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### Arts party

The Canton Partnership for the Arts and Humanities hosts its first fundraiser of the year Friday, Feb. 10.

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Tickets are \$30, but can be purchased for \$25 if you buy them by Jan. 10. The ticket price includes the reception.

To order tickets, visit [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org) or call (734) 394-5460.

### Blood drives

The American Red Cross sponsors upcoming blood drives at a variety of locations in the Plymouth-Canton area:

- Thursday, Jan. 12, 2-7:45 p.m. at Tonda Elementary School, 46501 Warren Road in Canton.

- Sunday, Jan. 15, 8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., St. Kenneth Church, on Haggerty between Schoolcraft and Five Mile in Plymouth Township.

- Thursday, Jan. 19, St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 1:30-7:15 p.m., 7000 N. Sheldon in Canton.

- Thursday, Jan. 19, 2-7:45 p.m., Gallimore Elementary School, 8375 Sheldon in Canton.

- Monday, Jan. 23, 1:30-7:15 p.m., Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road west of Plymouth.

Donors interested can call Diane Risko at (313) 549-7052 or e-mail her at [riskod@usa.redcross.org](mailto:riskod@usa.redcross.org).

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## Group abandons Slavens recall

### Colbeck still a recall target

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

A recall group has abandoned plans to try to oust Democratic state Reps. Dian Slavens of Canton, Phil Cavanagh of Redford, Tim Bledsoe of Grosse Pointe and three Lansing lawmakers outside of Wayne County, Republican attorney and GOP strate-



Slavens

gist Stu Sandler has confirmed.

"At this point we have suspended all the recalls," Sandler said. "We just looked at it from a tactical perspective and a financial perspective."

By contrast, a recall leader who hopes to oust freshman state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, said she and other Colbeck foes still hope to collect the signatures they need by early February for a ballot question. Sander said Republican strate-

gists, rather than wage a recall campaign, plan to try to unseat Democratic state lawmakers in November elections.

"I think our plan is, we are going to present our different views on how the Republican Party proposes to reinvent Michigan in this next election," he said.

Slavens, a second-term House member who just announced she didn't miss a vote last year, said the suspended recall campaign will allow her to do her job without distractions.

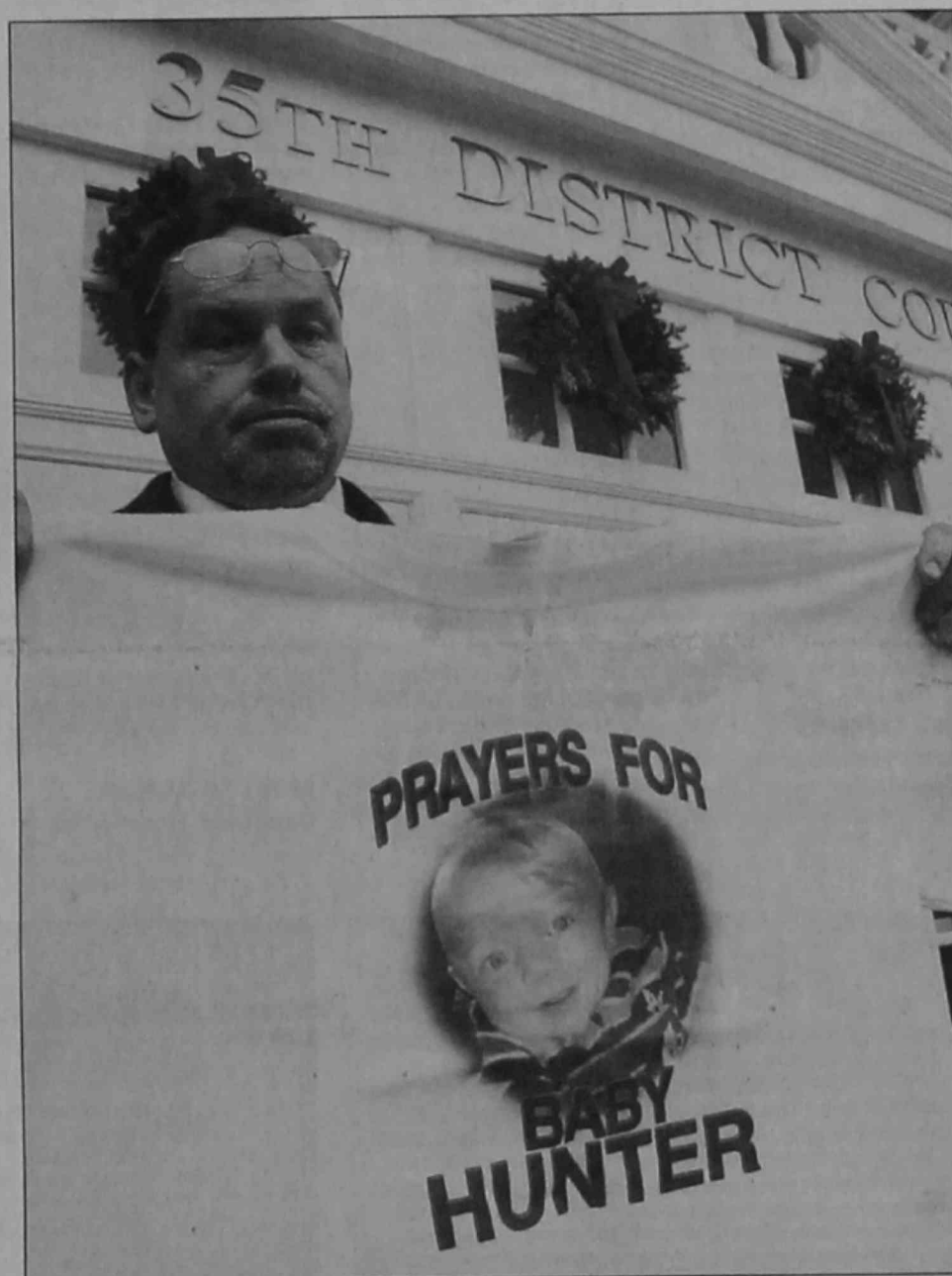
"All of these recalls to me are ridiculous. I'm glad they've stopped it," she said.

Slavens denounced recall efforts against both political parties, saying voters who aren't satisfied by a legislator's performance should voice their concerns at the ballot box.

"I believe people are happy with what I'm doing," she said, adding that her top focus continues to be jobs and helping Michigan's economy to rebound.

Recall organizers had threatened to recall Slavens, Cavanagh and Bledsoe, among others, for voting against state legislation that gave broader powers to emergency financial managers

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Sal Alongi, maternal grandfather of Hunter Sewejkis, holds a T-shirt with his baby grandson's image outside 35th District Court, shortly before a preliminary exam that ended with the child's father, Anthony Lawrence Sewejkis, being ordered to stand trial for first-degree child abuse.

## Dad faces trial as son clings to life

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Even if 5-month-old Hunter Sewejkis of Canton survives severe head injuries blamed on his father — a scenario that remains in doubt — his doctor testified in heart-wrenching detail Thursday what his life will be like.

He likely would never walk, sit up or eat on his own. He probably would be blind and possibly deaf.

"Hunter's injuries are devastating, and I think it is still possible that Hunter could succumb to his injuries," Lisa Markman, a University of Michigan Mott Children's Hospital doctor, said.

Hunter, whose head was allegedly slammed twice against a carpet-covered hardwood floor of his parents' Michigan Avenue home on Dec. 7, already has defied earlier expectations, prompting his

maternal grandfather, Sal Alongi, to call him "our little miracle baby."

### Barely surviving

Yet Markman, testifying over a speaker phone during defendant Anthony Lawrence Sewejkis' preliminary hearing in 35th District Court, said Hunter has suffered severe brain damage, narrowly surviving because his brain stem continues to "tell his body to breathe."

"His quality of life, if he lives, will be extremely poor," Markman said.

Testimony by Markman, Hunter's mother, Leanne Garlick, and Canton Police Detective Tim Wright convinced 35th District Judge Ronald Lowe to order Sewejkis, 25, to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court for first-degree child abuse. If convicted, Sewejkis faces up to 15 years in prison.

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## New board eager to get started

By Brad Kadrich  
Observer Staff Writer

They've been observing Plymouth-Canton Board of Education meetings for months, and waiting to serve since being elected to the board back in November.

Now, the four new members of the board get the chance to slide into the seats they earned in that election, as the board sits for the first time in the new year Tuesday.

And, with a potential double-digit deficit looming months after the former board eliminated what had been an \$18 million deficit in last year's budget, and with decisions such as a banned book and changes to the Student Code of Conduct still to be dealt with, all of them are eager to get started.

"There are so many new programs and opportunities under discussion," said Shei-

la Paton, the top vote-getter in the November election. "I am looking forward to being a part of that discussion."

Last year was a tumultuous one for the school board, with division over the performance of the superintendent causing a deep divide among the seven board members. The board also got caught up trying to decide whether to close Fiegel Elementary School (they didn't, on a 4-3 vote), and occasionally clashed about changes in district policy, security at the high school park and other issues.

The four new board members know last year's board took a hit for being unable to work together, and see a need to prioritize issues and learn how to work together better.

"Given the history of conflict on the board, one of the biggest challenges to us will be to utilize the talents of

each individual board member while working as a unified team," said John Barrett, a longtime principal in the Farmington district and a former Plymouth city commissioner. "The most effective way to address any large organization's challenges is to bring multiple perspectives and experiences to bear through collaboration."

In an effort to do that, board members met for a get-to-know-each-other session recently at Schoolcraft College. The four new members came away from that seminar encouraged about their ability to work together.

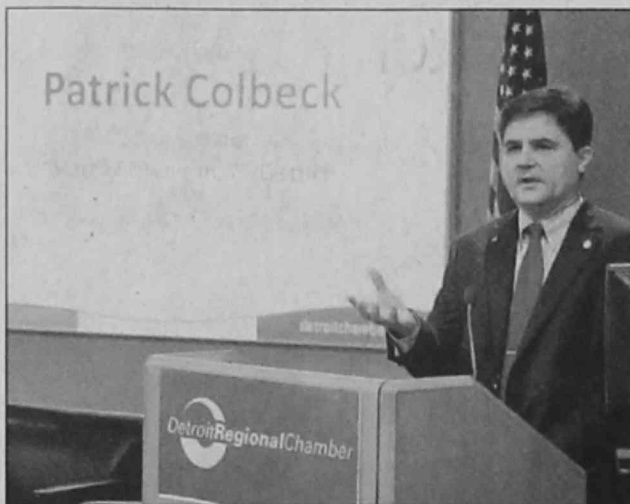
"We did have a great meeting," said Mark Horvath. "I am more encouraged than ever about our ability to hit the ground running. It was exciting to see so many different personalities focused

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Former Board of Education president Michael Maloney was returned to the board in November's general election.





State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, whose district includes Plymouth and Canton, is still the target of a recall effort.

## RECALL

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overseeing local municipalities and school districts faced with seemingly insurmountable financial problems.

Though the recall effort against Colbeck apparently continues, a group seeking to oust him faces a deadline around Feb. 9 to collect the 27,300 signatures needed from registered voters in his district. "Our group has not been as active during the holiday period," said recall leader Mary Kelley, a Northville Township resident and retired Trenton elementary principal. "But we are going to gear up again to see where everybody stands (with collecting petition signatures)."

Colbeck's critics have cited his support of the emergency manager legislation.

Colbeck reiterated his intent to continue fighting in Lansing for issues he supports. He said job creation continues as his No. 1 priority, and one way he hopes to achieve that is to convince state officials to fund a major project to reshape the traffic-snarled I-275/Ford Road interchange.

Colbeck and other officials have said the I-275/Ford project would create jobs while easing severe traffic congestion along Ford Road. Officials have turned to the state for a solution after a third rejection for federal dollars.

Colbeck said he focused on jobs, transparency and education reform last year, "but this year I'm focused almost exclusively on jobs."

Kelley said she "absolutely" remains optimistic that Colbeck's foes can collect the signatures they need to get a recall question placed on the ballot, although they haven't submitted any petitions since the Wayne County Election Commission gave them the go-ahead last Aug. 10 to circulate them.

Kelley said more than 200 volunteers have indicated they are circulating petitions, but no count of potential signatures is known.

Colbeck has said he would prefer to focus on positive measures for Michigan rather than detrimental recall efforts.

"I'm just focused on exactly what I was elected to do," he said.

Colbeck's 7th District includes all or part of Canton, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Belleville, Flat Rock, Gibraltar, Northville, Rockwood, Trenton, Woodhaven and the townships of Brownstown, Grosse Ile, Huron, Northville, Sumpter and Van Buren.

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### SOCKS AND UNDIES

**Date/Time:** Monday, Jan. 16, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

**Details:** A clothing drive to benefit the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Clothing Bank, is looking for new men's, women's and children's socks and underwear, along with other new or gently used clothing.

**Contact:** For more information, e-mail mbartek09@comcast.net

### GRIEF SUPPORT

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Jan. 21, 10 a.m. to noon

**Location:** Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley Road in Canton

**Details:** Compassionate Care Hospice conducts a grief support seminar, "When a Parent Dies: Understanding changes in family roles, traditions and practices." A light breakfast will be provided. The program is free of charge and is open to any adult grieving the loss of a parent.

**Contact:** To register, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice Bereavement Coordinator at 888-983-9050, or e-mail achristensen@cch.net

### WOMEN'S CONNECTION

**Date/Time:** Monday, Jan. 9, 6-8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Canton Coney Island, 8533 N. Lilley in Canton

**Details:** Guest speaker will be author Sandy Arno Lyons, who spent a summer traveling around Michigan collecting ghost stories from hotels, B & B's, restaurants and more. There are more than 25 true tales in her book "Michigan's Most Haunted, A Ghostly Guide to the Great Lakes State." Bring a friend to listen to some fascinating stories about our state. RSVP no later than Friday, Jan. 6.

**Contact:** E-mail June Nicholas at junenicholas@comcast.net for more information.

### ART EXHIBITS

**Date/Time:** Begins Jan. 10; reception for the artist 6-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20

## AROUND CANTON



## Key victory

P-CEP Key Club secretary Lian Le (from left), treasurer Paul Lou, president Nicole Mott, Fitness Things owner Elise Walley, Salvation Army Major Dan Hull, vice president Samidha Visai and Fitness Things owner Gary Walley celebrate Salem High School's win in the race to get their jersey painted on the billboard outside Fitness Things. The Key Club collected more than 400 cans of food from the three high schools and more than \$300 in cash. Salem High School raised the most cans of food, so the Muscleman Mailbox (on Ann Arbor Road between Harvey Street and Sheldon) is now wearing a Salem Basketball jersey. As part of the effort, the Fitness Things offered the Key Club \$500 to hold the canned food drive. The club decided to donate that money to the Salvation Army as well.

