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Pact progress

In what is becoming a regular feature at Plymouth-Canton Board of Education meetings, teachers showed up in force Tuesday to urge the board to reach a contract agreement with its 1,100 teachers.

Ray Bihun, the district's executive director of human resources, said the sides have two eight-hour sessions - Feb. 10 and Feb. 17 - scheduled next month.

"Even though we don't have a contract, we're moving along very well toward a contract," Bihun said. "We're listening to each other, and that's very important.

The progress hasn't been fast enough to suit the teachers, who've been without a contract since last summer. Dannon McGuire, a literacy intervention teacher at Allen Elementary School, told the board teachers are working hard despite the logjam.

"I put in numerous hours beyond my regular work day doing what is right for students," she told the board. "Plymouth-Canton teachers deserve a contract."

Ramblers play

The Blue Water Ramblers bring their musical portrait of life on the Great Lakes back to The Village Theater at Cherry Hill Friday, Feb. 4, at 8 p.m. This First Friday performance brings their "This Land is Your Land" program

Canton leaders keep promise to slash salaries

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and	2008	2009/10	2011	Overall Decrease
Supervisor	\$127,073	\$115,366	\$109,597	13.8%
Freasurer/Clerk	\$103,730	\$98,790	\$93,850	9.5%
Trustees Part-time	\$12,537	\$12,000	\$11,400	9%

Source: Canton Township Finance Department

BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Canton's elected officials have slashed their own salaries by 5 percent this year, keeping a pledge they made to match deficit-reducing concessions already negotiated with township unions and imposed on non-union employees.

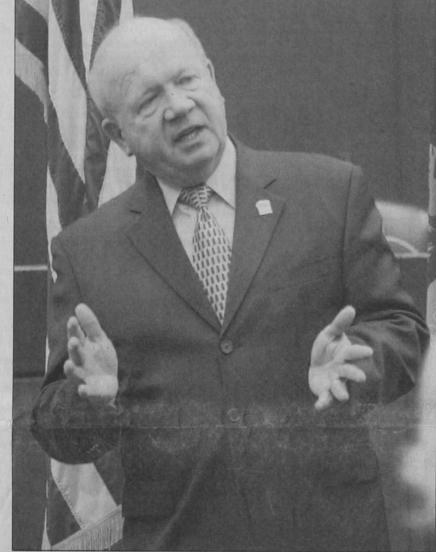
"I don't know how we could do otherwise and look employees in the eye," Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said.

The pay cut for the seven-member Canton Township Board of Trustees comes as local officials move to stave off a projected \$15-million budget deficit. It marks the second salary decrease since 2009 for elected leaders

All seven township board members have signed the necessary documents for 5-percent pay cuts that will be spread over the year, Finance Director Rick Eva confirmed.

McLaughlin, Supervisor Phil LaJoy and Clerk Terry Bennett face payroll deductions every two weeks as full-time officials. Parttime Trustees John Anthony, Todd Caccamo, Syed Taj and Pat Williams will receive a cut in wages paid monthly.

The latest financial developments arose as township employees Friday had their first of 13 unpaid furlough days for 2011, though critical services such as police and fire protection remained in place. Employees who already had accepted concessions had wondered if elected leaders, specifically fulltimers, would take a self-imposed pay cut or simply use the furlough days as paid time off. But township officials, who had earlier indicated they would take a financial hit alongside workers, ended the speculation by cutting their own salaries by 5 percent. New salary levels are \$109,597 for the supervisor, \$93,850 for the clerk and treasurer, and \$11,400 for parttime trustees. After two salary cuts, that's a sharp decline from 2008 levels of \$127,073 for the supervisor, \$103,730 for the clerk and treasurer, and \$12,537 for trustees. This year's pay cuts for elected officials will generate just over \$18,000 in a year's time. LaJoy has said the money will go to the general fund, where it could be designated for a



Sikhs, schools reach deal on kirpan

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Students of the Sikh faith will be allowed to continue wearing a kirpan, the knife-like symbol of nonviolence they're required to wear upon baptism, under terms of an agreement reached this week between Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials and leaders of the Sikh community.

More than a half-dozen meetings - and a great deal of legal and religious research - over the last six weeks produced an agreement leaders believe will satisfy both sides of the issue. "First and

Jacobs: Compromise protects foremost, students, religious rights, A6. we were concerned

with student safety," said Ken Jacobs, the district's deputy superintendent and chief operating officer. "We were concerned with how we were going to blend student safety with freedom of religion ... that's what this country is based on. It's been a delicate issue ... we feel comfortable and confident with this solution.'

That solution was conveyed Friday afternoon through a letter e-mailed to students, parents and school officials Friday afternoon. Both sides agreed that, starting Monday, students baptized in the Sikh faith could wear the kirpan to school under certain conditions

· Any kirpan worn at school would have to be sewn inside a sheath in such a way that the blade would not be removable from the sheath. • The blade of the kirpan would be restricted in length to no more than two-and one-fourth inches, taking the object outside the scope of the Revised School Code's definition of a knife constituting a dangerous weapon.

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"I think my hero, Woody Guthrie, would approve," said Rambler Banjo-Jim Foerch. "We're singing the people's songs about the people's lives and they can join right in and sing along.

All seats are \$12. Purchase tickets at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling (734) 394-5460. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

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Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy and the other six Canton Township trustees took a 5-percent pay cut, in line with concessions they got from union employees and wage cuts imposed on non-represented workers.

specific purpose.

While the salary cuts may not significantly slash township expenses, elected officials said they considered it important to accept sacrifices alongside some 365 township employees.

"Everybody has to contribute to this (budget-cutting effort)," LaJoy said. "That was the plan from the beginning. We're all impacted by this, and we're all on the same team. It's important for us (as elected officials) to set the example.

Employee pay cuts and other concessions became part of a threepronged effort to thwart a budget deficit that threatened to mushroom to \$15 million by next year. Officials also trimmed spending by \$1.8 mil-

lion across township departments and imposed a 1.75-mill tax increase for police and fire services. The latter decision costs an average Canton homeowner with an \$89,100 taxable value an additional \$156 a year.

In retrospect, Taj said he wishes elected officials had signed documents for their pay cut even before approaching employees about concessions. Yet he said the outcome - sharing in cost-cutting measures

is of paramount importance.

"I think it's a good idea," Taj said. "We want to be fair to employees who have given their heart and soul to Canton."

McLaughlin agreed.

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• The blade of the kirpan must be dull.

• The kirpan could not be worn on the outside of the clothing and could not be visible in any way.

 It will not be the practice of staff members to conduct random searches for the possession of kirpans. However, students who violated any of the above will be subject to discipline including a prohibition on wearing the kirpan to school in the future.

The kirpan became an issue last month after a Bentlev Elementary School noticed another student wearing it while playing. That student's mother became worried about student safety.

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Former scout leader gets 3-20 in sex case

BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

A Canton man and former Boy Scout leader will spend three to 20 years in prison after a jury convicted him of child sexually abusive activity involving two 16-year-old boys while he was scoutmaster of a Plymouthbased troop.

William Arther Hoefling, 50, learned his fate Thursday when he was sentenced by Wayne County Circuit Judge Thomas Jackson, who rejected a motion to dismiss the sexual abuse charge.

Hoefling received less prison time on a wide range of other criminal charges, but he could potentially



Hoefling

bars after a jury in December convicted him of sexually abusing the boys. **Canton Public** Safety Director Patrick Nemecek lauded the sentence, saying anyone convicted of sexu-

face 20 years behind

ally abusing "an innocent child" should pay a price.

"We're always looking for a strong sentence on a case like this, and hopefully people who see that will get the message," Nemecek said. "We hope it sends a message that this type of behavior will not be tolerated.

Hoefling, a married father of two

sons, was convicted after a jury heard testimony from the two accusers and considered it along with statements Hoefling's wife and one of his children made in his defense in court.

Hoefling was the former scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 781, based at Our Lady of Good Counsel School in Plymouth. The organization had severed ties with him after he was charged last year amid allegations he used his position of authority to coerce the boys into criminal sexual conduct as early as August 2009.

Steven Montgomery, deputy scout executive for the Boy Scouts Great Lakes Council that serves Wavne, Oakland and Macomb counties, said an isolated case shouldn't tarnish an organization he said is a leader nationally in protecting youths.

"Obviously the actions of this individual don't represent the Boy Scouts of America," Montgomery said. "Youth protection is one of our paramount issues in the Boy Scouts.

Montgomery said scouting organizations strive to provide parents with materials on keeping their children safe.

"Even one case (of sexual abuse) is too many, and that's why we go to the extremes we do to protect youths," he said.

During a preliminary examination last year, Kimberly Stout, Hoefling's

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Zingerman's Creamery is expected back for the second Winter Market next month in Canton.

Winter Market returns with fresh, local goods

BY DARRELL CLEM **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

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For a second season, Canton's historic Cady-Boyer Barn - site of a bustling, summertime farmers market will be transformed into Winter Market, a place where patrons can shrug off the coldweather doldrums and shop for baked goods, honey, smoked fish, apple butter, winter squash, fresh eggs and numerous other items.

Last year's debut Winter Market, located in Preservation Park at 500 N. Ridge north of Cherry Hill, proved successful and convinced organizers to revive it for three Sundays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 13, March 13 and April 10.

"We had such a good response last year. We're really excited," Tina Lloyd, market manager, said. "It's all about building community. That's what the (summer) Farmers Market is about, and this is a perfect way to extend that."

This season's market ushers in a couple of changes indicative of tough economic times, too

· Shoppers who want to help Open Door Ministry, a Canton-based food pantry that saw a 30-percent increase in demand last year, are encouraged to bring donations of dry,

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boxed pasta.

• The market will accept government-issued Bridge Cards, used by low-income families who need help buying food. Card-holders should stop by the Canton Leisure Services table to purchase tokens.

Popular food vendors who are expected for this year's Winter Market include Kapnick Orchard, Bobilin Honey, Bizzy Lizzy Bakery, Prochaska Farm, Natural Local Food Express featuring natural meats, Sansonetti, Captain John's Smokehouse, Nicky's Family Recipes, Zingerman's Creamery, Pasta-e-Pasta, Four Corners Creamery and possibly others. Farmington Soap Works and Cellar Door Soap also are expected to offer natural

soaps. Most market vendors accept pre-orders, available by a simple online visit to www. cantonfun.org. Just look for the Farmers Market tab for contact information to place an order that can be picked up during Winter Market.

Vendors who still want to participate in this years season may contact Lloyd by calling (734) 394-5375 or by sending an e-mail to cantonfarmersmarket@canton-mi.org.

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"Around Canton" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.com

Finances and Finest

The public is invited to join Canton Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin for a discussion on Canton's finances along with Canton's finest gems at the monthly adult meeting of the Canton Newcomers.

In addition to McLaughlin's presentation, the event features socializing, a treat from Carrabba's Italian Grill and a raffle to benefit a local charity.

The meeting takes place 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, at the Sunflower Clubhouse at 45800 Hanford in Canton. To order a complimentary February newsletter, visit www.cantonewcomers.org.

To RSVP or for more information, e-mail Noreen Rybar at nrybar@yahoo.com or at (734) 981-0486.

Open house

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Plymouth Christian Preschool and Plymouth Christian Academy will host . an open house for prospective families 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10. Parents can meet the teachers, explore the curriculum, and tour the facilities. Check the website at www. plymouthchristian.org for more information on academ-

defense attorney at the time,

said Hoefling was trying to

the allegations arose, and

"a serious lack of evidence"

during the hearing in 35th

District Court.

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to two years behind bars on

two counts of fourth-degree

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ic, athletic and extracurricular opportunities. PCA is located at 43065 Joy Road in Canton, between Lilley and Morton Taylor Roads.

Slavens coffee

State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, invites residents to join her for a cup of coffee and conversation at her upcoming coffee hour 9-10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 7, at the Canton Big Boy, 45250 Ford Road in Canton.

Slavens hosts regular coffee hours and town hall meetings throughout Canton Township, Belleville and Van Buren Township. If your business or organization is interested in hosting an event with Slavens, please call her office toll-free at (888) 347-8021 or e-mail her at DianSlavens@house.mi.gov. Residents also can sign up for Slavens' e-newsletter and take her brief community survey by visiting her website at www. house.mi.gov/dslavens.

Valentine gala

Looking for a great way to celebrate Valentine's Day with that special loved one? The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is the place to be for "All You Need Is Love: A Valentine's Gala To Benefit The Village Theater at Cherry Hill" on Saturday, Feb. 12 The celebration kicks off

with a reception at 6:30 p.m. featuring hors d'oeuvres and fine art activities such as body

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after one of the boys made

statements implicating the

defendant during a counsel-

Internet to communicate with

art, face painting and art demonstrations on three easels. Special spiked as well as non-alcoholic versions of love potion punch are included with the ticket. A cash bar will also be available for those 21 and older. The fun continues with bidding on unforgettable items in the silent auction followed by a one-of-a-kind show at 8 p.m. featuring a variety of acts from over 10 local arts group who LOVE what they do.

Featured entertainment includes five-minute performances from Canton Concert Band; The Comic Opera Guild; D&M Art Studio; Forever After Productions; Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestra; Spotlight Players; Village Theater Ushers; and Village Voices.

General admission tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for those 18 and under and can be purchased online at www. cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling (734) 394-5460.

Fish fry

Monaghan Knights of Columbus host a Fish Fry every Friday, 5-8 p.m., at 19801 Farmington Road (between 7 and 8 Mile roads) in Livonia.

Cost is \$8.95 per person. For details and reservations, call (248) 476-8383.

Sagear scholarship

The Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. is striving

ing session, Canton police Sgt. Mark Gajeski has said.

In ordering Hoefling to stand trial, 35th District Judge Michael Gerou last August pointed to "a pattern of secrecy" involving a scoutmaster who "was in a superior position to the Scouts involved."

Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner has cautioned against drawing broader conclusions about scouting organizations based on Hoefling's case.

One of the victims has testified in court that Hoefling picked him up at the Plymouth District Library, drove him to the Canton Meijer, bought alcohol and returned to

to recognize a Plymouth-Canton School District High School Senior who has overcome adversity with its annual Sandra Sagear Rotary Scholarship.

Club officials are looking for students who have displayed courage, perseverance, spirit, and creativity in succeeding in achieving an education, despite a physical, mental or emotional barrier. They have also shown an appreciation of others and a commitment to their community. The recipient of this award will receive a scholarship.

The award is named after Sandra Sagear, a 1969 graduate of the original Plymouth High School who imagined and believed she could succeed as she lived everyday with Polio. To download an application, go to: http://www.storytellerdesign.com/Portals/4/ 2011Applic ationScholarRotary.pdf

Damaris scholarship

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will recognize a Plymouth-Canton School district senior who has displayed outstanding abilities in visual arts and plans to continue his/her education in this field with its annual awarding of the Damaris Fine Arts Scholarship.

To download an application, go to: http://www.storytellerdesign.com/Portals/4/ 2011Damarisaward.pdf

Hoefling's van. The boy said Hoefling rubbed his back, chest and stomach, then fondled him.

