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CONNECTION Board honored

State Rep. Dian Slavens, R-Canton, was at the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education meeting Tuesday to pay tribute to a board she feels has done a great deal for the community.

In honor of National School Board Recognition Month, Slavens presented each of the seven board members with a copy of a proclamation honoring their service.

Slavens, whose husband, Mark, is a former school board member, said her children all received a "fabulous education" through Plymouth-Canton Schools.

"You do a great deal of work, and you keep the best interests of our children in your hearts," Slavens said. "You work hard, as do all the teachers and administrators in the district, and we appreciate it."

Helping Haiti

NorthRidge Church reached out to Haiti and needy children across the globe with its Million Meals campaign this weekend.

More than 5,000 volunteers from the Plymouth-based church worked Friday through Sunday to pack food specifically designed to save the lives of severely malnourished children. According to NorthRidge senior pastor Brad Powell, the church's aim is to actively reach beyond its walls to help those in need.

"We don't want to be just known as that large church," he said, "but as that generous church. We want to be a church that follows the example God gave us - to be driven by compassion to give our best, to give generously."

NorthRidge is partnering with Feed My Starving Children, a nonprofit Christian organization committed to feeding starving children, for the event.

NorthRidge Church is located on North Territorial at Beck in Plymouth Township. For more information, call (734) 233-3621.

Wine time

The Educational Excellence Foundation for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools has been serving district students for 25 years, and it is throwing a party to honor the occasion 7-9:30 p.m. Friday, March 4, at the Schoolcraft College VisTaTech Center.

The wine-tasting event will feature food, drink (including seven wineries) and entertainment provided by performing arts students from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Tickets for the evening are available at the E.J. McClendon Education Center or at any Busch's Market. Admission is \$25 per person and includes hors d'oeuvres prepared by chefs from Schoolcraft College's award-winning culinary arts program.

Proceeds EEF-sponsored programs. For more information, call Carole Kody at (734) 416-2718.

Property values dip only slightly

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton's residential property values dipped just 1.9 percent last year, one of the smallest declines among nearly 120 communities across Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, new figures show.

By comparison, Canton's home values had plunged 9.8 percent in 2009 and 10 percent in 2008, amid a sharp housing-market downturn that shaved millions of dollars from local property tax revenues.

"We obviously feel much better," township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said,

though local officials anxiously await an uptick in home values that, however modest, could signal the start of an expected slow rebound.

"We have to start somewhere, and we're starting to see some pretty good signs," LaJoy said. "I'm just very hopeful."

Canton had the fourth-smallest decline last year in home values for 43 communities across Wayne County. Only three places — Flat Rock, Northville and Plymouth Township — fared better.

Although communities such as Wayne, Belleville, Garden City, Romulus, Sumpter Township and

even Grosse Pointe Woods continued double-digit declines in residential property values, the pace slowed dramatically in many other places. Wayne County figures showed Plymouth Township with the smallest decline at 0.8 percent.

Canton's assessor, Doug Shaw, said the decline in home values slowed for the most part across western Wayne County.

"They definitely are stabilizing in western Wayne County," he said. "We're hitting the bottom, it appears, based on home sales. It's still a decline, but it's not as much as in past years."

Though Canton's commercial prop-

erty values are expected to show a more dramatic decline than home values, local officials nonetheless welcomed a slowdown on the residential side.

"It's good news for the township, and it's good news for the residents," Shaw said. "Nobody wants to continually lose value on their property."

Local officials had largely blamed plummeting property values — and declining tax revenues — as the reason they sought employee concessions and imposed a 1.75-mill tax for police and fire services. Those measures, adopted

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Cooking for a cause



Charity's baked goods raise cancer research funds

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER EDITOR

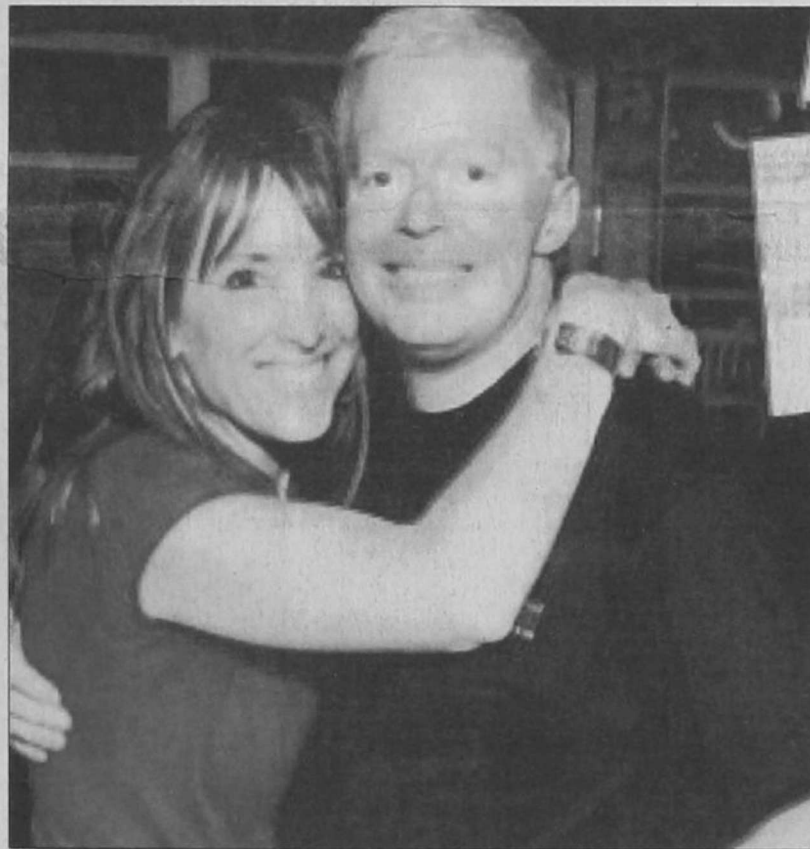
When Jenny Palmer got an idea to help people eight years ago — an idea sponsored by an insanely expensive Valentine's Day gift suggestion — her husband was supportive, but skeptical.

But the idea took root and Palmer, determined to help her cancer-stricken husband, Chris, and others like him, turned it into such a successful charitable program that for eight years she's been able to say — with love in her heart and a wry smile on her face — "I told you so."

That's because Romance for a Cure, the charity run by Palmer, her family in Salisbury, Md., and her extended family in the Plymouth-Canton area, is closing in on \$100,000 raised for cancer research. The charity stands just short of that milestone with the \$25,000 they raised so far this Valentine's Day season.

"When I first suggested it, my husband said, 'If you raise \$500, I'll be surprised,'" said Palmer during a phone interview where her smile could be felt through the telephone line. "He's gotten a lot of I told you so's over the last eight years. I'm a big fan of someone telling me I can't do something, because as soon as they do, I prove them wrong."

Chris Palmer will take the kidding. After all, his wife got into the charity business to help him, and others like him, suffering from cancer. Chris Palmer is on his third or fourth struggle with it, having had cancer 17 years ago, before he married Jenny, then watching it



Canton High School graduate Jenny Palmer started Romance for a Cure eight years ago after her husband, Chris, was stricken for the second time with cancer.

come back. For the last three years he's battled melanoma, which has now gone metastatic, according to Jenny.

IT COSTS WHAT?

Eight years ago, a couple of weeks before Valentine's Day, Jenny Palmer received a brochure for chocolate-covered strawberries that cost \$75 a dozen. That cost sparked the idea for Romance for a Cure.

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VALENTINES FOR A CAUSE

What: Romance for a Cure
Who: Jenny Palmer of Salisbury, Md., and a host of her family, all originally from the Plymouth-Canton area and products of Plymouth-Canton schools
Why: Cancer research. This year's charity is the Melanoma Research Foundation.
How to help: Visit www.romanceforacure.com.

District won't seek bids for legal, audit work

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With a majority of its members happy with the legal services being provided by general counsel Collins & Blaha, the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education decided Tuesday not to send out a request for bids for the district's legal services.

Board members voted 4-3 against a resolution spearheaded by Trustee Barry Simescu to seek bids for both legal and audit services, neither of which, officials say, have been sought in more than five years.

The district uses Collins & Blaha as its general counsel — the firm also handles labor issues — on a \$7,500-per-month retainer agreement. The district has paid Plante Moran, its auditor, some \$464,000 since the 2003-04 school year.

The majority of the board felt, for various reasons, now's not the time to rock that part of the district's financial boat, particularly with labor issues pressing (the district still does not have a contract with its 1,100 teachers, for instance).

"To me it comes down to trusted advisers," said board Treasurer Judy Mardigian, the longest-serving member of the board. "Plante Moran has done a very good job. I think we've gotten very solid legal advice. At this juncture, we need the continuity and we need their expertise."

Simescu and trustees Steven Sneiderman and Nancy Eggenberger have been pressing to have district administration seek requests for proposals since November, shortly after attorney Gary Collins, at the request of several board members, helped develop resolutions stripping Supt. Dr. Craig Fiegel of most of his responsibilities.

At the Dec. 14 board meeting, Simescu pressed for the RFP process to be used for both Collins' services and those of Plante Moran as the district's auditor.

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Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara hopes to protect youth programs but make them more cost-effective as he chairs the new Youth Services Committee.

McNamara chairs youth issue panel

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Saying the brunt of county budget cuts has fallen on children, Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara will chair a new Youth Services Committee amid hopes of protecting programs aimed at helping troubled youngsters and rescuing them from a potential life of crime and jail.

McNamara, D-Canton, said

county and state funding for a wide array of youth programs and services already has been slashed from \$225 million to \$200 million within the last two years, and he fears deeper cuts could loom as the county continues to face declining revenues.

"I think it's important to get in front of this problem before we lose good programs," he said Thursday.

McNamara is spearheading the Youth Services Committee in hopes

of finding cost-effective ways to protect foster care, Head Start, alternative work programs, youth-assistance services, Growth Works, indigent child care, court-diversion efforts and the juvenile justice system. He said the safety net designed to protect children's health and safety is at risk.

McNamara said the vast majority of local youths who get in trouble

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AROUND CANTON

"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

Phone issues

Beginning Monday, Canton's Information Technology Services Division will continue upgrading and consolidating current telephone systems throughout Canton's government buildings.

During this transition, telephone service will be temporarily unavailable in the areas where upgrades are taking place. Rolling upgrades are being coordinated to provide the least disruption of telephone services to residents. Canton's main telephone number, (734) 394-5100, will be available at all times during business hours, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Canton 9-1-1 emergency service will not be affected by work on the phone lines.

Pheasant Run Golf Club, Summit on the Park and the Canton Sports Center will experience disrupted phone services at various times.

Detailed information on which departments or buildings are currently undergoing upgrades can be found online at www.canton-mi.org and on the local community cable station (Comcast - Channel 12; Wide Open West - Channel 10).

Children's nursery

The Plymouth Children's Nursery Cooperative Preschool hosts an open house for prospective families from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb 13.

Parents and their children are welcome to visit and meet the teachers, learn about the curriculum and tour the facility. Visit www.plymouthnursery.org for information regarding our preschool classes for 3 year olds, 4-5 year olds and Bilingual Spanish program for children ages 4-6 (enrichment for Kindergarteners). PCN Cooperative Preschool is located at 5825 N. Sheldon Road, on the west side of Sheldon Road, just north of Ford Road. Our preschool is across from the shopping center with "Dollar Tree." Parking is in front of Geneva Presbyterian Church.

To set up individual tours or for more information, call (734) 455-6250.

Amarone dinner

Join Vintners Canton Winery for its annual "A is for Amarone" dinner on Feb. 18-19 at the Winery, located at 8515 N. Lilley, in the Golden Gate Shopping Plaza.

Guests will be treated to the opening of the winery's gold medal winning Amarone at this annual celebration of "Amarone" the wine responsible for the first of many gold medals from WineMaker

Magazine competition.

The dinner will be catered by A Family Affair Catering and Chef BJ Page. Wines served will be Gold Medal Pinot Grigio, Gold Medal Amarone and the ice-styled gold medal winning Bello Bacio (Beautiful Kiss).

Reservations can be made by calling (734) 354-9463.

Mom to Mom

Bentley Elementary School hosts its PTO Mom-2-Mom Sale 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at the school, located at 1100 S. Sheldon in Canton.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the PTO and Bentley students, with the hope, organizers say, to be used for future playground equipment and classroom grants at the school.

Entry fee is \$1; strollers allowed after 11 a.m. Table fee is \$15, and there are still a few available.

For more information, call Christine Wegrzyn at (734) 331-2160 or e-mail rcwegrzyn@gmail.com

Prom dresses

The Plymouth Canton AAUW Prom Dress Sale takes place noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 10, and 6-8 p.m. Monday, April 11, at Memorial Elementary School, 3001 Marquette, Garden City (between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt).

The sale is to provide prom

dresses for girls who are not able to afford them in this economic climate. AAUW thanks all those who have contributed and will continue accepting donations through March 31. Accessories such as purses, and jewelry are also welcome.

AAUW volunteers will pick up contributions or donors can bring them to any meeting.

To arrange for pick up, e-mail or call S. Zaetta at szaetta@wowway.com (734-455-6366), K. Bellows at KiggityKate83@aol.com (734-421-8807) or E. Nelson at genelson1c@att.net (734-981-4938).

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>

Sagear scholarship

The Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. is striving 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/4/2011ApplicationScholarRotary.pdf>

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succeed at reversing their behavior if they get the early intervention and help they need for truancy, drug and alcohol use, loitering, retail fraud and other problems.

Jim Hand, a youth probation officer at 35th District Court in Plymouth, said first-time offenders benefit from diversion programs such as a so-called teen court — a jury of peers in Plymouth-Canton schools that can impose counseling, community service and other punishment. Youths who stay out of trouble keep their record clean.

"It makes a huge difference," Hand said. "If you don't have these kinds of programs, it's possible for children to slip through the cracks."

Hand said taxpayers ultimately pay less money for diversion programs and other proactive efforts than they would if unruly behavior is ignored, potentially leading to incarceration in juvenile facilities and, eventually, adult prison.

McNamara said Canton, Plymouth and several other Wayne County communities already benefit from a multi-pronged effort by local police, court probation officers and Growth Works to assess problems and find the appropriate help for youngsters.

"They get tag-teamed by these people," he said. Those efforts cost as little as \$65 a day for a troubled youngster, compared to a price tag he said can potentially reach \$600 a day for a teen who ends up in the juvenile justice system.

McNamara conceded that, amid declining revenues, youth programs compete for funding alongside Wayne County jails, the prosecutor's office and other critical departments and services. But he said taxpayers can face a more costly tab if youth problems are ignored.

Gov. Rick Snyder, in his first State of the State address in January, said communities need to find smarter ways to combine their resources and provide a wide array of services

Kevin McNamara, a Wayne County Commission member from Canton, is chairing a new committee aimed at protecting youth services and programs.

es at all levels of government. Last year, some county officials had indicated support for trimming five juvenile justice care management organizations, or CMOs, to two, with a projected savings of \$9.6 million. However, the county ultimately backed away from the proposal.

That plan — and others — could potentially be revisited.

McNamara said he envisions the newly formed Youth Services Committee finding ways to protect youth programs while trimming spending in Wayne County by millions of dollars, through efforts such as placing nonviolent youth offenders on tethers and streamlining the way more serious offenders are housed.

"I'm literally looking at finding \$10 million in savings," he said.

However, McNamara said for every \$1 the county slashes from its youth-services budget, it loses \$1 in combined state and federal funding — a situation he said only deepens problems for youth programs. He hopes county officials can reach an accord with the state.

"For every \$1 we save the state, I'd like for the county to get half of that back," he said.

That way, he said, spending still could be trimmed, yet services and programs could be protected.

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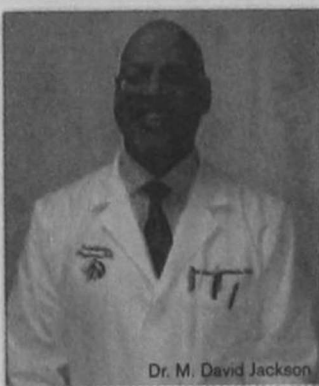
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New Medical Director of Therapy oversees patient care at Four Seasons

Orthopaedic and stroke patients are in good hands thanks to Dr. M. David Jackson and his partners at Rehabilitation Physicians. Jackson recently became medical director of Four Seasons' therapy department where he oversees patient care.

A graduate of University of Michigan Medical School, Jackson is an assistant clinical professor at Wayne State University School of Medicine.

"The benefit is having another set of professionally trained eyes looking at patients and making sure their rehabilitation is heading in the correct direction," said Jackson. "The goal is to try and get them back home. Some may be long-term patients and we're trying to get back to their baselines. Meetings allow the rehabilitation team to get together so everyone is on the same page."



Dr. M. David Jackson

Jackson sees patients individually and makes sure nothing interferes with their treatment plan. Frequently, he discovers medical issues and alerts the primary physician.

"Patients with hip fracture are learning to walk again and take care of themselves," said Jackson. "Stroke patients have reduced or diminished use of one side of their body. Patients with amputation need to learn to walk again. We're frequently in facilities more than any other physician. We see where patients are making progress, lagging behind and make suggestions to therapists."

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Library program highlights schooling opportunities

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton resident Laura Kardel began homeschooling her children 18 years ago, and she believes so strongly in it that she wanted to reach out to other parents who might be considering it.

She has found a way through Living Books, a Canton Public Library program that allows patrons to visit the library and spend half-hour sessions with people who have knowledge of history, accepting gay family members, gardening, counseling and naturopathic medicine, among other topics.

The library has 12 living books — a number that continues to grow — and the program returns Tuesday, Feb. 22, when patrons can have one-on-one learning sessions with Kardel; Tom Leib, who practices naturopathic medicine in his home with herbs, oils, massage and other natural approaches; and Tony DeOrio, co-president of PFLAG, or Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

Kardel, a mother of five, recalls how she could have used more information and support when she became a homeschooling mother. Her two youngest children, ages 13 and 15, have only been taught

at home, while their older siblings, ages 24, 27 and 28, received some public education but got much of their schooling from their mother.

"I wanted to have more of a say in their education," Kardel said. "If they wanted to study something more in depth, I wanted them to have that freedom, and they can learn at their own pace."

"It's more accepted now," she said, "but I remember how I felt when I was starting out."

Kardel, Leib and DeOrio will be available Feb. 22 for 30-minute sessions at 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 8 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. To sign up, visit www.cantonpl.org and click on the program calendar link, or call (734) 397-0999 and ask for the reference desk. Some slots already have been taken.

"The Living Books program is another way the library is trying to help our community connect," said Laurie Golden, the library's marketing and communications manager.

This month marks the second round of Living Books sessions. The program reflects the library's goal of bringing together community residents who have a wide array of expertise and a broad range of life experiences, Golden said.

Jim Fausone, library trustee, said patrons who attend the sessions also may become



Laura Kardel, a mother who home-schools her children, smiles as she talks to another mother and child during the Canton Public Library's Living Books program.

more engaged in their local library, using the Living Books program as a springboard to broadening their knowledge with resources such as books, videos, music CDs and other materials.

"Not everybody starts with opening up a dusty book," Fausone said. "It's another way to engage additional elements of the community and lead them to more use of traditional resources."

Fausone also said Living Books can succeed as a program because it offers a diversity of topics by "local experts."

Videos of some Living Books participants can be found on the library's Web site by click-

ing on the "our blogs" link and scrolling down the page.

Marcia Barker, program specialist and a Living Library organizer, has said the program is intended to celebrate and promote diversity, encourage understanding and respect, challenge stereotypes and prejudices, and provide a way to share personal knowledge and have fun while learning.