**Location:** Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth

**Details:** The PCAC begins its new year of monthly art exhibits with "slacker art," a collection of oil paintings by Andrew Slackta, his first solo exhibit. The self-taught artist's landscapes run the gamut from realistic photo recreation to expressionistic, his still-life pieces combine formal composition with a distinctive mix of pop art and his unconventional portraits display elements of surrealism and emotional sophistication. Exhibit hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Contact:** Call (734) 416-4278 for additional information, or visit www.plymoutharts.com.

### UPTOWN AUDITIONS

**Date/Time:** Jan. 11-12, 4-6 p.m.

**Location:** Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

**Details:** Auditions for Plymouth Uptown Players will be held at the PCAC. For those who cannot make the audition times, drop-in auditions will be held at the first rehearsal (Jan. 15). The first rehearsal is Sunday, Jan. 15. Rehearsals will be held every Sunday from January-April, between 1-5 p.m. A fee of \$150 and a current PCAC membership are required to participate.

The season will conclude with a weekend of performances April 20-22.

**Contact:** Call (734) 416-4278 for more information.

### DRUM CLASSES

**Date/Time:** Wednesdays, Jan. 11-Feb. 1, 5-6:30 p.m.

**Location:** Artico House, adjacent to the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 724 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

**Details:** Join instructor and professional drummer Pat Paul Sorise at the Plymouth Community Arts Council for a new series of Drum Classes in the New Year. First will be Beginner Drum Set 100 (5-5:45 p.m. for ages 7 to adult), which will introduce students to holding drum sticks, drum rudiments, how to count and play quarter and eighth notes and introduce/play the drum set. For the advanced and experienced drummer the PCAC will open a new section of Advanced Drum Set 200 (ages 7 to adult, 5:45-6:30 p.m.). This class will identify drums/cymbals, wrist and hand techniques and basic foot patterns.

**Contact:** To learn about other great opportunities at the PCAC or a complete list of classes offered visit www.plymoutharts.com or stop in the PCAC at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth, or call (734) 416-4278.

### MOPS MEETINGS

**Date/Time:** First-third Fri-

days, 9:15-11:30 a.m.

**Location:** St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth

**Details:** The St. Edith/St. Kenneth Catholic Parishes' Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group invites all mothers with children aged newborn through kindergarten to join. The group provides the encouragement, nurturing, and support and features a schedule of activities that include speakers, crafts, and group discussions.

**Contact:** Heather at (734) 437-9517 or e-mail stekmops@gmail.com, or visit www.stekmops.org

### HEALING HEARTS

**Date/Time:** Second and fourth Monday, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Location:** Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland

**Details:** Grief support group for adults who have lost a loved one to the prison system. Hope 4 Healing Hearts, Inc., provides a safe environment allowing members to share in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Individuals share ideas, resources and experiences that are helpful to one another.

**Contact:** For more information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237, bonnie@hope4healinghearts.com or visit www.hope4healinghearts.com.

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# Dictionary program hits seventh year

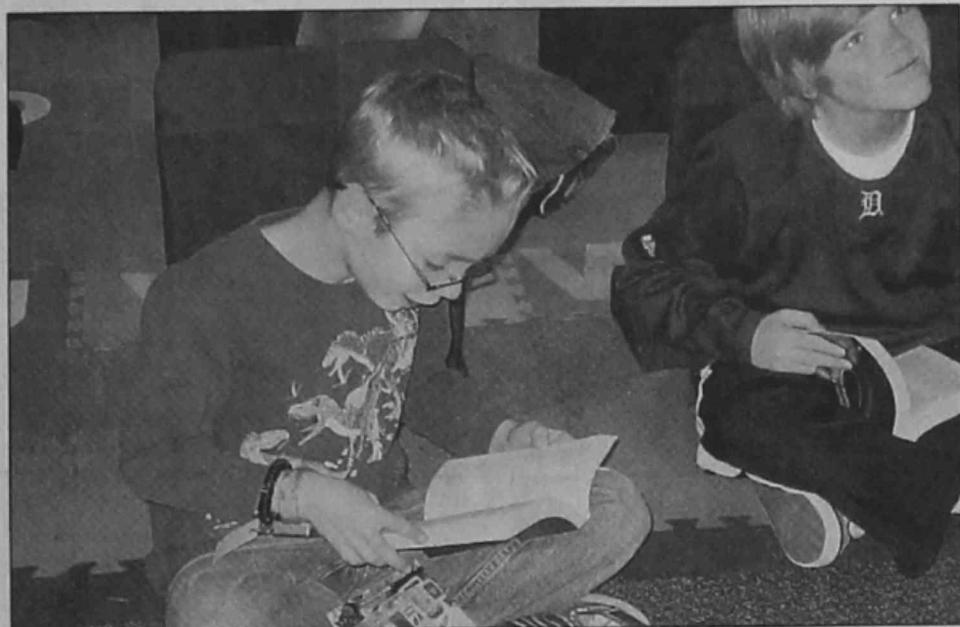
Excitement over a book is every parent's wish to have their child as enthusiastic over a book as they are over a video game or other new electronic distraction. Would they also be pleased to know that this book is non-fiction and packed with meaningful facts the children can use for years?

The Canton Kiwanis Club thought so.

This year the Canton Kiwanis completed its seventh year of distributing student dictionaries to Canton and Plymouth area third-grade students. Elementary school students were presented the books personally by the Kiwanians as they blanketed the local communities going from school to school like Santa's elves delivering holiday cheer.

"If you could see the excitement on the children's faces as they received the book, you would appreciate the joy the Kiwanis Club experiences when they visit and interact with the students," said club president Mark Ott. "From looking up the word 'service,' and explaining it is 'a job that one performs for others,' to helping them discover the longest word in the English language (1,909 letters), it just makes you smile."

The dictionary is a treasure trove of information. It includes definitions of words geared for the age level, but



Field Elementary students seemed excited to receive dictionaries from the Kiwanis Club.



It's the seventh year students in the Plymouth-Canton district have gotten dictionaries donated by the Kiwanis Club.

it also includes biographies of the presidents, statistics on the states of the union, foreign country information, and even a section on sign language. More than a dictionary, it is a source of information that they

can use for years.

"The children are very excited by the gift," said Eriksson teacher Bonnie Quillen.

The distribution is done

with books purchased through The Dictionary Project, a national organization supporting literacy by providing access to affordable books for students. The Kiwanis Club of Canton (formerly Plymouth Canton Breakfast) has supplied books to students for the last seven years and during that time they have provided approximately 12,000 books to the children, and "it has been one of our favorite projects," Ott said.

For information on The Dictionary Project or some of the many other Kiwanis service projects in the Canton community, contact Ott at (734) 981-0460.

## Canton man gets prison for sex with underage girl

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

A Canton man accused of having sex with a 14-year-old Plymouth Township girl he met on Facebook was sentenced Friday morning to one to 15 years in prison, a Wayne County Circuit Court clerk confirmed.

William Macdonald Albert IV, 25, was sentenced by Judge Edward Ewell Jr. after he pleaded guilty Nov. 29 to one count of third-degree criminal sexual conduct, punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

Albert faces time behind bars, the clerk said, after he agreed to plead guilty to a single count of third-degree CSC.

In return, authorities dismissed two other third-degree CSC counts, along with a charge of furnishing alcohol to a minor, Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Maria Miller said.

The charges arose from allegations Albert met the Plym-



Albert

outh Township girl on Facebook and engaged in sexual

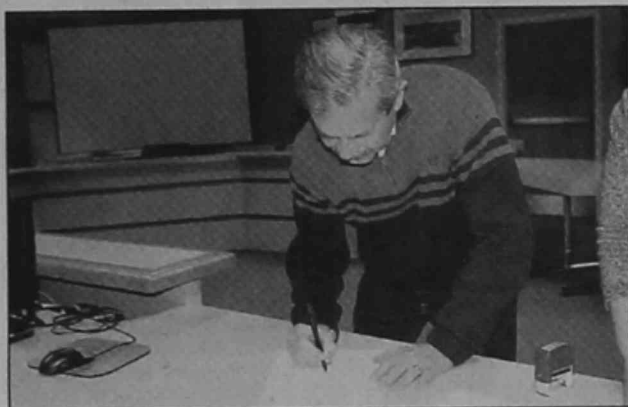
activity with her at his residence on Copper Creek Circle, southwest of Warren and Haggerty roads, Canton Detective Tim Wright has said.

Albert allegedly "let on that he was younger than he was," Wright said.

Albert was charged amid accusations of criminal sexual conduct that authorities said occurred between last February and May. He had been free on a \$5,000 bond prior to his sentencing Friday.

His guilty plea came after he initially stood mute on the charges when he was arraigned in June by 35th District Judge Ronald Lowe.

Authorities have said Albert's plea averted a trial and spared the girl from having to testify.



John Barrett, a longtime Farmington principal, gave up his seat on the Plymouth City Commission and was elected to the school board in November.

## BOARD

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exclusively on the pursuit of excellence. The exercises on board and superintendent relationships demonstrated that we will be 'on the same page' right out of the chute."

While there are new educational opportunities being explored — such as a magnet school for an expanded Talented and Gifted Program — the biggest focus will be on the budget. Horvath and Mike Maloney, both former board presidents, rode the prior board pretty hard about its decisions on the budget.

Now, it's their turn to make the choices.

"The top priority for me will be to balance the

budget and create a multi-year financial plan for the district," Maloney said. "I believe the biggest initial challenge will be to prioritize the issues we need to work on. All of us see the mountain of work that awaits us. It may be difficult to resist the initial temptation to dive right in. Setting some basic priorities and planning will help as we work to harness the vast power of our staff and community to move forward."

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## Festival singers shine at Disney

Members of the P-CEP Festival Singers, under the direction of Salem High School teacher Jennifer Kopp, traveled to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla., in order to be part of a what they all felt was a truly life-changing experience.

Festival Singers, the top vocal ensemble at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, was selected by Disney via video audition last June. They were invited to be part of the massed choir performance of the popular "Candlelight Processional" program at Disney's Epcot theme park.

Students raised funds to cover the cost of the trip and began learning the 15 pieces of music that comprise the Candlelight Processional performance. After-school rehearsals were scheduled each week since the start of school in September.

"The kids worked tirelessly on their own time to get the pieces memorized and in flawless performance-ready condition, in order to be up to Disney's high performance standards," Kopp said.

The students traveled to



Plymouth-Canton's Festival Singers shone during a performance at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

Walt Disney World for a whirlwind experience of the many attractions that are offered. P-CEP Festival Singers were also able to have many unique experiences not available to the average park guest. At Disney's Hollywood Studios, students were able to go backstage and attend a private dinner before viewing "Fantasmic," a theatrical, music/

light-show.

At Animal Kingdom, students attended a private breakfast before the park opened and were escorted onto roller coaster, "Expedition Everest" before regular guests. Students also attended the Cirque du Soleil production of "La Nouba" and the Gospel Brunch at the House of Blues in Downtown Dis-

ney and were able to meet some of the performers from the show.

The highlight of the trip, according to Kopp, was the group's performance as part of the Massed Choir for the Candlelight Processional. The students were escorted backstage at Epcot and were designated as Honorary Disney cast members. After

a boxed-lunch, Festival Singers joined with high school choir students from across Florida and guest conductor Dr. John V. Sinclair from Rollins University for an intense rehearsal.

During the backstage rehearsal, the students were joined by the Voices of Liberty, a professional singing group that performs at Epcot. They also

had the opportunity to meet the celebrity guest narrator for the event, legendary Tony award winning singer, dancer, and actress, Chita Rivera.

"(Rivera) spoke graciously to the students and gave them inspirational and encouraging words before their performance," Kopp said.

After that, it was time for the students to get dressed in their choir robes and receive their candle. The huge crowds waiting in line to attend the Candlelight Processional performance packed the area in front of the outdoor America Gardens Theatre at Epcot, anxiously waiting for the performance to begin.

"The performance was truly thrilling as the Massed Choir along with the Voices of Liberty, the Disney Employee Chorus, and a full orchestra were joined by Chita Rivera to tell the Christmas story through music, the spoken word, and song," Kopp said. "The performance was truly moving for both the audience, the P-CEP Festival Singers, and their families in attendance."

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Plymouth-Canton robotics teams put together a strong finish at the state First Lego competition.

## Robotics squads strong at state

Robotics teams from East Middle School (RoboRockets) and Miller Elementary School (Millerbots) recently received high marks at the Michigan First Lego League competitions at Lakeland High School in White Lake.

The Millerbots and the RoboRockets both finished in the top five for robot performance among the 48 state qualifying teams. The RoboRockets earned a second place finish in the state competition, while the Millerbots captured fourth place.

The P-CCS teams formed in the early fall under the leadership of Miller Elementary School teacher Kristi Berry and a group of parent mentors. The teams built a soda-can sized robot so it could move, retrieve game pieces, rotate dials and move other items on

the competition board. In parallel with the robot development, the team conducted research in food preparation and safety via interviews with experts and field trips to food processing facilities such as Guernsey Dairy.

FIRST LEGO League is an international program for 9- to 14 year-old children to get them excited about science and technology and teach them valuable employment and life skills. Children work alongside adult mentors for eight weeks on the project. The competition season culminates at high-energy, sports-like tournaments. Throughout the competition, teams demonstrate their problem-solving skills, creative thinking, teamwork, competitive play, sportsmanship, and sense of community.

First Lego League is a nation-wide program

that provides a three-part challenge for students to prepare for a competition that includes a robot game, a research project and demonstration of core values such as teamwork and professionalism.

The Millerbots included Eugene Li, Salik Aslam, Shreya Kashyap, Austin Liu, Vishal Nayak, Robert Keller, Brian Derry, Luke Fenstermacher, Cole Zautche, and Anna Sun.

The Millerbots 2 included Kyle Belveal, Craig Halliday, Nolan Waligora, Phillip Yu, Laurence Yang, Taha Zirapury, Nathan Yung, Reed L'Heureux, Brendan and Sepehr Hossein-Khani.

The RoboRockets included Nick Huang, Chintan Modi, Ryan Wu, Sonia Bhakkad, Katharine Shao, Manasi Sharma, Ritika Parihk, Varun Kumaravel, Nathan Tseng and Taylor Ufford.

## Concert will benefit library programs

Destination Imagination, a team composed of middle-school-aged children, were looking for a project to help out in the local community.

Learning about the budget cuts at the Canton Public Library, the team decided to take the library under its wing with a project designed

to raise money to support library programs.

The group will stage a benefit concert Saturday, Jan. 14, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the library's Community Room, with proceeds being donated to the Canton Public Library. The concert will feature performances by local youth, and conces-

sions will be available.