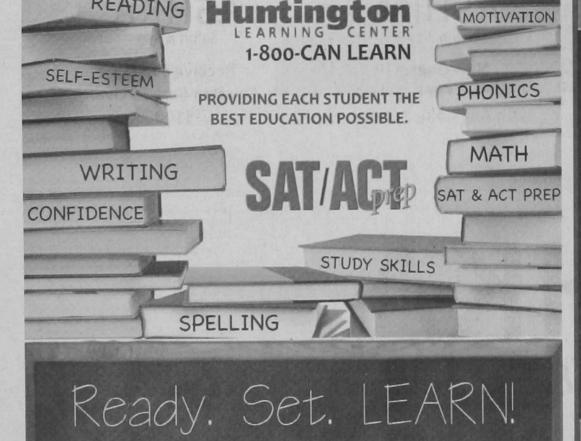
The boy also testified that during a camping trip, he slept in a tent with Hoefling. He said the former scoutmaster again provided alcohol and touched him.

The other victim had accused Hoefling of encouraging him to bring up a pornographic website on Hoefling's computer. The boy was at Hoefling's house after running away from a domestic situation at his own home.

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New ringtone app previews music at random

BY MATT JACHMAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

That musical ringtone on your mobile phone probably cost a buck or three.

Now, for around the same price, an application just launched by a pair of Plymouth-area computer science majors lets smart phone owners have access to millions of songs, try them out at random as ringtones, and buy those that strike their fancies for pennies each.

The RanDinger app (the name is a mashup of "random" and "ringer") went public Jan. 14, just months after its inventors, Jeff Sibbold and Bryan Kelly, got to work on it. The app, at \$2.99, is for phones with the Android operating system; Sibbold and Kelly are looking into designing a model for Apple's iPhones. "You tell it what you want

to hear" by setting basic parameters, "and it brings the previews to your phone," said Kelly, who describes RanDinger as a way to personalize one's phone and preview music.

Kelly of Plymouth Township and Sibbold of Ann Arbor sat down for an interview Tuesday at the Plymouth Coffee Bean. Their new app development company is called Twisted Castle.

RanDinger users have four ways of choosing their ringtones: by artist, by music genre, by the current most popular tunes, or by the most popular from a given artist. After that, it's random.

"It keeps it fresh," said Sibbold, who grew up in Plymouth, and whose ringtones were picked by artist on Tuesday (Pearl Jam, then the Rolling Stones to demonstrate the ease of switching). "You're always hearing something new.

PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Jeff Sibbold and Bryan Kelly talk about RanDinger, the phone application they invented which went public earlier this month. Once the app is purchased cousins, began working with the Android system last sum-(a free version is limited to the current top 20 songs), users mer, after both picked up, by can switch parameters as coincidence, the same book

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"Bryan had the initial ran-

dom ringtone idea, and it kind

of evolved as we have gone

They paid \$25 to Google

back and forth," said Sibbold.

(which owns the Android sys-

tem) to put up the app, and a

its music catalog. On Jan. 14,

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and the app appeared on their

The two are relative new-

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'We didn't have smart

phones until we started this

project," said Kelly, who had

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selected his ringtones by genre

But they're convinced that

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They got serious in October.

often as they like at no extra charge. So your ringtone could be Roberta Flack one day, Randy Newman the next, and classical music the day after that, depending on how you set it.

RanDinger is linked to the U.K.-based digital music store 7digital (www.7digital.com), which has over 10 million titles. The songs are sold for between 77 cents and \$1.49 each; Kelly and Sibbold get a commission for every song sold through their app,

RanDinger's "buy" option pops up on users' phones once a call is complete; planned improvements to the app in the near future include a history page that lets users buy the song that announced an incoming call, say, five calls ago.

Kelly and Sibbold, who are



the Android operating system; its inventors are looking into designing a model for Apple's iPhones.

smart phones and mobile apps are poised to boom. They're fans of the periodic Mobile Mondays events at Compuware Corp. in Detroit, which offer speakers on trends in mobile devices as well as brainstorming and networking opportunities. "There's a lot of good talent in the area," Kelly said.

In addition to continuing to develop the RanDinger, Sibbold and Kelly are trying to line up contract work and kicking around ideas for other apps.

It's not the get-a-job-and-settle-down post-college life they'd envisioned - Sibbold graduated from the University of Michigan in December of 2009, Kelly from Western Michigan University in May - but they're having fun. They have a good rapport, they said, and like having creative control.

We know that whatever we create, it's something we want to be creating," Kelly said.

For more on the RanDinger app, visit the Web site www.RanDinger.com

trial in home invasions BY DARRELL CLEM

An Inkster man and convicted felon was ordered Friday to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court on charges he fled from Canton police following a pair of home invasion incidents.

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Marlo Darius Brown, 36, is facing trial after he waived his preliminary hearing in 35th District Court on charges of second-degree home invasion, first-degree attempted home invasion, receiving and concealing stolen property, fleeing a police officer and being a fourthtime habitual offender.

The most serious charge against Brown carries a 15-year prison term with a conviction, but his status as a habitual offender could potentially lead to an even lengthier stay behind bars if he is convicted.

According to the Michigan Department of Corrections, Brown already has spent several years in prison for crimes including breaking and entering a vehicle, delivery of cocaine

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"I would find it improper and unfair and almost arrogant if we asked our employees to take a whack and we didn't do it," she said.

The latest pay cut comes after salaries already were slashed for elected officials who took office in 2009. That decision was made by township board members who were in office prior to the 2008 election.

Under township rules, sitting board members are charged with setting salaries mjachman@hometownlife.com | (313) 222-2405 prior to elections so those

and receiving and concealing stolen property.

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Brown's latest charges came after Canton police captured a home invasion suspect accused of throwing a landscaping brick through a window of a home in the 1500 block of Morton Taylor about 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, police Sgt. Mark Gajeski said.

The man drove off in a car after a resident inside the home screamed and called 9-1-1 for help, Gajeski said.

Brown also was charged for an earlier home invasion on Barchester near Lilley and Warren.

The suspect was arrested after police rushed to the Morton Taylor scene and trailed a getaway car until it crashed at Saltz, where the driver got out of the vehicle and tried to escape on foot before authorities captured him, Gajeski said.

According to the Wayne County jail, Brown was released Friday after his bond was posted. He had originally been jailed with a \$30,000/10 percent bond set by 35th District Judge Ronald Lowe.

seeking office will know what pay level to expect. Two positions - the clerk and treasurer also lost a \$4,800-a-year car allowance.

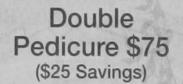
Despite earlier budget-trimming measures, the township's financial position continued to erode as plummeting property values fueled a sharp decline in tax revenues. Moreover, local leaders say Canton, even as it averts what could have been a \$15-million deficit by next year, still has to find ways to cope with "legacy costs" such as long-term debt and employee retirement expenses.

It's yet another potentially thorny issue the township faces as it continues to face economic challenges.

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Empower Kids helps deal with bullies, meanies

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Kimber Bishop-Yanke knows bullying is a problem in schools across the state and around the country, but she knows it's not the only problem or, if you ask her, not even the bigger problem.

A more prevalent issue, according to Bishop-Yanke, is what she calls "meanie kid" behavior, which happens when kids call each other names, say derogatory things or otherwise make other kids feel less like they matter.

Bishop-Yanke was at Discovery Middle School this week to talk to a group of some 100 parents about ways to deal with both problems.

True bullying ... there are only a few kids doing that," said Bishop-Yanke, a mother of two boys who has been teaching these seminars for about 12 years. "But a majority of kids are saying something mean."

Bishop-Yanke runs a consulting service Girls Empowered & Boys Empowered & Kids Empowered - that teaches

parents, students and school officials how to deal with all of those disturbing behaviors. She was at Discovery at the invitation of a quintet of Parent-Teacher Organizations - from Isbister, Tonda, Bird, Smith and Dodson Elementary schools - to talk about signs kids are being bullied and indications other kids are being mean.

We consistently get requests for information about bullying," said Sheila Paton of the Isbister PTO, who helped organize the seminar. "What we understand is bullies aren't going away. This will teach kids how to stand up for themselves and feel better about themselves."

Bishop-Yanke's strategy revolves largely around "An Empowered Kid's Tool Box," a metaphorical place inside which resides a child's own experience and knowledge, connections, skills, resources and beliefs. She teaches the "Bubble Concept" to deal with both bullying and Meanie Kid behavior. Kids put everything good they know about themselves inside the bubble, with the idea such knowledge strengthens a child.

"The more a child knows about himself the more he likes and feels comfortable with himself and the bigger the bubble grows," Bishop-Yanke said.

Every child has one common need, to belong, she said, whether it's to a family, a circle of friends, church group, sports team, etc. Bullies, she said, look for kids who don't belong.

'For some kids, it's easy (to belong)," she said. "But for some, they aren't doing the activities and they don't have all the same interests. There are some kids who just don't fit in naturally."

According to Bishop-Yanke, self-esteem is a critical component to responding to, and overcoming, meanie-kid behavior. "It's critical to know what the child's internal voice is saying," she said. "Some internal voices are positive, others aren't."

Parents, she said, must make sure kids learn to "love themselves," to find things about which they're passionate, to develop a large circle of friends, because bullies pick up on it when kids don't have those things.

"A bully looks for kids who don't have a lot of friends," Bishop-Yanke said. "Having a lot of friends is one way to bullyproof yourself."

Kids who are victims of

"meanie kid" behavior often suffer through it because, from a young age, they've been taught to "just ignore it and it'll go away," although Bishop-Yanke said that's rarely true when it comes to meanie kid behavior. She also said the kids doing the meanie-kid behavior often don't realize it's mean because it has become "normal" to them.

TV, Bishop-Yanke said, is one of the biggest culprits.

"Our kids are watching TV shows that show unhealthy relationships," she said. "Even cartoons and Disney shows have name-calling and meanness. There's a lot of research that shows what kids see on TV they act out.'

One way to prevent it all, she said, is to teach kids to stand up to bullies and meanie kids. Rather than ignore it or ask "why are you doing this to me?" Bishop-Yanke said the best thing kids can be taught to do is to stand up and say, in a clear, strong voice, "Stop."

"Standing up for themselves is a skill, it takes practice," she said. "The biggest message we're trying to get out there is that we need to stand up for ourselves."

Jennifer Stutts of Plymouth wanted to find out how to empower her kids to do just that. She has a 9-year-old girl and a 7-year-old boy. For Stutts, the seminar was more about learning how to empower her kids.

"I like the idea there's something they can do other than ignore it," Stutts said. "They don't have to be treated like that."

Parents can find out more at Bishop-Yanke's websites - www.girlsempowered.com, www.boysempowered.com and www.hvsports.com.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Cheryl White, Community Education facilities coordinator, receives her Extra Miler Award from Board of Education President John Jackson.

Board honors 'Extra Miler' effort

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

It was clear from the look on Cheryl White's face Tuesday she had no idea she was being honored with the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Mary Beth Carroll Extra Miler Award.

It was equally clear from the number of people who participated in her nomination White's efforts as the district's facilities coordinator are appreciated.

Board President John Jackson made note of that when he handed out the Carroll award, given by the district for "demonstrating qualities of which the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools could and should be justly proud" during the regular Board of Education meet-

"It's neat because so many people had a hand in nominating (White) for the job," Jackson said. "We always enjoy recognizing people who do an outstanding job.

White, who has worked in the district eight years in two stints, coordinates the use, inside and outside, of the dis-

'comes in early and stays. late,' 'smiling, accommodating, rarely says no and can

16 elementary schools.

In reading the nomination,

Jackson cited several things

"Words like 'whatever it

people said about White.

takes to get things done,'

convince just about anyone to share," Jackson said. "One person said, '(White) keeps up on district issues and concerns and will do whatever is necessary to make sure students come first."

Betty Bloch, supervisor of the district's Community Education Department, said calling White's job "daunting" is a "massive understatement."

"You make an outstanding contribution not only to community education, but to the district as a whole," Bloch told White Tuesday.

White shrugged off the praise in accepting the award.

"I'm really just a part-time employee with no power at all," she said. "I really enjoy working in community ed ... it's an awesome job. These are fabulous people to work with and wonderful facilities we have to offer the district."

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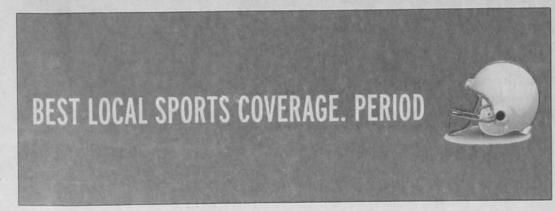
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Compromise protects students and religious rights

n December, the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools had a situation at one of its elementary schools in which a student was found wearing a religious emblem that resembles a small decorative sword, called a kirpan. As this was the first time we had ever seen a kirpan, our staff moved carefully and deliberately to ensure that a good decision would be reached.

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At the time, we indicated that our attorneys were reviewing both state and federal laws, as well as board policies, with regard to the prohibition against weapons or look-a-like weapons in any of our buildings and the impact of that language on wearing a kirpan.

We also indicated we would explore



throughout the U.S. hoping to find other school districts that had written policies on this subject; however, we found

very little. While our attorneys researched the case law on the wearing of the kirpan, district staff engaged in a series of conversations with leaders from the Gurdwara Singh Sabha of Michigan, which is located in Canton Township. We were extremely impressed by their willingness to

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help us address our concerns with the kirpan. TejKiran Singh was particularly helpful and understanding of our dilemma.

After an extensive review of all laws and policies pertaining to this issue, we developed an accommodation plan we believe best addresses the situation. While our school district is committed to providing a safe learning environment for all of our students, we must also balance the rights of students to express and practice their religion. So, starting Monday, Jan. 31, baptized students of the Sikh faith will be allowed to wear the kirpan

at school with the following conditions:

1. Any kirpan worn at school must be sewn inside a sheath in such a way that the blade is not removable from the sheath.

2. The blade of the kirpan will be restricted in length to no more than two and one-fourth inches. This would take the object outside the scope of the Revised School Code's definition of a knife constituting a dangerous weapon.

3. The blade of the kirpan must be dull.

4. The kirpan may not be worn on the outside of the clothing and cannot be visible in any way.

5. It will not be the practice of staff members to conduct random search-

> be fully obeyed by us, (but) we wanted to be able to accommodate our faith. America stands for freedom of religion ... We have come up with a solution that allows Sikhs to

> practice their religion." District officials were "very mindful" of the possibility of legal challenges to the policy, Jacobs said. That's why the district's legal representatives researched case law and rendered a number of opinions along the way. Jacobs said both sides have had people urging them to challenge whatever solution gets put in place. Jacobs said very little, if any, case law would have supported a total ban of the kirpan.

"Our attorneys looked at all the case law that was available," Jacobs said, "All the case law supports what we're doing."

Singh acknowledged Sikh officials at the national level wanted him to seek a policy that would have allowed Sikh students to wear the kirpan

es for the possession of kirpans. However, students who are found in violation of any of the above will be subject to discipline, including a prohibition on wearing the kirpan to school in the future.

This accommodation plan speaks volumes about the district's continuing commitment to the rights of all our students and our respect for our diverse community. We worked together and found an answer that both ensures a safe school environment and provides our Sikh students the right to exercise their religion freely.

Ken Jacobs is deputy superintendent and chief operating officer for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Museumania benefit

The Plymouth Historical Museum's annual auction and benefit dinner, "Museumania," will be held Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. The doors open at 5 p.m.; dinner begins at 6 p.m. The evening includes a live

auction and raffle, with items available for viewing when the

NEWS BRIEF doors open. Auction and raffle items include a commemorative Daisy BB Gun, wine, antiques, jewelry, gift certificates from local merchants and restaurants, gift baskets and much more. Following the live auction, diners will be treated to the talk "Those Damned Black Hat Boys": A Short History of the 24th Michigan Infantry

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Jerry Meier at first told the Sikh student he could wear the kirpan; the district, citing the district's zero-tolerance policy alikes, denied the wearing of consultation with Sikh leadcompromise.

been reached.