Golden said the program fits the library's mission of connecting different people in the community.

"It just seemed like a really good way to do that," she said.

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last year, helped Canton avert a threatened \$15 million deficit by 2012, but officials say they still need to continue trimming expenses.

Local officials still have to crunch numbers to determine revenue losses stemming from the latest decline in property values, but Finance Director Rick Eva welcomed the 1.9-percent drop in home values compared to double-digit losses elsewhere.

"We could come out of this halfway decent," Eva said. Moreover, local officials say Canton has begun to witness a slight increase in new development, though nothing on the scale of its earlier boom years.

Auditors from an outside firm, Plante & Moran, earlier warned township officials that, even when property values begin to show gains, the financial recovery will be gradual. That's largely due to a 1994 law, Proposal A, which limits property assessment increases to 5 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is

less.

Meanwhile, LaJoy said he believes last year's slower decline in Canton's property values may partly stem from the community's reputation. He said the township has earned a reputation as a comparatively safe place. He and other local officials also have long said the township has top-notch police and fire departments, municipal services and parks and recreation programs.

LaJoy said those are reasons potential home-buyers might choose Canton as housing market woes slowly ease.

"I believe we're a very attractive community," he said, adding later, "It's a good place to raise a family."

According to the assessor's office, property assessment notices should be in the mail by the end of February. Property owners who decide to file an appeal will have an opportunity when the Board of Review meets from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 14, 1-9 p.m. March 15-16 and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 17-18.

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Students put command of words to the test in annual bee

BY SUE MASON
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It's not a word you'd expect Sydney Watson to use in normal conversation, but that wasn't important Thursday morning as the Franklin Middle School student correctly spelled algorithm to win the annual Earle Chorbagan Spelling Bee.

"I knew how to spell all of them," said Sydney, a seventh-grader. "It feels great to actually win, I've never made it to the district bee before this."

Sixteen seventh- and eighth-graders from Franklin and Stevenson Middle School squared off in the annual spelling bee, held at Adams Upper Elementary School in Westland. Sixteen fifth- and sixth-graders also competed in the upper elementary spelling bee. Ben Biber, a sixth-grader at Marshall Upper Elementary, won the competition by correctly spelling the word inferno.

"It's cool, but there was a lot of practice involved," said Ben.

"Last night my Dad took me through every word on the list, it's 16 pages long."

"He was cramming in his seat," said his mother Mary, adding that "I'm ecstatic, I'm so proud of him. He wanted to do so well. He gets kudos for doing so well."

This is the 31st year the district has sponsored the spelling bee, named for Earle Chorbagan, who at the time as assistant principal at Adams, proposed a district bee after a region-wide spelling bee was discontinued in the 1970s.

And for the first time in three decades Biber and Watson will represent the district at the *Detroit News* spelling bee on Feb. 26 in hopes to advancing to the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

BEE QUICK

The district used words lists provided by Scripps and saw the bees end quickly. The upper elementary went just four rounds with a majority of the students eliminated in the first round on words like des-



Marshall Upper Elementary sixth-grader Ben Biber (center) strikes a victorious pose with his dictionary and his mother Mary Biber and Marshall Assistant Principal Bobby Kelly after winning the spelling bee.

perado, oregano and temporal. Runner-up Sabrina Yuchasz, a fifth-grader at Marshall, saw her dream of winning dashed when she stumbled on the spelling of vendetta.

The middle school bee lasted 10 rounds with runner-up Valerie Vuljaj, a Stevenson seventh-grader, eliminated after

misspelling consensus. Valerie, however, will represent the district at the Detroit bee if Sydney is unable to attend.

Franklin Principal Sandra Brock and English teacher Michelle Langa were with Sydney, who called her parents, Erin and Wayne Watson, after her victory.

TOP SPELLERS

The Upper Elementary Spelling Bee finalists were:

- Adams – fifth-graders Nakiah Bendolph, Jonathon Robiehaud, Nate Tamm and Austin Webb and sixth-graders Nicholas Adamson, Gabrielle Hall, Zoie Mull and Yasmin Flint.

- Marshall – fifth-graders Sabrina Yuchasz, Noah Riopelle, Travis Humbach and Jayla Phillips and sixth-graders Destinee Humphrey, Ben Biber, Victor Holloway and Adaeze Ogbuaku.

The Middle School Spelling Bee finalists were:

- Franklin – seventh-graders Sergio Canete, Katarina Cavins, Sarah McLeod and Sydney Watson and eighth-graders David Gaedke, Jordan Khalaf, Taylore Johnson and Chris Klosner.

- Stevenson – seventh-graders Adriel Hardwick, Brendan Byers, Valerie Vuljaj and Jordan Williams and eighth-graders Monet Jackson, Jessel Vitto, Luke Vasher and Shelby Fielding.

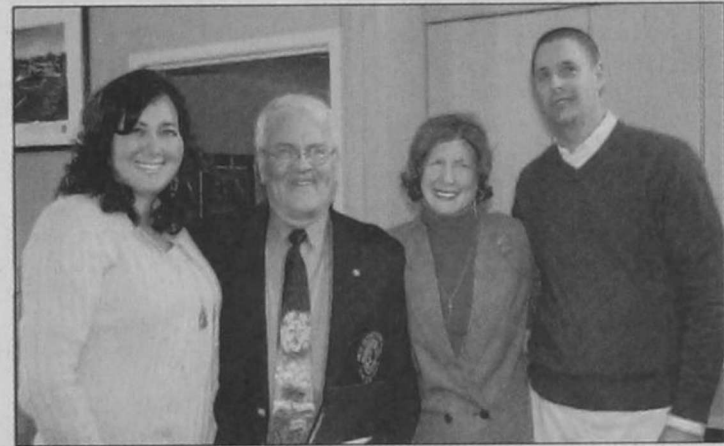
"I was crying like she was my own daughter," said Langa, who coordinated the classroom and school spelling bees. "She had to do a lot on her own (outside of school)."

"I studied a little her and there," said Sydney. "I was a little bit nervous yesterday. I went to bed early and usually get up early, but this morning I overslept."

Ben spent the days leading up to the spelling bee practicing the Slovakian words. He didn't look at the words with Greek origins which were among those used at the bee.

The regional spelling bee will be at the Charles H. Wright African American Museum in Detroit. The winner of that bee will advance to the 2011 Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., in June.

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Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Vice President Dianne Gonzalez, VIP John Marshall, West Middle School teacher Cindy Onko and principal Clint Smiley.

Lion earns school district's VIP honor

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When John Marshall visits the Quest classroom at West Middle School, students have come to depend on the mints he brings as treats.

On Tuesday, the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education repaid the favor, treating Marshall,

a member of the Plymouth Lions, to the Volunteer in Public Schools Award.

"John speaks to the students about service organizations, and he talks about all of them, not just the Lions," said Cindy Onko, Quest teacher at West Middle School. "He gives fair play to all of them."

The students look forward to Marshall's visits, and not just

because of the mints. When he talks to them, they listen to what he has to say, and he listens to them.

"He asks questions, and he gives them a chance to share what they've done," Onko said. "He makes the kids feel very special. The Lions' mission is 'We serve,' and John exemplifies that."

Marshall, nominated by

Onko and West Middle School principal Clint Smiley, said he gets "such a thrill" from his visits to the school, because Onko's students are "so energetic."

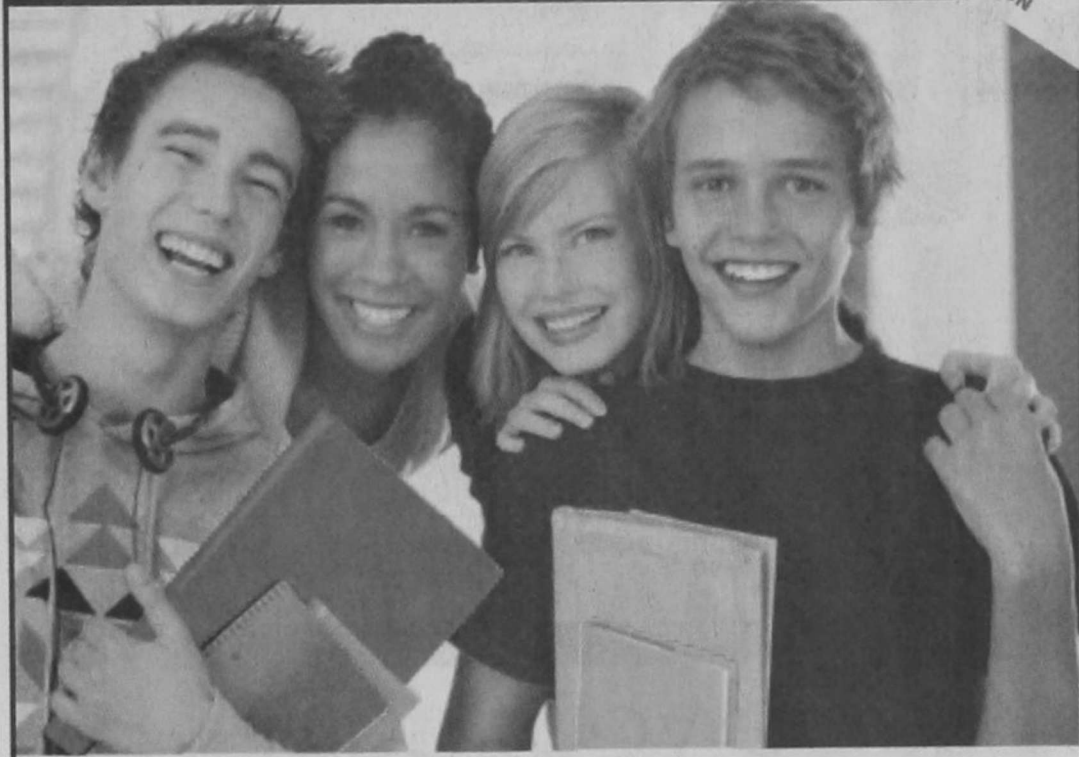
"The best part is when they talk about their community service projects," Marshall said. "It's a win-win all the way around."

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Friends rally for teen facing long recovery

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jesse Lindlbauer is a teenage athlete with standout grades, a winning smile and personality to spare.

He's also been hospitalized, for more than two months, while recovering from a ruptured abscess that caused a brain infection, meningitis and spinal swelling — and that nearly took his life.

Jesse, 16, a sophomore at Canton High School, was found unresponsive Dec. 8, and spent a couple weeks in intensive care at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. He lost the ability to speak and his movement was greatly impaired.

Now undergoing physical, occupational and speech therapy, Jesse is due to return to his home in Canton Township at the end of February and faces perhaps years of rehabilitation.

"It's kind of a wait-and-see situation," Jesse's mother, Barb Lindlbauer, said Friday. "That's what's so difficult about it."

HIGH HOPES

Family members, friends and neighbors have high hopes for Jesse's recovery.

"I've heard a lot of success stories," Barb Lindlbauer said, "so I try to stay very optimistic, because he's already surprised a lot of people."

Jesse was initially given just a 20-percent chance of surviving, she said, and has impressed doctors by regain-



Now undergoing physical, occupational and speech therapy, Jesse Lindlbauer is due to return to his home in Canton Township at the end of February.

ing some movement and showing he can respond to simple commands and answer "yes" and "no" questions with a nod.

"I want him to talk again more than anything," said Dylan Bonell of Plymouth Township, a friend of Jesse's since they were preschoolers, one afternoon last week. "I'm pretty confident he'll be back to normal."

Dylan, 15, his brother Dominic, 19, and their mother Linda are some of the dozens of people who have rallied to support Jesse and his family.

What started out as friends stepping up informally — Dylan and his brother sold 500 "SuperJess" wristbands to raise money, while others cooked and cleaned for the Lindlbauers as parents Barb and Dave spent long hours at the hospital — turned into the

SuperJess Support System, an organized group of adults and teens planning fundraisers to defray out-of-pocket medical expenses and help pay for extras, such as home alterations, equipment and nursing care, that will be needed in order to keep Jesse at home. Barb Lindlbauer said the family's insurance will not cover home nursing care.

OVERWHELMING SUPPORT

She said she's been overwhelmed by the support, and feels she can't thank everyone involved, or thank them enough. It's allowed her to focus on helping Jesse, she said.

"I don't see being able to get out of bed in the morning without all the help that we've gotten," Barb Lindlbauer said.

Linda Bonell is amazed at how the support effort expanded.

"There're hundreds and hundreds of people," she said. "We live in a wonderful community."

Jesse's story, on the website carepages.com, has more than 900 followers.

Dylan met Jesse when their older brothers began playing hockey together. Dominic Bonell and Jeremy Lindlbauer remained friends, too, and now attend Michigan State University.

Dylan described Jesse as smart, funny, confident and cocky "in a joking way." He plays baseball and tennis, likes Austin Jackson of the Detroit Tigers and the music of Drake, and enjoys hanging

out, watching sports on television and driving around — he had gotten his license shortly before falling ill.

Barb Lindlbauer said Jesse does well in all his classes at CHS, and particularly enjoys honors geometry and Spanish. But graphic arts is his passion, she said.

"He really wanted to get into graphic arts as a career," she said. "That was his favorite class."

TRYING TO TALK

In addition to Jeremy, Jesse has a younger brother, Noah, and an older sister, Sarah.

Linda Bonell called Jesse a strong-willed, never-give-up kid.

"He's your typical all-American kid," she said. "He's smart, he's popular, excels in sports."

Jesse's recovery high points recently, the Bonells said, included attempting to speak during a party with friends on Super Bowl Sunday.

"There's definitely something there that made an effort. There's no doubt," Dylan said.

On Monday, Jesse wiggled his toes on command. "That's huge," Linda Bonell said.

There are two major SuperJess fundraisers planned for next month, in addition to a can and bottle drive that was scheduled for Saturday, but Linda Bonell expects the efforts to continue indefinitely.

"We're not going to stop," she said. "We're hoping he's going to walk again."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Area firefighters, including fire departments from Canton, Livonia and Northville Township, battled a blaze at the Park Manor apartments in Plymouth.

Canton firefighters help battle Plymouth blaze

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Police officers rushed Phil Sito out of his apartment at the Park Manor apartment complex so quickly Thursday morning, Sito didn't even have time to pull on a pair of socks.

More important to the officers was getting Sito, and all the other residents of the complex, evacuated after a fire started in one of the units — officials believe it may have been caused by a faulty electric blanket — and resulted in the evacuation and eventual destruction of all 24 units in the complex.

"The officer came and said there was a fire ... I looked out but I couldn't see anything," said Sito, who lives on the opposite side of the complex from where the fire started. "I left without my socks because they were rushing us."

Firefighters were called to the complex, off Plymouth Road between Mill and Haggerty, around 2:30 a.m. and found the complex ablaze. The fire, which appears to have started in Unit No. 2, quickly spread to the rest of the E-shaped complex.

Officials said firefighters

had to fight their way through thick smoke in the complex's courtyard to evacuate the residents. It's unclear whether all 24 units were occupied.

Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincoc said the fire resulted in one minor injury. All other residents were evacuated safely.

"Firefighters initially tried to aggressively fight the fire, but then it became more of a defensive situation," Sincoc said. "Everyone did an outstanding job getting people out of there safely. It was a total team effort."

Part of the reason the fire spread so quickly, according to Plymouth Community Fire Department Chief Mark Wendel, is the age of the buildings. The complex, he estimated, was built in the 1950s.

"It's an old building, and it doesn't have some of the safeguards a newer building would have," Wendel said.

The Plymouth Salvation Army's disaster services team was called in to tend to residents, and firefighters from Canton Township, Livonia and Northville Township were called in to provide mutual aid.

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Pasta dinner, bowling event planned to help 'SuperJess'

There are two major fundraisers scheduled for March that are designed to raise money in support of Jesse Lindlbauer, a 16-year-old Canton Township boy recovering from a brain infection, and his family.

A pasta dinner is planned for 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 13, at All Saints

Catholic School, 48735 Warren, Canton. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under.

The pasta will be provided by Rose's of Canton; the menu will also feature salad, rolls, dessert and beverages. Attendees can dine in or order carryout meals. Reservations are advised;


for more information and a reservation form, e-mail Linda Bonell at lindabonell@comcast.net or Liz Dziadzio at edziadzio@comcast.net.

A bowling event is scheduled for 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 18, at Plaza Lanes, 42001 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township. Check-in will be 7:30-8:15 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 each and will include two games, shoe rental, pizza, pop and door prizes. Prizes will also be raffled off, and there will be a 50-50 drawing.

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CAUSE
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"I wanted to find a way to make a difference, so I said why don't we do our own thing," said Palmer, who raised a startling \$4,300 that first year. "My mom is an incredible baker, so we went with it."

An army of volunteers — ranging in age from 7 to 82 — puts in a ton of prep work every year around Valentine's Day. The charity sells, among a host of other things, chocolate chip cookies, chocolate-covered strawberries, Buckeyes (a chocolate-peanut butter treat the family — most of whom grew up in Plymouth and Canton — had to introduce to their Maryland neighbors), lemon bars, chocolate-covered pretzels and even dog bones.

"My husband calls it a bake sale on steroids," Palmer said with a laugh. While the volunteers put everything together — it's a team of some 140 people putting



Volunteers Katie Marshall and Tom Stevenson (of Plymouth) help with the deliveries. Some 500 orders were placed with Romance for a Cure this year.

in whatever time they can — Palmer's mother-in-law, Esther Stevenson, does all the baking. And it's a lot of baking;

in addition to all the other things, Esther figures she's baking some 600 dozen cookies alone.



Plymouth native Kathy (Stevenson) Marshall with nephew Tommy Stevenson. Kathy is a volunteer; Tommy's still a little young.

commercial spots and a local TV station also offered up commercial time, sometimes at very exciting times.

"This is the first year we've ever had publicity," Jenny Palmer said. "The commercial was on in the middle of the Oprah (Winfrey episode) when she met her sister."

The success isn't necessarily surprising to Jenny's family back in Plymouth. Brother Tom Stevenson, who worked for years for Visteon and now works for McKesson Pharmaceutical Systems in Livonia, helps the charity by doing spread sheets, graphs and charts that allows Palmer to track her progress.

He was originally as skeptical as Chris Palmer had been, but as a citizen, I'd be outraged.

"I was thinking more along with Chris, but my sister has that

passion," Stevenson said. "I was floored (at the initial success). She's very passionate when she gets her teeth into something. It's really cool to watch what they've done every year."

What they've done every year is increase the amount they've raised. Palmer said her goal is to raise \$1,000 more than the previous year. This year, with all the media exposure, they're already \$10,000 past what they raised in 2010. Along with what Palmer calls a lifelong commitment to Relay for Life — "We've always done Relay for Life, and we always will," she said — Romance for a Cure is determined to do what it can for the cause.

"We donate every dime we get," Palmer said. "This is how we've chosen to fight it. This time I decided we were going to win."

BAKING SENSATION

Not that she minds. "Volunteers) come for one-two-three hours at a time, and in that short period of time we accomplish so much," Esther said. "We want to find a cure for cancer. If this money can go to research to find a cure, this is what we want."

The charity, which had always operated largely on word-of-mouth, got a huge boost this year from sponsorships by local media. They've been in the local paper, a local radio station donated more than 600

BIDS

FROM PAGE A1

Simescu was still pressing Tuesday for the RFPs.

"I think it's our fiduciary responsibility," Simescu said. "This is part of that."

Sneideman, who was board president at the time the discussion first came up and who supports the idea of RFPs, said the board owes it to the district to make sure officials

are saving money where they can to keep future budget cuts from affecting classrooms.