Tickets are available at the reception desk for \$8 and, when buyers purchase one ticket at full price, they'll get a second ticket at half-price.

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# Canton unveils plans to honor Dr. King

Canton will again honor the memory and legacy of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during a special tribute Jan. 16 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Titled *Building Bridges: Canton Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*, doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for a reception with light refreshments, followed at 6 p.m. by the main program.

The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, between Denton and Ridge in Cherry Hill Village.

The annual event is presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts, and Heritage, its King subcommittee and the Canton Community. It is sponsored by Darian and Ralynda Moore of Keller Williams Realty of Plymouth.

Admission is \$2 at the door. The program coincides with the observance of King's birthday, celebrated on the third Monday in January.

The evening will begin with a welcome from Darian Moore, member of the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage and co-chair of the King subcommittee. A biography of Dr. King will be presented by Sofia Greggio and Shavonne Hogan, and musical performances will be provided by the New Hope Church Choir, under the direction of Marcel Roberson and Isaac Pippen.

The keynote speaker will be Deborah Smith Pollard, an associate professor of English literature at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and



Musician Robert Jones, a champion of American roots music with emphasis on African-American music and other styles, performs during a past ceremony honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Canton again has rolled out plans to celebrate King's legacy during a program scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

host/producer of *Strong Inspirations*, a contemporary gospel music program that has been heard on FM-98 WJLB in Detroit since 1994.

Pollard earned her doctorate from Michigan State University where her focus was Ameri-

can Studies. From 2002-2006, she was Director of the African and African American Studies Program at U-M's Dearborn campus.

She also teaches an introductory class to gospel music each fall and, in 2010, she received two

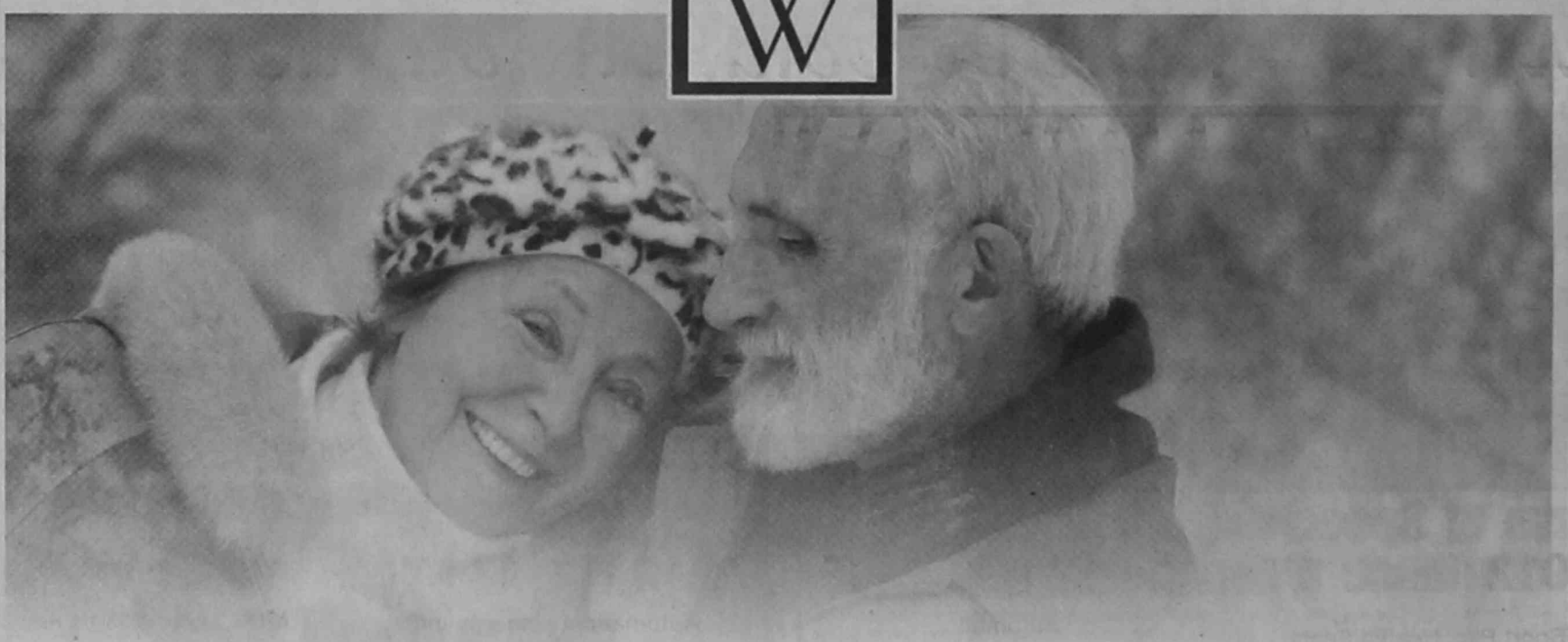
of the highest awards bestowed by the campus: the Distinguished Service Award and the Susan B. Anthony Award. She also has penned a book, *When the Church Becomes Your Party: Contemporary Gospel Music* (Wayne State University Press,

2008), which was named a 2009 Notable Book by the Library of Michigan.

Also on Jan. 16, a special Dr. King memorial video is set to be introduced by ReGina Shamberger, who co-chairs the King subcommittee. Attend-

ees also are invited to see a traveling art exhibit, *Lest We Forget: Legends of Detroit Gospel*, on display in the theater gallery through Feb. 26.

For more information on the program or exhibition, call (734) 394-5300 or go to [www.cantonvillage-theater.org](http://www.cantonvillage-theater.org).

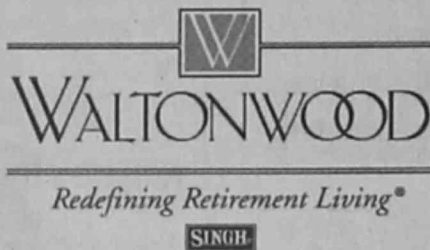


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# W-W board reviews bids for legal counsel

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland school board may be getting closer to selecting a general legal counsel for the district.

According to board President Carol Middel, copies of request for proposals from 12 law firms are being shared with board members so they can determine who will be interviewed for the position.

"The whole board will decide who they want to come in," said Middel in an interview after the bids were opened last month. "I hope they will have their homework done in January and the interviews in Feb-

ruary."

The school board, at the urging of Vice President John Goci, voted to table the selection of the law firm of Lusk and Albertson, the district's longtime legal counsel, at the board's organizational meeting last July. At the time, Goci expressed interest in bidding out the contract "to see what the market has to offer."

A board committee, made up of Middel, Goci and Trustee Thomas Buckalew, meet in August to look at the qualifications for the position in developing an RFP.

According to the minutes of that meeting, Goci said that his criteria "included an legal firm

that answers to the board" and "a firm that will give the board better advice and not move forward on cases without the board's approval."

Goci also indicated that he wanted an attorney "that does not 'pad' their bill" and "that would advise the board ahead of time if the cases are winnable or not and who would save the district money."

In a follow-up meeting on Oct. 13, Gary Martin, the former deputy superintendent for business and administrative services, told the committee that over the last five years the district's legal expenses are actually declining. The \$155,000 that the district spends per year on an

average for legal fees is 1/10th of 1 percent of the district's overall budget.

The committee also reviewed the content of the RFP which was issued on Oct. 24. Twelve firms responded by the Nov. 30 deadline. The RFPs were opened publicly in mid-December with representatives of the business office, Middel and Buckalew in attendance.

"We got more bids than I thought," said Middel. "We asked for 12 copies from each firm. We're looking at the matter now to determine who we want to see and when. Depending on how well it goes, we'll make a decision in February. I hope it doesn't take too long, but

with that number and some of the responses were quite thick."

Lusk and Albertson has continued to represent the district on an interim basis. The firm has handled such issues as labor, worker's compensation, bonds, finance contracts, student expulsions, discipline, special education, environmental and specialty matters and charges \$195-\$220 an hour.

According to school Superintendent Greg Baracy, there's no retainer fee for Lusk and Albertson.

"We pay strictly for the work they do for us," Baracy has told the board.

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## Canton evaluating applicants for human resources manager

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Veteran township employee Dave Medley's departure as human resources manager for Canton's 350-member workforce has led to 35 applicants seeking the position, which administration officials hope to fill this month.

"We got some pretty good applicants," Supervisor Phil LaJoy said.

LaJoy, acting human resources manager, said he, Trustee John Anthony and new Township Attorney Kristin Kolb expect to interview as many as 20 candidates — a process they began late in the week.

Nine of the initial 35 applicants already

had been eliminated because they didn't respond to a questionnaire sent out by the township. LaJoy said local officials ruled out several others who didn't appear qualified for the post.

LaJoy indicated he is hopeful of filling the position this month, though much depended on how the interview process unfolded and whether the panel could identify a candidate who seems right for the job.

Medley's former post is considered critical because it involves a wide array of employee issues ranging from new hires to promotions.

Before he formally retired Dec. 29, ending a 21-year career in Canton, Medley described

himself as proud of the workforce he helped to assemble.

Anthony lauded Medley for doing "a great job" of shaping Canton's employee ranks.

Among other job changes, Kolb, the township's new attorney, started her job Wednesday and immediately settled in for one of her first tasks — choosing Medley's successor.

Kolb replaces Audrey Robinson, a Plymouth resident who departed in November to become vice president of government relations for Southfield-based R.L. Polk, an automotive data and marketing solutions company.

Kolb, who has experience in municipal law, came from the Michigan firm of Secrest Wardle.

## Salvation Army's holiday drive falls short of goal

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

Short of its fundraising goal for the holiday season, the Salvation Army's Plymouth Corps is continuing to accept donations that will be counted as part of the 2011 campaign.

As of Thursday, \$278,539 had been raised during the campaign that kicked off in November, or just over 88 percent of the Plymouth Corps' goal of \$315,000. Included in that was \$205,699 from the Christmas-time Red Kettle drive, short of the Red Kettle goal of \$225,000.

The Plymouth Corps will be accepting donations toward the 2011 campaign through the end of the month.

"The community has been absolutely wonderful with our fundraising campaign since we started back in November, and we know the community is going to continue to support us," said Sandy Kollinger, the Plymouth Corps' volunteer and special events coordinator, on Friday.

Kollinger said the shortfall in the Red Kettle drive can be blamed at least partly on a lack of volunteer bell-ringers at some kettle sites.

"Not all of our sites were covered as much as we wanted," said Kollinger. "It was just a matter of having (volunteers) available to cover the spots we wanted covered."

Nevertheless, some 475 different individuals and groups — including church groups, service clubs, a youth hockey team and a local Vietnam Veterans of America chapter — participated in the Red Kettle campaign.

Not all holiday donors gave cash, however. The Plymouth Corps was also helped during the season by clothing and food drives and toy donations.

The Plymouth Corps, coordinating its efforts with organizations such as local churches and the Plymouth Goodfellows in order to stretch resources, assisted 520 area families with food donations for Christmas. Among those families were 1,100 children, who also received clothing and Christmas gifts.

Donations to the Salvation Army Plymouth Corps' 2011 holiday campaign can be mailed to the Corps at 9451 South Main, Plymouth, MI 48170, or dropped off there.

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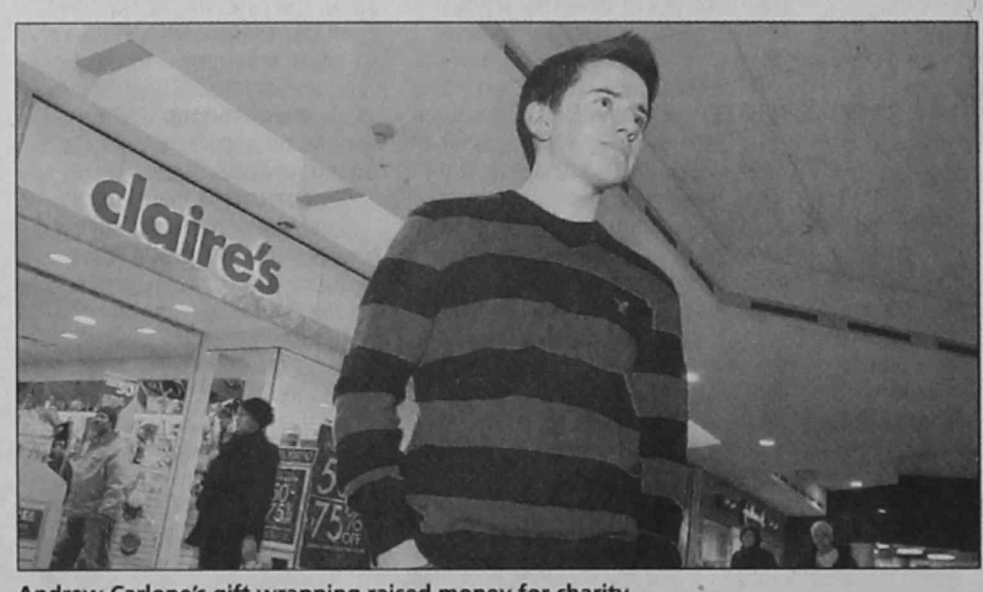
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# Student, volunteers wrap gifts, raise \$21,000 to help clinic



Andrew Carlone's gift wrapping raised money for charity.

By Ken Abramczyk  
Observer Staff Writer

Andrew Carlone and his mother, Tami Carlone, have no idea how many presents they wrapped this holiday season as volunteers at Laurel Park Place mall in Livonia. But they know that it helped raise money for a great cause.

On Tuesday, Andrew presented a \$12,500 check to the Hope Medical Clinic, part of \$21,200 raised by the Carlones and other volunteers who wrapped gifts at Laurel Park Place every day between Black Friday and Christmas Day. The volunteers received donations from shoppers for wrapping gifts for the shoppers.

The Hope Medical Clinic provides medicine and other prescriptions for families in Wayne County. The clinic needed to find a new location after the W.C. Frank Furniture store explosion next door to their office one year ago. The clinic is currently in Wayne, but is expected to open an office on Palmer in Westland in the spring, according to Mary Dekker, clinic coordinator for the Wayne satellite clinic.

The clinic has been operating for 30 years and is based in Washtenaw County.

**Serving the community**

Andrew Carlone, a junior at Northville High School, serves as a youth administrator with the



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Mary Dekker, of Hope Medical Clinic, accepts a check from Andrew Carlone.

U.S. State Department. "Part of the agreement of being a youth ambassador is to do some service in your community," his mother said.

Andrew said he and his mother spoke with church members at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville and they came up with the gift-wrapping idea.