"I have all the feedback from our religious practices. We will obey any law, any rules will

with no restrictions, but Singh said he's confident he can

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convince national leaders this compromise is viable. "The national (Sikh) com-

munity thought we shouldn't have restrictions ... they said we don't use (the kirpan) as a weapon," Singh said. "But I told them that we know that, but everyone (in the community) doesn't know that. As far as the local community is concerned, they tend to listen. I told (the national group) my major aim is to not only look at the law, but look at how we can make parents happy."

Both Singh and Jacobs sang each other's praises in terms of the cooperation exhibited in arriving at the decision.

"It was a wonderful experience working with those very professional people," Singh said. "I'm very happy. Added Jacobs: "The Sikh

community has been very good about listening to us and addressing our concerns. They've been very willing to cooperate with us."

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(parents in) my gurdwara, and they're very happy," said Tejkiran Singh, a member of the conflict resolution committee at the Sahib Singh Sabha, the Sikh place of worship in Canton, who met multiple times with representatives of the district. "Our goal was to be able to practice

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Wayne County launches long-term national children's health study

Wayne and Livonia who are or will soon be pregnant will be eligible to participate in a long-term national study of children's health.

The Michigan Alliance of the National Children's Study is launching the National Children's Study in Wayne County, which is the first of five Michigan counties to participate. The study will document the effects of the social and physical environment on children's health from pregnancy to age 21. One hundred thousand families nationwide will participate in the study.

Wayne County is one of 30 national vanguard sites selected to test various recruitment methods to enroll women who are pregnant, or considering becoming pregnant in the near future.

"Nationally, we spend billions to treat childhood conditions, such as cerebral palsy, birth defects, autism and asthma. Until now, we have never supported large scale research across the nation that examines the conditions and factors that influence a child's health before, during and after

Women living in Westland, Canton, birth," said Dr. Nigel Paneth, a pediatrician and perinatal epidemiologist and principal investigator of MANCS. The National Children's Study has the potential to discover ways to improve the overall health and wellbeing of children and to prevent disease, helping to guide health practice, clinical interventions and health policy for future generations."

"We are at the forefront of this effort. As a community, we have the opportunity to embrace the study," said Christine Joseph, senior staff epidemiologist, Henry Ford Health System. "We have much to gain in terms of the future health of our children, and Wayne County is a key player as one of the first locations nationally to launch."

STUDY SAMPLE

Women who are or will soon be pregnant are eligible for the study, if they reside in statistically selected neighborhoods. The study sample will accurately reflect the diversity of Wayne County. Those who join the study will be asked to stay involved

from before the child is born until he or she reaches their 21st birthday. Participating mothers will be asked a series of questions about their and their child's health and environment. Study staff will collect samples from participants and the environment. No medications or drugs will be administered. Participants will be compensated at various intervals during the study.

Wayne County is asking obstetricians, gynecologists, pediatricians, nurses and members of the health community to provide study information to patients. Study recruitment includes community outreach and information. MANCS will enroll the first participants this month.

"Whether you participate personally in this study or encourage someone to do so, you are doing a great service for our community," said Paneth. "You truly have the ability to impact the health of future generations."

The NCS is funded by the National Institutes of Health. In 2007. MANCS received an \$18.5 million, five-year contract to conduct the

Study in Wayne County. In 2008, MANCS received an additional \$57 million in funding to conduct the NCS in Genesee, Grand Traverse, Lenawee and Macomb counties. Those counties will launch over the next few years as results of the vanguard study become available. In addition to the health benefits of the study, these contracts will bring quality jobs to Michigan.

COLLABORATIVE EFFORT

The Michigan Alliance for the National Children's Study, which is conducting the study in Michigan, is a collaborative partnership of scientists and health care providers representing Henry Ford Health System, Michigan Department of Community Health, Michigan State University, University of Michigan, Wayne State University and its affiliate, Children's Hospital of Michigan.

In Wayne County, MANCS is collaborating with the Detroit Department of Health and Wellness Promotion and Wayne County Health and Human Services.

MSU will coordinate the overall work of the study and house the main study office at its East Lansing campus. MSU also will be responsible for the retention of study participants. MSU Extension will play a major role in developing community engagement in each of the five counties.

U-M will be responsible for enrolling and interviewing study participants and assessing postnatal child development, while WSU will oversee the assessment and care of pregnant women. Children's Hospital of Michigan will manage the repository for biological samples.

The Henry Ford Health System will work with MSU Extension to develop community support, manage environmental samples, and oversee medical examinations of children, while MDCH will provide information related to live birth characteristics and locations in each of the five participating counties.

Potential participants can ask their health care provider for information about the study, or check eligibility by calling 888-99-MI-NCS (888-996-4627).

Residents show interest in Wayne-Westland school board vacancy

BY SUE MASON

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Time is running out for residents to formally let the Wayne-Westland school board know they're interested in filling a vacancy.

People have until 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31, to indicate in writing that they are interested in filling the vacancy.

As of Friday morning, five people had turned in documents indicating that they are interested in the position, according to Jan Teague in

after the filing deadline. "It's generated a lot of calls and I think because of the economy, people are asking things about the position, the pay and the office hours," Teague said. "I'm sure we'll have a couple more come in by Monday."

The school board will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, to interview candidates and select a new member to serve out the remaining 143 days of a term that had been held by Martha Pitsenbarger. The veteran school board member, who had already indicated that she would not seek reelection, resigned Jan. 10 due to circumstance beyond her control. Pitsenbarger had been commuting from Myrtle Beach, S.C., where she had been caring for her husband, Jack, who is recovering from an illness cause by a bacterial fungus.

The person selected will serve only on the board until June 30 when the term expires.

Candidates must be a registered voter of the district, which includes the City of Wayne and portions of Westland, Canton, Romulus, Inkster and Dearborn Heights, and be at least 18 years old. They also must be a citizen of the United States, resident of the State of Michigan and the school district and otherwise eligible to hold the office.

School board members receive a monthly stipend in lieu of a salary. The amount per year is \$2,960 which includes both mileage and

meetings.

Residents interested in serving on the board cab drop off their documents in the superintendent's office at the district's administrative services building at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. Information about the appointment can be obtained by calling the superintendent's office at (734) 419-2010.

The appointment will be made less than 24 hours

before the 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, filing deadline for the school election in two seats - the vacant position and that of school board President Skip Monit - will be filled in the election. Both are fourvear terms.

For more information about filing for the election, call the Westland clerk's office at (734) 467-3185 or the Wayne clerk's office at (734) 722-2204.

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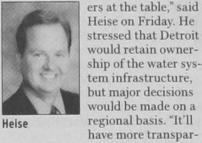
BY MATT JACHMAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

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As Detroit officials prepare to announce what they want to charge more than 100 area communities, including Plymouth and Plymouth Township, for water in the next fiscal year, conversation over the future of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department is heating up.

At issue is a plan by state Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, that would put the DWSD under regional control, through a nine-member executive committee with representatives from Detroit, Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, and, on a rotating basis, five water customer communities.

"We need a new type of governance structure where we get the custom-



ency, more collaboration," he said.

Heise's House Bill 4112 would form a committee that Heise said would be modeled after a committee that was designed to manager sewage issues among a number of Wayne County communities. Heise is the former director of the Wayne County Department of Environment.

But Heise's plan was decried by political leaders in Detroit Thursday as a takeover and "a money grab."

Detroit Mayor Dave Bing is firmly against the plan, said spokeswoman Karen Dumas on Friday.

'We understand there are some challenges to the department and we are working" to address those, Dumas said. "It's going to take a minute."

Dumas said that, as Detroit carries the DWSD's debt and financial obligations, it's only right that it retain the system itself. She said Bing and city officials are looking forward to installing permanent leadership at DWSD and creating a structure with more transparency and accountability.

Heise, however, said his plan has a "significant financial incentive" for Detroit, in that it would allow for refinancing outstanding bonds, on a 50-year basis, at current lower interest rates. "This could provide them with a tremendous cash savings," he said.

Asked about that facet of the plan, Dumas reiterated Bing's opposition to it.

Heise said recent federal indictments of ex-Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and Victor Mercado, Kilpatrick's water department chief, charging corruption in the way the DWSD awarded some contracts, bolster his case. The alleged corruption, Heise said, affected what suburban customers paid for water.

"There is clearly a mood in this region that we've got to do something new," he said, adding he is optimistic about the prospects of regional governance. His plan would not amount to a department takeover, he said, and is preferable to continued U.S. District Court oversight of the system, which has been ongoing since 1977.

It's also preferable, Heise said, to lawsuits against DWSD, which some

communities have threatened, alleging past financial harm because of mismanagement.

"All of this litigation is only going to make the lawyers rich," he said. "It's not going to bring us closer to regional governance."

In Plymouth, Mayor Dan Dwyer said he hasn't looked at the details of Heise's proposal, but that, at first glance, he favors it.

"It would be a positive thing if in some way the suburbs have more of a vote in the system," Dwyer said.

The DWSD is planning to announce its 2011-2012 water rate proposals on Tuesday at the offices of the South East Michigan Council of Governments. The new rates would take effect in July.

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Madonna announces lecture, concerts open to public

Madonna University added a at Southwestern Michigan few new events to its February schedule in honor of Diversity Week and changed the date of the upcoming classical guitar performance by Raphaella Smits.

The events are:

Monday, Feb. 7: A free guest lecture about religious diversity, with a special focus on Sikhism, presented by Madonna benefactor Deepinder Uppal, professor of English and communication

College. The lecture will be held at noon in Kresge Hall.

Wednesday, Feb. 9: Mexico's noted vocalist Salvador Ginori will perform a free concert. Ginori performed with the Michigan Opera Theatre for two seasons and continues to perform internationally. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. in Kresge Hall.

Thursday, Feb. 10: "CutTime," a string quartet of **Detroit Symphony Orchestra**

musicians, will perform a free concert of musical selections from the serious classical genre to swinging spirituals and sassy jazz standards. It begins at 7 p.m. in Kresge Hall.

Sunday, Feb. 27: Internationally renowned Belgian classical guitarist Raphaella Smits will perform. The concert is at 3 p.m. in Kresge Hall. Tickets are \$20 for general admission and \$15 for students. Call (313) 832-2613.

Bowling centers team up to help Goodwill

Bowling enthusiasts can go for strikes while helping Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit through its "Bowl for Jobs" and "Donate for Jobs.'

Goodwill and Blue Ribbon Bowling Centers invite Metro Detroiters to bowl at locations in nine area cities, including Westland Bowl in Westland. Each location will accept monetary donations and gently used clothing or other items from Tuesday, Feb. 1, through Sunday, March 6. The best donated items will be among those sold at Goodwill's new flagship upscale resale store on Ford Road in Canton.

Every donor will receive a coupon for one free game of bowling with the purchase of another game.

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Rotary Club says thanks for member's generous gift

BY SUE MASON OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Don Douglass has done a lot during his 44 years as a member of the Westland Rotary.

Although he's not a charter member — he joined in 1967, a year after the club formed — he is the longest serving member. He has met every single member of the club and has lived through every president, including some twice. He has seen every one of the club's fund-raisers develop and attended them.

He has watched Rotary International and the Westland Rotary change, and was there when women were allowed to join the organization in 1987.

But there's one thing the Canton resident hasn't done - serve as the club's president. And with good reason. A former teacher, counselor and high school assistant principal with the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, he spent his summers Up North.

"I tried to attend all the meetings except during the summer," said Douglass. "I was secretary, treasurer, but never president because I was gone in the summer."

Douglass was honored by the club at its luncheon meeting Thursday for his decision to set aside an undisclosed sum of money in his estate for the club to use.

"He has set an example of service above self in everything he has done," said club President Jeffrey Juenemann. "He believes in the work of Rotary and believes in its goals and now he has given the club a monetary gift that can be used locally. With Don, we have a bright future for our club."

"The amazing thing is what Rotary is about," said Mike McCullough, a Trenton



THOMAS BEAUDOIN

Michael McCullough, a Trenton Rotarian and a past Rotary International director (left), and Jeffrey Juenemann, president of the Westland Rotary (right), honor Don Douglass for his many years of service as a Rotarian and for the money he has set aside to benefit the club.

Rotarian and a past Rotary International director. "You have the opportunity to see ordinary people do extraordinary things. Don, you fit that description. You step up, you see a need and do the deed."

McCullough compared Douglass's donation to the \$355 million grant Bill Gates has provided to fight polio. "You believe in Westland Rotary, you want to incite and excite," he said. "It's not about the money and what the money can do. You know the money is a tool to be of service to the community. I believe you've set the example for other folks."

A Paul Harris Fellow for his support of the Rotary Foundation, Douglass finds it hard to name one thing that has been the best thing about Rotary over the past 44 years. While he help set up scholarships at Wayne Memorial and John Glenn high schools, he remembers the club donating a commercial washer and dryer to Wayne-Westland's clothing bank, standing on street corners collecting money and the work the organization has done to eradicate polio worldwide.

Rotary International has taken on the polio project. According to Douglass, it's down to few countries like Pakistan.

"I'm glad to be part of doing something good for the world, whether it's eradicating polio or providing clean water," he said. "Three thousand children die every day because of poor water. We do wells to help clean up the water."

Douglass first attended a club meeting at the invitation of a Rotarian. He didn't know what the organization was, but he learned.

"When I joined it was a good ole boys club, there were no women," he said. "We did a lot of nice things, but not like now."

Douglass took some goodnatured ribbing from his fellow Rotarians. Lou Toarmina recalled one time when Douglass was giving out the high school scholarships.

"We had a visiting Rotarian from Belleville, he mistook for a high school student and tried

to give her a scholarship," he said. As for his gift to the club, Douglass gave but one instruction.

"I want it used, I don't want you sitting on it," he said. "I want it spent for the good things the club does. Use it, use it wisely which I know you will."

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Ohio speaker highlights museum's 'Mad Hatter' tea

Ever wondered if your ancestors would embarrass you today?

Jana Broglin of Swanton, Ohio, will talk about "Hookers, Crooks, and Kooks. Aunt Merle Didn't Run a Boarding House" during the Plymouth Historical Museum's Mad Hatter Tea on Sunday, Feb. 27. Broglin is a professional genealogist with more than 30 years of experience.

Museum officials said Broglin's talk will follow a Victorian-style tea complete with scones, tea sandwiches, and other fare. The tea that will be served is the museum's signature "Mary's Blend," a tantalizing cherry and almond black tea in honor of Mary Todd Lincoln. This tea is also available for purchase in the Museum's store.

Tickets for the Mad Hatter Tea are \$20 for Plymouth Historical Society members and \$25 for nonmembers if purchased by Feb. 15 (add \$5 to the ticket price after that date), and can be purchased at A9

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Museum during open hours, or on the website at http:// www.plymouthhistory.org/ Events.html using PayPal.

Ticket holders who come early that day are also invited to enjoy the Museum's new special exhibit, "Rediscovering the Civil War." Ticket holders are also encouraged to wear their craziest hat to the Mad Hatter Tea!