"The bidding process has helped us realize savings, and these services haven't been bid in a very long time," Sneideman said. "Before we make class-size decisions, we need this information. If we don't have it, as a board member I'd be frustrated, but as a citizen, I'd be outraged."

"I haven't necessarily been satisfied with our legal services, and it hasn't necessarily had anything to do with cost,"

he added. "I'll leave it at that."

New board President John Jackson, however, defended both firms in voting the RFP resolution down.

"We're going through a transition period here, and we need stability," he said. "Our law firm and our audit company have been very trusted advisers. You don't see Plymouth-Canton schools in the courtroom. ... We have good resolutions (of legal issues)."

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City planners were pleased with adjustments to the plans for the former Amoco space at Ann Arbor Trail and Main, which was razed last month. But parking remains a sticking point.

Parking still issue with 789 plan

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plans for a new building in central Plymouth, opposed by some neighboring business owners who say the building's use would be too intense, got another once-over Wednesday from the Plymouth Planning Commission.

Revised drawings for the 789 Building, named for its address on Ann Arbor Trail at Main Street, show a three-story, 23,000-square-foot building with the first floor at grade level. The first two floors are shown unfinished; previously, drawings showed a five-kiosk food court on the first floor and two restaurants on the second, and the first floor was below grade, a feature that troubled commission members.

The third floor is still shown as a single restaurant with open-air terrace seating. Property owner Ed Dombrowski and developer Omar Hamdan say they are open to leasing the building for restaurants, retail stores, office space or a mixture of those.

Commissioners seemed pleased with the plan's changes, but parking and the lack of an off-street delivery zone remain two sticking points. "I think the builder could provide an extra lane off Main Street (for deliveries) and not affect our parking," planning board member Joe Philips said. "I don't know that we've really challenged them to provide loading and unloading space." Philips acknowledged a delivery zone would cut into the size of the building.

Under the current plan, public parking spaces in front of the building would also be used for delivery trucks, but some commissioners said they feared that, if the spots were occupied, truck drivers would

stop in traffic lanes, causing congestion.

Attorney William Schlecte, representing the developers, told commissioners he would research ordinances and return with an alternate plan for an off-street delivery zone if he deems it is required. But the city shouldn't count on such a plan unless it is a requirement, he said.

Plymouth City Commissioner David Workman, speaking from the audience, said he expects the city to also protect its interests. But, he added: "This is a tough spot to develop and we are going to have to do something creative to help this along."

Parking also remains an issue, as developers are providing none on the site and are planning to petition the City Commission to agree to a lump-sum payment in lieu of parking. Planning consultant Donald Wortman said the usable square footage of the project, with the revisions, calls for 25 parking spaces, and that a payment instead of parking would be an option the City Commission could agree to, not something automatic.

If the city and the developers come to terms on parking, it would be the first project built under a payment-in-lieu-of-parking waiver.

Under the former plans, with the restaurants, only 17 parking spaces were required, as uses like food storage ate up usable square footage, Wortman said. Parking requirements could again change once the uses of the proposed building are fixed.

The site of the planned building was occupied for years by a vacant gas station until it was torn down last month.

Developers are making some minor revisions to the plans, and the Planning Commission

Baracy: Change in scoring of MEAP tests is 'drastic'

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

School districts are bracing for what one school superintendent is calling a "drastic" change in scoring on the state's standardized tests, beginning next school year.

Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy is using drastic to describe a decision by the state Board of Education to raise the bar for passing the state's standardized tests — the MEAP given to elementary and middle school students and the Michigan Merit Exam taken by 11th-graders.

"The new cut scores are going to be a huge challenge for all school districts to deal with and to explain to their communities why the proficiency rate dropped as a result of this new ruling," said Baracy. "Our biggest concern is how we're going to explain so drastic of a change. So many schools in the state will be impacted as student proficient rates drop. It's going to be unexplainable."

The state board approved the plan to raise the passing scores on the state assessment tests to better reflect a student's college and career readiness. It was one of several measures the board approved to "dramatically



THOMAS BEAUDOIN

Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy believes the changes in scoring for state standardized tests is "too much too quickly."

move Michigan education forward."

Cut scores are what the state uses to determine whether a student is proficient in the core subjects of mathematics, science, English language arts — reading and writing — and social studies. The change will take effect in for the 2011-12 school year.

"Our goal is a performance-driven education system where Michigan's students advance at grade-level or faster, and graduate from high school with the skills needed for post-secondary learning without needing remedial work," said state board President John Austin. "Our recommenda-

tions lay the foundation for this results-driven system in Michigan."

However, schools around the state could see proficiency rates plummet an estimated 60 percent or more under the new cut scores. In Wayne-Westland, schools have been scoring in the 80-90 percentiles on the state tests.

The change also will jeopardizes schools meeting Adequate Yearly progress under the National No Child Left Behind Act.

"It seems we're always playing catch-up to new guidelines that the MDE (Michigan Department of Education) hands down," said Baracy. "This is too much too quickly. It should have been more graduated. How do you explain such a drastic drop overnight?"

Baracy stressed that the district supports rigor and relevance in the educational program, but "one shoe still doesn't fit all feet."

"We need to provide as many opportunities as possible so all of our students can be successful in life," he said. "I'm not sure this system can possibly take in the whole child. I'm concerned about labeling and classifying students in this new system. It could add to the problems."

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Genealogist connects with past through book

BY SUSAN STEINMUELLER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sue Cromwell, an avid genealogist, wanted to preserve not just names but stories of her father's side of the family.

She didn't have any information on her great-great grandfather's journey by boat from Germany to the U.S. in 1834, so Cromwell wrote about what it might have been like.

Finding out that boat passengers brought their own food, she speculated about Peter Klock, 21, as he sailed to America to make a new life.

"I wonder if Peter packed a long, large chest of provisions for at least 12 weeks at seas, such as pork, dried meat, salted meat," she wrote in a family history book self-published late last year.

Cromwell, of Farmington Hills, said researching and writing the history of Peter Klock's family is one of the most rewarding genealogy projects she's done.

"It made me feel much more connected to my family," said Cromwell, the daughter of Donn and the late Marge Klock of Redford.

Her daughter Cyndi, of Canton, said the family is fortunate to have it. Cyndi, who helped her mother format the book, also found it "incredibly interesting."

"So much can be lost as family members pass on — and she is able to keep the family alive for future generations."

FOUR GENERATIONS

Cromwell's book traces four generations of the Klock family, from the time Peter



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Sue Cromwell, vice president of the Farmington Genealogical Society, shows the family history book she published.

Klock came to the U.S., he and his wife Margaret had three sons and settled in Franklin County, Pa.

She started with just a small piece of information about Peter Klock.

"The only thing I had to go on was the piece of paper that my grandmother had written out for my dad," she said. "It said, 'Grandfather Klock came from Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany. He was 21-years old at the time.'"

She found a lot of information through writing to relatives, schools, churches and more.

Among the book's illustrations are photographs, maps, obituaries, city directories,

tombstone pictures, Civil War papers and lineage charts.

Cromwell discovered that one of Peter and Margaret's three sons served in the last three months of the Civil War. Another son, Daniel, her great-grandfather, went to the Gettysburg Battlefield after the bloody battle to help bury the dead. He returned with a sabre and rifle from a Northern general, which is in the possession of a family member.

A NAME CHANGE

She was unable to find out the reason her grandfather's name changed from Klock to Kluck.

Her father told her that his parents did not talk much

about family.

"When my dad read the book, he realized that several people he had grown up with were cousins."

It's not uncommon to find name changes in one's family tree, which occur for various reasons, she said.

Cromwell is the mother of three, a grandmother and great-grandmother.

She would like to write another book about her mother's Irish side of the family; and one about her husband George's Cromwell roots. She said she would also love to go to Germany to explore more of her roots there.

ACTIVE SOCIETIES

Cromwell belongs to several genealogy societies. One of them is the Western Wayne County Genealogical Society, which has a 7:30 p.m. Feb 28 meeting on "The Benefits of Writing About Our Family History" at the Livonia Senior Center, 1528 Farmington Road at Five Mile.

She is vice-president of the Farmington Genealogical Society, which meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at the downtown Farmington Public Library and is open to the public.

When writing a family history, Cromwell advises starting with one's own family and working backwards.

Her philosophy is in the pages of her book.

"I say in the introduction of my book: enjoy my story, tell your story, share your story," she said.

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Nontraditional relationship raises estate planning issues

Q: Dear Rick: I have been divorced for over 10 years. I have had a significant other for the last four-five years. She is also divorced and between us we have four adult children. We consider ourselves married. In fact, most of our friends think we are married. However, because of legal issues with her divorce it doesn't make sense for us to get married. The house we live in is mine and it does not have a mortgage. Recently, we started talking about some difficult issues. She does not get along with my adult children and has asked me to transfer half the house to her. I don't have a problem doing this, however, I was told by a friend that to do so would cost me a lot of money in taxes. Is this true? What are your thoughts about transferring half the house to her?

A: There are tax consequences to transferring half the ownership in your house to your significant other. However, the bottom line is it should result in you paying zero taxes. In essence you are giving her a gift. Because of that, gift tax laws enter into the equation. Spouses are allowed to gift unlimited amounts of money to each other. However, when nonspouses transfer assets to others, there are gift tax implications. You mentioned your house is worth anywhere between \$150,000 to \$200,000. If I assume it's worth \$200,000 by transferring half ownership you are making a gift of \$100,000. According to our gift tax laws, that amount exceeds the annual exclusion of \$13,000 and, thus, the remaining \$87,000 is subject to a gift tax. However, you have a lifetime exclusion of \$5 million from estate and gift taxes. You can use that money now or upon death.

In your situation it makes sense if you are going to transfer the house that you take advantage of your lifetime exclusion. To accomplish this, complete a federal gift tax form, Form 709, by going to the IRS website. By using your lifetime exclusion, the gift is tax-free.

From a legal standpoint, in order to transfer the home, you must complete a quit-claim deed. However, there are other issues to think about. For instance, what happens to the home



Money Matters
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upon either one, or both of your deaths, and what happens if your relationship breaks down?

Another issue which needs to be addressed

in regards to a quit claim deed is, if one of you dies will the other own the house outright, or do the adult children have any interest? If you want the home to pass free and clear to your significant other, then the quit-claim deed needs to state that you own the property as joint tenants, with full rights of survivorship. If you'd like your share of the property to pass to your adult children, then you would own the property as tenants in common.

No one wants to consider it, but another significant issue to discuss is what happens if after you transfer the property, the relationship ends. Unless you talk about that now, it could be very messy.

I recommend a separate agreement between the two of you to address what happens to the property if your relationship ends.

Another issue that needs to be addressed involves health care. If you want your partner to be involved in making health care decisions for you, you need to name her on your medical durable power of attorney. If she is not named, she will not have any legal rights, and that could cause problems.

It seems that relationships previously thought of as nontraditional are increasingly being considered traditional. However, the law hasn't caught up with that shift in thinking yet. That is why, when it comes to any estate planning issue, it is important that people who are in non-traditional relationships make certain they dot all of the I's and cross all of the T's.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit his Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

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Press secretaries highlight Bush, Clinton presidencies

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

One worked during a time of a sex scandal; another worked during a time of war.

Both of them were the faces known to a nation during the turbulent eras of the most powerful office in the world.

Mike McCurry and Dana Perino, press secretaries to President Bill Clinton and President George W. Bush, discussed their years at the White House during a program Thursday at Laurel Manor in Livonia sponsored by the Michigan Political Leadership Program of Michigan State University.

McCurry said Americans still fight the same battles in resolving energy issues and education as they did 35 years ago under President Jimmy Carter, who was in office when McCurry first arrived in Washington to work as a press secretary on a Senate committee. McCurry spoke about the idealism of the Baby Boomers

and the generation that was going to "change the world," using government to improve the quality of life.

"We were concerned with the power of government, so we decided to cut taxes," McCurry said. "That left a fundamental question: how much government do we really want and how much are we willing to pay for?"

"It's much of the root cause of the division and the polarization in Washington today,"

VOTERS SWING TO GOP

In the 2010 election, voters put 289 Republicans and 246 Democrats in office in the U.S. House of Representatives, which Perino compared to the 316 Democrats and 218 Republicans in office in the previous House. "No one saw such a change in one year since Harry Truman," Perino said.

"2012 will be an interesting year because of what happened in 2010," Perino said. President Barack Obama

overreached in the first two years of his presidency, Perino said. "He had such a big majority in the House and the Senate that he ran with it," she said. "From a policy standpoint, he is now trying to correct that."

Americans also like the checks and balances, and they prefer it when both parties have a stake in the outcome, she added. "Crisis is a part of renewal," she said.

Both were asked about the impact of the Tea Party. Perino believed the Tea Party is "here to stay for a while," but also added that independents also placed those candidates into office. "These are not strong Republicans or Democrats; they are independents and they are a little impatient," Perino said. McCurry agreed, and added that the Tea Party "had a lot of different flavors" in it.

McCurry believes that President Obama may face a Democratic challenger if unemployment hovers around

9 percent. Perino reminded the audience that Americans usually give a president a second term.

"If you had to pin me down today, I would say Obama will have a second term," Perino said. "However, we don't know who the Republican candidate will be. We don't have a candidate, but we don't need one right now."

WHO WILL RUN?

Both were asked about their thoughts on potential presidential candidates in 2012.

Perino said former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney has experience from running in the last presidential primary and raised money, but faces a challenge because of his position on health care coverage.

Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels has strong support in a recent straw poll and wrote about health care Thursday in the *Wall Street Journal*, Perino said, offering solutions to some of the problems with health

care laws.

On the Democratic side, McCurry believes U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton "loves what she's doing now."

"She likes to work on difficult problems and digs in," McCurry said.

'NO COMMENT'

Both spoke of the challenges they faced as press secretary.

McCurry spoke of the pride he took as press secretary, but remembered the press turning up the heat during President Clinton's sex scandal with a White House intern.

"When it came to personal

problems, there is a point where you can't be accountable for behavior you don't know about," McCurry said. If he had known about it and discussed it, he would have been subpoenaed by an aggressive prosecutor, McCurry said.

McCurry remembered one press conference in which he was asked 130 questions. He finally responded with his infamous quote: "Look, I am double parked in the 'no comment' zone."

Both believed that the parties can still work toward solutions. "Not everything is an argument you have to win," McCurry said.

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Going head-to-head Thursday are Plymouth's Prince Kapoor (left) and Canton's Patrick Murphy in the 152-pound bout at Salem High School.

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Canton girls stave off pesky Rockets

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Both teams gave no quarter Friday night as points were hard to come by in the KLAA South Division girls basketball matchup between host Canton and Westland John Glenn.

In a game the Rockets needed to win to have any hope at a share of the division title, Canton hung tough and pulled out a 45-36 victory to clinch the KLAA South.

Although the Chiefs led from wire-to-wire, the Rockets kept pecking away — coming to within one or two points on a number of occasions — and made things pretty uncomfortable for the home team.

"You're to the point now where there's going to be some games that are tight and you got to grind them out and get them done," Canton head coach Brian Samulski said. "We knew they were going to come in here, play hard and get after us. We look forward to those challenges."

The Chiefs (14-2, 10-0) didn't really take control until the fourth, when the Rockets repeatedly fouled Canton senior forward Kari Schmitt — who calmly sank 10-of-14 free throws in that quarter. She finished with a team-leading 18 for the night.

"Free throws, layups and defense wins games," Schmitt said. "Obviously tonight it worked."

She said John Glenn played a much tougher game than the first time the teams met this season. Canton won 52-34 on Jan. 21.

"I think they were more desperate," Schmitt said. "They knew they had to win to have a share of the division, so they came out (hard) and we matched it."

HARDER TO PLAY

John Glenn head coach Mark Anderson said his team had a better understanding of what Canton was going to bring to the floor than in the first meeting between the squads.

Please see **CANTON, B3**

Chiefs nab 7th straight district title

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Monday's tough defeat to Hartland in the KLAA first-place wrestling quad had no lingering effects on the Canton Chiefs.

Canton breezed to the Division 1 team district championship Thursday at Salem with a 59-12 victory over the host Rocks in the final.

In the semifinals, Canton routed Plymouth (65-9) while Salem knocked off Livonia Churchill by a 42-22 score.

"We expect to win districts now," Canton head coach Cory Mancuso said. "We've gotten

to the point where it's something we just expect to do.

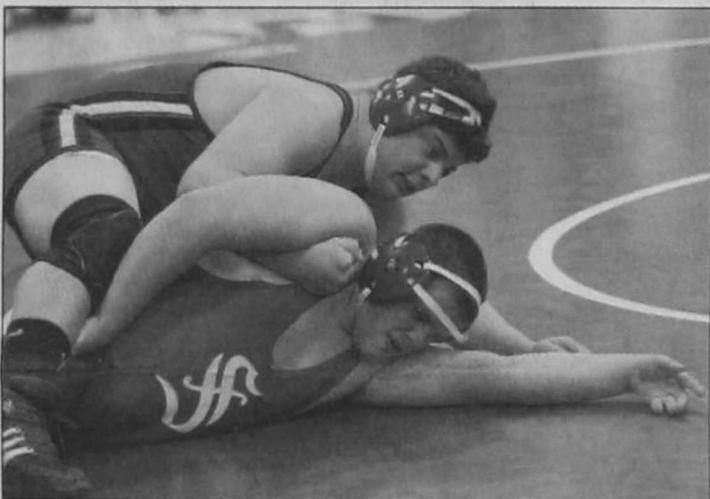
"We knew we were the best team there tonight and we knew we just had to go out, get it done and move on."

Concurring was Canton 189-pounder Anthony Abro, who remained undefeated thanks to a pin of Salem's Jordan Zhou in 1:26.

"We knew Hartland was really tough, they're a Top Three team in the state," Abro said. "Knowing that, we knew it would be tough to beat them."

"But tonight, we were one

Please see **TITLE, B2**



Churchill's Manny Haddad (top) takes control against Salem's Ali Ajami during Thursday's Division 1 team district tourney.



Canton's Rachel Winters (No. 10) tries to close in on Westland John Glenn's Michelle Vanover during Friday night's game.

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Lever gives Chiefs share of division with Wildcats

Senior point-guard Dietrich Lever's three-pointer with only 1.3 seconds remaining gave Canton a dramatic 39-36 boys basketball victory Friday at Westland John Glenn and a share of the KLAA's South Division title.

Canton is now 12-4 overall and finishes 9-1 in the KLAA South (tied with Plymouth).

Glenn led 25-15 at halftime before the Chiefs closed the gap to two, 29-27, with a 12-4 third-quarter run. Canton then outscored the Rockets 12-7 in the fourth quarter capped by Lever's triple.

Junior center Paul Baumgart added nine points for the victorious Chiefs.

Senior forward Christian Covile tallied 12 points, while junior guard Nick Daniels added seven for Glenn (9-6, 5-4).

Both teams shot 3-of-8 from the foul stripe.

PLYMOUTH 45, CHURCHILL 29: Brennen Beyer's 11 points paced a balanced attack Friday as the host Wildcats (12-4, 9-1) claimed a share of the KLAA's South Division title against Livonia Churchill (1-15, 1-9).

Pat Salo and Mike Nadratowski each added eight points for Plymouth, which led by only one, 21-20, at intermission before going on a 13-0 third quarter run.

"That was the key to the game," said Wildcats head coach Mike Soukup, about the run to open the second half.

Beyer led Plymouth with 11 rebounds, but he had help on the glass from Nadratowski (8), Salo (6) and Jake Morris (6).