"I went to a Bible study at church and one of the ideas was to wrap," Andrew said. The U.S. State Department provided \$1,000 for the gift-wrapping supplies, Tami said.

Andrew specifically requested that the money assist those who need insulin for diabetics and inhalers for those with respiratory ailments.

"I think it's fantastic," Dekker said. "It's a big boost for us, especially with a new location for us. We have more patients who need help. It will help those who don't have health insurance."

Approximately 1,000 patients have visited the Wayne satellite, Dekker said.

**A gratifying experience**

Tami and Andrew said the community service gave them gratification for helping others in need.

Tami said 420 people volunteered from the church and local schools, including Livonia Franklin, Churchill, Mercy, Ladywood and Garden City high schools.

"It took us away from our traditional Christmas stuff," Tami said. "We didn't overdecorate, over-shop or overeat. It put our focus on an organization that really needed it."

Andrew was pleased with the fundraising effort.

"It feels good to raise all that money," he said. "We got a lot more than I expected."

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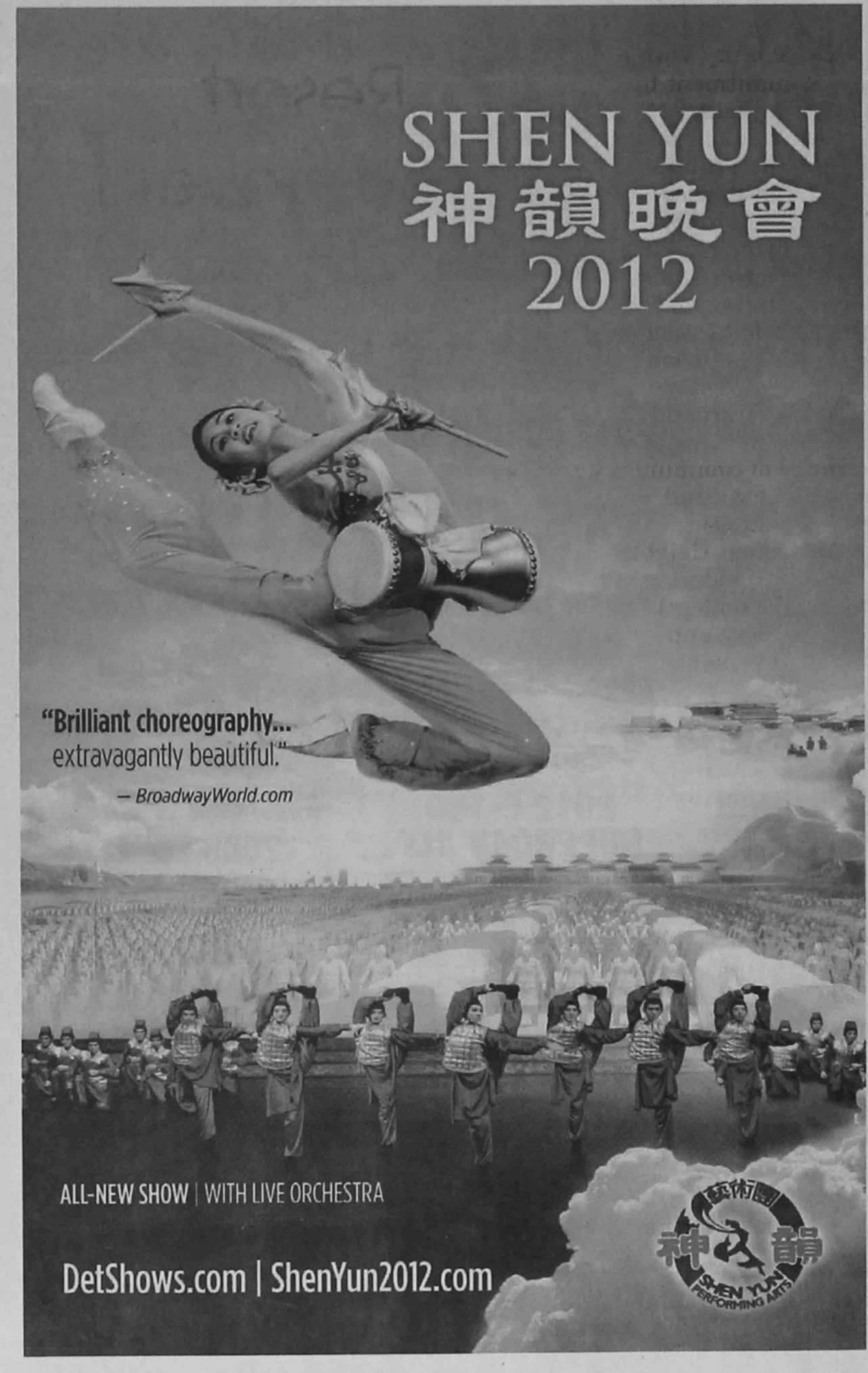
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# 2012 chair of NAIAS brings plenty of experience to the table

By Jay M. Grossman  
Eccentric Staff Writer

Meet Bill Perkins.

The chairman of the 2012 North American International Auto Show is a true company man who started with General Motors in 1972 and worked his way to the top. Today, as president and CEO of The Bill Perkins Automotive Group, Perkins employs nearly 150 people and oversees operations at Merolis Chevrolet in East-pointe and Taylor Chevrolet in Taylor.

For the next two weeks, however, his focus is on the auto show. Part of his preparation for running the NAIAS included traveling the globe in 2011, attending the Salon International de l'Automobile in Switzerland, the Shanghai International Motor Show and the IAA in Germany.



Perkins

Perkins, who lives in Bloomfield Township and is married with two children, shared

some of his thoughts on the NAIAS, one of the most prestigious auto shows in the world:

**Q: Talk a little about the Charity Preview night.**

Perkins: One of the things we are so very proud of is that every year — without fail — our city and our industry comes together to raise over \$2 million in one special night that we call Charity Preview. The people of the automotive industry and southeast Michigan are among the most generous people in the

world. Charity Preview follows an absolutely amazing week in Detroit. It's glitzy. It's glamorous, and it's a well-deserved celebration of our industry. The bottom line is it benefits nine children's charities right here at home in southeastern Michigan. Since the Detroit Auto Dealers Association established the Charity Preview in 1976, more than \$84 million has been raised for children's charities — \$33 million of which was raised in the last seven years alone.

**Q: Who's performing?**

Perkins: This year we have Julian Pavone, the "World's Youngest Drummer," and Selected of God Choir, known for performing in Chrysler's current ad

campaign. These two performances will occur during our ribbon cutting ceremony. Often the manufacturers bring in surprise performers. One year it was Kevin Bacon of the Bacon Brothers. Another, it was Hall & Oates. You never know who might appear, so come to the event and be surprised.

**Q: How long have you been involved with the auto show?**

Perkins: Officially I have been involved in the show for five years. I started out working closely with the Detroit Auto Dealers Association in various executive board positions. Last year I was the vice chairman, during which I really was immersed in the show in preparation for my year as chairman.

It was a complete apprenticeship, and this year, as chairman, I am fully prepared and eager to make this the best show ever.

**Q: What's your favorite part?**

Perkins: For me, my favorite part is the press days. Being a car guy, you learn a lot about what is new and what the manufacturers are doing.

**Q: What are you driving in 2012?**

Perkins: I'm driving a Tahoe. You may want to know I drive used cars, not new cars.

**Q: Will there be attractions and activities for the entire family at the show?**

Perkins: There is always a lot for families at the NAIAS, and this year is no exception. WXYZ Channel 7, the sponsor of Family Day

on Jan. 20, is presenting musical performances, giveaways and a chance to meet Channel 7 on-air talent.

**Q: How does the NAIAS stack up with other auto shows around the world?**

Perkins: NAIAS is one of the top three shows in the world. We will have more worldwide production and worldwide concept vehicle introductions than last year's show — and more than any other show in North America. We're anticipating more than 40 combined worldwide and North American vehicle introductions, which demonstrates the confidence the global automakers have in the North American International Auto Show, and in the City of Detroit.

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### AGENDA

#### Zoning Board of Appeals

January 24, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.  
Livonia City Hall – Auditorium  
(1st Floor)  
33000 Civic Center Drive  
Livonia, MI  
(734) 466-2259

**APPEAL CASE NO. 2011-11-50 (Tabled on November 29, 2011):** Chase Bank, 1111 Polaris Parkway, Columbus, OH 43240, seeking to erect two wall signs and one ground sign on property located on the south side of Plymouth (32201) between Cranston and Hubbard, resulting in excess number of wall signs and a ground sign excess in height.

**APPEAL CASE NO. 2012-01-01:** J & M Livonia, LLC, P.O. Box 251244, West Bloomfield, MI 48325, seeking to construct a building addition onto an existing multi-tenant retail center, on property located on the north side of Plymouth (34706-34730) between Stark Road and Belden Court, resulting in deficient parking spaces, and deficient landscape area.

Public Comments may be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals Office at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154 – all comments must include name, address and signature.

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## CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO.2011-05

### AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 18, BUILDING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING ARTICLE XV, FLOODS.

#### Section 1. The City of Plymouth ordains:

Chapter 18, Section. 18-778. – Establishing the areas of special flood hazard, is hereby deleted and the following paragraph substituted therefore:

Chapter 18, Section. 18-778. – Establishing the areas of special flood hazard. The areas of special flood hazard identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in a specific engineering report for the city, with an accompanying flood insurance rate map, are adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this article. The flood insurance rate maps, numbers 26163C0038E, 26163C0039E, 26163C0201E and 26163C0202E, dated February 2, 2012, are on file at the office of the Building Official.

#### Section 2. Modify the Ordinance by amending the following Section.

Chapter 18, Section 18-779 is hereby deleted and the following paragraph substituted therefore:

The Building Code referenced in the Rules and Regulations of the National Flood Insurance Program, shall be the current State of Michigan Building Code and current revisions as adopted.

#### Section 3. Code Index (Modify as Required)

#### Section 4. Rights and Duties

Rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this ordinance are not affected or abated by this ordinance.

#### Section 5. Validity.

Should any section, clause or paragraph of this ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or part thereof, other than the part declared invalid.

#### Section 6. Ordinances Repealed.

All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are to the extent of such inconsistencies hereby repealed.

#### Section 7. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective one day after publication.

Introduced: December 19, 2011

Enacted: January 3, 2012

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# A123 Systems will build battery packs for VIA Motors

**By Ken Abramczyk**  
Observer Staff Writer

A123 Systems will supply complete lithium ion battery packs to VIA Motors, an electric vehicle company building next-generation electrified trucks, vans and SUVs. A123, a developer and manufacturer of advanced Nano-phosphate® lithium ion batter-

ies and systems, announced Thursday that A123 has started producing the battery packs at its Livonia facility as VIA has initiated truck deliveries to commercial fleet customers. "The cells, modules and packs for VIA Motors will be manufactured in the Livonia facility," said Dan Borgasano, public relations manager at A123 Systems. "We now have 22 dif-

ferent vehicle programs either in production or committed to start production in the next couple years. This includes both passenger cars and commercial vehicles, which is the segment VIA's VTRUX fit into." Borgasano repeated what he said in November: The lay-off of 175 employees in Livonia and Romulus in November was temporary. A123 employs 515

workers in Livonia and about 675 in Michigan. "As we said at the time, the reduction in workforce was directly related to a reduction in orders from another customer (Fisker Automotive in California)," Borgasano said. "We currently have the necessary resources to handle the expected volumes for VIA Motors in the near term, but if this and

other programs increase in volume over time, we will reevaluate our capabilities and add resources if necessary." Borgasano said A123 expects to call the laid-off employees back in six months or less. "We expect Fisker to ramp up production beginning in the second quarter so we expect that as that program ramps back up, we will call back the employees," Borgasano said.

## CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. 2012-02

### AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 78, THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ZONING ORDINANCE IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF MODIFYING THE B-2 ZONING DISTRICT PARKING REGULATIONS AND ASSOCIATED CHANGES.

#### Section 1 The City of Plymouth Ordains:

Section 78, "Zoning" in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth is hereby amended by adding the following described text revisions.

#### Section 2 Modify Definitions Article II – Section 78-21

Change of Use. An alteration of a lot, parcel, structure or use which is an intensification of land use which requires additional parking or loading and the submittal of a site plan application.

Floor Area, Gross. (For purposes of computing parking only) Gross floor area shall be the total square footage, measured from the interior surfaces of the exterior walls. Gross floor area shall include all areas within the exterior walls, ~~hallways, interior lobbies, and similar areas.~~

#### Section 3 Modify Site Plan Review Procedure – Section 78-242

Sec. 78-242. - Submitted for approval.

A site plan shall be submitted to the city for approval of:

- (1) ~~(2)~~ Any development, except single-family and two-family residential, for which off-street parking areas are provided as required in section 78-271. In those instances where a change in use is proposed that does not require an increase in parking demand, such use shall only require the review of the building official provided, however, the building official may request the review of the planning commission.
- (2) ~~(3)~~ Any use in an RM, OS, B, I or P district lying contiguous to, or across a street from, a single-family residential district.
- (3) ~~(4)~~ Any use or change of use, except single-family or two-family residential.
- (4) ~~(5)~~ to (11) ~~(12)~~ [no change]

#### Section 4 Modify B-2 Parking Requirements within the Central Business District

- (10) Parking requirements within the B-2 central business district.
  - a. Within the B-2 central business district only, parking required for principal uses permitted or special land uses permitted (Sections 78-101 and 78-102) shall be based upon a parking rate according to the following schedule:

Residential	<del>One and one-half</del> <u>Two (2)</u> spaces for each dwelling unit
Retail/Restaurant	One space for each 500 sq. ft. of <del>gross floor area</del> <u>usable space</u>
Office	One space for each 500 sq. ft. of <del>gross floor area</del> <u>usable space</u>
Medical Office	<u>One space for each 250 sq. ft. of gross floor area</u>
Restaurant	<u>One space for each 250 sq. ft. of gross floor area</u>

The above parking schedule and requirements for off-street parking shall be required for all new development. For existing development where there is a proposed intensification of use which requires additional parking, a property owner or developer will be responsible for that portion which is greater than the parking required for the current use. For example, an existing retail use which is being converted to a restaurant use shall require additional parking for that portion of restaurant parking over and above what is previously credited for retail use.

The Planning Commission and/or City Commission may also consider previously assigned parking credits established by payment in lieu of parking or by other previously approved parking arrangements recognized by the City. It is the responsibility of the property owner or applicant to provide written documentation on the existence of prior parking credits. These credits or payments in lieu of parking may be considered for fulfilling all or a portion of the off-street parking requirements of Section 78-270(10).