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Cervi observes meals as well. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served restaurantstyle. "We want to provide residents with what they want," said Cervi. "One of our residents is a vegan. She's in her 90s and a Seventh-day Adventist. We go out and get meals for anyone who requests kosher or halal. Residents might want more danishes or bagels. Our main focus is to try to obtain what the resident was used to before coming here. We want to provide for residents as if it's their home."

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CIVIL WAR EXHIBIT



BILL BRESLER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Friday night's hockey game at Canton Arctic Edge featured intense action between the host Chiefs and Salem. Here, Canton's Jordan Smith (No. 5) eludes a diving poke check by Michael Hochkins (No. 11) of the Rocks.

Chiefs 'Lash' out at Rocks

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

It was standing room only for Friday night's hockey showdown at Canton Arctic Edge between the host Chiefs and Salem.

The game lived up to its billing as Canton gave up a lead with just 2:38 left in the third only to come crashing back to win 4-3 on senior Garrett Bryden's winner with 50 seconds to go.

Bryden - who scored on a rebound with 6.9 seconds remaining in the second period to tie the game at 1-1 - won the game by skating through defenders and crashing into Rocks goalie Brandon Price.

When the puck trickled behind Price (who stopped 29 shots), the Canton throng went wild.

'That's what playoffs are going to be like," Canton head coach Jeremy Majszak said about the

test for us, it was huge." Canton (9-5-2, 5-2-1) spoiled Salem's bid to clinch at least a share of the KLAA South Division and also won the Lash Cup to boot.

The Lash Cup goes to the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park hockey team to have the best head-to-head record. Canton nipped Salem for the second time this year and still needs to play Plymouth.

"But regardless of that outcome, nobody can catch us," Majszak said. "And when it comes to the division, we're one point behind Salem with two games left (and one game in hand).

"This puts us back in the driver's seat for the division."

According to Salem head coach Ryan Ossenmacher, the contest "came down to the last minute. We didn't make a play, they did and that's the way the

He cited Salem's 0-of-6 mark on the power play as one factor, and also acknowledged the "big momentum swing" that went Canton's way in the final seconds of the second period.

Nursing a 1-0 lead (on Ryan Quigley's unassisted shorthanded goal at 4:58 of the first), the Rocks could not extend their lead because of some fine work from Chiefs goalie Spencer Craig (32 saves) and the sputtering power play.

KEY MOMENT

Then came the tying goal with time running out in the second.

Ossenmacher later said he thought a Chiefs penalty should have been called on the play, because a Salem player was tripped up in the neutral zone springing Canton's Brandon Schlieger on a rush into the Rocks' zone.

Chiefs coveting top KLAA prize

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

After hammering two opponents at Wednesday's Westland John Glenn-hosted quad meet, Canton's varsity boys wrestling team is gearing up for a huge challenge.

The 23-4 Chiefs - who are state-ranked and boast five wrestlers in the Top-10 in their weight classes - already clinched first place in the KLAA South Division for the first time ever, according to head coach Cory Mancuso.

With the Chiefs sitting

out Saturday's Observerland Invitational, the next step comes Wednesday at the KLAA quad meet for the association's four division leaders. Action starts 5:30 p.m. at Canton.

First, the Chiefs (5-0 in the South) must defeat Novi (16-5, 5-0 in the Central)

Assuming West Division leader Hartland (23-2, 5-0) then takes care of Waterford Kettering (6-2, 5-0 in the North Division), Canton will square off against Hartland for the championship.

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For Mancuso, facing the Indians is just the way he likes it.

"It's at our house. Hartland's won the previous two years," Mancuso said. "In fact, Hartland's never lost a KLAA match, so our goal is to give them their first-ever conference loss since the inception of the KLAA."

Last season, Canton lost to Hartland in a match that Mancuso said "wasn't all that close but there were a lot of good matches. So we're feeling pretty confident that we can definitely hang with them if not beat them."

WORKING FOR SUCCESS

Mancuso said keys to his team's success include a lot of sweat and extra reps, along with intangibles such as good attitude and positive team makeup.

"I'm very confident it's going to continue," said Mancuso, about Canton's success. "We've been working real hard and we have a very good team. We have a lot of team chemistry."

He also mentioned the culture of winning that permeates Canton High School athletics.

'There's definitely a winning attitude at Canton," Mancuso said. "All of the coaches at Canton have high expectations to win and we do a lot of winning.'

SIDELINES

Gymnast ties mark

Canton junior Ayana Lewis tied a 16-year-old school record on uneven bars during Thursday night's tri-meet with Walled Lake Gold and Walled Lake Maroon.

Lewis finished first with a mark of 9.55, equaling the record set in 1995 by Katey Gilles.

Her performance was one of the highlights as the Chiefs finished first with 144.7 points. ahead of Maroon (122.65) and Gold (111.35).

Canton improved to 8-1 overall and 6-0 in the KLAA and is staying sharp for the Canton Invitational slated for Saturday, Feb 5. Senior Robyn Piwowar won the other four events: vault, 9.55; balance beam, 9.6; floor exercise, 9.5; and allaround, 37.5.

Finishing second on bars (9.25), beam (9.15) and floor (9.35) was sophomore Alex Fideler. Thirds went to senior Brooke Granowicz (floor, 9.0) and freshman Erica Lucas (vault, 9.1).

For girls only

Looking to boost the profile of girls hockey, Canton Arctic Edge hosted Saturday night's "Hockey Night in Canton" featuring the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins.

But that's not all. The arena at 46615 Michigan near Canton Center Drive welcomes girls for some informal sticks and pucks, between 8-8:50 a.m. Saturdays.

The program carries the point-blank slogan "No Cuts! Boys!" and is just \$5 per participant.

Girls must bring their own equipment or use rental equipment available at Arctic Edge on a first-come, first-served basis.

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game's intensity. "They had the lead, we had the lead. It was a big game goes."

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It's no beauty, but Wildcats grind out big win

BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

There was a lid on both baskets Friday night as evidenced by the two teams shooting a combined 15-of-88 from the floor.

But in the end, KLAA South Division leader Plymouth got to the free throw line and kept its perfect record intact Friday night by grinding out an ugly 40-25 boys basketball victory over visiting Livonia Franklin.

The Wildcats, who improved to 9-3 overall and 6-0 in the KLAA South, outscored the Patriots 29-13 in the second half after trailing 12-11 at halftime.

"We were able to construct a defensive effort tonight," Plymouth coach Mike Soukup said. "That is certainly what wins the game. I've told them all along something we can control is defense. We were able to do that the first half and we really clamped down in the second half.

Plymouth won despite shooting only 7-of-44 from the floor (15.9

percent), but connected on 19-of-28 free throws (67.8 percent).

'You're going to have nights when you can't throw it in the ocean," Soukup said. "This was one of those nights for us. We got looks. I was happy with the looks we were getting, but we didn't knock them down by any stretch of the imagination.'

Senior guard Stephen Jahn helped get Plymouth untracked with 10 second-half points, including a pair of three-pointers in the third quarter. His triple with 7:21 left in the third period gave the Wildcats the lead for keeps.

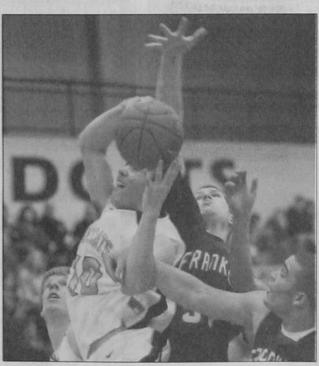
The Wildcats' top scorer was Pat Salo, who finished with 11.

Mike Nadratowski, who was coming off a stellar 33-point effort in Tuesday's win over Novi, finished with eight points.

Franklin's 1-3-1 zone defense gave Plymouth fits.

"We've faced two already and we just haven't struggled like that ever against it," Soukup said.

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Plymouth's Mike Nadratowski (No. 10) tries to take the ball to the rim Friday night, although Livonia Franklin players Deion Grubbs (No. 12) and an unidentified player try hard to stop him. At left is Brennen Beyer of the Wildcats.



Who: Robyn Piwowar, captain for Canton's varsity girls gymnastics team.

Miscellany: The 17-year-old Piwowar carries a 3.8 grade-point average, is a scholar athlete and member of the National Honor Society. Also on Canton's varsity girls swimming/diving and track/ field teams, she is school record holder for floor exercise (9.775, 2009) and a three-time All-State gymnast for vault, beam, floor and all-around. Her mom is Gayle Piwowar.

Captain's job: "Captain is a leader, somebody who sets a good example for the other girls, and is there to give for advice or encouragement. A captain can be counted on to what needs to be done, to ensure that the team

ROBYN PIWOWAR



is successful. Captains act as the liaison among coaches, gymnasts, and parents. Leadership style: "I like to encourage everyone to have fun, but still focus and do their best, and just shake it off if they make a mistake."

Why her? "I think my teammates saw that I can be a leader and that I want to see all of us, as a team, accomplish our goals."

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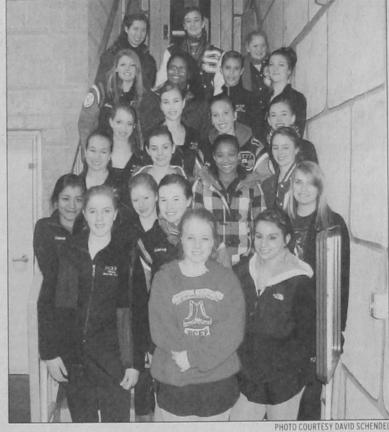
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The Plymouth Canton **Educational Park Figure Skating** Team had a strong performance Jan. 17 in the second round of the District 3 team compulsory competition held at Farmington Hills Ice Arena. The team, coached by Barb Miller and Suzie Smith, will now skate in the final team competition Wednesday, Feb. 16 at the same location. Pictured are members of the PCEP team, listed alphabetically: Samantha Amado, Alicia Bonanno, Danielle Cecil, Melanie Elliott, Alex Feschenko, Jihan Hakkani. Alex Hanton, Taylor Jaaska, India Johnson, Natalie Jordan, Amy Kolarik, Katie Kowalski, Stephanie Lyle, Alexa Macari, Lindsay Magaldi, Victoria Massey, Allison Morrison, Aileen Peer, Amanda Pinko, Audrey Reding, Valeria Reyna, Allison Schendel, Breanna Schnur, Madison Smith, Lauren Taylor, Rose Vowler and Marissa Ziegler.

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PCEP skaters move up to final round

It makes perfect sense to expect something "big" out of the Plymouth Canton Educational Park Figure Skating Team.

After all, the 27-member squad not only has the biggest roster among Michigan teams, it has the biggest in the entire United States.

The best hopefully is yet to come for the PCEP team, coached by Barb Miller and Suzie Smith.

The team competed on Monday, Jan. 17 at Farmington Hills Ice Arena in the second round of the District 3 team compulsory competition.

It did well enough to qualify

for the next step -the final team compulsory competition, Wednesday, Feb. 16, at the same ice rink.

Here's a breakdown of how PCEP skaters fared on Jan. 17:

• The Level A team finished sixth overall with the Level A jumps team fourth in their event.

• The Level B team finished sixth overall with the Level B moves team taking third.

• The Level C team came in eighth place with an inspired effort.

By way of background, Michigan figure skating teams compete in five districts, each composed of between six and 12 teams.

Each school may field any or all of A, B and C level teams, which compete separately. The A teams have the most difficult elements and C teams the least difficult.

Teams participate in three initial-round competitions within their own district, then the victors from each district meet in a final state championship competition in March.

In the initial, team-compulsory competitions, each level is comprised of three events

- jumps, spins and moves. Each event has four elements, performed by a single skater from each squad, in a team rotation.



Schlieger ripped a shot from between the circles that Price got a piece of.

But the puck bounced over to Bryden, approaching the left side of the net. He then swiped it in past the sprawling Price.

"We felt it should have been a call, it wasn't called and we didn't react quick enough to it," Ossenmacher said. "That happens. Was it the deciding factor in the game? Absolutely not. That's a big momentum swing, but we battled "

That momentum carried over into the third as Canton senior defenseman Jimmy LaFontaine scored twice within about three minutes to open up a 3-1 edge.

The first came on a screen shot from the right circle that Price never moved on. LaFontaine's second goal came when he skated up ice and snapped the puck inside the right post.

But the Rocks never quit, and with 9:34 remaining cut the deficit to 3-2.

Quigley fed the puck crosscrease to linemate Mark McGee, who one-timed it home from the right side of the



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton goalie Spencer Craig (left) is helped out by teammates Brad Ceci (No. 6) and Jimmy LaFontaine (No. 2) to ward off Salem forward Mark McGee (No. 9).

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Salem (11-4-2, 6-3-1) pulled even at 3-3 with 2:38 left. Michael Manser's long shot from just inside the blue line eluded Craig.

Looking like the game would end in a tie, Bryden came to the rescue yet again for Canton.

Majszak said his team is

ods, as it did again Friday. "We got four lines that can play, and we can run them

finding ways to win third peri-

early and wear the other team down," he said. "By the time it gets down to crunch time, my leaders are rested."

They definitely were Friday, as dejected Salem players found out.

Whalers lose to Niagara in shootout

The Plymouth Whalers scored four goals in the third period Friday night against Niagara to send the Ontario Hockey League game into overtime.

But after a scoreless extra session, the IceDogs won the subsequent shootout to take a 6-5 win before 3,329 fans at Compuware Arena on "Faith & Family Night.'

Niagara broke out to a 3-0 lead before the game was half

Jamie Devane sandwiched his seventh and eighth goals of the season around a marker by Niagara's Jason Wilson.

for the Whalers (26-18-1-3), who fell two points behind Windsor for fourth in the Western Conference.

PLYMOUTH 5, WINDSOR 4 (SO): Behind a 57-save performance by goalie Scott Wedgewood, the visiting Plymouth Whalers prevailed in a shootout for a key Ontario Hockey League victory against the Spitfires.

Robbie Czarnik scored in the sixth round of the shootout for the winner. Also scoring during the shootout was Rickard

The teams played a 1-1 tie in

Windsor's Tom Kuhnhackl

18-1-2, 55 points) to within one point of Windsor (26-15-2-2, 56) for fourth place in the Western Conference, although the Spits

have two games in hand. PLYMOUTH 6, ERIE 2: In a game on Saturday, Jan. 22, the Plymouth Whalers broke out to a 3-0 lead in the first period and went on to post this Ontario Hockey League victory before 2,508 at Compuware Arena.

Six different players scored for the Whalers while, at the other end, goalie Scott Wedgewood shut the door on the Otters, stopping 38 of 40 shots.

Stefan Noesen, James Livingston and Garrett Meurs scored in the opening period, with center Robbie Czarnik setting up two of those markers.

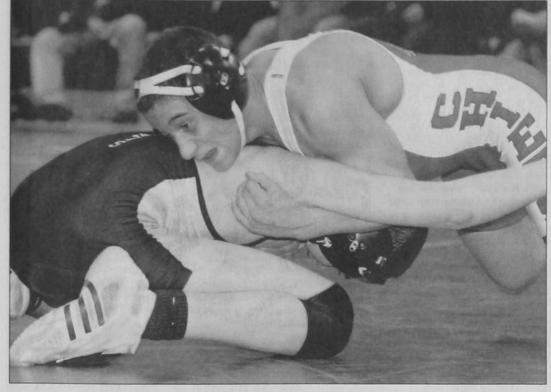
late in the middle stanza, set Livingston, to give Plymouth a

Erie's Phil Varone ruined Wedgewood's bid for a shutout when he scored at 4:59 of the third, but the Whalers netted two more from Max Iafrate (from Tyler Brown and Alex Aleardi of Farmington Hills)



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JOHN KEMSKI

Canton freshman 119-pounder Alec Pantaleo gets an edge over an opponent at Wednesday's quad meet at Westland John Glenn.