Stephen Foster and Josh Dillard scored nine and seven, respectively, for the Chargers, who shot only 3-of-19 in the second half and 11-of-40 for the game (27.5 percent).

Churchill went 2-of-7 from the foul line, while Plymouth was 3-of-12.

The Wildcats hit 15-of-31 shots from the floor (48.3 percent).

CANTON 40, CHURCHILL 21: On Thursday, Paul Baumgart scored 12 points and Terrell Sewell added 10 as the Chiefs (11-4, 8-1) downed host Livonia Churchill (1-14, 1-8) in a KLAA South Division game.

Churchill led 11-10 at halftime before Canton took control with a 13-7 surge in the third period followed by a 17-3 run in the final quarter.

Stephen Foster and Chad Evans tallied seven and six points, respectively, for the Chargers, who shot only 17.3 percent from the floor (8-of-46).

Canton shot 43.5 percent from the field (17-of-39).

PLYMOUTH 47, WAYNE 29: Pat Salo registered 16 points Wednesday night to spark the host Wildcats in this KLAA South Division boys basketball tilt.

The victory enabled Plymouth to keep pace with Canton at the top of the division leader board. The Wildcats improved to 11-4 overall and 8-1 in the KLAA South. Wayne fell to 2-12, 1-8 with the loss.

Wildcats head coach Mike Soukup said his team benefited from a "nice defensive effort," jumping out to leads of 13-6 after one quarter and 29-11 at halftime.

Several other Plymouth players chipped in. Jimmy May tallied seven points while Brennen Beyer registered six points and seven rebounds. Contributing eight boards was Marcus Oden and Jeff Heuer grabbed five rebounds.

OAKLAND CHRISTIAN 43, PCA 35: In a Friday night matchup between Michigan Independent Athletic Conference boys basketball teams, the host Eagles gave No. 6-rated Oakland Christian all it could handle, but a slump in the fourth proved to be the difference.

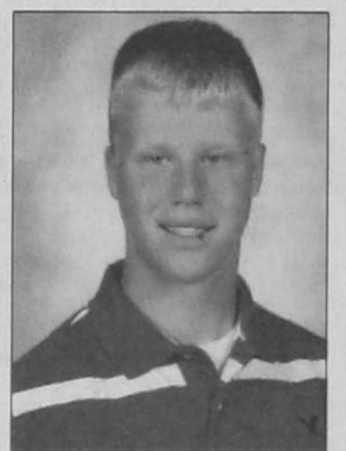
Plymouth Christian Academy (3-11, 3-7) led 33-32 after three quarters, playing an effectively deliberate offense, head coach Keith Anleitner said.

But in the fourth, the visitors put defensive pressure on PCA and the Eagles managed just two points that frame.

Mick Noel and Eric Jipping led PCA with 17 and 13 points, respectively. DJ Stevens tallied 13 for Oakland Christian (16-0, 10-0).



ERIC JIPPING



Who: Eric Jipping, junior captain of Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity boys basketball team.

Miscellany: Jipping, 16, whose parents are Jon and Lisa Jipping, carries a 3.99 grade-point average. He also is on the National Honor Society and is class treasurer. Other achievements include being a first-team All-MIAC selection in basketball last season and garnering team MVP honors for Plymouth Christian's football team in 2010.

Captain's job: "The job of a team captain is to be a leader on and off the court. The captain needs to set a good example, never give up, build team unity, encourage their teammates and help their

teammates improve."

Leadership style: "My style of leadership is to lead by example, give everything I have every practice and game. When needed I can get vocal and take control of the situation."

Why him?: "I believe my teammates chose me as their captain because they respect my work ethic on and off the court and my abilities on the court."

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Salem boys delay Glenn title march

Westland John Glenn rebounded for its first dual match loss of the season by winning the KLA Central Division boys bowling title for the second straight year Thursday with a 22-8 triumph over Northville at Super Bowl.

Coming off a 20-10 loss to Salem the day before, the state's top-ranked team in Division 1 improved its dual match record to 13-1 overall and 10-1 in the Central.

Notable scorers for Glenn included Steven White (256), Jordan Hornes (106) and John Cleavenger (202).

On Wednesday, Glenn found itself in a 10-0 hole after Salem swept the Baker games in a match held at Westland Bowl.

Glenn won the first match, 1,070-1,035, to secure four of five points.

But Salem's Ryan Clark shut the door when he started with nine first strikes before a stubborn seven-pin cut short his bid for a perfect 300 game. He finished with a 279 game and 511 series.

Kevin Williams rolled consecutive 213 games for Salem while David Nikkila contributed a 192-194-386 series.

On Thursday, the third-place Rocks (7-6, 6-4 in the Central) continued their excellent play with a 22-8 win over Wayne Memorial at Super Bowl.

Williams (206-224-430), Tyler Foley (238-166-404) and Steven Cadwell (217-182-399) sparked Salem.

"They have their confidence back," Salem head coach Kathie Hahn said. "I always

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knew they could do it. They are extremely talented boys."

Also Thursday, Canton boys (8-6, 5-6) upended Novi, 17-13 while in the girls varsity matchup, the Chiefs lost 22-8, to fall to 7-7 overall and 4-7 in the division.

GOOD DAY FOR 'CATS

Meanwhile, Plymouth's varsity boys and girls teams knocked off Novi Wednesday at Westland Bowl.

In the boys matchup, the Wildcats defeated Novi 23-7 with top performers including Justin Thompson (276-232-508), Rob Korstjens (267-170-437) and Eric Thompson (234-189-423).

Plymouth won the girls dual match 21-9, with Caitlyn Webb's 214-186-400 series pecking the attack. Mackenzie Carlson (175-184-359) and Tiffani Patterson (184-143-327) helped the cause for Plymouth.

BOYS DUAL MATCH RESULTS

SALEM 22, WAYNE MEMORIAL 8
Feb. 10 at Super Bowl
Salem scorers: Kevin Williams, 206-224-430; Tyler Foley, 238-166-404; Steven Cadwell, 217-182-399; Ryan Clark, 180-212-392; David Nikkila, 144-198-342. Team totals: 985-982-1,967 (12 points); Baker games: 166-220-3876 (10 points).

Wayne scorers: Jeremy Brown, 245-202-447; Elliot Arnold, 247-195-442; Zack Huffman, 193-247-440; Tony Lave, 160-171-331; Scott Franklin, 156-148-304. Team totals: 1,001-963-1,964 (8 points); Baker games: 165-214-379 (0 points).

Dual match records: Salem, 7-6 overall, 5-5 KLA Central Division; Wayne, 10-3 overall, 7-3 KLA Central.

SALEM 20, WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 10
Feb. 9 at Westland Bowl
Salem scorers: Ryan Clark, 234-279-513; Kevin Williams, 213-213-426; David Nikkila, 192-194-386; Tyler Foley, 186-168-354; Steven

Cadwell, 210; split score, 141. Team totals: 1,035-995-2,030 (10 points); Baker games: 191-194-385 (10 points).

John Glenn scorers: Steven White, 215-195-410; Jordan Hornes, 209-199-408; John Cleavenger, 223-185-408; Thomas Brusseau, 225; Brian Monty, 198; split scores, 192-186-378. Team totals: 1,070-957-2,027; 10 points); Baker games: 182-177-359 (0 points).

Dual match records: Salem, 6-6 overall, 4-5 KLA Central Division; John Glenn, 12-1 overall, 9-1 KLA Central.

PLYMOUTH 23, NOVI 7
Feb. 9 at Westland Bowl

Plymouth scorers: Justin Thompson, 276-232-508; Rob Korstjens, 267-170-437; Eric Thompson, 234-189-423; Brandon Congdon, 210-183-393; Ryan Riva, 222; Evan Grimmes, 179. Team totals: 1,166-996-2,162 (17 points); Baker games: 214-188-402 (6 points).

Novi scorers: Brandon Ross, 267-206-473; Andrew Thorwall, 237-214-451; Steve Cullen, 216-203-419; Sean Meniff, 200; Chad Smith, 177; Brandon Gillespie, 173. Team totals: 1,070-982-2,052; 3 points); Baker games: 238-156-394 (4 points).

Dual match records: Plymouth, 8-5 overall, 6-4 KLA Central Division; Novi, 3-10 overall, 2-8 KLA Central.

GIRLS DUAL MATCH RESULTS

WAYNE MEMORIAL 20, SALEM 10
Feb. 10 at Super Bowl
Wayne scorers: Tiffany Markham, 227-208-435; Chelsea Morneau, 188-173-361; Stephani O'Harris, 162-184-346; Emily Everett, 156-155-311; Brianna Everett, 160-137-297. Team totals: 893-857-1,750 (16 points); Baker games: 165-175-340 (4 points).

Salem scorers: Ashley Kretschmer, 165-161-326; Meghan Eldridge, 164-150-314; Bridget Maul, 136-158-294; Emily Simmons, 182; Rachel Amodio, 145; Kristen Larkins, 124. Team totals: 734-773-1,507 (4 points); Baker games: 145-212-357 (6 points).

Dual match records: Wayne, 9-4 overall, 7-3 KLA Central Division; Salem, 7-6 overall, 5-5 KLA Central.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 20, SALEM 10
Feb. 9 at Westland Bowl

John Glenn scorers: Karlyon Rhymes, 219-165-384; Khiry Sparks, 169-183-352; Megan Redmond, 160-149-309; Yvette Ayers, 132-174-306; Rachel Miller, 144-162-306. Team totals: 824-833-1,657 (10 points); Baker games: 166-187-353 (10 points).

Salem scorers: Kristen Larkins, 177-245-422; Bridget Maul, 183-222-405; Meaghan Eldridge, 150-171-321; Micalyn Peltz, 129; Emily Simmons, 122; Rachel Amodio, 120; split score, 143. Team totals: 773-889-1,662 (10 points); Baker games: 147-133-280 (0 points).

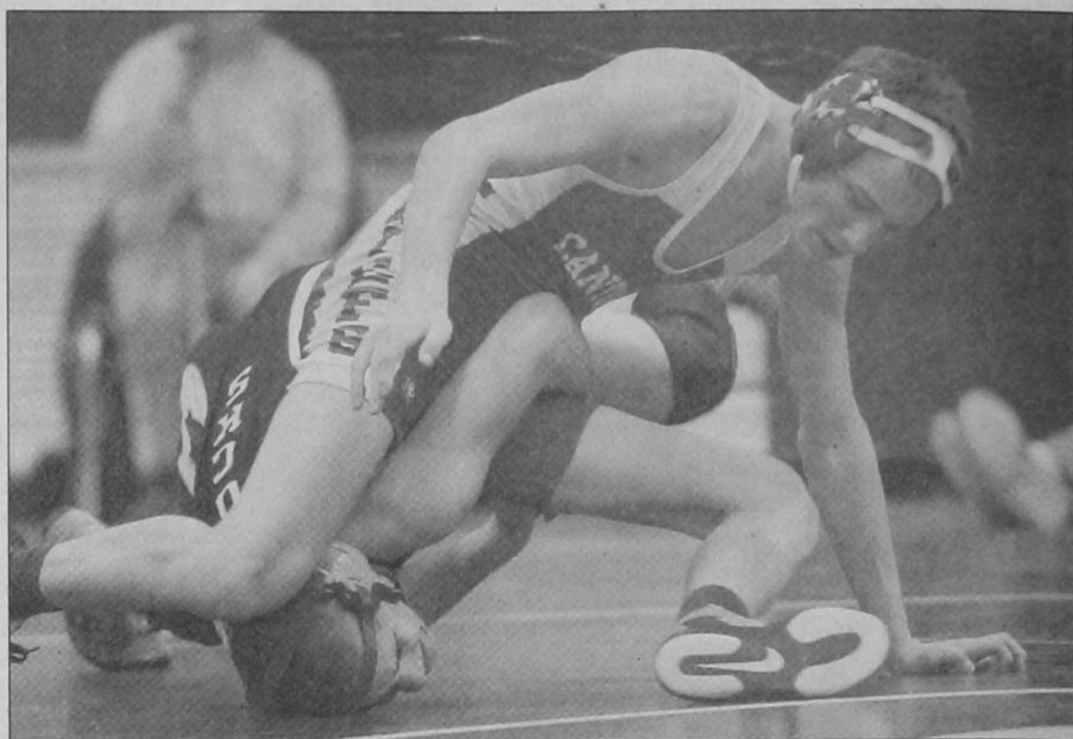
Dual match records: John Glenn, 7-6 overall, 4-6 KLA Central Division; Salem, 7-5 overall, 5-4 KLA Central.

PLYMOUTH 21, NOVI 9
Feb. 9 at Westland Bowl

Plymouth scorers: Caitlyn Webb, 214-186-400; Mackenzie Carlson, 175-184-359; Tiffani Patterson, 184-143-327; Emily Fraser, 143-142-285; Ashley Mikolaiczik, 123; split game, 111. Team totals: 839-766-1,605 (15 points); Baker games: 158-153-311 (6 points).

Novi scorers: Callie Wright, 177-150-327; Bridgett Porras, 171-151-322; Christina Johnson, 135-161-296; Shelby Limpert, 134-109-243; Sara Schulz, 108; split game, 104. Team totals: 725-675-1,400 (5 points); Baker games: 150-154-304 (4 points).

Dual match records: Plymouth, 8-5 overall, 6-4 KLA Central Division; Novi, 1-12 overall, 1-9 KLA Central.



Canton 130-pounder Marc Przybylski (top) fights to maintain his advantage over Salem's Austin Rohn during Thursday's Division 1 team district tourney.

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of the teams *those* teams had to come in and knock off. We came in ranked eighth (and) they just couldn't battle with us."

HANGING IN THERE

Even though his team could not compete with Canton on the scoreboard, Rocks head coach Pete Israel liked the fight his wrestlers showed on the mat.

"My older, more experienced guys I thought did well against Canton," Israel said. "But they have a solid lineup."

Israel noted back-to-back pins by Josh Marhoffer and Tyler Gross at 152 and 160 pounds, respectively.

Marhoffer needed just 1:29 to pin Keith Sherrord while Gross pinned Ryan Graczyk in 2:30.

Also winning via fall for the Chiefs was 171-pounder Braden Price, who pinned Jake McCabe in a three-minute, 46-second bout.

Other Canton victors included Richard DeMarois (112), Alec Pantaleo (125) and Marc Przybylski (130).

With Canton the clearcut district favorite

and individual districts two days away, there were numerous voids throughout the night.

In the Canton-Salem final, matches did not take place at 103, 119, 135, 140, 145, 215 and heavyweight.

"They (Rocks) pretty much knew we were going to win, so they rested their guys," Mancuso said. "Smart coaching, it gets your guys rested up before (individual) districts."

Mancuso said Canton's district title was the seventh in a row and the 26-5 team will now gear up for Wednesday's D1 team regionals at Canton High School.

That's where the Chiefs will have to upset No. 1-ranked Novi-Detroit Catholic Central in order to keep marching toward a state championship.

Meanwhile, Israel said there were reasons for optimism, particularly during the win over Churchill.

"A lot of my younger guys hustled against Churchill and did pretty good," Israel noted.

Another plus was Alex Arble's win at 103 over Jonathan Locklear, who had defeated the Salem wrestler earlier this season.

"So that's a good thing coming into the (individual) district to have on his record," Israel said.

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PREP WRESTLING RESULTS

DIVISION 1 TEAM DISTRICTS

(Thursday, Feb. 10 at Salem H.S.)

SALEM 42, CHURCHILL 22

103 pounds: Alex Arble (S) pinned Jonathan Locklear, 1:57; 112: Cody Korpus (S) p. Josh Perez, 0:57; 119: Jake Hall (LC) decisioned Evan Broeyere, 14-6; 125: Justin Baker (LC) p. Mitch Rosinski, 2:30; 130: Austin Rohn (S) p. Brandon Lemocelli, 1:32; 135: void; 140: void; 145: void; 152: Josh Marhoffer (S) p. Jake Sarha, 1:10; 160: Tyler Gross (S) p. Cameron Valentine, 0:38; 171: Jake McCabe (S) p. John Ristola, 2:38; 189: Kyle Sugg (S) p. Cody Charier, 2:44; 215: Killian Diaz (LC) won by void; 285: Manny Haddad (LC) p. Ali Ajami, 4:14.

Salem's dual meet record: 6-10; Churchill's record: 2-8.

CANTON 65, PLYMOUTH 9

(no results available)

Canton's record: 25-5; Plymouth's record: 4-6.

CANTON 59, SALEM 12

103 pounds: void; 112: Richard DeMarois (C) dec. Cody Korpus, 11-5; 119: void; 125: Alec Pantaleo (C) dec. Mitch Rosinski, 11-6; 130: Mark Przybylski (C) dec. Austin Rohn, 9-4; 135: void; 140: void; 145: void; 152: Josh Marhoffer (S) p. Keith Sherrord, 1:29; 160: Tyler Gross (S) p. Ryan Graczyk, 2:30; 171: Braden Price (C) p. Jake McCabe, 3:46; 189: Anthony Abro (C) p. Jordan Zhou, 1:26; 215: void; 285: void.

Canton's record: 26-5; Salem's record: 6-11

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

DADCO, Inc.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider the request of DADCO, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for machinery, equipment, furniture, and fixtures located at 43850 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth Oaks Business Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request of DADCO, Inc. is on file in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. During the public hearing any resident of Plymouth Township or members of the Legislative Board of any affected taxing unit in the Township shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments addressed to the Clerk will be considered.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Town Hall at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, March 8, 2011. Phone Number 734-354-3224. Following the public hearing, the Board may decide on the request by resolution.

Joe Bridgman, MMC
Township Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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CURRENT AND FORMER WORKERS OF Burroughs Payment Systems, Inc. including leased workers from Pinnacle, Renhill and Snelling whose wages were reported under Unisys Corporation, Plymouth Michigan

In accordance with section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, ("Act"), 19 U.S.C. § 2273, the Department of Labor issued a Notice of Certification on January 19, 2011 regarding eligibility to apply for adjustment assistance. All leased workers of Pinnacle, Renhill and Snelling working on-site at Burroughs Payment Systems Inc. Plymouth Michigan (TAW 75,004A), who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after December 14, 2009 through two years from the date of certification, and all workers in the group threatened with total or partial separation from employment on the date of certification through two years from the date of certification, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Chapter 2 of Title II of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended. Workers wishing to apply for benefits within the designated time limits should report to their local Michigan Works! Agency. Call: 1-800-285-Works to determine the Michigan Works! Agency nearest to your home.

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In accordance with section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, ("Act"), 19 U.S.C. § 2273, the Department of Labor issued a Notice of Certification on January 19, 2011 regarding eligibility to apply for adjustment assistance. All workers of Burroughs Payment Systems, Inc. including workers whose wages were reported under UNISYS Corporation, Plymouth Michigan (TAW 75004A), who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after March 7, 2010 through two years from the date of certification, and all workers in the group threatened with total or partial separation from employment on the date of certification through two years from the date of certification, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Chapter 2 of Title II of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended. Workers wishing to apply for benefits within the designated time limits should report to their local Michigan Works! Agency. Call: 1-800-285-Works to determine the Michigan Works! Agency nearest to your home.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids up until 10:00 a.m., March 17, 2011. The bid opening will take place at 10:00 a.m. March 17, 2011 at Plymouth City Hall located at 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170 for the following:

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Plymouth City Hall
201 S. Main Street
Plymouth, Michigan 48170

All bidders will attend a mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting on Friday February 18, 2011 at 2:00 PM at the Downtown Development Authority Office, 831 Penniman Ave. Plymouth, MI 48170.