- b. Uses other than those listed above shall meet the parking requirements of Section 78-271.
- c. The Planning Commission or City Commission may, at their discretion, modify the numerical requirements for off-street parking, based on evidence provided by the applicant that indicates that another standard would be more reasonable because of the level of current or future employment and/or the level of current or future customer traffic. The Planning Commission or City Commission may also consider parking standards such as the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) or other documented parking standards or studies, including shared parking/collective parking arrangements and/or peak/non-peak parking demand. The Planning Commission or City Commission may also consider prior arrangements or written agreements established before December 31, 2011, which satisfies required parking for the downtown or B-2 Zoning District.

- ~~b. d.~~ Within the B-2 central business district only, for all buildings which include a mix of uses, the total number of parking spaces required by each separate use shall be divided by a sharing factor according to the following matrix:

	Residential	Retail	Office
Residential	1	1.2	1.4
Retail/Restaurant	1.2	1	1.2
Office	1.4	1.2	1

(modified from SmartCode)

For projects involving more than two land uses, the sharing factor shall be based upon the highest sharing factor of all land uses. A minimum floor area of at least twenty-five (25%) percent of the total building area for each shared land use shall be required in order to be eligible for a sharing factor.

- ~~a. e.~~ In the interest of creating a viable central business district and to enhance the goal of separation of pedestrian and vehicular requirements, it is the goal of the City of Plymouth to encourage development of strategically located parking lots. These strategically located parking lots are developed largely out of public support to discourage the indiscriminate location or small dysfunctional parking spaces and the creation of a compatible and aesthetic arrangement of land uses. In keeping with this policy, the provision of off-street parking requirements as herein provided may be waived or modified by resolution of the city commission.

In lieu thereof, the city commission may determine that the number of spaces normally required at the time of erection, enlargement or change of use of any building or structure requiring off-street parking space pursuant to section 78-270(a)(10), may be provided in the form of lease payments, special assessments, or other forms of payment in lieu of parking according to policies established by resolution of the city commission. In establishing such policy, the city commission shall take into account the current inventory and future needs of B-2 parking, as

well as the benefit to the private owners and to the public from such parking which would subsequently be provided by the city. In implementing such policy, the city commission shall assure that the future needs for parking in the B-2 shall be adequately met by such alternative fee arrangements in lieu of parking. Payments in lieu of parking requirements are non-refundable

- ~~d. f.~~ Requirements for off-street parking may be waived or modified as part of a planned unit development (PUD).
- ~~e. g.~~ Parking within the B-2 zoning district shall comply with barrier free/accessible parking requirements of the State Construction Code.
- h. Within the B-2 Zoning District, a change of use or an intensification of land use which requires additional parking shall not be entitled to the non-conforming use status as provided in Section 78-352 or Section 78-353 and assumed parking exemptions. Such change of use shall be required to provide parking in accordance with this Section.

#### Section 5 Modify Section 78-270(a)(1) Regarding Payment in Lieu of Parking

- (a) There shall be provided in all districts at the time of erection or enlargement of any main building or structure, automobile off-street parking space with adequate access to all spaces. The number of off-street parking spaces, in conjunction with all land or building uses, shall be provided prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy, as hereinafter prescribed.
  - (1) Off-street parking for other than residential use and other than those spaces accommodated by payment in lieu of parking as approved by the City Commission shall be either on the same lot or within 300 feet of the building it is intended to serve, measured by public right-of-way from the nearest point of the building to the nearest point of the off-street parking lot. Ownership of the parking lot must be the same as the building. Spaces may be leased from municipal lots or other lots controlled by the city or downtown development authority (DDA), provided such spaces are within 300 feet of the building and the lease is not in default. Rate and terms of the leased spaces shall be determined by the city commission. Default of a parking lease agreement will constitute a violation and enforcement by the City of Plymouth, terminate the occupancy of the building by the building official.

#### Section 6 Modify Section 78-270(b) Regarding Payment in Lieu of Parking

- (b) Off-street parking for other than residential use and other than those spaces accommodated by payment in lieu of parking as approved by the City Commission shall be either on the same lot or within 300 feet of the building it is intended to serve, measured by public right-of-way from the nearest point of the building to the nearest point of the off-street parking lot. When any required off-street parking is provided, not upon the same lot, but a lot within 300 feet of the building it is intended to serve, documentation meeting the requirements for recording at the register of deeds, shall be provided reflecting that the ownership of the realty (upon which parking is located) has given to the owner of the realty (upon which the building requiring the parking is located), a permanent right of use for the required number of parking spaces.

#### Section 7 Modify Section 78-352 and Section 78-353 Regarding Non-Conforming Uses

Sec. 78-352. - Nonconforming uses of land.

Where, at the effective date of adoption or amendment of this chapter, lawful use of land exists that is made no longer permissible under the terms of this chapter, as enacted or amended, such use may be continued, so long as it remains otherwise lawful, subject to the following provisions:

- (1) No such nonconforming use shall be enlarged or increased, nor extended to occupy a greater area of land than was occupied at the effective date of adoption or amendment of this chapter.
- (2) No such nonconforming use shall be moved in whole or in part to any other portion of the lot or parcel occupied by such use at the effective date of adoption or amendment of this chapter.
- (3) If such nonconforming use of land ceases for any reason for a period of more than six months, any subsequent use of such land shall conform to the regulations specified by this chapter for the district in which such land is located.
- (4) Nonconforming use status shall not apply to the following:
  - (1) Retail use (1 space per 500 sq. ft.) converted to Restaurant or Medical Office (1 space per 250 sq. ft.).
  - (2) Office use (1 space per 500 sq. ft.) converted to Restaurant or Medical Office (1 space per 250 sq. ft.).

For the above listed conversions, the proposed use shall comply with the parking requirements of Section 78-270 (10).

#### Section 8 Modify Sec. 78-353 - Nonconforming Structures.

Where a lawful structure exists at the effective date of adoption or amendment of this chapter that could not be built under the terms of this chapter by reason of restrictions on area, lot coverage, height, yards or other characteristics of the structure or its location on the lot, such structure may be continued so long as it remains otherwise lawful, subject to the following provisions:

- (1) Such structures may be enlarged or altered in a way which does not increase its nonconformity.
- (2) Should such structure be destroyed by any means to an extent of more than 60 percent of its market value, it shall be reconstructed only in conformity with the provisions of this chapter.
- (3) Should such structure be moved for any reason for any distance whatever, it shall thereafter conform to the regulations for the district in which it is located after it is moved.
- (4) Nonconforming structure status shall not apply to the following:
  - (1) Retail use (1 space per 500 sq. ft.) converted to Restaurant or Medical Office (1 space per 250 sq. ft.).
  - (2) Office use (1 space per 500 sq. ft.) converted to Restaurant or Medical Office (1 space per 250 sq. ft.).

For the above listed conversions, the proposed use shall comply with the parking requirements of Section 78-270 (10).

#### Section 9 Rights and Duties.

Rights and Duties which have matured, penalties which have incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this ordinance are not affected or abated by this ordinance.

#### Section 10 Validity.

Should any section, clause or paragraph of this ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or part therefore, other than the part declared invalid.

#### Section 11 Ordinances Repealed.

All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are to the extent of such inconsistencies hereby repealed.

#### Section 12 Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective one day after publication.  
Introduced: Dec. 19, 2011  
Enacted: January 3, 2012  
Effective: January 9, 2012

DAN DWYER, Mayor  
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# Local pastor accepts challenge to be 'Biggest Loser'

By Sue Mason  
Observer Staff Writer

Many people are leery of the number 13, but not so with Allen Shuh. Thirteen may be his lucky number as he tries to be *The Biggest Loser*.

Known as Buddy, the Wayne resident is appearing in the show's 13th season. He's been in California with his brother, Ben, since October. An author and the connections pastor at Journey Community Church in Westland, his appearance of the popular reality weight loss competition show has created "buzz" among his friends and family.

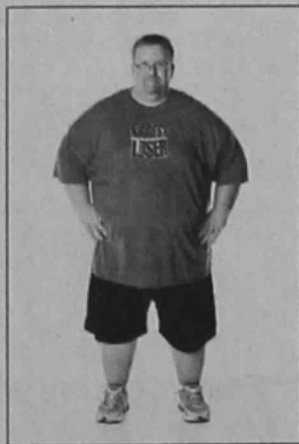
"He's a custom fit for this, he's very much a people person," said Mike Majeski, pastor of Journey Community Church. "He's one of this likable kind of guys. He can adapt and connect with people. He feels things very deeply, and if he's emotional, it's going to show."

"It will be a cool thing to see how it works out, it's high adventure," said the Canton resident.

"He's really a great guy, I'm really thrilled he got selected for the show," added longtime friend Keith Anleitner. "I can't wait to see how it turns out for him."

The 42-year-old Shuh tipped the scale at 403 pounds as he began the weight loss competition. Born on an Army base in Lanstuhl, Germany, and raised in Michigan, Ohio and Florida with his four siblings, he was captain of both his football and wrestling teams and was voted "most athletic" his senior year.

He played football while attending Ohio State University, and later received a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Eastern Michigan University. When he stopped playing sports, he stopped exer-



CHRIS HASTON | NBC PHOTO

Allen 'Buddy' Shuh weighed in at 403 pounds at the start of NBC's 13th season of *The Biggest Loser*. By time the first show aired on Jan. 3, he had lost 22 pounds. Shuh is the connections pastor at Journey Community Church, which meets at the senior Friendship Center in Westland.

cising, and that, coupled with a poor diet, led to his weight gain.

By 2005, he hit the 300-pound mark, the same year that he learned that the daughter his wife was carrying had critical health issues and might not live long enough to be born. She was born in 2005, and lived for 5 1/2 half months before dying. Since that time, Buddy gained another 100 pounds which he attributed to that experience.

The Shuhs nicknamed their infant daughter Bella, and he wrote about those times and the faith

## THE BIGGEST LOSER

**Time/Date:** 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays on NBC

**Details:** "The Biggest Loser" returns with a bang for Season 13 when the contestants arrive at the ranch and get one of the biggest surprises ever in the series' history. They arrive in teams of two — including mother/daughter, father/son, brother/sister and husband/wife, all eager to change their lives together. But they're shocked to discover that they will not only be split up, they will also be competing against the person they came with. They'll be pushed out of their comfort zones in a way they have never been before — and one team won't even make it on to the ranch — as the season of "No Excuses" begins. Following the initial challenge, each of the pairs will be divided into two new competing groups of individual players who will be trained by either Bob Harper or Dolvett Quince, both fiercely competitive and determined to whip their contestants into shape, and deliver the season's \$250,000 grand-prize winner.

that helped he and his wife in his book, *Story of Bella*, that's been published by Zoe Life Christian Communications in Canton.

"He had that human element of death and I think they went for that," said Anleitner, a Garden City school administrator.

"That and because he's an articulate, likable guy."

By the time the show premiered on Jan. 3, Buddy had lost 22 pounds and his brother 15 pounds. Ben decided to be eliminated on the first show, but Buddy has stuck with it and has continued to lose

weight. That was apparent when he was home during the Christmas holidays. Both men agree Shuh had lost more weight and he looked different, according to Majeski.

"The first time Buddy became aware of the show, it probably piqued his interest because that once on there, he knew it would help him," said Majeski. "He's forever wanting to connect the dots, he's always wanting to make sense of what happened today and how it connects to yesterday."

"He realized he needed a life change, he recognized that he had an issue with food. He decided it would be good for him, his family and his church," Anleitner added.

His decision to head to California wasn't an easy one. Wife Shelby was "very pregnant," but the couple "felt confident and good about him doing this," Majeski said. The

show gave him time to come back for the birth of his child in November.

"They (Buddy and Shelby) said it felt OK and that it's going to work out and it has," he said. "The church is standing with Shelby and the kids to ease the load. We miss him on our end."

Both men plan to keep watching the show and rooting for Shuh. Majeski knows that the experience could open new doors for his fellow pastor.

"We're excited about what will come, and it'll be interesting to see what effect this will have on the church," he said. "Will people come to see us and check us out because this is Buddy's church? This could launch him into another career."

"I'm so excited to see such a great guy on the show, I hope he wins," added Anleitner. "It's kind of encouraging to watch the show, it's pretty motivating."

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Michael Goree and his family became involved with the care of their sister, Winifred Drumright, when she suffered loss of oxygen to the brain during a medical procedure. Thanks to Four Seasons, Winifred returned home and continued progress with supplemental care from Residential Home Health, an agency specializing in treating neuromuscular diseases, Parkinson's ALS, multiple sclerosis, MD, and stroke.

"Winifred's Four Seasons nurse was a wealth of information and gave us great caregiving tips. We're so grateful to the people there," said Michael Goree. "Residential Home Health kept the regimen going — the same bed time, feeding time, medicine schedule. They showed us how to care for her, to keep her healthy."

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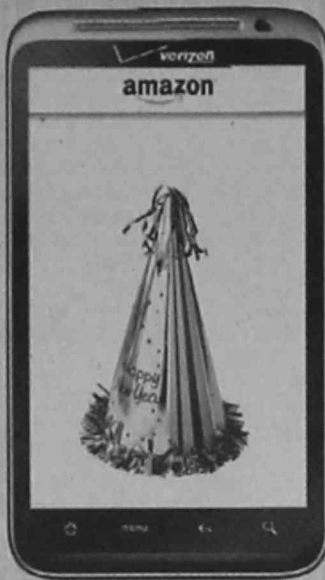
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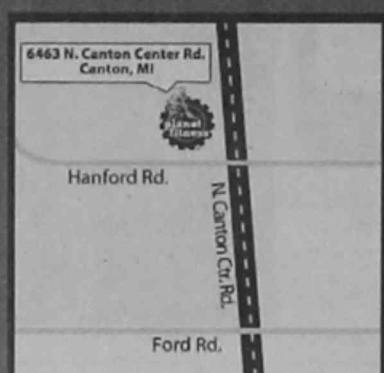
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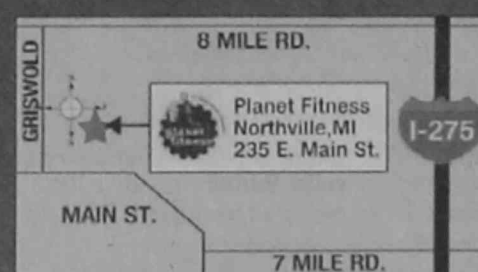
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# SPORTS

## Rocks win 7th straight

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Salem continued as one of the KLAA's hottest boys basketball teams, defeating host Northville 68-51 Friday night.

Leading the Rocks, now 7-0 overall and 1-0 in the KLAA Central Division, was Tyler Stewart. He scored 25 points to follow his 34-point night (a career best) in Salem's Dec. 30 win over Pinckney.

