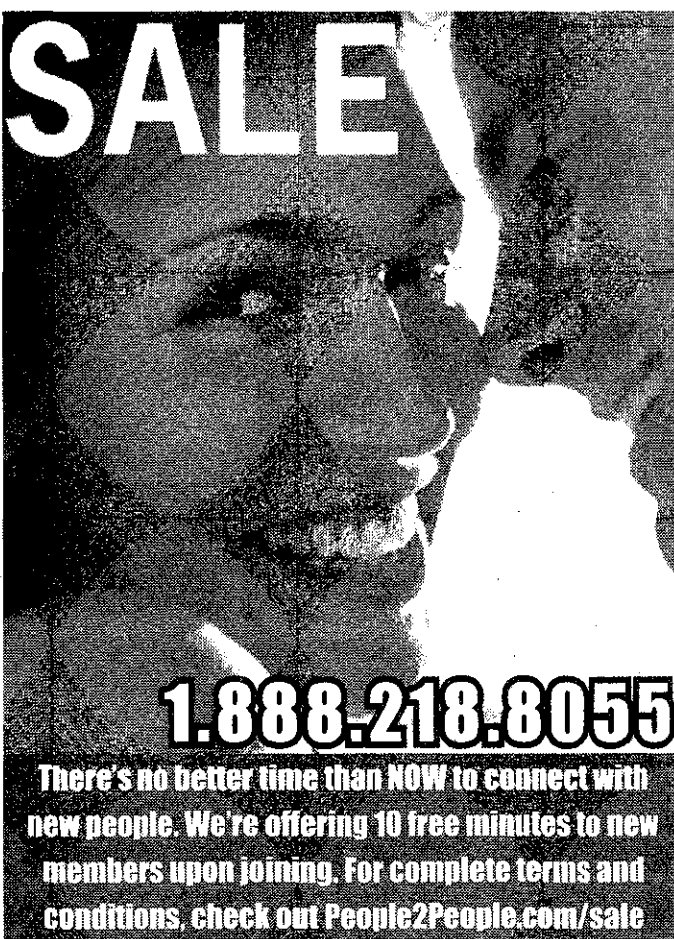
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ACTIVE WOMAN

SWF, dark hair and eyes, N/S, social drinker, likes bowling, bingo, garage sales, funny movies and more. If you would like to meet for coffee, let me know. **☎262181**

VERY ATTRACTIVE

SBPF, 37, mother, looking for attractive, sexy, tall, dark-complected, employed, intelligent BM, 33-50, for friendship possibly leading to LTR. **☎282151**

DOWN-TO-EARTH

Easygoing SWF, early 50s, would like to meet a really nice WM, 50-65, with the same qualities, minimal baggage, to share the ups and downs of life. Seeking possible LTR. **☎279171**

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LET'S GET TOGETHER

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SBF, 44, N/S, mother, seeks old-fashioned BM, 29-49, N/S, homebody, to explore all life has to offer! I enjoy reading, like dogs, playing tennis. **☎274519**

GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR?

WF, 48, 5'3", brown hair, hazel eyes, N/S, great sense of humor, looking for WM, 45-55, who likes dining out, museums, movies, reading and more, to do things with. **☎280581**

HOMEBODY SEEKS SAME

SBF, 44, 5'2", 165lbs, black hair, brown eyes, light complexion, N/D, N/S, enjoys movies, bowling, dining, plays, concerts, reading. Seeking BM, 39-51. **☎284368**

ARE YOU THE ONE?

SF, 41, 5'4", dark complexion, brown eyes, short hair, looking to meet an honest, loyal, funny man, 37-55, to spend a lot of time together. **☎289947**

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VERY DOWN-TO-EARTH

SBF, 37, 5'5", 125lbs, slim build, enjoys nice walks in the park, movies, bowling, basketball games. Seeking BM, 30-43. **☎299111**

ARE WE A MATCH?