WRESTLING

For example, seniors Anthony Abro and Ben Poirer were key players on Canton's division and conference champion football team. Both have brought their athletic excellence to the wrestling room.

At 189 pounds, Abro remains undefeated and as of Jan. 20 was ranked No. 1 in D1 among state wrestlers in his weight class.

"Anthony Abro has been very impressive," the coach cited. "He's undefeated, he's beaten pretty much all the top-ranked kids that are in his weight this season."

Mancuso said Abro is domi-

BOYS BASKETBALL Tuesday, Feb. 1 Canton at Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m. Wayne at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Novi at Salem, 7 p.m. Ply. Christian at Parkway Christian, 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4 Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Canton at Plymouth, 7:30 p.m. GIRLS BASKETBALL Tuesday, Feb. 1 Livonia Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m. Plymouth at Wayne, 7 p.m. Salem at Novi, 7 p.m. nant for a couple reasons. "He's better on his feet (than in 2009-10), he has more than one attack now."

Also on the DI leader board (as of Jan. 20) is Poirer, with just three losses to date at 215. Poirer remains No. 4 in the rankings.

Sophomore Richard DeMarois, with only four losses so far in the 112 weight class, is No. 8.

Two excellent freshmen also are ranked. Those include: Ben Griffin (No. 6, 103), beaten just once this season; Alec Pantaleo (No. 5, 119), who has just three losses.

TWO MORE WINS

On Wednesday at John Glenn, Canton routed

THE WEEK AHEAD

Friday, Feb. 4

Canton at Plymouth, 6 p.m. Stevenson vs. Novi, 7 p.m.

Lutheran Westland at Ply. Christian, 7:15 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Tuesday, Feb. 1

Stevenson vs. Plymouth

at Compuware Arena, 5:40 p.m. Port Huron vs. PCS Penguins

at Arctic Edge, 6:30 p.m. Salem at Brighton, TBD

Friday, Feb. 4

Livonia Franklin vs. Canton at Arctic Edge, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5

Churchill vs, Plymouth at Compuware Arena, 2:10 p.m. Plymouth by a 59-11 score and followed up with a 66-10 victory over Livonia Churchill.

In the other matches, the host Rockets defeated Churchill (56-18) and Plymouth (38-22).

Besides all of his stateranked wrestlers winning both bouts at the quad, Mancuso said one of the highlights was a solid showing by sophomore Marc Przbylski.

"Our 130-pounder (Przbylski) had a good win against (Plymouth's) Said Youssef, who I think took fourth at the Wayne County meet," Mancuso said. "So it was a good win for him."

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PREP SWIMMING & DIVING

DUAL MEET RESULTS PLYMOUTH 98 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 88 Jan. 27 at John Glenn

200-yard medley relay: 1. Plymouth (Cameron Earls, Alex Jouney, Ethan Christensen, Adam Liakos), 1:45.29; 2. John Glenn (Joey Wakeford, Nick Stevens, Paul Gutu, Ryan Boes), 1:49.13; 3. Plymouth (Ian Smith, Kyle Strobel, DeLeon Morris, Austin Ryan), 2:02.83

200 freestyle: 1. Josh Wakeford (WJG), 1:55.01; 2. Jake Ferguson JG), 1:56.41; 3. Nick Weber (P), 1:56.59.

200 individual medley: 1. Jouney (P), 2:09.52; 2. Joey Wakeford (WJG), 2:10.16; 3. Todd Maslyk (P), 2:28.2.

50 freestyle: 1. Gutu (WJG), 23.25; 2. Liakos (P), 23.6; 3. Christensen (P), 24.13.

1-meter diving: 1. Connor McManus (P), 190.40; 2. Connor Monroe (WJG), 175.35; 3. Ian Smith (P), 172.00.

100 butterfly: 1. Christensen (P), 55.97; 2. Earls (P), 59.71; 3. Gutu (WJG), 1:01.4;

100 freestyle: 1. Joey Wakeford (WJG), 51.01; 2. Jouney (P), 51.55; 3. Liakos (P), 52.25,

500 freestyle: 1. Josh Wakeford (WJG), 5:11.87; 2. Zach Koch (P), 5:12.74: 3. Weber (P), 5:40.8.

200 freestyle relay: 1, John Glenn (Gutu, Boes, Josh Wakeford, Dave Vader), 1:38.52; 2. Plymouth (Liakos, Maslyk, Weber, Koch), 1:40.61; 3. John Glenn (Nick Stone, Cody Hodges, Stevens, Josh

Jenderat), 1:41.9. **100 backstroke:** 1. Earls (P), 59.51; 2. Ferguson (WJG), 1:00.31; 3. Jacob Burcicki (WJG), 1:12.61.

100 breaststroke: 1. Maslyk (P), 1:11.9; 2. Stevens (WJG), 1:14.47; 3. Strobel (P), 1:15.48.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Plymouth (Jouney, Christensen, Earls, Koch), 3:36.02; 2. John Glenn (Josh Wakeford, Ferguson, Vader, Joey Wakeford), 3:38.14; 3. John Glenn (Hodges, Tim Moran, Aaron Alholinna, Boes), 3:55.5.

Dual meet records: Plymouth, 4-0 KLAA South Division; John Glenn, 5-1 overall, 3-1 KLAA South.

DOUBLE DUAL MEET RESULTS PIONEER 120, STEVENSON 66, PIONEER 108, SALEM 78, SALEM 108, STEVENSON 78 Jan. 27 at Ann Arbor Pioneer

200-yard medley relay: 1. Pioneer (Thomas Deegan, Eli Cornblath, Scott Mariatt, Thad Stalmack), 1:44.03; 2. Livonia Stevenson (John Ferrara, Grant McNamara, Dave Ptashnik, Jake McNamara), 1:45.49; 3. Salem (Jeremy Wellman, Turner Solterman, Eric Li, Noah Santer), 1:45.52.

200 freestyle: 1. Seiji Osawa (P), 1:44,95; 2. Kellen Schoff (L), 1:45.82; 3. Adam Seroka (S), 1:46.00.

200 individual medley: 1. Max Mills (S), 2:02.78; 2. Li (S), 2:03.11; 5. J. McNamara (L), 2:06.91.

50 freestyle: 1. Tyler Hampton (P), 22.19; 2. Matt Collingwood (S), 22.44; 5. Santer (S), 23.18; 6. Brandon Bielicki (L), 23.28.

1-meter diving: 1. Nick Nemetz (P), 305.70; 4. Charlie Dillon (S), 195.90; 5. Joey Rudelic (S), 189.25; 6. Jack Beaudoin (L), 185.50, 100 butterfly: 1. Schoff (L), 53.99; 4. Jason Zhang (S), 58.47; 5. Weilman (S), 59.57.

100 freestyle: 1. Hampton (P), 48.44; 2. Seroka (S), 48.66; 3. Bielicki (L), 50.55.

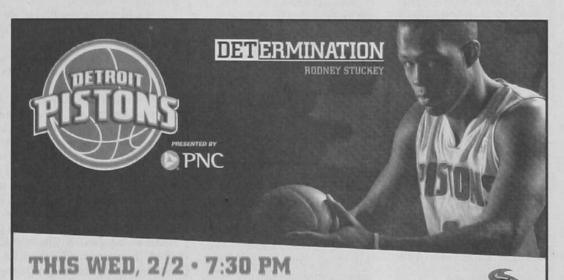
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200 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Santer, Seroka, Mills, Collingwood), 1:31.95; 2. Stevenson (Bielicki, J. McNamara, Adam

Ferrara, Schoff), 1:32.20. 100 backstroke: 1. J. Ferrara (L), 55.93; 2. Li (S), 57.19; 4. Wellman

(S), 1:00.60.
 100 breaststroke: 1. J. McNamara (L), 1:04.13; 3. Solterman (S),
 1:05.17; 5. G. McNamara (L), 1:06.54; 6. Smaran Bhaktawara (S), 1:07.01.
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400 freestyle relay: 1. Pioneer (Hampton, Renato Quelhas, Thomas Deegan, Osawa), 3;18:93; 2. Salem (Collingwood, J. Zhang, Mills, Seroka), 3:19:70; 3. Stevenson (Bielicki, A. Ferrara, J. Ferrara, Schoff), 3:24:71.





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Salem at Flint Powers, 3 p.m. BOYS WRESTLING Wednesday, Feb. 2 (KLAA Team Quads) Ist place at Canton: Novi vs. Canton, Hartland vs. Kettering

Wednesday, Feb. 2 (KLAA Team Quads) Ist place at Canton: Novi vs. Canton. Hartland vs. Kettering, W-Lakes vs. W-Kensington, L-Lakes vs. L-Kensington, S30 p.m. Sth place at Plymouth Milford vs. Northern, Plymouth vs. Salem, W-Lakes vs. W-Kensington, L-Lakes vs. L-Kensington, S30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5 KLAA Tourney at Hartland, 9 a.m. Summit Academy Tourney, 9:30 a.m.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED USE OF THE 2011 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FEBRUARY 8, 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM WILL BE HELD BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MEETING ROOM OF THE TOWNSHIP HALL WHICH IS LOCATED AT 9955 N. HAGGERTY RD. ON FEBRUARY 8, 2011

THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE TO AFFORD THE PUBLIC THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLACE BEFORE THE BOARD ANY PROPOSED USE OF THE 2011 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS.

PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS FROM THE WAYNE COUNTY OFFICE OF BLOCK GRANT, WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, ARE THAT THE ESTIMATED 2011 FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR THE TOWNSHIP WILL BE APPROXIMATELY \$110,000.00. WAYNE COUNTY REQUIRES FOR 2011 THAT OUR REQUEST FOR PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS NOT EXCEED 19 % OF THE TOTAL ALLOCATION. BASED ON THAT SPECIAL REQUIREMENT THE PROJECTS ARE PROPOSED AS FOLLOWS:

ESTIMATED 2011 ALLOCATION BASED ON 19% PUBLIC SERVICE CAP

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PUBLIC SERVICES	\$20,900.00	
Senior Services	\$5,698.00	
Council on Agin	g	\$3,474.00
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Senior Transportation	\$15,202.00	
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ADMINISTRATION	\$11,000.00	
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Plannin	g	\$0.00
BRICK & MORTAR	\$78,100.00	+0.00
Easton Subdivision Road Paving		
Seven (7) Year MULTI-YEAR Pre-Commitmen		
TOTAL PROJECT COST ESTIMATE \$490,00		

\$78,100.00

IF WAYNE COUNTY DETERMINES AFTER ALL APPLICATIONS ARE RECEIVED THAT

TOTAL ALLOCATION \$110,000.00

ADDITIONAL FUNDS SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS THE PROPOSED ALLOCATIONS SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

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PUBLIC SERVICES		\$53,394.00	
Senior Services		\$14,564.0	0
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	Senior Alliance		\$2,224.00
Senior Transportation	\$38,830.00		
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ADMINISTRATION	\$11,000.00		
	Administration	\$11,000.00	
	Planning		\$0.00
BRICK & MORTAR		\$45,606.00	
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Rocks drop county finals

Flat Rock's varsity boys bowling team defeated Salem, 185-152, 191-170, in the finals in the Wayne County Tournament held Jan. 22 at Cherry Hill Lanes in Dearborn Heights.

Defending champion John Glenn and district rival Wayne finished one-two in the qualifying block with totals of 3,663 and 3,612, respectively.

Glenn was eliminated in the semifinals by Flat Rock, 174-162 and 177-171 in a best twoof-three Baker format.

In the quarterfinals, Glenn ousted Plymouth, 187-225, 206-126 and 215-194, while Salem knocked off Wayne, 215-192, 208-193.

Wayne County girls

Flat Rock also came away with the girls title on Jan. 22 by defeating Belleville, 172-147, 157-167, 193-151, in the finals. In the qualifying block,

John Glenn finished fourth with a 2,990 total on match games of 787-758-785 to go along with a 344-316 twogame Baker set.

The Rockets were ousted by Dearborn Divine Child, 172-161, 116-184, 155-127.

Wayne also qualified for the elimination round in sixth with a total of 2,968 on match games of 789-681-832 followed by a Baker set of 376-290.

A 16-point first quarter got visiting Salem off to a good start Friday night, and the Rocks were able to hold off a late rally South Lyon East to win 45-30 in a KLAA Central girls basketball contest.

All eight Salem players found the scoresheet, led by Heidi Schmidt (12 points, 7 rebounds), Bri Berberet (9 points, 9 boards), Jennifer First (8 points) and Breanna Beaver (6 points).

We shared the ball and played pretty good defense," said Salem head coach Fred Thomann, adding that the team is looking forward to an important division game

Tuesday at Novi.

Salem improved to 5-7 overall and 4-2 in the Central. FRANKLIN 56, PLYMOUTH 42: Senior

guard Chelsea Williams scored a game-high 25 points to propel Livonia Franklin (6-6, 3-3) past the Wildcats (5-7, 3-3) in a KLAA South Division battle.

The Wildcats led 11-8 after one quarter but Franklin went up 27-23 at halftime. Franklin put it away with an 18-5 fourth-quarter run to avenge an earlier loss.

Kate Watson led Plymouth with 19 points, while Alex Roberts and Chyna Williams added 10 and eight, respectively.

"We gave them two really big quarters," Plymouth head coach Bob deBear said. "We had trouble defending their ball screens.

Plymouth's top rebounder was Shelby Cheston, with six, while Kylie Robb and Watson hauled in five each

CANTON 59, WAYNE 27: Kayla Bridges poured in 21 points Friday as the state-ranked Chiefs (10-2, 6-0) rolled to a KLAA South Division victory at Wayne Memorial (3-9, 0-6)

Rachel Winters chipped in with 10 points for Canton, which led 27-7 at intermission.

Jaylyn Hammac paced the Zebras with 15 points.

Wayne made 8-of-14 free throws,

while Canton hit 8-of-18 PCA 37, SFLD. CHRISTIAN 27: Bethany

Hale scored all 11 of her team's points in the third quarter to spark host Plymouth Christian Tuesday night.

Hale led PCA with 14 points, including four three-pointers, while Karen Windle, Jenny Malcolm and Brianna Harris each tallied six points.

The defensive play of Emily Gerulis (5 rebounds, 5 steals, 5 assists) was another factor. She limited Southfield Christian's top scoring threat, Shayla Moore, to 12 points.

"The two freshmen, Malcolm and Gerulis, played really well tonight," said PCA head coach Carol Gerulis, whose team improved to 8-2 overall and 4-1 in the MIAC Blue Division.

It was 6-6 after one frame, but Plymouth Christian started to take control with a 12-8 edge in the second to lead 18-14 at halftime.

With Hale's hot shooting, the Eagles bumped that advantage up to 29-18 entering the fourth.

PREP BOWLING RESULTS

BOYS DUAL MATCH RESULTS PLYMOUTH 19 NORTHVILLE 11 Jan. 27 at Super Bowl

Plymouth scorers: Eric Thompson, 164-170-334; Evan Grimme, 198; Brandon Congdon, 186; Kyle Webb, 168; split score, 174-148-322; 190-128-318. Team totals: 882 827-1,707 (9 points); Baker games: 183-157

Northville top scorer: Ryan Benoit, 215-201-416. Team totals: 875-890-1,765 (11 points); Baker games: 157-132-289 (0 points).