Specifications and bid documents are available at the city hall during normal business hours. You may also download a copy of the documentation from the City's web site at: <http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us>

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk
City of Plymouth

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Allegra Network LLC

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider the request of Allegra Network LLC for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for machinery, equipment, furniture, and fixtures located at 47585 Galleon Drive, Metro West-Beck Road Industrial Development Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request of Allegra Network LLC is on file in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. During the public hearing any resident of Plymouth Township or members of the Legislative Board of any affected taxing unit in the Township shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments addressed to the Clerk will be considered.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Moeller Mfg. Company, Inc.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider the request of Moeller Mfg. Company, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for machinery, equipment, furniture, and fixtures located at 43938 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth Oaks Business Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

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"This time around, we wanted to play them in the half-court and make them earn their baskets, not give up anything uncontested or easy," Anderson said. "And as you see, I thought it was a well-played game for both teams."

The Chiefs jumped out to an 8-0 lead with 2:15 to go in the low-scoring opening quarter, but John Glenn (14-2, 7-2) chipped at the lead and trailed just 9-5 after one.

Helped by Canton's sudden inability to score baskets (11-of-40, 28 percent for the game), the Rockets cut the margin to 11-10 when 6-0 junior forward Joslyn Massey (four points, seven rebounds) scored on a putback with about two minutes left in the half.

Canton senior forward Kayla Bridges (eight points, four boards) drained a nice, eight-foot turnaround jumper from the paint and senior forward Sara Schmitt (11 points, seven boards) sank a foul shot to make it 14-10 in the final minute.

Massey hit another putback to make it a 14-12 game at halftime.

Canton opened up a 22-15 advantage with about 5:20 left in the third, following a three-point play by Kari Schmitt and a pair of free throws by Bridges.



Canton's Kari Schmitt (No. 25) tries to take the ball to the basket against tough defense from Westland John Glenn's Andrea Gordon-McClain (No. 24, left).

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But the Rockets crept back. Junior guard Abbey Wright (22 points) buried a jumper and followed up with a trey to slice that margin to 22-20.

One of the key baskets for Canton proved to be a

jumper by freshman guard Rachel Winters from the right corner as time expired in the quarter, giving the Chiefs a 26-20 lead.

CLUTCH BASKETS
Samulski said the

Winters basket was "huge" and so was a triple by senior forward CarolAnn Sexauer early in the fourth, which made it 31-20 with 6:30 remaining.

"Both those kids rotated in and hit some big shots," Samulski said.

John Glenn freshman guard Kaira Barnes tallied five of her nine points in the fourth to keep the Rockets close and Wright's rainbow trey with 1:20 to go made it a 36-32 ball-game.

But Kari Schmitt connected on eight foul shots over the final 80 seconds, helping maintain just enough breathing room for the Chiefs.

"I got faith in all the kids to step up and make them (free throws)," Samulski said.

According to Anderson, the close loss to a state-ranked team was a bit of a moral victory "but we're still learning the offense. We're still trying to gel and have a cohesiveness as a team because we've got a bunch of new faces. We're getting better."

And he smiled when asked about the upcoming districts.

"I don't know if you're aware who is in our districts," Anderson said. "Romulus, Inkster, that by itself is exciting. ... I think we can compete and if we play anything like we did tonight, they'd better watch out."

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Wildcats heat up in time

The temperature inside Livonia Churchill Friday night was pretty cold, according to Plymouth varsity girls basketball coach Bob deBear "and our kids came out and played like that, too" as Churchill broke out to a 12-7 edge after one.

But beginning with the second quarter, the Wildcats heated up nicely and came away with a 48-23 KLAA South Division victory.

Plymouth (7-9, 5-5) went ahead 20-18 at halftime and broke things open with a 15-2 third quarter.

Freshman guard Kylie Robb paced Plymouth with 16 points, including nine on a trio of treys, while Kate Watson chipped in with 13. Other strong efforts were turned in by Alex Roberts (6 points) and Alyssa Burris, who scored seven points while "playing a terrific floor game," deBear said.

Sydney Anderson and Emily Norscia tallied seven points each for Churchill.

The win gave the young Wildcats at least a share of third place in the division.

NORTHVILLE 46, SALEM 37: Host Salem played an even game with Northville Friday night — except for the telltale third quarter, when the Mustangs outscored the Rocks 18-7 to break open a close KLAA Central girls basketball contest.

Salem head coach Fred Thomann said Northville hit four treys in the third, which "really hurt us."

Senior point guard Heidi Schmidt scored 19 points for Salem (6-10, 5-5) while Breanne Beaver helped the cause with eight points and 13 rebounds.

Brianna Berberet and Katelyn Krause each scored five points.

Northville's top scorer was Katy Giacomini, with 13.

NOVI 52, SALEM 31: The visiting Rocks fell behind early during Thursday's makeup girls basketball game and never recovered as the Wildcats sealed up the KLAA Central title.

Novi (14-1, 8-1) jumped out to a 16-5

lead after one quarter and took a 29-16 advantage into halftime.

Bright spots for Salem (6-9, 5-4) included Brianna Berberet (12 points), Katelyn Krause (9 points), Heidi Schmidt (8 points, 6 rebounds) and Breanne Beaver (10 rebounds, 3 blocks).

CANTON 56, CHURCHILL 7: In Wednesday's girls basketball makeup game at Canton, the Chiefs clobbered Livonia Churchill to clinch at least a share of the KLAA South Division championship.

Canton (13-2, 9-0) led 14-0 after the first quarter and expanded that edge to 35-4 at halftime. Things didn't improve much for the Chargers after that, either, as the Chiefs rolled to a 15-1 advantage in the third, opening up a 50-5 lead.

Kari Schmitt (11 points, 4 rebounds, 3 steals), Sara Schmitt (8 points, 5 rebounds, 2 steals) and Kayla Bridges (8 points, 3 steals) paced the victory. Chipping in with seven points was Paige Aresco, while Rachel Winters added six.

The loss dropped Churchill's record to 3-12 overall and 2-7 in the KLAA South.

PLYMOUTH 49, WAYNE 34: The visiting Wildcats jumped out to leads of 12-2 after one quarter and 29-5 at halftime Wednesday night, and coasted to a KLAA South victory over Wayne Memorial.

Plymouth head coach Bob deBear said his team took care of the boards and got into a good offensive flow, with Kylie Robb (9 points, 2 steals) playing a "nice floor game."

The Wildcats also were sparked by Kate Watson's 20-point night, not to mention eight rebounds and four steals.

Also garnering praise was Alyssa Dillon (9 points, 3 steals), who "played just a terrific game, probably her best game," deBear said.

Chyna Williams led Plymouth (6-9, 4-5) with 13 rebounds, while Taylor Birman and Alex Roberts each grabbed five boards.

"We were really sharing the ball, great chemistry," deBear said. "The kids really played well in the first half."

Jane Thayer led the Zebras (3-9, 0-12) with 11 points.

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BOYS DUAL MEET RESULTS

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Feb. 10 at Salem

200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Eric Li, Turner Solterman, Adam Seroka, Matt Collingwood), 1:44.77; 2. Salem (Jeremy Wellman, Akshay Bhaktawar, Max Mills, Kyle Stokfisz), 1:48.05.

200 freestyle: 1. Zac Cain (H), 1:50.08; 3. Jason Zhang (S), 1:54.80; 4. Aaron Micek (S), 2:00.08.

200 individual medley: 1. Li (S), 2:08.35; 4. Bhaktawar (S), 2:22.43; 5. Patrick Huls (S), 2:23.58.

50 freestyle: 1. Collingwood (S), 22.85; 3. Jerry Bai (S), 24.37; 4. Stokfisz (S), 24.94.

1-meter diving: 1. Nick Griwicki (S), 378.85 points; 3. Charlie Dillon (S), 326.80; 4. Joey Rudelic (S), 326.50.

100 butterfly: 1. Mills (S), 56.93; 3. Bai (S), 59.62; 4. Wellman (S), 1:00.62.

100 freestyle: 1. Seroka (S), 48.94; 4. William Long (S), 55.49; 5. Shane Reich (S), 55.52.

500 freestyle: 1. Cain (H), 4:53.76; 2. Li (S), 5:05.77; 3. J. Zhang (S), 5:10.18; 6. Huls (S), 5:47.89.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Scott Carpenter, Reich, Jamon Pulliam, Stokfisz), 1:19.25; 2. Salem (Collingwood, Micek, Mills, Seroka), 1:32.41; 4. Salem (Jeremy Horvath, Bai, Long, Greg Rupp), 1:42.79.

100 backstroke: 1. Wellman (S), 1:02.53; 3. Steven Clagg (S), 1:06.41; 6. Long (S), 1:12.38.

100 breaststroke: 1. Brett Mills (H), 1:05.79; 2. Solterman (S), 1:06.89; 3. Smaran Bhaktawara (S), 1:08.15; 4. A. Bhaktawar (S), 1:10.66.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Collingwood, Carpenter, Mills, Seroka), 3:24.29; 5. Salem (Rupp, Clagg, Micek, Pulliam), 4:10.85.

Dual meet records: Salem, 4-1 overall; Howell, 5-2 overall.



Matt Collingwood, shown from a dual meet earlier this season, helped Salem defeat Howell Thursday night.

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Plymouth impressive down stretch

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

BOYS HOCKEY

With the state playoffs looming, Plymouth's varsity boys hockey team is putting together an impressive string of gut-check games.

After pulling out a last-second tie Saturday against Livonia Churchill, the Wildcats stunned state-ranked Livonia Stevenson 3-2 on Tuesday.

Then, it was on to Chelsea for the first-ever Michigan Public High School Hockey Invitational Showcase, where Plymouth showed its mettle yet again.

Plymouth edged Waterford Mott 5-4 on Thursday afternoon, avenging a loss earlier this season to the Corsairs.

Sean Smiatacz (1 goal, 2 assists) broke a 4-4 tie midway through the third period and the Wildcats fought off two late Mott power plays to 6-7-7 overall.

Wildcats head coach Paul Fassbinder said his team "found a way to win again," with five different players lighting the lamp.

"These last three games have been real character builders for us," Fassbinder said. "Our confidence is really high right now. The boys are really battling for each other, on the bench they are rallying behind each other."

Plymouth started strong, with Zach Gambrell scoring just six minutes into the game. Assisting were Tyler Sanders and Mitch Claggett.

Second-period goals by Cody Staub (from Matt Goertz and Smiatacz), Chase Zebari (from Smiatacz and Nick Schultz) and Schultz from Justin Bauer opened up a 4-2 lead after two stanzas.

Mott, however, scored two power play goals in the third to tie the contest.

Two shifts after the Corsairs made it 4-4, Bauer threaded a pass to Smiatacz — who in turn buried the puck into the Mott net to give Plymouth a 5-4 advantage.

Schlieger scores winner

Canton junior defenseman Brandon Schlieger scored his first-ever varsity goal in the third period Wednesday to give the Chiefs a hard-fought 2-1 win over Lake Orion at the Showcase in Chelsea.

Chiefs coach Jeremy Majszak said Schlieger ripped a high shot from the top of the circle through traffic and into the Dragons net.

"It was a big moment for him and a big moment for the team, too," Majszak said. "Lake Orion is tough."

Outstanding goaltending from junior Spencer Craig also was huge as he stopped 35 of 36 shots.

Canton got on the board in the game's first shift. Senior forward Phil Baciak scored on assists from senior defenseman Jimmy LaFontaine and senior forward AJ Rosales.

That 1-0 lead held up until the Dragons tied the game on a

power play in the third period. But Schlieger quickly regained the lead for the Chiefs.

Salem strong at Showcase

Salem defeated two opponents in a row at the Michigan Public High School Hockey Invitational Showcase.

After defeating Macomb Dakota 4-2, the Rocks outgunned East Kentwood 7-4 on Friday at Chelsea.

Garrett Berg scored twice for Salem (13-5-2) with single goals by Garrett Paquette (his first of the season), Alek Zultowski, Wes Carr and Ryan Quigley.

In the win over Macomb Dakota, Quigley netted a pair with Connor Berlin's goal proving to be the game winner.

Senior netminder Brandon Price earned both of the victories for Salem.

Salem head coach Ryan Ossenmacher said his team came on strong in the second half of each game.

CANTON 8, MACOMB DAKOTA 0: Canton merced Macomb Dakota in a Showcase game Friday at Arctic Coliseum in Chelsea.

Garrett Bryden and Jimmy LaFontaine each scored twice for the Chiefs with single tallies by AJ Rosales, Jordan Smith, Matt Rodgers and Zach Cox. Taylor Baker and Phil Baciak helped the cause with four and two assists, respectively.

Making 11 stops for the shut-out was Spencer Craig.

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Ladywood cagers upset Divine Child

BY BRAD EMONS
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It was Senior Night on Thursday for the Livonia Ladywood basketball team, but it was a sophomore who stole the show.

Andrea Anastos, who goes by the nickname "Andi," poured in a game-high 24 points as the Blazers upended first place Dearborn Divine Child, 54-46, to claim a piece of the Catholic League's Central Division crown.

Four teams now share the Central title — all with 5-3 records — including Ladywood, Divine Child, Farmington Hills Mercy and Birmingham Marian.

"We definitely wanted to win, plus for our seniors it was the last night playing at their home court," said the 5-foot-9 Anastos. "We really wanted to win and took it all-out."

As a reward, Ladywood first-year coach Anthony Coratti put his four seniors out to start in a pivotal game where the stakes were high.

"It was great," said Coratti, whose team improved to 13-3 overall. "And once again hats off to four seniors — Katy Rooney, Shannon Hogg, Alyssa Anastos and Teresa Wojnarowski. They have done

a great job leading this team. We wanted to win more so for them, rather than championships or what-not."

Divine Child (12-4) led 14-11 after one quarter and opened up a 23-15 lead with 4:14 to go in the half on a basket by Morgan Blair.

But Ladywood answered with a 10-1 run keyed by 3-pointers from Briana Combs and Kiley Gorski during the final 1:32 to take a 25-24 lead into the lockerroom intermission.

"We did a lot better job of changing sides of the floor offensively, and moving it," Coratti said. "And once we changed sides of the floor with the ball, and reversed it, there were openings if they (Divine Child) were in 'man' or zone (defense). That's a big thing for us. One or two ball reversals and good things happen for us."

The Blazers then outscored the Falcons 13-8 in the third quarter to take a 38-32 advantage.

But after Blair (11 points) nailed a triple to start the final quarter to bring DC to within three, 38-35, Andi Anastos answered with a three-ball of her own just 20 seconds later and the Blazers never looked back as they

opened up a 11-point lead midway through the final period.

"We just picked it up on defense and it really brought out our offense," Andi Anastos said. "We got more pressure on the ball and that made them break down and throw away passes and make turnovers."

Ladywood connected on 15-of-23 free throws on the night, including 9-of-12 from Andi Anastos.

"I wanted to win, so I just wanted to go," the 10th-grader said.

Teresa Wojnarowski also keyed the victory with 11 points and 11 rebounds, while Rooney contributed six points.

Andi Anastos also sparked the defense with five steals. "She is just an all-around tough kid," Coratti said of the sophomore. "She's just an incredible kid, one of many incredible kids we have on our team."

With the win, Ladywood will face Marian at 5 p.m., while Mercy takes Divine Child at 3:30 p.m. in the opening round of the Catholic League A-B Division playoffs beginning Saturday at the Madonna University Activities Center.

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Observerland grappler Fischer going pro in MMA

BY MIKE ROSENBAUM
CORRESPONDENT

Jason Fischer didn't take up mixed martial arts with visions of wealth.

Rather, the former wrestler was looking to satisfy his competitive hunger after graduating from Central Michigan University.

That led him to Redford's Mash Gym, then to a successful MMA amateur stint and, in two weeks, to his first professional MMA fight.

"It was kind of a hobby at first, something that interested me," he said. "I wanted to still compete after high school. And I fell in love with it. The more I trained, the more I wanted to learn, the more I wanted to travel. And I just figured this is one of the best ways to do it."

He's turning pro now because "I'm doing so well as an amateur, and I have such a great team. I feel very blessed and very grateful that I can have that opportunity to represent the sport and my family and my hometown."

Fischer won all seven of his amateur bouts and earned two championships, the TXC (Triple Extreme Cage Fighting) lightweight belt in December 2009 and the Gladiatorial Games 155-pound championship in February 2010.

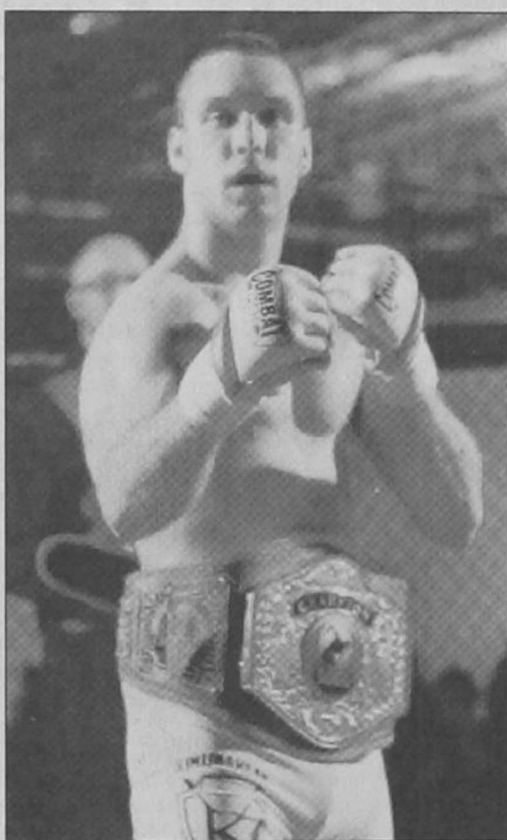
He'll make his pro debut Friday, Feb. 18, at The Palace of Auburn Hills in a 155-pound lightweight fight against Ivan Wolshlager of Kalamazoo, who's also fighting his first professional bout.

Fischer wrestled at Livonia Stevenson for four years before graduating in 2003. He took up Muay Thai while at Central Michigan and helped start the Mayhem Combat team, with which he occasionally trains. But at 26 he's gravitated back to Livonia. In addition to his MMA career, he does personal training at Mash.

MMA includes elements of boxing, wrestling and martial arts, so Fischer's training encompasses a variety of disciplines. At Mash Gym, he works under head instructor Don Richard, a Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and Judo black belt, and Matee Jeedepitak, a champion Muay Thai fighter from Thailand.

MULTIPLE ABILITIES

Fischer's training includes work on each MMA discipline, but also features MMA classes, "which are specifically for these



Livonia native Jason Fischer will make his MMA professional debut Feb. 18 at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Fifteen minutes or less, you put it all on the line in that amount of time and try to do your best to put on a good show and keep yourself safe. And, hopefully, win the fight without having to go to the hospital."

THOROUGH TRAINING

The key to success in MMA, he adds, is to train so thoroughly that you don't have to think about your moves while in the heat of battle.

"They always say, if you think, then you're too late. You have to react," he said. "So that goes back to your training. The training is when you have the time to think and break down your technique. In the fight, you have to just react. It has to be there; it has to be instinct more than anything."

As a trainer, Fischer promotes mixed martial arts as a sport "for everybody," even those who don't want to compete. Some people, he says, take up the sport for fun or for fitness.

"We have women that do it now and they enjoy it. It's a great exercise," he said.

Conversely, Fischer says MMA competition "is not for everybody. You have to have a lot of dedication; you have to have a lot of heart and ability."

SPORT HAS CHANGED

He fears, however, that some may confuse the sport with "the old-school cage fighting, where it's no rules and anything goes. People don't realize that this sport has evolved. It's no longer a barbaric event. It's actually a sport that people train hard and practice every day how to do.