Chris Dierker (10 points, 10 rebounds), Cam Werner (eight points, eight boards off the bench) and Josh Peterson (seven points) helped the Rocks take care of a "quality opponent at their place," Salem head coach Bob Brodie said.

Salem led 29-20 at halftime and broke the game wide open thanks to a 21-8 third quarter.

"We've been playing great defense for the last five or six games and our depth on the bench helped out quite a bit to keep our start-

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SALEM'S TYLER STEWART (No. 21), shown during a game last month, scored 25 points Friday night.

## The late show



Driving toward the basket Friday night is Canton's Kiara Schneider (No. 15), being guarded by Joslyn Massey of Westland John Glenn.

## Last-minute heroics by Glenn guard stops Canton

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

It turns out that crunch time is ShaKeya Graves' time, as the Canton girls basketball team found out Friday night.

The Westland John Glenn junior guard grabbed the wheel in the fourth quarter and steered the Rockets to a 44-39 victory over the host Chiefs in the KLAA South Division opener for both teams.

With the game tied 39-39 following a driving layup by Canton junior center Kiara Schneider with a minute left, Graves dribbled the ball while letting the clock tick down — before cutting to the right side of the key along the base lines.

Graves then lofted an eight-footer that swished through the twine with 14.5 seconds left, drawing a foul in the process. She hit the free throw, giving her seven of her game-high 19 points in the final frame.

Canton senior point guard Robyn Mack (12 points, four rebounds, three steals) missed her bid to tie the game and the Rockets added two free throws to close it out.

### Learning curve

"That's on me," Canton head coach Brian Samulski said. "I probably

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## Broncos to hold tryouts

Boys currently in grades six-eight are invited to open tryouts for the Canton Broncos travel basketball club.

Tryouts will be 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, and 6-7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13, at High Velocity Sports, 46245 Michigan Ave. in Canton.

Player registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 12. Each player must bring an adult; a \$5 tryout fee will be collected to help pay for the gym rental.

The Broncos are looking to have enough players to fill a team per each grade level.

For more information, contact Canton Broncos director Mike Cashin, (734) 778-1879.

## Salem tennis meeting set

A mandatory meeting for those interested in playing on the 2012 Salem girls tennis team is slated for 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30, in the Salem High School library.

It will be the only opportunity for players to order uniforms for the coming season.

Spring tryouts will begin on Monday, March 12.

For more information, contact Salem coach Lin Ware at (734) 453-0669 or via e-mail at [tenniscoachware@gmail.com](mailto:tenniscoachware@gmail.com).

## S'craft men clip Kirtland

Karl Moore's 20 points and 12 rebounds propelled the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team to a 75-67 victory Wednesday night at home over Kirtland Community College.

Wayne Memorial's Daniel Hill and Westland John Glenn's Lydell Mason each added 12 points and 10 rebounds as the Ocelots improved to 8-3 overall in the MCCA Eastern Conference opener.

## MSU's Krug earns All-GLI

Michigan State University junior defenseman and captain Torey Krug (Livonia) was named to the All-Great Lakes Invitational Tournament team following a 3-2 overtime loss in the championship final Dec. 30 to the Michigan Wolverines at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena.

Krug, a first-team All-Central Collegiate Hockey Association pick as a sophomore, has appeared in 19 of MSU's 20 games scoring five goals and adding nine assists with a plus-11 rating.

MSU is 11-7-1, 6-5-1 in the CCHA.

## Teams hit season re-start button with quad meet

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Coaches for the Plymouth and Canton wrestling teams liked what they saw out of their respective teams in Wednesday's quad meet at Canton High School — the first post-New Year's action for both squads.

Still knocking off some holiday rust, the two Plymouth-Canton Educational Park teams each easily defeated South Lyon East while getting past Northville in close, competitive KLAA cross-over dual meets.

Plymouth (8-3) defeated Northville 37-33 and then blitzed South Lyon East by a 71-10 margin. Canton (11-5) started the evening's action by romping to a 69-6 win over the Cougars and followed up with a hard-fought 40-25 triumph over the Mustangs (7-4).

"Next week we'll know a lot more about our team," said Wildcats head coach Quinn Guernsey, referring to the start of the KLAA South Division slate. "... I had a bunch of kids who are normal starters out of the lineup, but we had a lot of guys step in and I think a couple of them went 2-0 and another couple went 1-1.

"So the guys who were called upon wrestled well. So that was good."



Plymouth's Said Youssef (right) and Northville's Max Mudar wait each other out during their 145-pound matchup Wednesday at Canton.

Canton head coach Cory Mancuso said he also had some young wrestlers who really helped the cause.

Freshman Ty Jasman, in his first varsity bout at 145, "did a nice job keeping the match close."

Sophomore K.J. Wooley and junior Austin Pilmer also were solid. Pilmer already is 10-2 on the season "so he's having a great year for us. Hard work pays off," Mancuso said.

### To the wire

Plymouth edged Northville by a 37-33 margin, with the match coming down to the final bout. Trailing 33-31 at that point, the Wildcats' Adam Dulong came through with a clutch pin against Zach Graham in 1:54.

"Adam (Dulong) winning with the meet on the line was very nice for us," Guernsey said. "But the entire dual meet was a total team effort."

Several top starters went 2-

0 (Mo Youssef, Brandon Harris, Trey Berry and Chase Kallil) while Said Youssef went 1-0.

But Guernsey pointed to the efforts of Caton Hacker, who at 130 "came in and beat a real good kid from Northville. That was probably one of the reasons we won the dual."

Hacker also won against the Cougars, and Guernsey cited 215-pounder C.J. Mullins (1-1), Terek Tamimi and Sam Campbell among other impressive youngsters.

"We had a lot of guys step up, which was nice," Guernsey said. "It's the sign of a good team I feel when you can still win without all your starters."

Meanwhile, Mancuso said holding off the surging Mustangs in the final handful of matchups should give the less-experienced members of his lineup some optimism.

Northville needed to win via fall in the final three bouts to overtake the Chiefs, but Allan Beckman battled yet lost a 6-3 decision at 215 (thus giving the Mustangs three points instead of six).

Wooley then pinned Graham in 51 seconds at 285 to ensure Canton not fall behind on the scoreboard.

### Stemming the tide

"We knew they (Mustangs) were going to come in here

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# Rockets edge Canton

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer

Not much separated Westland John Glenn and Canton in a key KLAA South Division boys basketball opener.

Neither team could get more than a four-point lead throughout the 32 minutes, but host Glenn won the fourth quarter and was able to sneak out a 48-45 victory.

Junior guard Nick Daniels was the trump card as he poured in a game-high 25 points, including 11-of-13 from the foul line, as the Rockets improved to 4-2 overall.

After Glenn failed to put the game away during the final 24 seconds by missing four straight free throws, Daniels was able to can a pair from the line with only 2.49 seconds remaining to give Glenn a three-point cushion after Canton's Josh Mayberry had scored on a layup with 11.49 seconds to play to cut the deficit to one. Daniels then came up

with a key steal at mid-court to deny Canton (5-2) a last-ditch 3-point attempt.

"It was a backyard brawl," Glenn coach Dan Young said. "Jimmy Reddy (Canton's coach) played for me three years in high school. He's one of my real close friends and he's a tremendous coach. His guys play great defense and they're just really good. We were real fortunate to get it done."

After a sluggish first half, Paul Baumgart, Canton's 6-foot-7 senior center, finished with 15 points, 15 rebounds and five blocks.

Mayberry, a junior guard, added 11, while Kyle Adams, who had the task of chasing the crafty Daniels around the court all night long, finished with seven.

"I just told the guys that I thought Kyle Adams did a helluva job on him (Daniels)," Reddy said. "But you look at it and he's got 25. We made it tough on him, but we fouled him too much. He shot 14 free

throws. We've got to keep him off the foul line. But then again, we've got to do a better job of helping and getting in better position on the help-side."

A triple by Adams followed by a soaring layup by Baumgart gave Canton a 41-38 advantage with 2:49 remaining. But Glenn was able to go on a 10-4 run to end the game thanks to eight points from Daniels during the final 2:11.

Canton committed a total of 15 turnovers on the night, including five in the final quarter (to Glenn's one), with the most critical coming on a five-second violation with 1:58 to play.

"We got a couple of leads, but could never extend it," Reddy said. "That's a telling stat (five turnovers) in the fourth quarter. We had some bad physical mistakes, and made some mental mistakes. In a one-possession game, that's going to cost you."

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## ROCKS

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ers fresh," Brodie said. "Players were coming off the bench and giving us great minutes. It's been a great team effort."

Nick Raad scored 16 points to lead Northville. **PLYMOUTH 36, CHURCHILL 31 (OT):** Friday night at Livonia Churchill, Josh Priebe scored 11 points and Tyler Gamblin added nine off the bench in the KLAA South Division opener for both teams.

The Wildcats (3-3, 1-0) battled back after trailing 21-11 at halftime, and held the Chargers to just two points in the third.

Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup said Tyler Gamblin

"came up huge tonight. He had three 3-pointers for nine points, unexpected production off the bench. I'm real proud of Tyler, he's been working really hard."

Sid Acharya collected eight rebounds for the Wildcats.

**PLYMOUTH 53, WOODHAVEN 50:** Josh Priebe's trey in the closing seconds of regulation forced overtime Thursday and the visiting Wildcats went on from there to post the victory.

Priebe led the Wildcats with 14 points while Marcus Oden scored nine and ran the offense well, coach Mike Soukup said.

Excellent team defense helped the cause, he added.

**SALEM 62, SKYLINE 46:** On Wednesday, the Rocks rode a strong rebounding and defensive performance to this non-conference win over Ann Arbor Skyline.

Salem outboarded Skyline by a 21-12 margin, with Ankut Tiwari and Peterson each collecting 10 rebounds.

Leading the Rocks in scoring was Peterson, with 14 points, with Stewart and Dierker tallying 12 and 11 points, respectively.

**ROCKS WIN TOURNEY:** Salem had the offense revved up at the Chelsea Holiday Tournament, winning the tourney with a 61-57 overtime win over Pinkney on Dec. 30.

In the clincher, Stewart scored a career-high 34 points (13-of-18 from the free-throw line) and pulled down seven rebounds.

Peterson and Tiwari collected nine and seven boards, respectively.

On Dec. 28, Stewart (15), Dierker (12) and Nate Sass (10) each scored in double figures as Salem romped to a 70-50 win over Brighton.

# Salem gymnasts garner praise

It's very early in the girls gymnastics season. But that isn't putting a damper on Salem coach Dana Driscoll's enthusiasm about Wednesday's 141.00-132.30 victory over visiting Livonia Red.

"I'm very proud of the girls," Driscoll said. "The routines, focus and hard work is coming together. There's plenty of room for improvements, but I am very happy with their progress in this second meet (of the year)."

Freshman Brittany Ramirez continued to show she belongs on the A-team. She shared first place with junior teammate Andrea Melotti on vault (8.95 each) and took the top spot in uneven bars with a score of 8.9.

Melotti and sophomore Morgan Soper were victorious in the other two events, balance beam and floor exercise respectively with scores of 9.5 and 9.1.

Continuing to be a consistent scorer for the Rocks was junior Adelaida Jepperson, who placed second on uneven bars (8.7) and floor exercise (8.8).

Soper and Jepperson were the top-two scorers in all-around points with respective tallies of 35.75 and 34.90.

## Wildcats prevail

Meanwhile, Plymouth lost a tough matchup Thursday against Livonia Blue, 135.35-134.88.

Scoring a share of first on beam was Regan Engstrom, who tied Haley Olson with an 8.8 mark.

Also first for Plymouth was Jane McCurry on floor exercise (8.75).



JOHN KEMSKI

Salem junior gymnast Adelaida Jepperson competes on the balance beam Wednesday night.

### DUAL MEET RESULTS

**SALEM 141.00**  
**LIVONIA RED 132.30**  
Jan. 4 at Salem  
**INDIVIDUAL RESULTS**

**Vault:** 1. (tie) Brittany Ramirez (Salem) and Andrea Melotti (Salem), 8.95; each 2. Morgan Soper (Salem), 8.75; 3. Brooke Allgeyer (Salem), 8.65; 4. (tie) Ade Jepperson (Salem) and Sydney Grenier (Red), 8.55 each.  
**Uneven bars:** 1. Ramirez (Salem), 8.9; 2. Jepperson (Salem), 8.7; 3. Melotti (Salem), 8.65; 4. Soper (Salem), 8.5; 5. Nicole Jacobs (Salem), 8.45.  
**Balance beam:** 1. Melotti (Salem), 9.5; 2. Soper (Salem), 9.4; 3. Rose Prebola (Red), 9.25; 4. Jepperson (Salem), 8.85; 5. Shannon Diaz (Red), 8.55.  
**Floor exercise:** 1. Soper (Salem), 9.1; 2. Jepperson (Salem), 8.8; 3. Prebola (Salem), 8.75; 4. Ramirez (Salem), 8.7; 5. Grenier (Red), 8.55.  
**All-around:** 1. Soper (Salem),

35.75; 2. Jepperson (Salem), 34.90.

**LIVONIA BLUE 135.35**  
**PLYMOUTH 134.88**  
Jan. 5 at Plymouth  
**INDIVIDUAL RESULTS**

**Vault:** 1. Alex Kitz (Blue), 9.1; 2. (tie) Haley Olson (Blue), Reagan Engstrom (P), Katie Salanga (P) and Sarah Uhlian (P), 8.7 each.  
**Uneven bars:** 1. Kitz (Blue), 8.95; 2. (tie) Sarah Hogan (Blue), Olson (Blue), Engstrom (P) and Meagan McKennan (P), 8.3 each.  
**Balance beam:** 1. (tie) Olson (Blue), Engstrom (P) and Salanga (P), 8.8 each; 4. Kitz (Blue), 8.5; 5. Brenna Connelly (P) and Hogan (Blue), 8.4 each.  
**Floor exercise:** 1. Jane McCurry (P), 8.75; 2. Connelly (P), 8.7; 3. Kitz (Blue), 8.6; 4. Andrea Irvine (Blue), 8.45; Hogan (Blue), 8.4.  
**All-around:** 1. Kitz (Blue), 35.15; 2. Engstrom (P), 33.85; 3. Olson (Blue), 33.85; 4. Hogan (Blue), 33.8; Uhlian (P), 32.90.

## CANTON

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should have ran a kid at her, and made her throw the ball to some other player instead of letting her dribble for 50 seconds. So again, that's my fault."

Samulski said the second hard-fought loss of the week (following a two-point defeat at Inkster) should help accelerate the learning curve for the bulk of Canton's roster.