Dual match records: Plymouth, 7-3 overall

PLYMOUTH 17 SALEM 13

Jan. 24 at Novi Bowl

Plymouth scorers: Brandon Congdon, 238-139-427; Eric Thompson, 221-186-407; Rob Korstjens, 200-197-397; Justin Thompson, 179-216-395; split score, 133-141-274. Team totals: 971-929-1,900 (17 points); Baker games: 172-152-324 (0 points).

Salem scorers: Ryan Clark, 214-199-413; Steven Cadwell, 159-210-369; David Nikkila, 192-171-363; Kevin Williams, 159-144-303; Tyler Foley, 202; split score, 114. Team totals: 838-926-1,764 (3 points); Baker games: 175-202-377 (10 points). Dual match recorder: Plumouth, 6-2

Dual match records: Plymouth, 6-3 overall, 4-2 KLAA Central Division; Salem, 3-6 overall, 2-4 KLAA Central.

CANTON 26 LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 4

Jan. 24 at Novi Bowl Canton scorers: Ross Terrasi, 235-227-462; Ryan Washburn, 252-203-455; Casey Bindas, 211-196-407; Kurt Kowalski, 174-220-394: Alex Champagne, 180; Andrew Klein, 144. Team totals: 996-1,026-2,024 (16 points); Baker games: 216-174-390 (10 points).

Clarenceville scorers: Sean Diaz Clarenceville scorers: Sean Diaz, 213-202-415; Ricky Rutenbar, 194-217-411; Tyler McLean, 173-191-364; Corey Coughlin, 195-160-355; split score, 157-174-331. Team totals: 923-944-1,867 (4 points); Baker games: 212-159-371 (0 points). Dual match records: Canton, 6-3 overall,

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SALEM (JV BOYS) 11 Jan. 24 at Novi Bowl

Plymouth scorers: (Game 1/Game 2) Antonio Spinale/Matt Bracey, 196-245-441; Joey McBride/Tyler Latigo, 188-188-376; Zach Behr/Joe Langell, 166-204-370; Burhan Yaish/Sean Silagy, 171-190-361. Team totals: 848-1,003-1,851 (15 points); Baker games: 155-146-301 (4 points).

Salem scorers: Brandan Allison, 182-225-407; Jimmy Bowling, 190-212-402; Jordan Moore, 159-170-329; Eli Eagle, 165-131-296; Jack Roberts, 143-132-275. **Team totals:** 839-820-1,659 (5 points); Baker games: 144-225-369 (6 p)

GIRLS DUAL MATCH RESULTS SALEM 23 PLYMOUTH 7 14 Jan. 24 at Novi Bowl

Salem scorers: Kristin Larkins, 194-201-395: Meaghan Eldridge, 172-178-350; Bridget Maul, 176-138-314; Rachel Amodio, 159; Ashley Kretschmer, 157; Micaylyn Peltz, 136. Team totals: 835-812-1,647 (17 points); Baker games: 149-149-298 (6 points). Plymouth scorers: Caitlyn Webb, 202-174-376; Tiffani Patterson, 156-135-291; Emily Fraser, 138-138-276; MacKenzie Carlson, 172; Jessica Cullen, 134; Allyson Gibbs, 124, Team totals: 802-693-1,495 (3 points); Baker games: 143-153-296 (4 points). Dual match records: Salem, 5-4 overall 4-2 KLAA Central Division; Plymouth, 5-4 overall, 3-3 KLAA Central.

BASKETBALL FROM PAGE BI

"High school kids are strange creatures of habit. We didn't go to school today and they're creatures of routine. We're going to have imperfect nights.

We had a tough night, but we were able to out-effort them in some spots and pulled through.'

Franklin (3-9, 2-4) also struggled from the field making just 8-of-44 shots (18.1 percent).

'We've been struggling scoring the whole year haven't we?" asked Franklin coach Jeremy Rheault. "We were happy with be up with that one point (first half), but we gave up that last three-pointer in the final three seconds with a bad defensive rotation. We could have been up four."

Tino Thomas, a senior forward, had nine points and five blocks for the Patriots. Jacob Barham added six points.

SALEM 84, S.L. EAST 41: The host Rocks started the second half of the KLAA Central season with a major thumping of winless South Lyon East.

Ten Salem players scored in the lopside game, which featured the Rocks netting at least 20 points in each quarter.

The Rocks got out fast, building leads of 23-11 after one and 43-22 at the break. Then, with junior forward Tyler Stewart

scoring 14 third-quarter points, Salem's edge was a whopping 63-29 after three.

Salem girls hang on for win over South Lyon East

Stewart finished with 23 points for Salem (10-2, 4-2), with other contributions from junior guards Grant Bettner (14 points), Marcus Olind (11 points) and centers Ethan Walsh (6 rebounds, 5 assists) and Josh Peterson (6 boards).

Tommy Sebring tallied 12 points for the Cougars while Steve Kopick added six.

"We shot the lights out and that wore them down early," Rocks head coach Bob Brodie said. "The first game of the second round is always important to get, especially when you have big games to come next week.

Salem will square off Tuesday at home against Novi and follow up with a game Friday, Feb. 4 at Livonia Stevenson.

CANTON 65, WAYNE 37: Ferris State-bound point guard Dietrich Lever II scored 19 points and 6-foot-6 junior center Paul Baumgart added 14 Friday as the host Chiefs (8-4, 4-2) rolled past Wayne Memorial (2-9, 1-5) in a KLAA South **Division** encounter

Baumgart scored 12 of his 14 in the opening period as Canton led 19-11. The Chiefs put it away with a 17-2 third-period run.

Michael Cooper and Colin Covin tallied 10 and nine points, respectively, for the Zebras.

LUTHERAN NW 69, PCA 59: A 29point night by Jay Drews sparked host Rochester Hills Northwest to this Michigan Independent Athletic Conference victory.

'We just had no answer for him (Drews)," said Plymouth Christian head coach Keith Anleitner.

Bright spots for the Eagles (2-8, 2-6) included Eric Jipping (22 points, 8 rebounds), Alex Huber (17 points) and Dan Mullett, who scored seven and tallied seven assists subbing for injured Mick Noel.

Anleitner added that Chris Scagnetti had a nice game, with six points and seven rebounds.

CANTON 57, SEAHOLM 51: In a non-conference tilt Tuesday night at Canton, the Chiefs (7-4) parlayed a 25-point performance from Paul Baumgart into this victory.

Baumgart led the team with seven rebounds, while Dietrich Lever II helped out with 19 points, five assists and four boards.

Head coach Jimmy Reddy said Kyle Adams (7 points had a crucial trey in the fourth quarter to to help decide matters.

Shawn Conway led Seaholm with 30 points, hitting four triples along the way.



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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

FEBRUARY

Medical certificate courses

Class begins Feb. 2 for medical receptionist; Feb. 8 for medical coding and Feb. 22 for pharmacy technician at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia, Tuition includes books and ranges from \$1,024-\$1,824. These job training courses are for adult learners who are laid-off, re-entering the workforce or changing careers. Students learn the foundation of a specific field and can begin applying for entry-level positions upon course completion. Job leads are sent with certificates. Seating is limited. Call Geralyn at (734) 432-5904 or visit www.madonna.edu and click on continuing education and job training.

Bariatric surgery

The Michigan Bariatric Institute presents educational seminars from 6-8 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 3, March 3 and April 7 at St. Mary Mercy Livonia, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Dr. Tallal Zeni, director of Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery, and Dr. Jacob Roberts, a bariatric surgeon, will make presentations. For more information, call the Michigan Bariatric Institute at (877) WHY WEIGHT.

Grief recovery

A grief support series will run from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 3-March 3, at Washtenaw Medical Arts Building, 3075 Clark, Suite 200, Ypsilanti. Support group members will learn how grief affects them physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually and how to deal with difficult emotions. They'll receive and give support and learn how to take steps to reconcile with grief. To register call (734) 327-3224 or (734) 327-3409.

Baby Basics

Get the basics of baby care and breastfeeding all in one class, at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. This class is designed for first time parents to learn the skills of feeding, bathing, diapering, skin care, soothing and safety. A St. Mary Mercy Hospital certified pediatrician will discuss infant illness and child immunization. New parents will learn breastfeeding techniques including positioning, pumping, storage and breast care. Participants should bring a stuffed animal or doll to use nonstration on how to hol the baby when breastfeeding. There will be a 45-minute lunch break during the class. This class is open to anyone who cares for an infant. The fee is \$50 per couple. Registration is required. Call (734) 655-1162, or register online at stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events." The hospital also will run a class designed to help mom keep their children healthy, 10 a.m. Feb. 8. The speaker is Azadeh Khaghany, a certified pediatrician at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Registration is required.

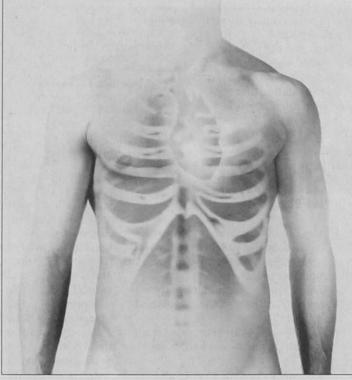
The University of Michigan Cardiovascular Center and the University of Pittsburgh have been awarded \$13.3 million to explore the potential benefits of heart devices for the large and growing group of Americans with heart failure.

The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) and HeartWare, a maker of left ventricular assist devices, (LVAD) are sponsoring the study of these devices that support circulation in patients with failing hearts.

In REVIVE-IT, researchers will compare whether nontransplant eligible patients with heart failure do better with implanted devices than with current medical therapy.

Principal investigators include Dr. Keith Aaronson, medical director of the heart transplant program and Center for Circulatory Support at the U-M Cardiovascular Center, Dr. Francis A. Pagani, surgical director of the heart transplant program and the Center for Circulatory Support at the U-M and Dr. Robert Kormos, director of the UPMC Artificial Heart Program and co-director of the UPMC Heart Transplantation Program.

"The new study allows us to examine the use of heart devices earlier in the cas-



cade of heart failure," says Aaronson, associate professor of medicine at the U-M Medical School.

For most patients, either a past heart attack or certain conditions such as hypertension, heart muscle diseases, abnormal heart valves, or diabetes has led to heart failure.

LVADs are currently used in patients with very advanced heart failure as a last resort to help them survive the wait for a heart transplant, or serve as a permanent alternative to heart transplantation.

Study looks at broader use of heart-assisting devices

"In REVIVE-IT we'll test the theory that heart failure patients whose condition impairs their daily lives, but who have not suffered serious consequences such as organ damage, malnourishment or immobility, would benefit from earlier implantation of an LVAD," says Pittsburgh's Kormos. The pilot study will include 100 patients from selected hospitals across the United States, including the U-M and Pittsburgh. Site selection for the study will begin later this year. The U-M's Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research will coordinate the study.

Kormos is also co-principal investigator of the NHLBIsponsored Interagency Registry for Mechanical Circulatory Support, which contains information on nearly 2,000 approved assist devices.

"Ventricular assist devices have been shown to improve both the quality and length of life of late-stage heart failure patients," says J. Timothy Baldwin, REVIVE-IT trial project officer, Division of Cardiovascular Sciences, NHLBI. "This trial promises to help us learn if there are advantages to providing these devices before patients reach late-stage heart failure."

The REVIVE-IT study

device will be HeartWare's left ventricular assist device, the HVAD pump, a battery- operated continuous blood flow pump that's surgically placed within the heart and the pericardial space surrounding the heart.

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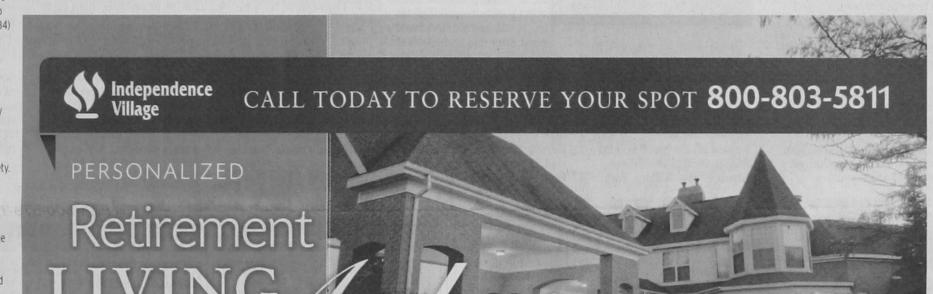
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"Our work may advance the treatment of heart failure by evaluating whether technology now reserved for very severe heart failure is ready for application to a broader group of patients in need," says Pagani, a cardiac surgeon and professor of surgery at the U-M Medical School.

U-M's Center for Circulatory Support is a multidisciplinary team of physicians, surgeons and allied health care providers dedicated to the care of patients with advanced heart failure or cardiogenic shock. Center clinicians and researchers have provided leadership in the clinical investigation of most of the implantable circulatory support devices in use today.



Sleep Apnea

Livonia dentist John Colasanti will talk about treating sleep apnea with dental devices from 7-8:30 p.m., Feb. 10 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Discover the latest in medical equipment; masks and supplies for sleep disorders, such as continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) technology. Participants with a CPAP machine may bring it to the presentation for a free pressure accuracy check. Call (734) 655-4640 for more information, or to register.

Flu shots

Community Living Services, 35425 Michigan Avenue West, Suite 3653, Wayne, will hold an H1N1 flu vaccination clinic, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 10. Free. (734) 467-7600.

Healthy hearts

St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers these heart-related events for women next month:

 Marianne Simancek, a registered nurse, will talk about healthy habits for cardiovascular health, 1 p.m. Feb. 9 at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, Westland.

• Dr. Roy Misirliyan, director of Noninvasive Cardiology, will discuss how diabetes affects the heart and cardiovascular system, 7 p.m. Feb. 9, in the hospital auditorium.

•Dr. Barbara Kong will be the speaker at "The Heart of a Woman," 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Bone density screening, blood pressure screening and massage will be offered from 5:30-7 p.m. Participants will learn to identify the unique signs and symptoms of a heart attack and the simple steps needed for a healthy lifestyle that can improve heart health. There is no charge, but a \$5 goodwill donation is requested to benefit Marian Women's Center Programs. Register at (734) 655-1182 or stmarymercy.org and click on "classes and events."

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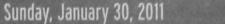


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New exhibit looks at the Civil War period at home, on battlefields

BY SHARON DARGAY **O&E STAFF WRITER**

History buffs will commemorate the Civil War sesquicentennial this year with celebrations, reenactments and speeches.

But Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens, executive director of the Plymouth Historical Museum, says there are other reason visitors should "rediscover" the pivotal event in U.S. history

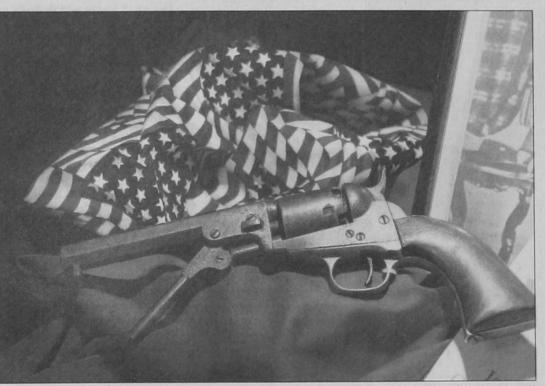
"No matter what angle you take you're always discovering something new about it," she said. "They don't teach history so much in schools any more and especially for young kids now, the Civil War is ancient history, but it was fought on our own soil and so it's a unique war to study.