"So we're trying to get that bad image out of there and try to open people's minds to the fact this is a combination of mixed martial arts, not just a brawl, guys out there to beat each other up."

Fischer has no definite plans beyond his first pro fight, but he knows he'll remain involved with MMA in some way, whether as a fighter, trainer or both.

"Win or lose, I'm still going to be back in the gym working hard, training, training other people and just trying to keep improving every day," he said.

"I see myself being in the sport for a while. I always told myself, if I can't make a career of it, fighting, I want to train people that want to fight. Either way, it'll work out OK with me in the end."

Warriors hold off MU women cagers, 70-65

Sophomore center Kaylee McGrath notched a career-high 27 points to go along with a team-high eight rebounds, but the Madonna University women's basketball team fell short Monday in its upset bid against host Wayne State, 70-65.

McGrath was 11-of-15 from the floor and went a perfect 4-for-4 at the foul line as the Crusaders slipped to 10-12 overall.

Tabatha Wydryck added 14 points, while Heather Pratt added 4-of-7 from three-point range to score 12 off the bench for the Crusaders, who led 34-32 at halftime.

Paige Sickmiller placed the Warriors (7-14) with a career-high 24 points, including four 3-pointers, to go along with 11 rebounds.

Deanna Crumpton and Chelsea Kouri added 13 and 10 points, respectively, while Lena Thomas dished out eight assists.

CONCORDIA 69, MADONNA 56: In a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game Saturday, host Concordia University (17-9, 8-4) erased two-point halftime deficit to beat Madonna University (10-11, 6-7).

Kortni Elsworth tallied a game-high 26 points and grabbed 14 rebounds to lead the victorious Cardinals, who made 20-of-26 free throws on the day (76.9 percent).

Brittany Simmons also posted a double-double with 10 points and 11 boards.

Freshman guard Rachel Melcher paced MU with 18 points, while sophomore center Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson) chipped in with 12 points and eight rebounds.

Senior forward Tabatha Wydryck also added her sixth double-double of the year with 11 points and 11 rebounds.

The Crusaders led 28-26 at intermission, but fizzled in the second half shooting only 8-of-38 from the floor (21.1 percent).

For the game, MU connected on just 28.4 percent (19-of-67), including 6-of-27 from three-point range.

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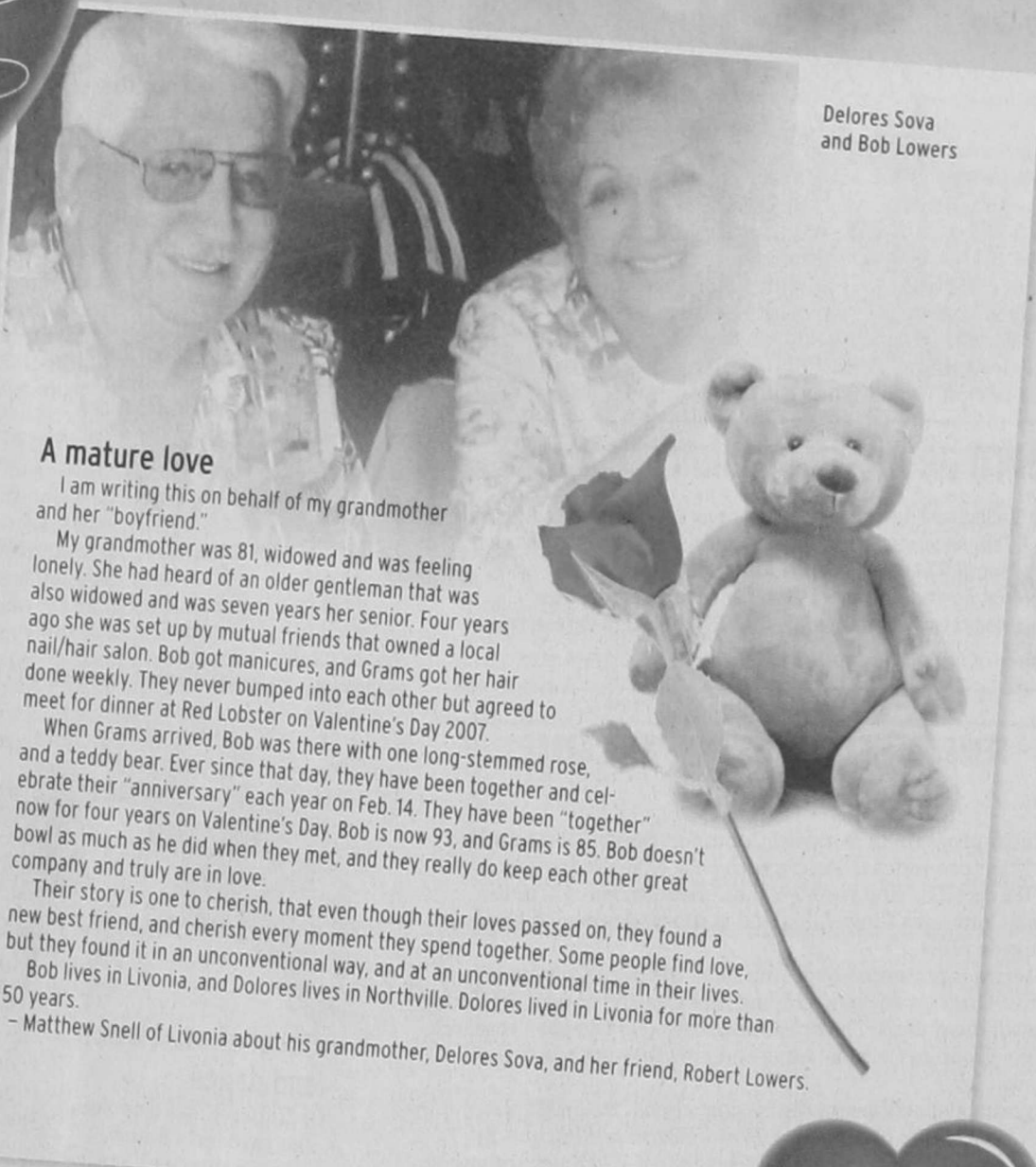
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We especially liked the story about Bob Lowers and Delores Sova, who found each other in their senior years. (It gives the rest of us hope). Congratulations to Matt Snell, who sent us the story about his grandmother and her boyfriend. He won first place for Bob and Delores — a \$50 gift certificate to Antonio's, with restaurant locations in Canton, Farmington, Dearborn and Dearborn Heights.

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Enjoy their heartfelt stories. Happy Valentine's Day.



Delores Sova and Bob Lowers

A mature love

I am writing this on behalf of my grandmother and her "boyfriend."

My grandmother was 81, widowed and was feeling lonely. She had heard of an older gentleman that was also widowed and was seven years her senior. Four years ago she was set up by mutual friends that owned a local nail/hair salon. Bob got manicures, and Grams got her hair done weekly. They never bumped into each other but agreed to meet for dinner at Red Lobster on Valentine's Day 2007.

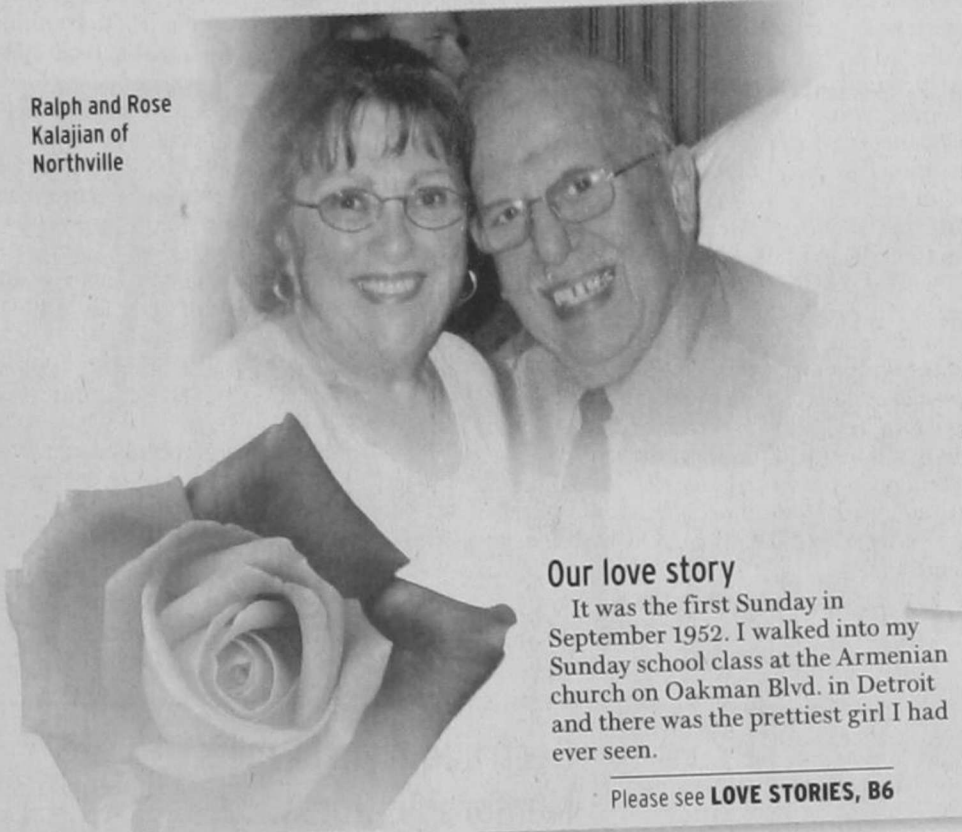
When Grams arrived, Bob was there with one long-stemmed rose, and a teddy bear. Ever since that day, they have been together and celebrate their "anniversary" each year on Feb. 14. They have been "together" now for four years on Valentine's Day. Bob is now 93, and Grams is 85. Bob doesn't bowl as much as he did when they met, and they really do keep each other great company and truly are in love.

Their story is one to cherish, that even though their loves passed on, they found a new best friend, and cherish every moment they spend together. Some people find love, but they found it in an unconventional way, and at an unconventional time in their lives.

Bob lives in Livonia, and Dolores lives in Northville. Dolores lived in Livonia for more than 50 years.

— Matthew Snell of Livonia about his grandmother, Delores Sova, and her friend, Robert Lowers.

Ralph and Rose Kalajian of Northville



Our love story

It was the first Sunday in September 1952. I walked into my Sunday school class at the Armenian church on Oakman Blvd. in Detroit and there was the prettiest girl I had ever seen.

Please see **LOVE STORIES, B6**

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LOVE STORIES

FROM PAGE B6

When I got home that day my mother asked me what was wrong with me. I told her about the girl I had met that day, that her name was Rose. My mom asked if she was pretty. Oh yes, Mom. To which she replied 'and what?' I told her that some day Rose would be my wife. I was 14 years old. My mom could not stop laughing for two weeks.

The next several months we had group dates with our youth group from church. That following April 9 we had our first one-on-one date. I took her to Stouffer's Restaurant in downtown Detroit and to the United Artist Theater to see Hans Christian Anderson. We took a taxi home. We married on April 19, 1958 when I was 20 and she was 19 years old. We have been married for 52 years of the greatest years of our life.

— Ralph H. and Rose Kalajian of Northville are former residents of Redford Township, Livonia and Farmington Hills.



Learn about 'gourdology'

Deb Stallings will talk about creating decorative gourds at a Dessert Tea & Talk demonstration, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Plymouth Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth. Stallings has shown her gourds at Northville Farmers Market and has a website, www.gourdology.com. Tickets are \$15. Call (734) 416-4278 to reserve a seat.



Paul Doll proposes to his wife, Christine.

My knight in shining armor

On Oct. 25, 2009, my husband proposed to me at a Halloween dance through the radio station, Magic (105.1).

It all happened as a total surprise to me and I never suspected he would propose at this time, although we had been dating for a while.

The DJ, Mike Bradley, called me on stage and asked me if I came to the dance with a hippie, which I did. So, I said yes. Then he said, "Well, you are going home with a knight in shining armor."

Then my husband came up on stage with this knight costume on along with an engagement ring in his hand and asked me to marry him!

Of course I said yes and we had a wonderful evening and celebration. We were married on Aug. 15, 2009 and are very happy yet.

— Christine and Paul Doll of South Lyon

SENIOR SERIES TEACHES AGING WITH GRACE

The next program in Botsford Commons Senior Community's monthly lecture series is "Aging with Grace: What the Nun Study Teaches Us," and runs 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, in the Botsford Commons Chapel, located at 21440 Archwood Circle in Farmington Hills.

The series is presented by Diane Zide, Botsford Commons' Executive Director of Senior Living Services and runs the third Tuesday of the month. The upcoming session is based on research done on a group of Catholic nuns and how they approach the aging process.

The group also will begin discussing a book, *BrainFit for Life: A User's Guide to Life-Long Brain Health and Fitness* by Simon J. Evans, Ph.D. and Paul R. Burghardt, PhD, next month. Reviewing the book before next month's meeting would be helpful for attendees.

Series discussion topics include how aging can be a time of promise and productivity; optimizing and maintaining intellectual and spiritual vigor; how faith and community, purposeful work and service, healthy eating and exercise can be positive forces in the aging process; and the "Top Ten" list for brain fitness.

The lecture series, which continues through June, is free. For more information, call (248) 426-6902.

Malcolm Alestra of Redford Township with Marge Sorensen of Dearborn



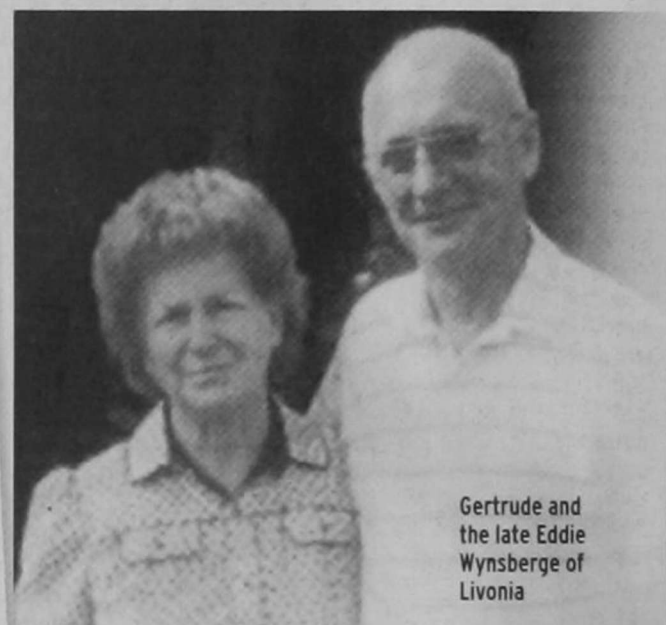
Coconut, macaroon and dance

I offered her a cookie, she gave me a dance.

Since then we've traveled — bike rides, hot tubs and buffets, plus continue to dance. A lot of good times, creating great memories, meeting fine people along the way.

Four and a half years later the beat goes on.

— Malcolm Alestra of Redford Township wrote about Marge Sorensen of Dearborn.



Gertrude and the late Eddie Wynsberge of Livonia

Gertrude Wynsberge's Memorable Romance

The first time I met Eddie, the love of my life, was Dec. 1, 1940. I was hiking with a hiking group sponsored weekly by the *Detroit News*. I had seen this handsome, tall guy with the big brown eyes at our local parish previously and was hoping to meet him. He came to the hike unexpectedly and I was thrilled. We hiked together that day and started dating. We were engaged on Aug. 25, 1941.

He was drafted on Dec. 5, 1941, and served in the Army for five years. We were married Sept. 11, 1943, and I joined him at camp. He became a captain before his discharge.

He worked at the U.S. Post Office for 30 years and when he retired he was the supervisor at the Redford Beech Station.

We were married almost 65 happy years when he died four years ago. We had two children, seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren including a set of triplets. He was 89 when he died.

I am now almost 95 years old and I feel blessed to have had this great life mate so long. I miss him every minute of every day.

— Gertrude Wynsberge of Livonia

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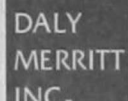
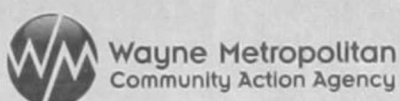
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GETTING JOINT X-RAYS

When and why does a doctor order joint x-rays? In certain instances ordering is obvious. If a person experiences a fall on the knee with pain and swelling becoming continuous and intense, then the first need is to assess for a fracture. The first study to turn to is an x-ray.

Another indication is a change for the worse in a joint. Again, take the example of the knee. If the doctor sees a patient once or twice a year for knee pain and swelling, and now the patient returns in 2-3 weeks with the same knee pain, then x-rays of the knee are in order. The doctor wants to assess if a change for the worse occurred in arthritis that would dictate a change in treatment. X-rays of the knee, particularly if the doctor has past x-rays, will reveal such changes if they exist.

X-rays are helpful in defining a diagnosis. In the instance of a patient with knee osteoarthritis, the point of taking x-rays at the first appointment is to obtain both a baseline measurement and gain an idea of the extent of the arthritis. In rheumatoid arthritis, x-rays will reveal bone erosions and osteoporosis, indicating to the doctor that he should begin vigorous therapy now.

At times, the doctor finds that the x-rays reveal nothing abnormal. Then he must choose between doing more imaging with a CT scan or MRI or to watch the patient for evidence the condition is changing. What decision the doctor makes usually requires a discussion with the patient to assess the degree of the person's pain and the level of the patient's concern.

Particularly in treating the elderly the doctor does not order so much as he confers.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.

The tragedy is that less than half of those persons who are denied benefits file an appeal. Thus, many thousands of people who deserve benefits never receive them.

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

Attorney J.B. Bieske has represented only Social Security Disability clients for over 20 years. That is the only type of law he practices. And, he personally meets with all clients and appears himself at all court hearings. Many large firms assign clients to young associate attorneys with much less experience.



In addition to practicing only Social Security Disability law Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject. He also has been interviewed on various radio and television programs and has given speeches to many groups.

Bieske's office staff consists of paralegals and secretaries who are also highly experienced in assisting him with Social Security Disability cases. And they are extremely helpful in answering questions with regard to the status of clients' cases and administrative procedure.

Attorney Bieske welcomes you to call him to determine if you may be

eligible for these benefits. He offers free phone or office consultations. If Bieske represents you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

In a recent radio interview attorney Bieske explained that many people are not even aware that they are eligible for Social Security Disability benefits. These are not the same as Workers' Compensation benefits. It is possible to receive both benefits at the same time. If you have an illness or injury (whether or not related to your work), are under 65 and unable to work full-time you may be eligible. Social Security Disability benefits are based on your work record or your deceased spouse's work record (Widow's/Widower's benefits).

Bieske represents clients from all over the state of Michigan. Call him at 1-800-331-3530 for a FREE consultation if you have been denied. Or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits call him for FREE advice.

www.ssdfighter.com

Annual bowling event set for braille books

Seedlings Braille Books for Children is accepting registration for its 24th Annual Bowling for Braille Books event on Saturday, March 26. WMGC's Chris Edmonds will be on hand for the fundraiser which will begin at 1 p.m. at Plaza Lanes in Plymouth. Bowling for Braille Books will include raffle prizes, a silent auction and prize packages for the top three bowlers who raise the most pledges. Bowlers will receive three games,

shoes, lunch, a goody bag, and a free ticket for a chance raffle drawing. Sponsorship opportunities are available to local businesses and organizations. Registration deadline is March 11 and the minimum donation per bowler is \$60. To register online go to www.firstgiving.com/seedlingsbraille. Seedlings Braille Books for Children is a non-profit organization in Livonia dedicated to increasing the opportu-

nity for braille literacy by providing high quality, low-cost braille books for blind children. Every \$10 earned at this year's Bowling for Braille Books event will create one more book. Last year, bowlers raised more than \$30,000 to provide blind children access to popular children's books in braille and to bring them the materials they need to "read and succeed." For more information call (734) 427-8552 or visit www.seedlings.org.