"You got to remember that you only got one kid on this team that's got any big-game experience, and that's Robyn," Samulski said. "Rach (Winners) has got a little, Paige (Aresco) has got a little, but after that they're all new to this whole situation out here."

"So you got to keep that in mind, that there's a lot of new kids, they're trying to figure out what you got to do to beat good teams."

### Best instincts

Westland John Glenn head coach Eric Kovatch credited Graves with letting her natural ability take over in that situation.

"That's just ShaKeya Graves being ShaKeya Graves," Kovatch said. "She was feeling it, she took the game under control and she made a play."

"That was nothing designed, that's just her being the basketball player that she is. (It was) instincts, she has the best instincts in the state."

Graves, who also had three steals and three assists, was low-key about her game-winning play.

"I knew my team was counting on me," she said. "I was just hoping it would go in."

The win against the Chiefs also "gives us a lot of confidence that we can win, go to the Final Four, that we can win on the road against any team we play," Graves added.

Other players chipping in for the Rockets included sophomore guard Kaira Barnes (10 points), junior forward Kierra Jordan (nine points) and senior forward Joslyn Massey (six points, eight rebounds).

Canton (5-2, 0-1) got off to a quick start, building a 6-2 lead midway through the opening quarter.

The Chiefs led 9-7 after one quarter and went up 14-11 with three minutes left in the half after Schneider (13 points, seven rebounds) scored five points within a minute.

She hit a bank shot and a tack-on foul shot, then followed with a layup.

Graves answered with five points of her own, helping the Rockets (5-2, 1-0) lead 20-18 at the half.

Late in the see-saw third, Mack fed Aresco (five points) for a layup to put Canton up 29-27.

That edge quickly disappeared as Graves drained a triple and the teams entered the fourth tied 30-30.

Canton went up 34-33 with less than five minutes remaining in the contest — thanks to a Mack

jumper — and had a 37-35 lead with 2:20 left.

Graves hit a spinning jumper inside the paint to even things at 37-37 and Jordan broke the tie on a layup.

Schneider's subsequent bucket made it 39-39, but that was all the Chiefs could muster.

**PLYMOUTH 45, CHURCHILL 18:** The host Wildcats broke out to a 17-3 lead after one quarter Friday night and coasted to this KLAA South Division victory.

Leading Plymouth (5-2, 1-0) with 16 points was Alyssa Dillon, with other key contributions from Jada Woody (nine points, seven rebounds, four steals) and Kate Watson (eight points, four steals).

Tionne Johnson (six rebounds), Shelby Cheston (four steals) and Kylie Robb (three assists) also chipped in.

"Our guards, Kylie Robb and Alyssa Dillon, put on a ton of pressure," Plymouth head coach Bob de Bear said. "It was very good team defense and we put the pedal to the metal for the whole first half."

Churchill dropped to 2-3 overall and 0-1 in the KLAA South.

**SALEM 29, NORTHVILLE 26:** A strong second half enabled the Rocks to edge the visiting Mustangs Friday in the opening game of the KLAA Central Division schedule.

It also helped Salem break into the win column after five straight losses.

Bri Berberet paced the Rocks (1-5, 1-0) with 13 points, while Breanne Beaver contributed six points and eight rebounds.

Salem trailed 11-6 at halftime before the offense started to come around. Helping down the stretch were Berberet and Katelyn Krause, who combined for 10 fourth-quarter points.

"It was a hard-fought game," Salem head coach Fred Thomann said. "We trailed most of the game and finally took the lead at the end of the third quarter."

Alex Moynes scored 13 for Northville (4-3, 0-1).

## PC Force Red tops at tourney



The Plymouth Canton Force seventh-grade Red basketball team won the Dec. 17 Saline Holiday Tournament, going 4-0 and winning every game by 20 points or more. "The team played very well and the tournament win was a total team effort," noted head coach Ed Gruzcelak. Members of the prevailing squad, celebrating with their championship medals, include: (front row, from left) Zack Gruzcelak, Camren Barden, Kyle Burnette, Jake Cesarz; (back row, from left) coach Gruzcelak, Jason Arnold, coach Arnold, Curt Yun, Justin Dolney, Jack Smith, Jackson Sartain and coach Cesarz.

## Wildcats help the hungry



The Plymouth Wildcats varsity boys hockey team took some time out during the holidays to do some community service. The team recently volunteered at Forgotten Harvest, sorting and boxing food items for the needy. Plymouth head coach Gerry Vento said doing for others is a year-round initiative for the hockey program.

## Hat trick lifts Rocks past Franklin

Mark McGee's hat trick included two unassisted goals Friday night as the host Rocks (4-4, 3-2) upended Livonia Franklin (2-6-1, 0-6) 6-2 in a KLAA Kensington Conference boys hockey crossover at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Michael Manser, Austin Sartorius and Jack Driscoll also added goals for the Rocks, who led 1-0 after one period and 4-1 after two.

Josh Leonard scored for the Patriots with 5:33 left in the second period from Ryan Pace and Josh

Priebe. Tyler Hewitt added a goal in the final minute of the third period from Tyler Satkowiak and Danny Donahue.

Matt Monendo started in goal for the Patriots before relieved in the second period by Matt Slinder.





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Plymouth's Rickard Rakell (yellow, middle) celebrates with teammates after Team Sweden defeated Russia, 1-0, to win the gold medal in the 2012 World Junior Championships.

## Whalers stay hot; Rakell grabs gold

Not only did the Plymouth Whalers stay scorching hot with Wednesday's 5-0 OHL win at Saginaw, the team will this weekend welcome back players who competed at the World Junior Championships in Edmonton, Alberta.

At the top of that list of returnees is forward Rickard Rakell, who won a gold medal with Team Sweden after defeating Russia 1-0 on Thursday.

Other Whalers back in the fold are Team Canada goalie Scott Wedgewood, Team USA forward J.T. Miller and defenseman

Dario Trutmann, who was on the Swiss team. Wedgewood earned a bronze medal with Team Canada; Miller and Team USA finished seventh in the tournament.

As for the Whalers, a three-goal first period against Saginaw sparked the 5-0 victory. Chris Albertini, Stefan Noesen and Farmington Hills' Alex Aleardi beat Spirit netminder Jake Paterson, who was pulled after 20 minutes.

Noesen, who recently signed an entry-level contract with Ottawa of the NHL, chipped in with his

second of the contest and 18th of the season in the middle stanza. Finishing out the scoring was Garrett Meurs, early in the third.

Contributing two assists each were Austin Levi (Farmington Hills), Cody Payne, and Meurs. Stopping all 29 shots he faced for the shutout was Plymouth goalie Matt Mahalak.

The Whalers improved to 26-9-2-1 (55 points), good for first place in the West Division of the Western Conference entering Saturday night's game at Compuware Arena against Saginaw.

## QUAD

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tonight and try to beat us," Mancuso said. "They made some bumps in their lineup, made some moves to try to get bonus points on us. But our guys rose to the occasion. We had some guys come up with big wins.

"They were coming strong, our upper weights are kind of our young and inexperienced weights. ... But our upper weights did well, they're getting better every day."

Going 2-0 for Canton were Ben Griffin (112), Richard DeMarois (119), Pilmer (125), Keshav Patel (130), Alec Pantaleo (135), Zach Marsh (152) and Patrick Murphy (160).

Now comes the start of divisional competition. On Wednesday, Plymouth takes part in a quad meet hosted by Wayne Memorial; Canton visits Westland John Glenn.

"The South division is really competitive," Guernsey added. "I feel it's maybe not the toughest, but certainly the most balanced division

of all the divisions of the KLAA.

"All six teams really, if you have an off night you can lose to any of them. We're really preaching to our team to be ready next week."

### QUAD MEET RESULTS

Jan. 4 at Canton H.S.

#### CANTON 40

#### NORTHVILLE 25

**112 pounds:** Ben Griffin (C) pinned Trevor Lerner, 1:03; **119:** Richard DeMarois (C) decisioned Anthony DeGiorgio, 14-6; **125:** Austin Pilmer (C) dec. Jason Lerner, 15-0; **130:** Keshav Patel (C) dec. Sean Wagner, 19-0; **135:** Alec Pantaleo (C) won by void; **140:** Travis Campo (N) p. Marc Przybyski, 5:36; **145:** Alec Clevenger (N) dec. Ty Jasman, 15-5; **152:** Zach Marsh (C) p. Max Mudar, 5:36; **160:** Patrick Murphy (C) dec. Alex Coe, 3-2; **171:** Nick Mencotti (N) dec. Jevon Hill, 8-6; **189:** Trevor Maresh (N) p. Alex Cole; **215:** Andy Boyd (N) dec. Allan Beckman, 6-3; **285:** K.J. Wooley (C) p. Zach Graham, 5:1; **103:** Kevin Charara (N) dec. Bobby Kincaid, 6-1.

#### PLYMOUTH 37

#### NORTHVILLE 33

**103:** Mo Youssef (P) p. Kevin Charara, 1:29; **112:** Brendon Harris (P) p. Trevor Lerner, 4:1; **119:** Trey Berry (P) dec. Anthony DeGiorgio, 15-7; **125:** Chase Kallil (P) dec. Jason Lerner, 8-4; **130:** Caton Hacker (P) dec. Sean Wagner, 5-2; **135:** Travis Campo (N) p. Jake Noll, 5:6; **140:** Alec Clevenger (N) p. Hussein Youssef, 1:02; **145:** Said Youssef (P) p. Max Mudar, 4:24; **152:** Alex Coe (N) p. Terek Tamimi, 3:10; **160:** Nick Mencotti (N) dec.

Joey Shaver, 10-7; **171:** Trevor Maresh (N) p. Cody Hunley, 5:5; **189:** Matt Walsh (P) dec. David Borthwick, 8-6; **215:** Andy Boyd (N) p. C.J. Mullins, 2:6; **285:** Adam Dulong (P) p. Zach Graham, 1:54.

#### CANTON 69

#### SOUTH LYON EAST 6

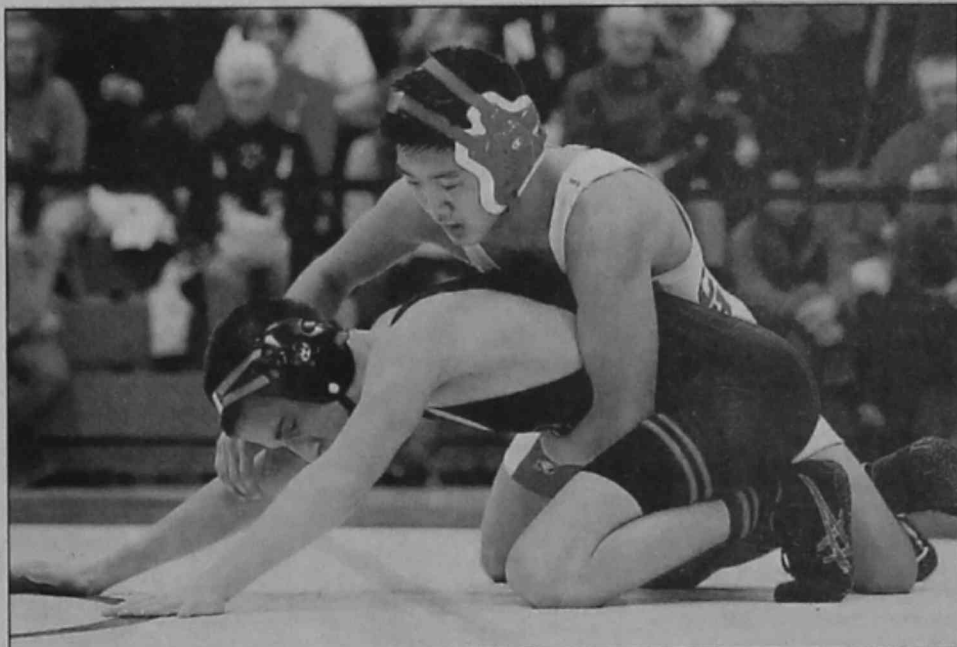
**103:** Bobby Kincaid (C) dec. Aaron Hoorn, 7-5; **112:** Ben Griffin (C) p. Caleb Hill, 1:13; **119:** Richard DeMarois (C) p. Noah Keefer, 1:32; **125:** Austin Pilmer (C) won by void; **130:** Keshav Patel (C) p. Alex Hessler, 1:07; **135:** Alec Pantaleo (C) p. Jesse Stricklin, 1:17; **140:** Mark Przybyski (C) p. Eddie Clark, 1:22; **145:** Ty Jasman (C) won by void; **152:** Zach Marsh (C) won by void; **160:** Patrick Murphy (C) won by void; **171:** Jevon Hill (C) won by void; **189:** Alex Cole (C) dec. Casey Fadden, 9-6; **215:** Nathan Rainy (SLE) p. K.J. Wooley, 1:10; **285:** Allan Beckman (C) dec. Luke Patterson, 3-2.

#### PLYMOUTH 71

#### SOUTH LYON EAST 10

**112:** Brendon Harris (P) p. Caleb Hill, 1:42; **119:** Trey Berry (P) p. Noah Keefer, 2:03; **125:** Chase Kallil (P) won by void; **130:** Caton Hacker (P) p. Alex Hessler, 1:30; **135:** Jesse Stricklin (N) dec. Jake Noll, 15-4; **140:** Chris Novasky (P) p. Eddie Clark, 4:59; **145:** Sam Campbell (P) won by void; **152:** Terek Tamimi (P) won by void; **160:** Matt Gee (P) won by void; **171:** Matt Walsh (P) won by void; **189:** Matt Ayoub (P) p. Casey Fadden, 3:17; **215:** C.J. Mullins (P) p. Nathan Rainy, 3:2; **285:** Luke Patterson (N) p. Adam Dulong, 1:38; **103:** Mo Youssef (P) p. Aaron Hoorn, 2:5.

**TEAM DUAL MEET RECORDS:** Canton, 11-5 overall; Plymouth, 8-3; Northville, 7-4.



During Wednesday's wrestling quad meet, Canton's Richard DeMarois (right) squares off against Northville's Anthony DeGiorgio in a 119-pound bout.

## Quite an ace

### MU's White goes into ASA Hall of Fame

By Brad Emons  
Observer Staff Writer



TIM BUSCH  
MADONNA SPORTS INFORMATION

Madonna University women's softball coach and Canton resident Al White was recently inducted into the American Softball Association Hall of Fame.

way around," White said. "Some guys, even coach (Greg) Haeger (MU's baseball coach) could probably throw 83-84 MPH. He pitched a little bit.

"You still have to have defense. It's more like baseball. You've got a lot of small game that works — bunting, stealing. The pitchers don't quite dominate. There's few guys out of the New York and Miami areas who could throw pretty darn hard. (Full) Windmill started dying out with 15-16 strikeouts and people wanted to get the hitting in."