"There are lots of us who are fascinated by the Civil War. For some of us it never goes away. I'm a re-enactor, so I dress in period dress whenever I can. You kind of live and breathe the Civil War."

Museum visitors who associate the four-year conflict only with guns and battlefields will be in for a pleasant surprise as they walk through "Rediscovering the Civil War." The new exhibit, which opened Friday in the Victorian-era Main Street at the Plymouth Historical Museum, offers a glimpse of home life during war time, in addition to spotlighting local soldiers and life in battle.

Dan Packer, a member of the museum board, curated the exhibit and borrowed artifacts and archival material from collectors for the show.

Much of the material also came from the museum or other board members.



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Issac S. Savery was given a Metropolitan Naval Percussion pistol when he enlisted in D Company of the 20th Michigan Infantry. The pistol and a sword are on loan from Savery's descendant Win Schrader.



A touch-screen display will enable visitors to view and print out biographies of the 100 soldiers -65 were from Plymouth, 11 from Livonia, 8 from Canton Township - who formed Company C. The unit formed after a meeting held Aug. 9, 1862 in the Village Green - now Kellogg Park

Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens talks about the new Civil War exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

- in downtown Plymouth.

CALL TO ARMS

"It was a huge meeting. This was after Lincoln put out a call for 75,000 more men, a little more than a year after the war had started," Kerstens said. "There were some military people there. Col. (Henry)

Morrow, the 24th Michigan Infantry regimental commander was there speaking. But mostly, it was civilians that came to listen.

"Do you remember back after Desert Storm ended, the feeling in the country? I imagine you can relate that same feeling to how they might have felt in Plymouth at the time. A lot of people would have been really mad about the war, so a lot of people came. And they formed a Company, Company

Kerstens plans to stage a reenactment of the meeting April 9 and 10 in Kellogg Park. Re-enactors, most dressed as civilians, will camp at the Wilcox house and then gather in the park as the community's

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What: Rediscovering the Civil War

When: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday Where: 155 S. Main, Plymouth Details: New exhibit Upcoming event: Museumania! is the Plymouth Historical Museum's Annual Auction and Dinner, 5 p.m. Feb. 12 at The Inn at St. Johns, Plymouth. Tickets are \$70 and include hors d' oeuvres, cash bar, gourmet dinner and dessert, live auction and raffle items, a presentation on the history of the 24th Michigan Infantry in the Civil War, with John Gibney. Buy tickets at the museum or through PayPal on its Web site

Admission: \$5 for adults, \$2 for age 5-17 and \$10 for families Contact: (734) 455-8940; www. plymouthhistory.org

ancestors did 149 years ago. After the meeting, the new recruits will be issued their packs and equipment in preparation for military service.

"There will be a whole lot of women waving them on and we'll walk from there to here, like we're sending them off to war."

Women figure prominently in many of the vignettes staged with mannequins throughout the exhibit. In one, a pregnant wife, dressed in a billowing "wrapper," the precursor to the modern housecoat, bids her soldier-husband a teary goodbye. Across the street, a woman checks for names of the wounded and



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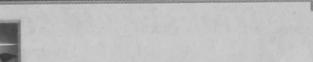
dead at a newspaper office. In the carpentry shop, a woman and girl, dressed in black, secure a coffin for a loved one.

At re-enactments, Kerstens portrays the widow, Mary Davis, who ran the Ladies Aid Society in Plymouth during the Civil War. A scene in the new exhibit also shows a woman and girl sewing towels for soldiers.

"The women that were left back home wanted to help as much as they could if they had the time. Lots of them were left to take care of their farms in place of the men, but some wanted to help. They made bandages with linen or shirts for the soldiers. They made 'housewives,' a sewing kit carried by soldiers.

"In Plymouth the Ladies Aid Society probably was a group of women who got together and sewed, quilted and packed stuff to ship it off to the battlefield. The group ceased to exist after the war, but a lot of

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COMMUNITY LIFE

Mission brings relief to Haiti one person at a time

BY JAY YOUNG CORRESPONDENT

I have seen poverty manifested in substandard housing and lack of basic infrastructure in the third world countries I've visited in Africa and Central and South America.

But nothing has compared to the abject poverty and overwhelming challenges I witnessed recently in Haiti.

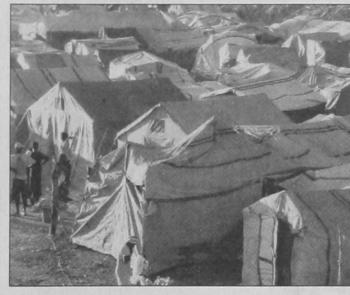
Canton resident Patty Butzin and I joined a team of about 25 people from all over the United States on a one-week mission trip to Haiti. Sponsored by Global Aid Network (GAIN), the humanitarian arm of Campus Crusade for Christ, the purpose of our trip was to conduct a vision clinic, start a construction project and sponsor a sewing class for people from the village of Chambrun, located about 13 miles outside the capital city of Port-au-Prince.

GEOGRAPHY, PEOPLE

Haiti occupies an area roughly the size of Maryland on the western third of the Island of Hispaniola, which it shares with the Dominican Republic. The vast majority of its 8.7 million inhabitants are the descendents of African slaves brought over during the 18th century by their French overlords to work the lucrative sugarcane and coffee plantations. The national languages are French and Creole – which is spoken by a majority of citizens.

By all accounts, Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. It is plagued by problems ranging from nearconstant political upheaval and official corruption, health crises, and severe environmental degradation to an annual barrage of hurricanes. All of this was exacerbated a year ago by the 7.0 magnitude earthquake centered just outside Port-au-Prince which leveled a good portion of the capital city.

It was the worst earthquake in the region in over 200 years, leaving a death toll of 230,000



This is one of the large tent communities set up after the 2010 earthquake that reduced much of Haiti's capital city to rubble. Some of these tents were donated by the People's Republic of China, as evidenced by its flag over some of the entrances.

and more than a million people displaced and living in tents and tarpaulins. Add to that deplorable situation a recent outbreak of cholera and violence sparked by a disputed presidential election, and you can begin to grasp the overwhelming challenges facing the country. It was into this milieu that our GAIN team ventured on Jan. 15.

We set up camp in a 100acre compound established by Nehemiah Ministries, founded by Esperandu Pierre, a visionary leader and head of Campus Crusade in Haiti.

According to his own testimony, Pierre came to grips several years ago with his heritage after questioning why he was born to a poor family in such a poor country. After visiting and living in other parts of the world, he decided, like Nehemiah in the Old Testament, to return to his homeland and attempt to better the plight of his people.

After obtaining the land already occupied by a small church and elementary school, Pierre, aided by Campus Crusade and other non-profit relief agencies, began his dream of providing education, job training, health services and spiritual guidance to the 3,000 inhabitants of nearby Chambrun.

WORK BEGINS

After participating in a rousing Sunday worship service held under a circus tent set up on the grounds, and providing a picnic lunch for more than 300 men, women and children from the nearby area, we began our work early Monday morning.

Using an eye chart and phocometer, we tested nearly 600 adults and children over the next four days. If they required glasses, we placed lenses in Harry Potter-style frames. If people had problems seeing up close, we gave them reading glasses. Everyone got sunglasses. Many complained of eye irritations, so we sent them to the clinic to receive medical treatment.

Part of our group formed a construction team which began work on a 20- by 40foot chicken coop, which will eventually house 100 chickens and hopefully provide eggs for use and sale by the community. This is the first of several job training and small business



ventures to be initiated at the compound. It was hard, but rewarding work, under the hot Haitian sun.

A third project involved offering a sewing class for more than 50 women and girls during a three- day period. Taught by Butzin, a member of several quilting guilds, the women finished handmade quilts and left with sewing supplies and other gifts provided by the volunteers and GAIN.

In between these projects, several team members planted vegetable seeds sent from the U.S. as the start of a future community garden.

While we were there, a group of construction workers from Ohio were busy erecting Quonset-style housing for future volunteers, complete with showers, a kitchen and air conditioning. This group also worked from dawn to dusk to finish family housing units for two American missionary families who are currently living in tents on the grounds.

One of the wives quipped, "I always said I wanted to have wood floors," as she gazed at her plywood-floored tent home.

During the week we visited an orphanage in Chambrun funded by Nehemiah Ministries. It currently houses eight children, several of whom are there because their parents simply could not afford to feed or clothe them. During our visit we donated clothing and toys to the orphanage, some given by my grandchildren and Patty Butzin of Canton instructs women from the village of Chambrun, Haiti in the basics of quilt sewing and design. More than 50 women from the village attended classes for three days and left with small, finished quilts. Material was provided by Global Aid Network.

others in the United States. On our last night in Haiti, we once again visited Chambrun and showed a Jesus film to more than 200 members of the village, using a portable projector and screen. It was a fitting end to a physically and emotionally demanding week.

SIGNS OF HEALING

The needs of Haiti are so great, they can overwhelm you. However, many Haitians have started to find some equilibrium — to heal, to rebuild and to hope for the future.

Our focus was to help or bring relief to one person at a time. That's all we could do.

We met desperately poor people. Some walked many miles to visit our clinic. Yet they displayed a quiet dignity and courage in spite of their circumstances. We made some wonderful friendships, especially among the college students who served as our interpreters. We learned to be thankful for what we have and learned anew that it truly is better to give than to receive.

I encourage anyone who seeks to make a difference in another person's life to contact GAIN or any one of a number of other relief organizations currently serving in Haiti. I promise it will be a life-changing experience and one you'll not soon forget.

Jay Young is a Canton Township resident.

For more information on GAIN visit www.gainusa.org

Take a winter art workshop

Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL) is offering daylong and two-day winter art workshops in February and March.

Al Weber will teach marbling, 1-5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4. Cost is \$55. Marbling consists of floating pigment on water, manipulating the colors into interesting patterns and transferring the image onto paper or another material.

Solve Old Painting Problems & Create. Something New, with Audrey Dimarco, will help participants finish that painting they've never been able to complete. Workshop runs 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 5-6. Cost is \$75. In "Their Drawing" stu-

In "Twig Drawing," students will sketch or paint with a twig point. Edee Joppich teaches the two-day workshop 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, and 1-4 p.m., Friday, Feb. 18. Cost is \$80.

Landscapes Evening and Night, with Marj Chellstorp, runs 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20. Participants will create luminosity in their landscapes. Cost is \$80.

Tim Marsh will show how to make art cards, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27. Cost is \$65. He'll also lead a twoday workshop, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 3-4 in creating nature still life with colored pencil. Cost is \$95.

Textures & Stencils & Rainbows, with Laura Whitesides, will combine textures and stencils. Cost is \$90. The sessions run 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 5, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 6. Classes are in the new VAAL classroom in the New Five Village Shopping Center, 37653 Five Mile, at Newburgh, in Livonia. To register, www.vaalart.org, or call (734) 838-1204.



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The Civil War exhibit includes period mourning clothes.



the women, because they were so active, which was unusual for women at that time, had a hard time going back to being housewives. So, they might have become active in the temperance movement or in trying to get women the vote."

A few "don't miss" scenes in the exhibit:

• Get a close-up view of an authentic 19th century surgeon's case, complete with bone-cutting saws.

• Check out the children of war vignette, which includes a representation of Johnny Clem, the 9-year-old drummer boy who served in the 22nd Michigan.

• Read about Sarah Edmonds, the Canadian native who sold Bibles door to door in Flint dressed as a man ("because women didn't do that stuff") and who eventually portrayed a man, Franklin Thompson, to serve and later desert the 2nd Michigan.

• Admire those gowns in the wedding vignette. Yes, they are authentic Civil War-era dresses.

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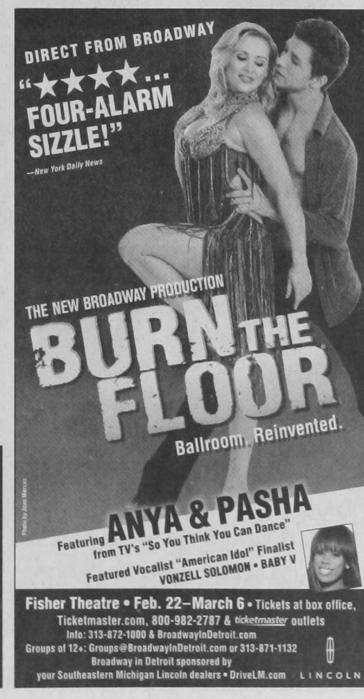
Textbooks on arthritis and rheumatology set aside a chapter on Arthritis in the Elderly. The textbooks discuss osteoarthritis, gout and pseudogout, osteoporosis, and polymyalgia rheumatic. Rheumatologists practicing today find that the textbooks are inadequate in their evaluation of arthritis in older age.

The first problem is that old age extends further than the textbook perspective. When rheumatology texts consider arthritis in the elderly, the authors are looking at a population age 65, possibly 75 or 80. In daily practice rheumatologists are seeing patients 85, 90, even 95 or older.

The second problem is that no funds exist to finance research in the older population. No published studies have looked into how muscles and bone function in individuals over age 85. No grants are available to allow investigators to study what are the causes of joint pain in people over age 85.

Today, rheumatologists see patients with problems that no textbook can help diagnose or treat. For example, I recently treated a 93 year old woman with intense left wrist pain. However, the pain did not come from the wrist joint, but from the tendon that started in the forearm. The pain had the character of gout, but the location of pain was not in a site associated with gout. I had no textbook or medical article I could turn to for assistance on how to treat her pain. Instead, I had to rely on my experience treating problems somewhat but not the same as what the patient had.

The dilemma occurs throughout medicine: at this time, problems that accompany old, old age are ahead of our medical abilities to treat them.