SBF, 38, very happy, attractive, classy, very independent, loves movies, sports, shooting pool, dining. Seeking BM, 35+, very independent, who enjoys life, movies, etc. **☎299783**

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ARE YOU HERE?

SBF, 61, enjoys going out, having fun, dancing, playing, laughing, and enjoying life. Seeking an honest BM, 56-62, with varied interests, for possible LTR. **☎269770**

TAKE A CHANCE!

SWF, 30, middle school art teacher, likes nature, music and learning new things. ISO nice gentleman, for dating and to share life together. **☎263645**

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SWF, 21, red hair, blue eyes, 5'10", 165lbs, mature body/mind, looking for a lonely handsome man, 20-30, race open, clean-shaven, intelligent, fit, attractive, who can make me laugh and who is witty. **☎292913**

I NEED LOVE

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HELLO THERE

Asian woman, 5'2", 180lbs, slim, attractive, health-conscious, vegetarian, N/D, N/S. Enjoys dining, movies, quiet times. Seeking a similar, respectful, professional Asian or White male for dating and possibly more. **☎113901**

A WOMAN OF CLASS

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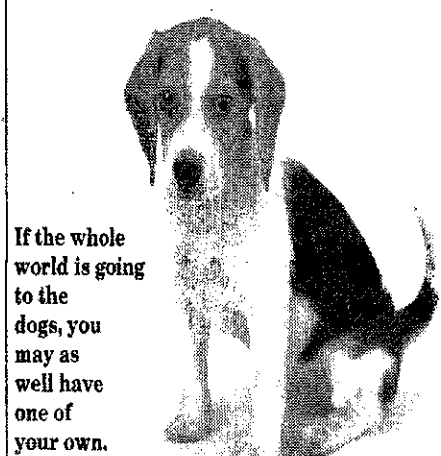
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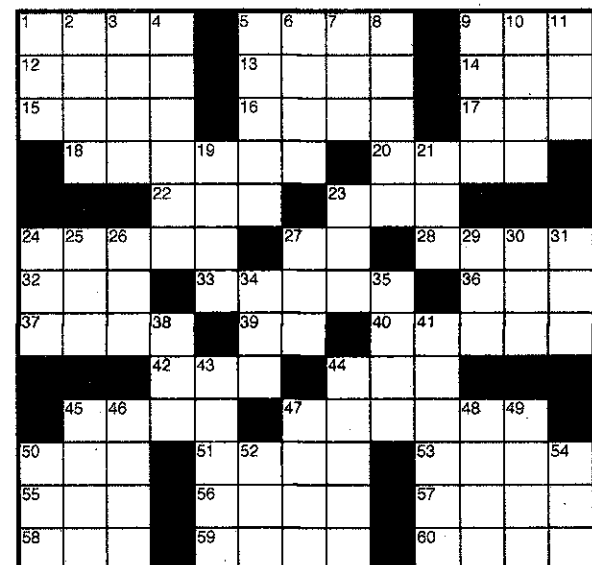
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There's no question that when it comes to large vehicles — trucks, SUV's and minivans — the Detroit Three have always been the standard. Imports have always tried to play catch-up to Ford, Dodge and Chevrolet trucks and the first SUV's and minivans came out of the Motor City.

When it comes to small, fuel-efficient cars, though, it seems the American car companies have always gone into the battle against the imports not sure if they really wanted to win; almost as if the segment was an afterthought. From the Ford Pinto and Chevy Vega to the Dodge Neon, the auto landscape is littered with bad decisions and design. But in these hard economic times, it never has been more important to make an impact in that segment, and with the Aveo5 2LT, Chevrolet is trying to do just that, even if it had to go to Korea to do it.

The Aveo5 2LT is the top-of-the-line five-door hatchback version of the Aveo, with more features and larger tires. The 2LT features a Malibu-inspired front grille, and a boxier look. While not as boxy as the Toyota-bred Scion, the design does allow for increased visibility and a surprising amount of headroom for a small car. A rear-mounted spoiler is available (\$225); front foglamps, chrome door handles, heated outside mirrors, and 15-inch steel wheels (15-inch aluminum wheels are optional at \$350) complete the exterior package.