REUNION CALENDAR

Send reunion items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com or Observer Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette, Detroit, MI 48226.

Belleville High School Class of 1971

Planning 40th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail BHS.1971@yahoo.com. If on Facebook join the group by searching BHS reunion 1971 40th sign up site; also on CLASSMATES/REUNIONS.

Dearborn Fordson Class of 1971

The 40th reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Tickets are on sale now for \$52 per person for dinner and open bar. Send a check payable to Fordson '71 Reunion to 16124 Golfview, Livonia, MI 48154. For more information go to Facebook, Classmates.com or the Web page at Fordson71Reunion.com.

Dearborn Heights Robichaud Class of 1961

50th class reunion Sept. 24, 2011 at the Dearborn Hills Golf Course. All classes are welcome as Robichaud High School also celebrates its 50th anniversary. Contact Bill Haskin at billsmustangs@msn.com; (734)595-4927 or Nancy at woloni@aol.com; (248) 529-6461.

Detroit Cody Class of 1961

50th reunion Aug. 27, 2011, at Hellenic Banquet Center, Westland. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail codycomet61@gmail.com. Or call Connie Callear Majeske at (734) 425-7094 or Bernie Lekki Grudzien at (734) 522-3167.

Detroit Mackenzie

June Class of 1961

50th reunion will be Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011. For more information e-mail lvnerian@msn.com or phone Joanne (Poloway) Glance at (734) 878-6543.

Class of 1962

Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.com.

Garden City High School Class of 1960

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

Ladywood High School Class of 1961

Planning a 50th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail sandymacq@aol.com or call Sandy Phillips O'Leary (734) 453-0783 and leave a message if voice mail picks up.

Livonia Bentley Class of 1961

Holding a 50th class reunion Sept. 16-17. To register and for more information call Donald Bruner, (734) 524-0979 or e-mail dbruner@twmi.rr.com.

Livonia Franklin Class of 1966

45th high school reunion, Oct. 7-9. Contact Larry Ruzsas at lruzsas187264mi@comcast.net or Dżone Kujath-Pishalski at dianepishalski@bex.net.

Rosary High School Class of 1966

Planning 45th reunion in July of 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail Pam at Taffttoo@aol.com.

GROUP SEEKS STORIES TO MARK ANNIVERSARY

Got a story about the Rouge River? The Friends of the Rouge wants to hear from you.

The local nonprofit organization is collecting stories in celebration of its 25th anniversary this year.

If you have an interesting story that you would like to share with others about time spent along the river or participating in a Friends of the Rouge activity you can submit it by e-mailing to river-restoration@therouge.org with the subject line "story." Stories submitted through the regular mail also are being accepted and can be mailed to 4901 Evergreen Road, 220 ASC, Dearborn, MI 48128.

If you want to read stories about river experiences, visit the blog: "Celebrating 25 years" at <http://friendsoftherouge.wordpress.com/>.

Friends of the Rouge will celebrate throughout the year. For a list of anniversary events and activities visit www.therouge.org.

The mission of the Friends of the Rouge is to promote the restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River ecosystem through education, citizen involvement and other collaborative efforts, for the purpose of improving the quality of life for the people, plants, and animals of the watershed. Funding for the organization is provided by the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project and the Erb Foundation.



Blue is playful and sweet.



Rusty is laid-back.

ADOPT A GREYHOUND

Because of recent snowstorms, Greyheart Greyhound Rescue & Adoption rescheduled its pick-up of new adoptable dogs to Feb. 26.

"That will give us another week to hopefully find loving homes for a couple more of our available pups," stated Jackie Bowen, public relations director for the rescue organization. "When a foster home opens up then we have an opportunity to take one more pup from the track."

Blue and Rusty are among the foster dogs that Greyheart hopes to place in permanent homes before the new group of pups arrive.

According to Bowen, Blue, 4, is a pretty brindle girl and on the smaller side.

"I've met Blue several times at Meet and Greets and have to say that her markings are striking. She is also very playful and sweet," Bowen said.

She describes Rusty, 2, as "one of the most magnificent Greyhounds you will ever meet."

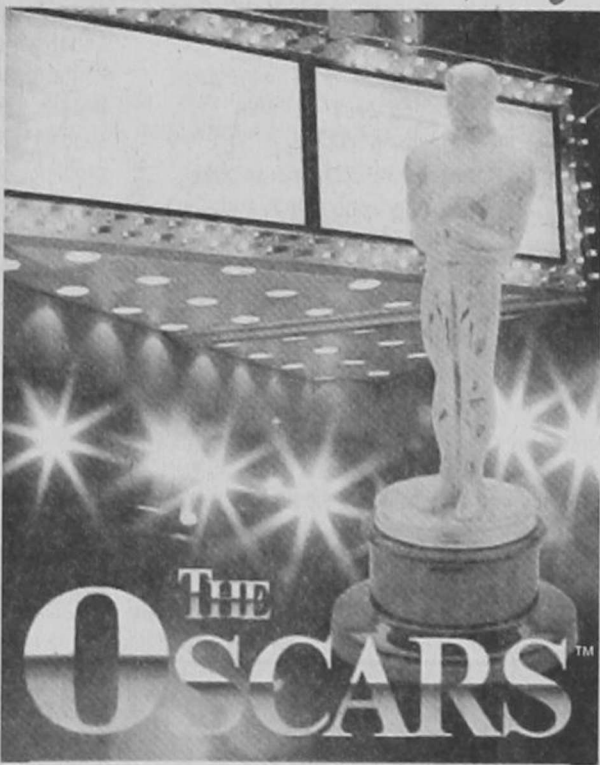
He is fawn color, "laid back" and quiet.

"Anyone could fall in love with Rusty the minute they meet him."

To find out more about Blue, Rusty and other Greyhounds currently in Greyheart's foster homes, call (866) 438-4739 or visit www.greyheart.org.

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GARDEN AND NATURE

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BUTTERFLIES

Ask anything about butterfly gardening, culture, rearing, at "Stump the Butterfly Expert," 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association (SEMBA) members will answer anything you ask about the world of butterflies. Parking is on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail. \$3 for non-members. Questions call (734) 326-0578 or visit www.sembabutterfly.com.

GARDEN TRIP

Party Animal Travel is accepting registration now for the The Garden Club of Wayne County trip to the North American Flower and Garden Show, Friday, March 4 in Chicago, Ill. Cost is \$88 and includes motorcoach transportation, time for shopping and admission to the show, which will include garden displays, Master Gardeners and more than 100 informational booths. For more information call (734) 525-9777.

AT ENGLISH GARDENS

Learn about starting seeds

indoors at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 at a free presentation. English Gardens experts will talk about growing flowers and vegetables from seed.

A fresh flower arranging presentation is slated for 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at all stores, except for Brighton and Eastpointe.

The store will provide everything needed, including hands-on instruction, to design a gorgeous fresh flower arrangement to take home, in a workshop at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 26. Cost is \$24.99

Learn the ABC's of growing herbs at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 5. The presentation is free.

A Make It & Take It workshop features kitchen herbs at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 5. Participants select four herbs to grow in a ceramic container. The store provides everything needed to make the garden to take home. Cost is \$19.99.

Registration is required for the fresh flower arranging workshop and kitchen herb session.

Local English Gardens stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, at Maple, in West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506.

Send calendar items to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Feel free to include relevant photos as attached jpgs. Or mail items to Sharon Dargay, The Observer, 615 Lafayette, level 2, Detroit, MI 48226.

FEB. 13-17

Bible study

Time/Date: Beginning 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15 and continuing the first and third Tuesday of the month through June

Location: St. Michael the Archangel, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Gary Michuta will begin a new study, St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians. The class is open to all regardless of religious denomination.

Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or visit www.livoniastmichael.org

Concert

Time/Date: 4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 13
Location: St. John Lutheran Church, located on Gill Road, between Grand River Ave. and Freedom Road in Farmington Hills

Details: Trio Fiori performs. A free will offering will be taken. Refreshments will be served during intermission

Contact: (248) 474-0584

Concert

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13
Location: Nardin Park United Methodist Church,

Details: The University of Michigan School of Music brings its "Trumpet Studio" to this free music series. Sixteen trumpets play 75 minutes of music

Contact: (248) 476-8860

Concert

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13
Location: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 7575 Hix, Westland

Details: Michigan Concert Choir presents the musical story of Job; free admission

Contact: comcentials@aol.com

FEB. 18-24

Concert

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19
Location: Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, a block south of Ford Road, Garden City

Details: Free family concert with a return performance by Chuck Tocco with special guests, Sarah Dalton and Rufus Harris. Refreshments after the concert

Contact: (734) 422-7620

Healing service

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19
Location: Congregation Beth Ahm, 5075 Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Service in memory of the late Debbie Friedman, a composer of contemporary Jewish liturgy and songs. Her music was groundbreaking in combining Hebrew and English lyrics set to Biblical texts, and many of her compositions are now standard features of worship services in the Reform, Reconstructionist, Conservative, and Renewal congregations and

synagogues throughout the world
Contact: RSVP to Nancy Kaplan at (248) 737-1931 or e-mail nancyellen879@att.net

Mass for widowed

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m. Feb. 27
Location: St. Columban Church, 1775 Melton, between Woodward and Coolidge, north of 14 Mile, Birmingham

Details: Presented by Widowed Friends, a peer group in the Archdiocese of Detroit. The widowed celebrate Mass together and meet and mingle in a safe setting afterward. Refreshments served during the fellowship.

Contact: Gerry at (586) 795-0477 or visit www.widowedfriends.org

ONGOING

AWANA

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays

Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills

Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten-fifth grade

Contact: (248) 426-0096

Classes/study

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia

Details: Open Arms Bible class for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.

Contact: Pastor Scott Sessler at (734) 673-2485 or e-mail to pastorscott@emmanuel-livonia.org

Men's Bible study

Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberg at (734) 464-9491

New Life Community Church
Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays

Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville
Contact: (734) 846-4615

Nicole's Revival
Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday

Location: YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford

Details: KJV Scripture Reading, Communion and Prayer
Contact: (313) 531-1234

Our Lady of Loretto
Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Scripture study
Contact: (313) 534-9000

Ward Presbyterian
Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays

Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville

Details: Learner's Bible study is held
Contact: (248) 374-5920

Clothing bank
Canton Christian Fellowship

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday

Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty

Details: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank offers free clothing (men, women and children) for those in need

Contact: (734) 404-2480, visit www.CantonCF.org or send e-mail to info@cantoncf.org

Food Bank

New Hope Church
Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only

Location: is 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton

Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.

Moms

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday, MOPS; 7-8:30 p.m., first and third Thursday, MOPNext. Both programs run through May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners; MOPNext supports mothers of school-aged children. The theme will be "Momology - The Art & Science of Mothering" for MOPS and "Boundaries" for MOPNext

Contact: Rebekah Creeden at (734) 524-0283 for MOPS and Susan Magner at (248) 478-3643 for MOPS

Dunning Park Bible Chapel
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., first and third Tuesdays

Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope

Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

Pet-friendly service
Time/Date: 1 p.m., Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service. All Creatures ULC describes the gathering as non-denominational and Christian. Water is available for dogs

Contact: (313) 563-0162

Prayer

Nardin Park United Methodist Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests

Contact: (248) 476-8860

St. Edith Church
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back of the church

Details: Music, singing, prayer
Contact: Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906

St. Michael's Church of Livonia
Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. third Wednesday

Location: Corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia

Details: Parish prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. Benediction service follows. (734) 261-1455

Senior citizens

Riverside Park Church of God
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m., third Thursdays

Location: 11771 Newburgh, Livonia

Details: Senior adults, age 50 and over, enjoy social interaction and food
Contact: (734) 464-0990

Singles

First Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry meets; cost is \$5
Contact: (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant
Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4 mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others who are ready to help cope or become involved in the other social activities offered by Widowed Friends.

Contact: (313) 534-0399

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Time/Date: 11:30 a.m., Sunday

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville

Details: Single Point Ministries, for 30 and up, offers fellowship. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation

Contact: (248) 374-5920

Song Circle

Congregation Beth Ahm
Time/Date: Noon to 12:30 p.m., every Shabbat

Location: 5075 W. Maple, West Bloomfield

Details: Sing zemirot (traditional Shabbat songs) and celebrate Kiddush following morning services. Lyrics are provided in transliteration as well as the original Hebrew.

Contact: (248) 737-1931 or e-mail nancyellen879@att.net.

Support

Detroit World Outreach
Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford; room 202

Details: Addiction No More offers support for addictive behavior problems, drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling

Contact: (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244

Farmington Hills Baptist Church
Time/Date: 7-9 p.m., second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August

Location: 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group
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MILESTONES

MARRIED IN DECEMBER

Michele Marie Quinn and Scott Alan McQuade were married Dec. 20, 2010, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia.

The bride, daughter of Carole Quinn of Livonia and the late Michael Quinn, is a 2004 graduate of Stevenson High School.

The groom, son of Bruce McQuade of Livonia and the late Tammi McQuade, is a 2003 graduate of Churchill High School and a United States Army specialist.

The newlyweds plan to make their home in Virginia.



Quinn-McQuade

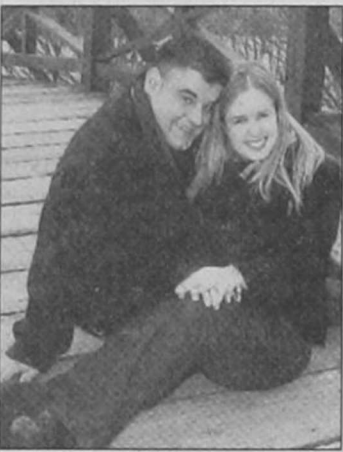
AUGUST WEDDING

Eric Reynolds and Lynette Bishop announce their engagement.

Eric, son of Steve and Mary Reynolds of Plymouth Township, graduated from Salem High School in 2000. He has worked as a paramedic for HVA since 2007 and also has served since 2005 as a fireman in Northville.

Lynette, daughter of James and Paula Bishop of Fluvanna County, Va., graduated in 2002 from a culinary arts program at Johnson & Wales University. She has been a salesperson for Sysco Foods since 2003.

An August 2011 wedding



Bishop-Reynolds

is planned at St. Thomas' Becket in Canton, followed by a reception in Plymouth.

JUNE WEDDING

Stephanie Clark and Hans Fruechtenicht announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Debbie and Mike Clark of Port Huron, received a doctor of medicine degree from Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

Her fiancé, son of Hans and Kathy Fruechtenicht of Farmington Hills, is a candidate for a master's of urban planning degree at the University of Michigan.

A June wedding in Detroit is planned.



Clark-Fruechtenicht

SENIORS, LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS GET TAX HELP

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has joined AARP and the Accounting Aid Society in offering free tax preparation to low income families, individuals and senior citizens.

The service is free and available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through April 15 at the Society's headquarters, 3000 Gratiot Ave., in Detroit and at several Accounting Aid Society offices in Southeast Michigan.

Last year Accounting Aid Society volunteers provided free tax assistance to more than 17,000 low and middle-income taxpayers at 25 tax sites in southeastern Michigan. Appointments are available at the Gratiot location by calling (313) 393-2930. AARP Tax-Aide also is available free to taxpayers with low and moderate income, with special attention to those who are 60 and older.

Local tax help sites include:
 • Farmington Hills Senior Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile; (248) 473-1830; 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Friday. Appointment required. E-file only. The Accounting Aid Society offers free tax preparation assistance to individuals with an annual household incomes of \$25,000 or less and to families with an annual household income of \$50,000 or less. Nearby locations are:

- The Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services, (ACCESS) 2651 Saulino Court, Dearborn; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 and 19 and the organization's branch office at 6451 Schaefer, Dearborn; Feb. 25, March 5 and 12 March 12. For more information call (313) 842-5124
- Southfield Department of Human Services, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield; (248) 796-4540; 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, through April 6.

Salvation Army announces Red Kettle total for yuletide season

The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit met its 2010 Red Kettle Campaign fundraising goal, collecting more than \$7.9 million from Nov. 12, 2010 to Jan. 31.

"We're beyond humbled and sincerely grateful to the people of metro Detroit for helping us meet our Red Kettle Campaign goal for the first time since 2007," stated Maj. John Turner, general secretary of The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division.

Because of the poor econo-

my in Michigan last year, The Salvation Army assisted 19 percent more residents than it did the previous holiday season. Continuing the trend from the past few years, many who previously contributed to the Red Kettle Campaign found themselves in need of services last year. A 2010 U.S. Census survey showed Michigan was the only state where poverty rose, as well as the only one where incomes fell.

"Raising more than \$7.8 million was a true blessing

from God and will enable us to continue providing comprehensive social services including food and shelter that the metro Detroit community so desperately needs," Turner stated.

Donations are accepted throughout the year as well. To donate, call (877) SAL-MICH, visit www.salmich.org or text 'give' to 80888 to make a \$10 donation — enough to help provide one month of food for one person.

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DORIS MAE (MONTGOMERY) JACKSON

Farmington and Livonia. Born April 2, 1922, in Highland Park; died February 8, 2011, at the age of 88. Doris enjoyed the outdoors, swimming, biking, hiking and ice-skating, and loved spending time with friends and family. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Tomas Jackson, and brother, Harold Montgomery. Surviving are her children, Joan (Rich) Chevalley, George (Diane) Jackson, Jane (Larry) Schwentor, Jean Jackson and James (Diane) Jackson; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and sister, Ruth Papst-Ramsay. Funeral services will be held Friday, February 11, at noon at the Gorsline-Runciman Funeral Homes, 205 E. Middle St., Williamston. Graveside services were held Friday at 2:45 p.m. in Acacia Park, Beverly Hills. The family received friends at the funeral home on Friday 1-hour prior to the service. Those desiring may make contributions to the Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health, P.O. Box 931517, Cleveland, OH, 44101, in memory of Doris Jackson.

Online condolences may be sent to gorslineruncimanwilliamston.com



JAMES FRANCIS JUDGE, JR.

February 9, 2011, Age 75. Beloved husband of Marcia. Loving father of Julie Neiheisel (Steve) and Jeff (Jill). Grandfather of Megan & Lauren, Mollie & Joel. Brother of Daniel (Linda) and Kevin (Diane). Member of Board of Governors, Golf Association of Michigan and Birmingham Senior Men's Club. Funeral Mass was Saturday at St. Thomas More Church, 4580 Adams Rd, Troy. Memorial tributes Oakland Hills Scholarship Trust Fund or

Beaumont Foundation-The Heart Fund. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



STANLEY S. KAVA

Age 84, of Stanton, Michigan passed away quietly at his home on Wednesday, February 9th, 2011. Stanley was a veteran of WWII. He worked for the Ford Motor Company, retiring after 30 years at the plant in Livonia. He also loved the outdoors, spending time with his family, and was a great practical joker. He will be greatly missed. Stanley is survived by his wife of 63 years, Josephine; 11 children; 34 grandchildren; 44 great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; two sisters; and several extended family members from his home state of Pennsylvania. Funeral services for Stanley were held Saturday, February 12, 2011 at the Barden Funeral Home in Stanton, with Pastor Larry Pike officiating. Visitation was held Friday, February 11 and Saturday, February 12, at the funeral home. Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.bardenfuneralhome.com.