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CHARLES RAYMOND ALLMEN

Passed away at the age of 72. Born Sept. 5, 1938, in Ferndale as the sec ond son of the late Ernest and Ida (Kittila) Allmen, he died Sunday, Jan. 2011. Chuck graduated from Lawrence Institute of Technology in 1960 (bachelor's in mechanical engineering) and Wayne State University in 1966 (masters). He worked at Chrysler Corp. for 32 years. Chuck met Patricia Opeka in 1967, and he married her on Aug. 24, 1968, mov-ing to Farmington Hills in 1971. He is survived by his wife Pat and four children: Sharon (Matt) Videtich, Michael (Becky) Allmen, Philip (Karen) Allmen and Alan (Rachel) Allmen and five grandchildren, soon to be six. Memorials may be made to University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy. www.mccabefuneralhome.com



WILLIAM "TOM" AVERY

Age 76 of Howell graduated to Heaven Saturday, January 22, 2011 in Florida. Dear husband of Carolyn K (Geethood) Avery. Devoted father of Sandra (Alton) Brink of Troy and Kay (David) Bowerman of Howell. Also survived by seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Private family services will be Thursday. Interment at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Arrangements MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-2800). Please visit the family's online guestbook at www.macdonaldsfuneralhome.com

GARY V. GRAVES January 23, 2011

Loving husband of Donna. Dearest father of Dawn Hazamy and Jody (Wassim) El-Siss. Grandfather of Jessica, Mona, Hanna and Mohamed. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com. The family has entrusted care and services to the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, 8809 Wayne Road, Livonia, M1 734-522-6200. Memorial Service will be held February 5th, 2011 at his home at 4:30pm



MILDRED C. "MILLIE, MIDDIE" HOPMAN, nee KEAN

Aged 90, at rest Sunday, Jan. 23, 2011 in Wheeling, IL. Mildred was born May 29, 1920 in Chicago, daughter of Mildred and Lawrence Kean of Canaryville, Chicago; sister of the late Lawrence (Rose), Margaret, Raleigh (Josephine), Delbert (Evelyn) and Edward (Ann); sister-in-law to William (Joanne) Hopman, Beatrice (the late James) Hopman, and the late Virginia, Robert (Katherine) Hopman and Patricia (William) Kelly, She attended St. Gabriel School and the Academy of Our Lady in Chicago and married Earl Hopman of Blue Island, in 1945. They shared 41 years together in Chicago and Lansing, IL until Earl's death in 1986. Their union was blessed with five children: Jean (Ed) Herter, the late JoAnne, Larry (Lynn) Hopman, the late William, and Mary (Jack) DePlanche of Mary Birmingham MI. Millie was very proud of her 7 grandchildren, Julie DePlanche (Chris) Thompson, Amy DePlanche (Kevin) Barlage, Jennifer Ramirez (Michael) DeBella, Brian McLoughlin) Hopman, (Laura Michael (Sandra Zukauskas) Ramirez, Kristin Hopman(Andrew) Ortman and Jacquelyn DePlanche (Todd) Hertzler. Millie had 7 beloved great-grandchildren, Olivia and Jack Barlage, Ella and Erin Thompson, Reagan Ramirez, Daniel Ortman, and Stewart Hertzler, who together with many nieces, nephews and friends will miss her kind spirit. Millie was a devoted wife and mother, full of wit and wisdom and pride in her family, and was loved by anyone who met her. She possessed a deep faith and a strong devotion to St. Francis Xavier) Mother Cabrini. Her faith was her foundation - whenever Millie faced a life challenge, she would just smile and say, "I put it in Gods hands". She led an exemplary life and will always be an inspiration to her family. Visitation and Mass of Christian Burial took place Tuesday January 25, 2011 at St. Cajetan Church, 2445 W. 112th St., Chicago, IL. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, dona-tions may be made in Mildred's name to the Mother Cabrini League, 434 W Demming Pl., Chicago, IL 60614, 773-238-0075. Please sign guest book at www.donnellanfuneralhome.com

DORIS L. LANCASTER

Age 82, of Plymouth, passed away January 25, 2011. Loving wife of 54 years to Bill. Beloved aunt of Bob (Jody) Bonocore, Joe (Phyllis) Bonocore and Josephine Bonocore. Great aunt of Jennifer (John) Labb. Dear sister of Alice Vespar and Marie Bonocore. Also survived by brother-in-law Al (Marge) Stuhlmann. A memorial service was held on Friday January 28, 2011 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association, 2700 Chestnut St, Chester, PA 19013-4867. Share memories at

schrader-howel.com.

ANTON "TONY" OSMAK

Age 90. Born in Calumet, MI and passed away on January 19, 2011. Beloved husband of 60 years to the late Elsie (Hendrickson). Loving Father of Beverly & Brian Barna. A Memorial Services were held at R.G. & G.R.Harris Funeral Home in Garden City on January 29, 2011 at 1pm.



DORINE E. REED

Age 98. Born January 9, 1913, in Ilford, England to James A. and Elizabeth M. Harris. Died January 15, 2011 at her home in Farmington, Michigan. Beloved wife of the late Noel Reed. Loving mother of Pamela (the late William) Cunningham and Graham (Sandra) Reed. She is also survived by her five grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. Mrs. Reed worked at Godmar-Rexall Pharmacy in downtown Farmington for many years. Private services have taken place. www.thayer-rock.com



VIRGINIA A. WLOSZEK

January 24, 2011 age 87. Beloved wife of the late Edwin. Loving mother of Sandra (Frank) Acquaro and Sharon (Richard) Larkin. Dearest grandmoth-er of Jeffrey and Patrick Larkin. Survived by her dear sister Stella Janosz. Services were held at St. Colette Catholic Church and arrangments were made through the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home

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BRIAN M. WOLKAN

Age 50, of Walled Lake passed suddenly at his home January 18, 2011. He was born February 26, 1960, in the Old Redford neighborhood in Detroit, moving to Livonia, and graduating Franklin High School, class of 1978. He was a longtime employee of Red Lobster - Novi, of which he was loved by all who know him. He is survived by his mother CJ (Jan) Wolkan-Spencer and step-dad George Spencer of Westland; sister, Lynn (Kent) LeBoutillier, and their son Shawn of South Berwick, Maine; Brother, Brad (Yma) Wolkan, and their sons, Jake and Nate, of Livonia, Michigan. Brian loved nusic and played his '76 Statratocaster often. He was a rock and roll child of the 70's the old

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GUISBERT-EBERT

Ed and Gretchen Guisbert of Farmington joyfully announce the engagement of their daughter Stephanie, to Jack Ebert, son of John and Misun Ebert of Sterling Heights. Stephanie graduated from Farmington High School in 2005. She received a bachelor's degree in 2009 and a master's degree in 2010 in civil engineering from the University of Michigan. She is employed by Accenture.

Jack graduated from De La Salle High School in 2005. He received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Michigan in 2009. He is employed by Northwest Consultants, Inc. An October 2011 wedding is



Bill and Kathie Shaffer of Brighton, formerly of Redford, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Maggie, to Patrick Gibbons, son of Pat and Kim Gibbons of Howell.

The bride-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Brighton High School and plans to complete a business management degree from Cleary University in fall 2011. She is a manager in the restaurant industry.

Her fiancé is a 2001 graduate of Howell High School. He earned a bachelor of science degree in construction management from Eastern Michigan University in 2007 and is employed at as a project

MADELYNN ARRIVES

Madelynn Teresa Richard was born at 12:57 a.m. Jan. 7, 2011, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

She weighed 5 pounds 11 ounces and measured 19 inches.

Madelynn joins her parents, Tony and Erica Richard, and big sister, Kirsten, at home in Garden City.

Grandparents are Linda and Doug Bailow of Harrison and Angela Young of Romulus.



Guisbert-Ebert planned.



Shaffer-Gibbons

manager with an electrical contractor.

An October 2011 wedding is planned at Lakelands Golf and Country in Brighton.



Madelynn Teresa Richard

JOSEPHINE COLE

Age 90, passed away January 24, 2011 in Cadillac. Although she had no children of her own, she was like a mother to many of her two dozen nieces and nephews and they loved her dearly. She was also like a grandmother to her beloved friends and neighbors, the Biebesheimers. Josephine is survived by her sisters, Ann Pappal and Katherine Haslego. She was preceded in death by her husband, William (Doc) Cole; parents, Mary and Adam Oresik; brothers, George Solanskey and Joseph Oresik; and sisters Mary Zubal, Betty Garbe and Julianna Schmidt. Funeral Services were held Sat at St. Theodore of Canterbury Catholic Church 8200 Wayne Rd., Westland. Interment Parkview Memorial Cemetery, 34205 Five Mile Rd., Livonia. Arrangements Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland. To share a memory, visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

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ROBERT W. KLEINSCHMIT



Age 84, January 25, 2011. Beloved husband of Amy for 58 years. Loving father of Amy Lea (James) Thomas,

Bob (Nancy), and Bill (Ramona) Kleinschmit. Cherished grandfather of Matthew and Nathan Thomas, Bobby, Lindsay, and Andrew Kleinschmit Dear brother of Meta Silverthorn. Memorial Service Saturday 3 PM at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48334. Visitation Friday 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave. (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.), Downtown Farmington. Memorials suggested to the Church. www.thayer-rock.com



LUKE E. KREMER

January 19, 2011, age 85. Luke was an Electronics Technician in the aerospace and defense industries. He served in the United States Army, 28th Tank Battalion during World War II in the Pacific Theater. Predeceased by wife Marilyn and brother Felix. Survived by sons Eric (Tina), Matthew, Kurt (Carol) and Glenn (Peggy); daughter Ellen (Jerry); grandchildren Addie, Jack, William, Helena, John, Mark, Paul and brother Quintin. Member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church where a Memorial Mass will be held later.

GERALD "JERRY" STASAK

Age 70, passed away January 27, 2011. He was born on November 8, 1940, in Detroit, son of the late Joseph and Barbara Stasak. Jerry is survived by his loving children: Anthony Stasak and Dawn (Norbert) Donnersbach; his grandchildren: Aaron, Brooke and Savannah; his brother, Robert (Mary) Stasak; his mother in-law Yvonne Davis; his brother in-law Robert (Karen) Davis; his daughter in-law Cynthia; one aunt, three uncles, three nieces, one nephew and many cousins. He was preceded in death by his wife Sharon and his mother and father. A funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, February 5 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Alexander Catholic Church, 27835 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills. Online Guestbook: www.phillipsfuneral.com



AARON THOMAS

Age 39, of Owosso, passed away Thursday, January 20, 2011, at his residence. Aaron worked as a project manager for Carl Zeiss, Inc. Aaron was born on December 21, 1971, in Wayne, Michigan, the son of Charles Thomas and Gale (Neal) Nequist. He graduated from Stevens High School in Livonia, and went on to attend college at Schoolcraft in Livonia. On August 27, 1994, he married Heather Hallett in Owosso. He enjoyed rebuilding and refinishing cars and electronics, especially his computer, and tinkering in his pole barn. He loved spending time with his family and going fishing, camping and boat-ing. Survivors include his wife, Heather; son, Logan; daughter, Rylee; parents, Gale (Axel) Nequist and Charles (Jan) Thomas; in-laws, Ed (Connie) Abent; brothers, Kevin Thomas, Chad (Jennifer) Nequist and Jessie (Jessica) Edmunds; sisters, Kim (Jay) Phillips and Joelle Edmunds; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Scott (Valerie) Hallett; grandmothers, Laura Kutniowski and Jackie Neal; Sebastian, Natalie and Juan Rothman; several aunts, uncles, cousins and many other loving family members and friends. He was predeceased by grandpa, Donald Neal; grandma and grandpa, Margery (Wilbur) Thomas; and grandma, Virginia Yorty Memorial contributions are suggested to Aaron's son and daughter's educa-tional fund. Funeral Services were held Monday, January 24, 2011, at Nelson-House Funeral Home. On-line condolences can be sent to the family at www.nelson-house.com

fashioned way, on a turntable. He enjoyed hunting with his brother, camping and eveything outdoors. His gentle smile will be missed by many. A family and friends memorial gath-ering will be held on Thursday, January 27, 2011, from 5 to 8 pm at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd. (just porth of 5 Mile) in Livonia Please north of 5 Mile) in Livonia. Please sign Brian's online guestbook at:

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There is an emptiness in our family and our lives will never be the same. We miss your incredible laughter, your smile, sense of humor and your unconditional love; your our Hero and Guardian Angel.

-Your loving wife Bonnie; our children, Rob, Lisa, Kim, Lori & Shawn; our ten grandchildren and family as we celebrate your life today.



ANNABELLE ARRIVES

Nick and Beth Tilt of Livonia welcomed their first child, Annabelle Claire Tilt, on July 7, 2010. Annabelle weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 21 1/2 inches when she was born at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.



Annabelle Claire Tilt

MARIE ARRIVES

Marie Elizabeth Grabowski was born Jan. 4, 2011, at White Plains Hospital Center, in White Plains, N.Y. She weighed 8 pounds. Proud parents are Lisa and Alex Grabowski of Scarsdale, N.Y.

Grandparents are Michael and Dorothy Hill of Livonia, Anna Grabowski of Eastchester, N.Y., and the late Alexander W. Grabowski.



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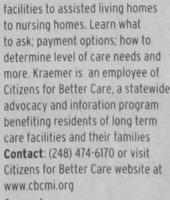
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Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 30

Location: First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills Details: Ann Kraemer, a licensed social worker, will talk about choices available for care outside the home - from adult foster care



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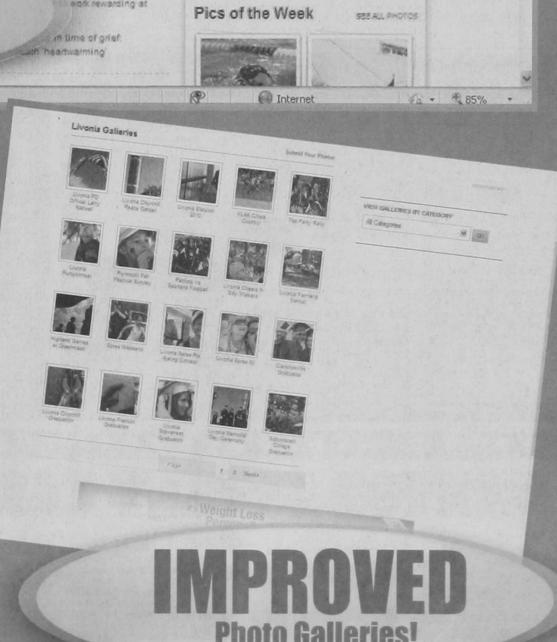


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Surgeons top the Bureau of Labor and Statistics' list of bestpaying jobs, netting a mean salary of \$181,850. Diagnosing and healing the body rakes in serious bread, and health care practitioners hold 13 out of the 15 top-paying job titles. It's not all about how or how much - it's also about where. No other developed nation dips more into their exchequer for health. In 2001, the United States spent 13.9 percent of its GDP on health care, compared with 7.8 percent for Japan and 9.4 percent for Canada. Health care jobs are opening floodgates for both entry-level practitioners and midcareerists looking to stay ahead of the curve.

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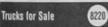






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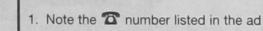
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TALL, ATHLETIC SWM open. 2531308

FRIENDSHIP FIRST SWM, 53, 511°, 160lbs, N/S, like chess, backgammon, coffee houses, going to the gym, comedy clubs. Seeking SWF, 35-55, with similar interests for friendship first leading to possible LTR. 07218827 2218827

ONE-WOMAN MAN Italian SWM, 52, brown/brown, in very good shape, seeks AF, 40-65, who likes going out and having fun. 1330127

HANDSOME MALE HANDSOME MALE SBM, 61 HWP, professionally employed, kind, considerate, confident, likes con-certs, travel, dining, seeking WF, 30-58, attractive, passionate, loving and affec-tionate. TP984967

A SPECIAL GUY DWM, 56, 510°, handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, wisense of hu-mor, who enjoys travel, candlelight din-ners, plays, dancing, concerts, beating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. 17269646

LOVES TO HAVE FUN SBM, 38, N/S, likes bowling, movies, din-ing out, travel, time at home, horseback riding, motorrycles, swimming, playing pool, walks in the park. Seeking SW/BF, 32-55, 9735781

32-55. 2335781 HERE I AM SBM, 35, 627, 180lba, short black hair, NS, very outgoing, kind personality, seeks woman, 25-50, NS, to share fun, go dating leading to possible LTR. 17336508

LOOKING FOR MS RIGHT SBM, 30, 6'2", stocky build, 245lbs, brown-skinned, NS, light drinker, has one kid, seeks BF, who's sweet, lov-ing, honest, kind, for serious LTR. No nes. 1336514



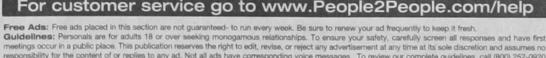
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