The Aveo5 2LT is pushed by the same

powerplant as the other two versions — a 1.6-liter Ecotec four-cylinder engine. Rated at 106 horsepower and 107 lb.-ft. of torque, it doesn't exactly blaze off the line. But if you're buying an Aveo, it's not because you need a high-performance sports car, and the horses are plenty to get you through normal driving situations. A five-speed manual transmission is standard. A four-speed automatic is optional (\$925). The automatic features Hold Control, which allows you to select and hold a higher gear to reduce wheel spin and traction loss on slick roads.

The powertrain does what it's supposed to do — save gas. EPA estimates are 25 mpg in city driving and 34 mpg on the highway.

For a small car, the ride isn't terribly harsh. The front suspension features MacPherson struts with coil springs and stabilizer bar, and the rear suspension is an independent, torsion beam axle-mount compound link type with gas-charged shocks. It actually handles everyday road bumps and bruises just fine, with a fairly quiet highway ride.

The Aveo5 handles pretty well. Power rack-and-pinion steering is standard and the small size of the Aveo5 makes it easy to maneuver and park.

Inside, there's a surprising amount of room. Tall drivers have enough head and leg room, unless they play in the NBA. The rear seats fold down for more cargo room, and with the seats folded down, there's a nice amount of

cargo room, for a small car (42 cubic feet).

The cabin of the LT2 is simple, with everything where you'd expect it. The instrument panel features a tachometer and a coolant temperature gauge. The 2LT version also gives you a driver information center, which includes outside temperature readout, and fuel economy/driving range function.

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The standard seats on the LT2 are cloth; leatherette seats, with a leather-wrapped steering wheel, are available for \$375. The seats are comfortable, with good support. Tilt steering is standard, as are air-conditioning, rear window defogger, cruise control, remote keyless entry, and power windows and door locks.

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As with all General Motors vehicles, OnStar is standard, and it includes Bluetooth connectivity. With OnStar, you can make and receive calls hands-free, get updated vehicle diagnostics, ask for directions or restaurant recommendations, or summon emergency help at the touch of a button. The system also automatically calls for assistance in the event airbags are deployed.

The Aveo5 2LT

includes advanced dual-stage frontal airbags, seat-mounted side-impact airbags, rear child safety door locks and a tire-pressure monitoring system. Four-wheel ABS brakes are available as an option.

The 2009 Chevrolet Aveo5 2LT starts at a smidge under \$15,000. Add the automatic transmission, leatherette seats, rear spoiler and the aluminum wheels, and you're at a little over \$17,000. Keep in mind, this is the top-of-the-line version. You can get into an Aveo sedan for about \$12,000.

Up until now, it's been natural to look at imports first when considering a small, fuel-efficient car. Even though the car is built in South Korea, at least there is a decent car in that segment that has an American nameplate.

AllOpinionsAlltheTime.com auto critic Dave Menard is senior editor of Avanti NewsFeatures. He can be reached at avanti1054@aol.com

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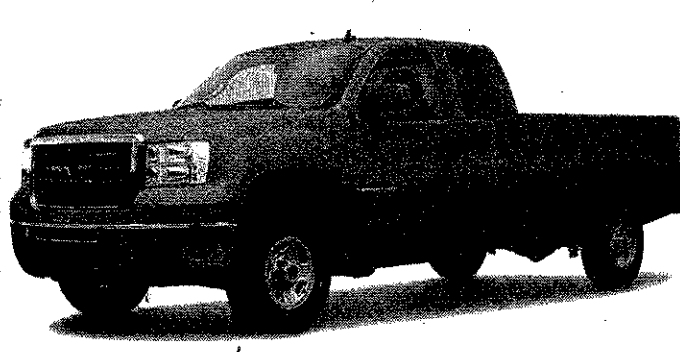
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