PATRICIA L. SMITH

February 8, 2011, age 66. Graduate of Plymouth High School Class of 1962. Life long resident of the Plymouth area. Beloved wife of Jerry. Dear mother of David (Linda), Daniel (Susan) and Brian (Avery) Smith. Grandmother of Avy, Gavin and Austin. Sister of Leonard (Jean) Hoyer and Douglas (Sharon) Hoyer. Services were held on Friday, February 11, 2011 at the American Cancer Society. A Memorial Mass will be scheduled later at Our Lady of Counsel Catholic Church.



EDWARD A. SOLEAU

Age 68, of Plymouth, February 4, 2011. Beloved husband of Linda. Loving father of Annette C. Haarala and Brian E. Soleau. Proud grandfather of twins Derek R. and Brandon E. Haarala. Dear brother of Ronald (Barb) and Marvin (Christine) Soleau. Preceded in death by his parents Benjamin J. and Gertrude L. Soleau and his brother Glen R. Soleau. Owner of the Plymouth Carpet Service and a member of Plymouth Knights of Columbus. Visitation Wednesday 1-9 PM, with a prayer service at 7 PM by the Knights of Columbus, at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. Funeral service Thursday 1 PM at the funeral home. Interment at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to Out of the Darkness (www.outofthedarkness.org) American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, 120 Wall Street, 22nd Floor, New York, NY 10005 or to the Alliance for the Great Lakes (www.greatlakes.org), 17 N. State St., Suite 1390, Chicago, IL 60602. To leave a message of condolence or share a memory with the family, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

Oakland County Parks to begin seasonal hiring

Oakland County Parks and Recreation will accept applications for seasonal employment from Feb 14-28.

"Seasonal employment is a fantastic opportunity to gain or improve professional skills while working in a dynamic environment," said Katie Stavale, park supervisor.

Oakland County Parks and Recreation employs 450 seasonal employees annually.

Seasonal positions include: summer clerical, lifeguard, program leader, program specialist, seasonal laborer, business assistant, park attendant, student and internship.

Seasonal summer employment is limited to 13 weeks. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age.

Applications must be submitted by Monday, Feb. 28. Apply online at www.oakgov.com/jobs.

For more information about Oakland County Parks and Recreation, visit DestinationOakland.com or find them on Facebook at facebook.com/ocparks.

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 check out the numbers in today's **Sports** section

Celebrity chefs host benefit gala March 4

The 34th annual Celebrity Chefs Dinner hosted by Master Chef Milos and Community Living Centers of Farmington will take place on Friday, March 4, at the Detroit Athletic Club.

Community Living Center's premier fundraising event will feature metropolitan Detroit's finest chefs, who will assemble and prepare an exquisite feast for those lucky enough to attend.

Master Chef Milos Cihelka (of the former Golden Mushroom) and a who's who list of 13 area chefs will be tantalizing the taste buds of patrons.

For over 30 years, proceeds from this event have gone to Community Living Centers of Farmington to assist with its mission to serve approximately 120 developmentally disabled adults in the community through its nine group homes and independent living program.

The extended evening begins with some delectable appetizers, prepared on the spot by various chefs. Guests will then move into Detroit Athletic Club's formal dining area where a five-course dinner and wine will be served. After each course, the chefs will describe their culinary creations.

An added treat this year will be the premier of a Community Living Centers documentary, *Happiness Comes in Many Forms*. The documentary allows people to learn how the CLC organization has created an environment that enables the residents to feel part of one big family.

This short film is being produced/directed by Keith Farnie. Keith and his production company Visionalist Entertainment Productions have been awarded nine Emmys in the last five years.

The best part of this dinner is that \$75 of the \$125 admission price is tax deductible. Anyone who has savored the celebrity chefs' extraordinary cuisine will tell you it is well worth the cost of

the ticket. More than 250 patrons attend this outstanding event every year. Celebrity chefs in attendance will include:

- Chef Steven Allen - Steve and Rocky's
- Certified Master Chef Brian Beland - Country Club of Detroit
- Executive Chef James Bologna - The Townsend Hotel
- Executive Chef Kevin Brennan - Detroit Athletic Club
- Certified Master Chef Milos Cihelka - Golden Mushroom (formerly)
- Executive Chef Randy Emert - Great Oaks Country Club
- Executive Chef Michael Green - Lochmoor Club
- Pastry Chef Jeffrey Hammer - Detroit Athletic Club
- Gerald Matthes - Give Thanks Bakery
- Chef Brian Polcyn - Forest Grill, Cinco Lagos
- Chef Charles Rachwitz - Rocky's
- Executive Chef Randy Smith - Walnut Creek Country Club
- Executive Chef Richard Travis - Forte'
- Executive Chef Daniel Vallone - Tam O'Shanter Country Club

Contact Ron Weber at the CLC office (248) 478-0870 for more information or to make a reservation or visit www.clchomes.org to learn more and make a reservation. A group discount is available for parties of 10.

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In Memory Of



IN MEMORY of our mother - one year later. MARGARET "PEG" FRANCES MAIR

Once she knew that all of her children were safe, she prayed for God to keep, and then she went to sleep. Age 90 of Lathrup Village, Rochester Hills, and Waterford. February 17, 2010. Loving wife of the late Bob Mair (Barton-Malow). Proud mother of Bill (Barbara), Marge (Ted), Robert (Judy) and Thomas (Susan). Survived by 3 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Peg belonged to many groups: the P.E.O., the Detroit Curling Club, the Cub Scouts, the Lathrup Village Garden Club, and the Westminster Presbyterian Church. Funeral service was on Saturday, February 20, 2010 with the interment at Evergreen Cemetery, Lake Orion. Send your comments to Tom at: traversegreen@yahoo.com

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Physicians: Vaccines are expensive to buy, store

A new study by the University of Michigan found that few doctors stock all adult immunizations, such as those newly recommended for whooping cough and shingles, which may contribute to low vaccination rates among American adults.

Only 27 percent of family practice and internal medicine physicians stocked all adult recommended vaccines. Doctors who don't stock all or some vaccines, say vaccines are available elsewhere in their community, inventory is expensive to maintain, and insurers provide low or no reimbursement.

"Many primary care physicians who provide care to adults do not stock all recommended immunizations," stated lead author Dr. Gary Freed, chief of the Division of General Pediatrics and director of the University of Michigan's Child Health Evaluation and Research (CHEAR) Unit. "Efforts to improve adult immunization rates must address this fundamental issue."

The survey of primary care physicians also found 96 percent stocked at least one recommended vaccine.

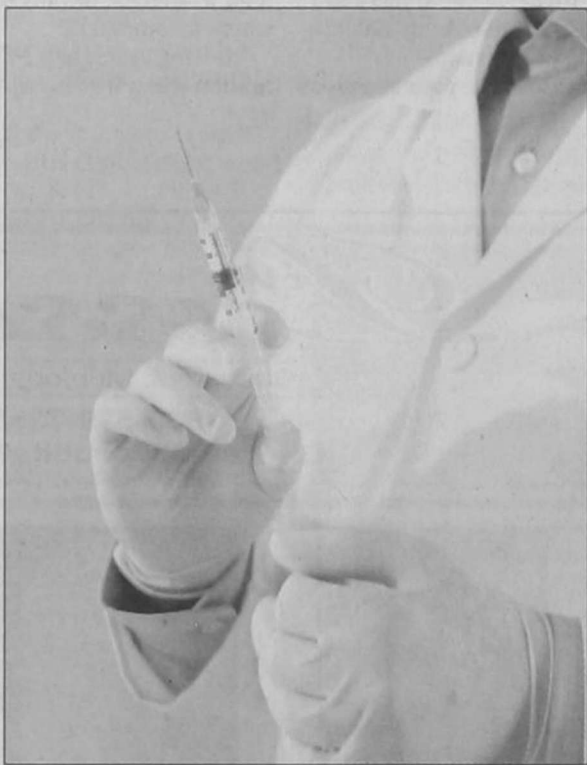
SHINGLES VACCINE

At least a third of all physicians in the study did not stock seven recommended adult vaccines. The vaccine least likely to be stocked all was zoster, which is used to prevent shingles. For internists specifically, the proportion rises to 50 percent not stocking almost all vaccines.

To determine the proportion of family practice and internal medicine physicians who routinely stock specific adult vaccines and their rationale for those decisions, researchers conducted a cross-sectional survey in 2009 of a national random sample of 993 family physicians and 997 general internists in the U.S.

The survey asked doctors whether they stocked recommended vaccines for adults aged 19-64 years and, if not, what their reasons were. The 10 vaccines were: hepatitis A; hepatitis B; human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV); combined measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR); meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4); pneumococcal polysaccharide (PPSV23); tetanus diphtheria (Td); combined tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap); varicella; and zoster.

Several previous studies have examined why adult patients don't receive immunizations in greater numbers. Patients fre-



Freed

quently say their doctors don't recommend vaccines. Providers attribute the low immunization rates to patient concerns about side effects, their fear of needles and lack of insurance coverage.

EXPENSIVE PURCHASE

Unlike other pharmaceuticals prescribed by physicians, vaccines must

be purchased directly by practices in advance of patient demand. This requires a financial outlay on the part of the practice to purchase vaccines that the practice may, or may not be able to resell. The greater the variety of vaccine products and numbers of doses purchased, the greater the up-front expenditure required without a certainty of resale.

Vaccines also require sensitive cold-chain storage, which also requires an investment in special refrigerators and temperature alarms.

Freed said there is no single reason why doctors don't stock a particular recommended vaccine.

"Based on that, there is not a single financial action or policy change that will likely have a significant positive impact on the majority of physicians who currently choose not to stock specific vaccines. Yet, efforts to address each of these factors may result in some practices choosing to stock more adult vaccines."

Michigan organ donor list grows

Michigan added more than 319,000 individuals to the state's organ donor registry in 2010, a new state record.

Michigan hospitals participating in the Michigan Health & Hospital Association (MHA) Keystone: Gift of Life collaborative more than tripled the number of hospital-generated registrations, adding 11,800 individuals to the Michigan Organ Donor Registry last year. That's up from 3,800 registrations in 2009.

More than 2 million Michigan residents have documented their wishes to someday help others through organ, tissue and eye donation. The waiting list of patients needing life-saving transplants stands at 3,000 statewide.

The success was achieved through the efforts of hospitals, Gift of Life Michigan, the MHA Keystone Center for Patient Safety & Quality, and

the Michigan Eye-Bank.

"We are thrilled so many Michigan citizens are recognizing the life-saving action they take when they join the organ donor registry, and we are more than thrilled with the significant contributions of the state's hospitals through MHA Keystone: Gift of Life," stated Richard Pietroski, Gift of Life Michigan CEO.

As part of Donor Drive 2010, participating hospitals had a goal of adding two names for every employee. Hospitals were encouraged to recruit employees, family members, neighbors, friends and colleagues. Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center, Dearborn, recorded 797 registrations, the most of any Michigan hospital.

Signing the back of your driver's license is no longer the way to become a donor in Michigan. Instead, potential donors must join the Michigan



Pietroski

Organ Donor Registry to receive a red heart emblem for their license. Go to www.giftoflifemichigan.org, call (800) 482-4881 or visit any Secretary of State branch office.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

FEBRUARY

Healthy hearts

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."

Fibromyalgia Support

Helping Our Pain & Exhaustion, (HOPE) a non-profit organization for Fibromyalgia Awareness and Education offers a support group for spouses and families, 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, at the Farmington Hills Public Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. The purpose of the group is to inform and support spouses and families of those who have fibromyalgia. The spouses support group will alternate monthly with the patient support group. Patient Support Group will meet Wednesday, March 30 at the same location. The fee is a \$3 donation to cover the cost of the room. For more information call (248) 344-0896.

Having a baby

St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers a childbirth education class called, "Let's Get Ready to Have a Baby." This is a five-week program, 7-9 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 28-April 4, in classrooms 1 and 2. The class is based on the "Lamaze Method" and includes exercise, relaxation, breathing techniques and comfort measures to assist expectant moms through the different stages of labor. Classes also include information on anesthesia options, medication, nutrition, family adjustment and the importance of the support person's role. It enhances confidence and joy of the birthing experience. The class is open to expectant parents, not just those delivering at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. There is a fee of \$75 per couple, and registration is required. Call (734) 655-1162 for more information, or to register.

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Staying Positive: If You Keep Saying You Can't, You Probably Won't

Let's face it: Staying positive isn't always easy. From job seekers frustrated by rejections to workers dealing with everything from long hours to crabby co-workers, many people are finding it hard to put on a happy face.

Yet the ability to see the good side of things can be one of your strongest assets, both for your career and for your well-being. Here, experts explain why and offer tips on staying upbeat.

The power of positivity

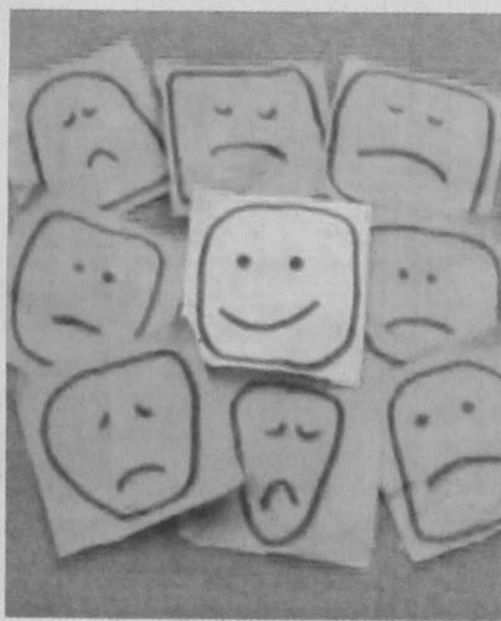
Who would you rather be around each day: a sullen colleague or one with a can-do attitude? Positive people radiate an energy that makes others see them as more competent and likable. Studies also show that optimists tend to be healthier, more creative and better performers.

"Companies look to hire and promote employees who can see opportunities in challenging situations," says Lisa Quast, president of Career Woman Inc. in Seattle, Wash., and author of "Your Career, Your Way!" "Managers want employees who bring solutions to problems, not who bring problems and then look to their manager to solve them."

A positive attitude also can turn out to be a self-fulfilling prophecy. "I often have people come to me for advice on how they can get a raise or promotion," Quast notes. "Those who come with a positive attitude

that they are worthy are much more likely to accomplish their goal because their self-talk reinforces that they can figure out a way to make it happen. For those with an attitude of doubt that they will ever get what they want, negativity ends up surrounding them to such an extent that they become demotivated and don't want to go through the steps necessary to map out an action plan to accomplish their goal."

This doesn't mean becoming a Pollyanna. "A positive attitude is not the same as living and working in a state of euphoria. That's unrealistic," says Roy Cohen, a career coach and author of "The Wall Street Professional's Survival Guide." "It's about being upbeat and optimistic and knowing that you'll get through and beat the odds. That's what motivates the team that reports to you, and as a team member that's what inspires your colleagues. When you don't waste time and energy on negative thoughts and behaviors, you'll have the potential to channel all of that 'lost' energy into activities that produce success."



Changing your outlook

To nurture a positive attitude, Elizabeth R. Lombardo, a psychologist and author of "A Happy You: Your Ultimate Prescription for Happiness," suggests:

Looking for the good: As a society, we have a tendency to focus on what is wrong, such as what we don't like about our job, what others need to change, what we dislike about

ourselves. Instead, try to look at what is going right and what you do like about others and yourself. **Finding a purpose:** Research shows that when people have a sense of purpose and meaning in their work, they are more positive towards it. What are some of the greater-good elements about your job?

Focusing on team-building: Develop bonds with your co-workers. Share a walk around the block during breaks. Have lunch together occasionally. Volunteer as a group to help those who are less fortunate. When we have a sense of belonging to a group, we are more positive and motivated to help that group.

"Another way to stay positive at work is to think of yourself as a consultant," Quast says. "Consultants, by nature, are hired to

assess the difficult situations and then create and implement action plans for improvement. They are required to remain positive and unbiased (or they risk being fired). By thinking of yourself as an 'internal consultant' you can use this same mental frame of reference to help you stay positive, no matter what the situation."

Noelle Nelson, a therapist and author of "The Power of Appreciation in Business," adds that it helps to take the last 15 minutes of the day to organize your workspace for tomorrow. "Jot down a to-do list and tidy your desk. The task will give you closure for the day and help you start tomorrow on the right foot. You also can look over the day's to-do list and feel a sense of accomplishment about what you completed."

One final way of developing positivity: hang around like-minded, glass-half-full people. And when you do encounter the most miserable grouch, strive to remain pleasant. "Like energy attracts like energy," Nelson notes. "Your co-worker may not understand what's going on when you no longer get frustrated or angry over his comments or behavior, but after awhile your appreciative attitude will often be reciprocated."

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GMC'S Terrain is a key product in the reinvention of General Motors. This compact crossover SUV slots below the Acadia and gives the brand a sensibly sized utility vehicle that is capable of achieving 32 miles per gallon on the highway when equipped with the base 2.4-liter, four-cylinder engine.

The Terrain is the sibling of the Chevrolet Equinox, and the two vehicles share platforms, powertrains and some interior components.

Compact crossovers appeal to those who want easy maneuverability and cargo flexibility but don't need a third seat. Chief competitors include the Hyundai Santa Fe, Ford Escape, Toyota RAV-4 and Honda CR-V.

There are four Terrain models. Anti-lock brakes, vehicle stability control and traction control are standard.

GMC is a premium brand, and the Terrain offers nicer materials than the Equinox.

We drove both the 3.0-liter V-6 and the 2.4-liter 4 cylinder. The 4 cylinder performs well and is expected to be the engine of choice for about 50-percent of buyers. Throttle tip-in is a bit soft, and

initial acceleration is not quite as lively as that of the Terrain's competitors, but the engine management software was designed that way for smooth acceleration and maximum fuel economy. City mileage is rated at 22 mpg for front-wheel drive and 20 mpg for all-wheel drive.

The four-cylinder has a maximum towing capacity of 1,500 pounds, so that limits towing to a couple of personal watercraft or motorcycles. The V-6 can tow 3,500 pounds. It is rated at 18 mpg in the city and 25 on the highway.

Each engine has its own specific six-speed automatic transmission.

Because the four-cylinder engine produces some low-frequency noise at certain rpm levels, GMC has adopted active noise cancellation. A microphone detects any booming sounds inside the vehicle and sends counteracting sound waves through the audio speakers. The result is a quiet ride at all times.

The fit, finish and quality of materials, especially inside, are best in class. Wind and road noise are minimal.

The well-designed cabin has an



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instrument panel highlighted with silver accents. The center stack contains flush-mounted buttons for the audio and climate-control system. Red ambient lighting highlights the console and cup holders.

Standard equipment includes a rearview camera that projects an image in the rearview mirror, OnStar, XM satellite radio and USB connectivity for MP3 players.

Options include a programmable power liftgate, navigation system, premium audio and a rear-seat entertainment system with two 8-inch LCD screens, one on the back of each front seat.

The steering wheel controls for cruise and audio have rotary knobs that can be rolled with a thumb, and they're simple and intuitive.

Rear-seat legroom is quite generous, thanks to the back seat that can be moved backward and forward 8 inches. Put the seat forward and it is easy for front-seat passengers to reach an infant in a child seat. Put

it back for adult legroom.

Storage bins are numerous, including one atop the center stack and one under the center armrest that is large enough for a laptop computer. There are four power outlets.

One drawback is that the rear cargo area is a bit narrow, and the low roof means some large items, such as a bicycle, may not fit easily.

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