White was first approached about playing softball by a local team.

"Even after my high school days they wanted to get me a job in the coal mine, but I said, 'I ain't going to work in no damn coal mine,'" White recalled. "They said, 'No, no, no, you'll be in the office.' I still had dreams of playing baseball like every young kid that was 17 or 18 years old. Every kid wanted to be the next Mickey Mantle.

"I made All-State in high school and fortunate enough to make the American Legion team and go to the regionals with that. Baseball was my dream and I really didn't play a lot of softball, but I always screwed around with it. Everybody did down there."

White's modified career took off when he moved to the Detroit area in 1966

where he quickly established himself as an ace on the mound. He also became a hired gun with out-of-state teams bidding for his services. He played for Florida powerhouses such as Miami Hardware and the Miami Stings where his teams earned ASA National titles in 1985 and 1991.

"I worked in heating and air conditioning," White said. "In 1985 construction just dried right up. They put me in contact with people down there who I knew I could get a job with. I moved down there for two-and-a-half months. But after I established playing for them, I stayed at home, fly down there for a week or two, or they'd just fly me right to the tournaments they were playing in."

His run with the Miami teams lasted for nine years.

#### 'Outstanding guys'

"I played with some outstanding guys, unbelievable ballplayers," White said. "We had 15 guys on our team that played AAA (baseball) or better. We had four or five guys who played in the big leagues."

One of White's biggest regrets was not winning the 1989 ASA crown.

"We finished second and that was our best team ever," he said. "The manager just didn't pitch the right pitcher in the winner's bracket, then we got beat, and had to come back and win three tough games next day. I pitched two of them and we won both of them, and the third one we got beat 2-1."

White transitioned from playing to coaching where he has spent the past 13 seasons as Madonna University's head women's softball coach compiling an overall record of 447-234-4, including four Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference tournament and four WHAC regular season crowns. He's been named WHAC Coach of the Year four times and has guided to Crusader teams to the NAIA Nationals twice.

Prior to his recent induction into the American Softball Association Hall of Fame in Myrtle Beach, S.C., Al White admitted, "I didn't get much sleep that night."

The Madonna University women's softball coach, now 64, proved to be a worthy honoree after giving opposing hitters nightmares throughout his storied career as a standout modified fast-pitch pitcher.

White, who resides in Canton, began his modified days in 1966 and retired from the sport in 1997, only to emerge from retirement in 2001 to pitch his team to a ninth-place finish in the nationals.

White played for 31 years, pitching for two ASA National Champions teams and earning five first-team All-America honors, along with being named MVP in 1985.

Bobby Lawson, chief of umpires for the Metro Detroit ASA, first nominated White in 1998.

"Just to be nominated was a great honor," White said. "It's just unbelievable."

White's whole family attended the ceremony, including his wife, Maryln, and son Curt.

One of Al's greatest thrills was playing with Curt for Little Caesars where they qualified for the ASA Nationals every year. Curt, a catcher, graduated from Salem High in 1985, and the two began a formidable battery only three years later.

"I told him he played hockey so you wouldn't be compared to your dad," said Al with a laugh. "He played baseball at Salem. He was good and they were good. They had some good ballplayers at Canton and Salem in those days."

During the 1960s, men's modified softball became popular as an alternative to the men's fastpitch game.

#### 'It was everywhere'

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## Shaping up: Get fit with yoga, aerobics

### Time to get moving is now

Two fitness trainers will run exercise classes — including one free series — at local churches this month.

Joe Mason, a certified personal and group fitness trainer, will offer a four-session mixed exercise class, Tuesday, Jan. 24 and 31, and Feb. 7 and 14, at St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Road, in Canton. The class, which will run from

10-11 a.m. will include 30 minutes of cardiovascular exercise and 30 minutes of yoga, and is perfect for beginning and intermediate skill levels. It's free — with just one string attached: Participants pay a \$15 "penalty" for each class they miss. The money will be donated to the church.

The class will focus on back muscles, spinal column health, balance, flex-

ibility and strength.

Participants should wear comfortable clothing and bring an exercise mat, light hand weights, and bottled water to class. A beach towel for additional padding is optional.

Mason's other classes are "Sunsoaked Yogafit" from 10-10:55 a.m. and "Mid-day Aerobics Workout" from 11 a.m.-noon, both on Mondays and



Wednesdays, Jan. 23-March 21. Each class costs \$56, with a portion of the proceeds going to

the church.

Participants should wear comfortable clothing and expect to practice yoga barefoot and on a relatively empty stomach. They should bring a yoga mat and bottled water to class; beach towel is optional. Appropriate for all levels.

Preregister for classes at the parish office. For more information call St. John Neumann Parish at (734) 455-5910.

Drop in for \$6 per session at Jeanie Weaver's classes, held Monday and Thursday through Feb.

27 at the Metropolitan Adventist Junior Academy gym, 15585 N. Haggerty, one block north of Five Mile, in Plymouth.

A boot camp-style core strength and functional fitness class starts at 5:30 p.m. It consists of a medium- to high-intensity workout.

The 8:45 a.m. class focuses on strength, balance and core exercise of beginning to medium intensity.

For more information call Weaver at (248) 446-9176 or e-mail to [jeanie-weaver@charter.net](mailto:jeanie-weaver@charter.net).

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### January

#### FUNDRAISER

Rosie O'Grady's, 279 W. Nine Mile, in Ferndale, will donate 10 percent of all sales on Jan. 11 to Susan B. Komen 3-day team led by Mike Hull, a Royal Oak resident whose mother, Jean Vuichard died in October 2011 after battling breast cancer. She would have been 47 on Jan. 11. A program, including a raffle and sale of breast cancer items, will run from 5-9 p.m., but supporters can stop in any time. Children also are welcome. For more information see [www.the3day.org/goto/inhonorofjean](http://www.the3day.org/goto/inhonorofjean) or e-mail to [WeNeedTheCure@yahoo.com](mailto:WeNeedTheCure@yahoo.com)

#### HEALTH FORUM

Find help with diet, nutrition and exercise and learn what you can do to help reduce your chance of breast cancer and diabetes at a health forum, 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 11, at the Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road, Livonia. When to eat, what foods to eat, and how often to eat will be discussed. The free program is presented by The Foundation for Wellness Professionals and Dr. Carol Ann Fischer. Call (734) 756-6904 for reservations.

#### GARDEN CITY HOSPITAL

- Get Up and Move, an invigorating exercise program, aims to help you to make an easy transition back to an exercise program or get you started for the first time. It meets at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, 17, 24 and 31 and Thursday, Jan. 12, 19, and 26. Fee is \$30 per month; for more information call (734) 458-3242.
- Learn how to relax, stretch and breathe while creating balance, strength and flexibility for both the body and mind through yoga, 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, 17, 24 and 31 and 6:30 p.m., Wednesday-Thursday, Jan. 11-12, 18-19 and 25-26. Wednesday-Thursday classes are held at the Westland Specialty Center, 35600 Central City Parkway, Westland. Tuesday classes meet at the

hospital in Garden City.

- Eating Disorders Support Group meets 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, 18 and 25 at the hospital. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

- Diabetes Self-Management series meets at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 17, 24 and 31. Learn self-care skills of nutrition, exercise, medication management, monitoring of blood sugar levels, foot and skin care, prevention of problems and psychosocial issues. Call (734) 458-4330 to register.

Garden City Hospital is located at 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City.

#### ST. MARY MERCY

- Debra Madonna, a certified massage therapist, will present "Benefits of Massage for Mommy and Baby," from 10-11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 10, in classrooms 1 and 2. The presentation is free. To register, call (734) 655-1162.

- Judy Swancutt, a registered dietician, will explain what can be done to encourage healthy weight management, 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, in the hospital auditorium. She'll give her presentation, "Why Diets Don't Work," to the Diabetes Support Group. The group is open to anyone with diabetes and their support family. The program is free. No registration is needed.

- Sandra Seykell, a registered dietician, will talk about "Your Game Plan for Preventing Type 2 Diabetes" 10-11:30 a.m., Friday, Jan. 13 in classroom 10 at the hospital. The free program for patients with pre-diabetes, metabolic syndrome, a history of gestational diabetes, or a family history of Type 2 diabetes, will offer an overview of diabetes, self-risk assessment, lifestyle changes and diabetes risk reduction. Call (734) 655-8955 for more information or to register. The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile, at Levan in Livonia.

#### WEIGHT LOSS

Learn why you've had trouble keeping your New Year's resolution to lose weight and keep it off, at a presentation by Dr.

Stephanie Rose, 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19 at Rose Chiropractic, 34024 W. Eight Mile, Suite 104, in the Echo Court building, Farmington Hills. Seating is limited for this free program. Call (248) 888-8183 for reservations.

### Ongoing

#### AQUATIC CLASSES

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 10-11 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and nonmembers of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit [www.ymcadetroit.org](http://www.ymcadetroit.org).

#### ARTHRITIS SUPPORT GROUP

2-3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

#### BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road), Livonia. Call (734) 655-1100, or visit [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org).

#### BIPOLAR SUPPORT

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance meets 6:30-8 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday at Lincoln Behavioral Services Center, 14500 Sheldon Road, Suite 160B, Plymouth. It is accessed through the Plymouth Executive Park driveway north of M-14. It is a self-help group for people suffering from depression and bipolar disorders. Meetings are open also to family members. All DBSA leaders are professionally trained and attend two trainings for every year to

update their skills in leading the group. Call Nancy at (734) 536-3457 or Katrina at (734) 837-7700 with questions.

#### CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUPS

St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Despite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for information. Authorized by the Alzheimer's Association. Wayne Metro's Caregiver Support Groups offer assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to loved ones. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m.-noon, at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Ave., Westland. Meetings are also held at the Village of Redford on Six Mile. The morning group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the second Thursday of the month; the evening group meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Adult care may also be available. Call Nancy Coman at (313) 843-2550, Ext. 233.

#### CPR CLASSES

Classes range from basic CPR for people who wish to know how to help save a life to certification for those who need CPR for work and state licensure, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. First aid classes also available. Classes offered weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. Price varies. Pre-registration required at [www.hvsh.org/hvsh/calendar](http://www.hvsh.org/hvsh/calendar) or call (248) 937-3314.

#### FITNESS CLASSES

Exercise classes for men and women continue through April at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. Jeanie Weaver is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years of teaching/training experience. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 300-0957. E-mail [jeanieweaver@charter.net](mailto:jeanieweaver@charter.net).

#### FOOD ADDICTS

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA) is a recovery program for people having

trouble controlling the way they eat. It's based on the 12 steps of AA. Open to all and free. Weekly meetings are held 9-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon, Canton. (248) 320-6842; [www.foodaddicts.org](http://www.foodaddicts.org)

#### HEALTH EDUCATION, SUPPORT & EXERCISE

Classes for cardiac rehabilitation, cardiac wellness, diabetes exercise and yoga are offered by the Garden City Hospital Health Enhancement Center. For information call (734) 458-3242. CPR (Adult & Infant), childbirth and child care education, support groups for cardiac patients, cancer, stroke and diabetes patients; eating disorders; hearing loss; and Alzheimer's caregivers, are part of an array of offerings of Garden City Hospital's Community Education. For more information call (734) 458-4330. Free blood pressure and \$5 cholesterol testing are available 10 a.m.-noon on the first Tuesday of the month in the Garden City Hospital Lobby. No registration required. The hospital also offers free blood pressure testing for senior citizens 10 a.m. every other Wednesday at Maplewood Community Center. Call (734) 458-4330 for dates. Most insurances cover new CPAP and BIPAP supplies every year. Garden City Hospital Sleep Disorders Center of Michigan offers a free mask fitting clinic for users, 5-6 p.m. every Wednesday, at 35600 Central City Parkway, Suite 103, Westland. Try a new style of mask and learn how to get one. No appointment needed. For information call (734) 458-3330.

#### HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION

The Western Wayne Chapter, provides information, education and support for those with hearing loss, their families and friends. Meetings are 6:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster, Garden City. Contact [afterack@comcast.net](mailto:afterack@comcast.net) or (734) 664-3297.

#### INCEST SURVIVORS

"LIVE," a self-help group for women who were victims of incest as children, meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 7-9 p.m.

at St. Paul of the Cross, 2333 Schoolcraft, Redford. Call Antoinette at (313) 971-4747 or Cheri at (586) 489-1785.

#### LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP

Meets 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. For information, call Ellen Stross at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 232.

#### METRO FIBROMYALGIA & CFS SUPPORT GROUP

Meets 1-3 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of the month at Merriam Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriam, Garden City. For more information, call Ruthann at (734) 981-2519; [www.Metro-FibroGroup.com](http://www.Metro-FibroGroup.com).

#### OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Meet 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia; and 7 p.m. Sundays at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia, in Classroom 1. Call (313) 387-9797. Anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively is welcome. For more Greater Detroit Overeaters Anonymous information, call (248) 559-7722 or visit [www.oa.org](http://www.oa.org).

#### RECOVERY, INC.

The support group meets at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at Prince of Peace Church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc. is an international, non-profit, self-help, community-based organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail [marthapaul@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marthapaul@sbcglobal.net). Self-help meetings in Livonia run 7:30 p.m. Mondays, St. Matthew's Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile; 1:15 p.m. Thursdays, Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft; and 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard. Call (313) 561-2521 or visit [www.recovery-inc.org](http://www.recovery-inc.org). No charge, contributions collected.

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## Quell public speaking jitters: Join a Toastmasters club, speak freely

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

The day will come when you find yourself at a lectern with an audience on the other side.

Will you be ready?

Or does the mere thought of speaking publicly bring on butterflies and weak knees?

Members of local Toastmasters International clubs say the organization can help you become more comfortable in front of listeners, sharpen your speaking skills, boost leadership abilities and make you a more effective communicator.

"There have been a lot of people come through the club who are very nervous in the beginning and very confident after four or five speeches," said Kim Purohit, a Livonia resident and member of Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters, a club that meets twice a month at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth.

Marilyn Albee, a Plymouth resident with ties to three Toastmaster clubs, has watched new members gain confidence with each speech they deliver. She and her husband, Al, are members of Laff Out Loud Toastmaster Club that meets monthly at Denny's in Plymouth, as well as an advanced club in Warren and a group in Dearborn.

"My husband tells the story of the first time he ever got up to speak. He practically left fingerprints in the lectern, holding onto it to keep from collapsing. I've known people who couldn't make it though the ice breaker," Albee said, referring to the introductory speech that new members make. "I remember one girl leaving the room and throwing up, she was so nervous. We get them back and they become good speakers. It takes time and practice."

Unlike a speech class that has limited sessions, Toastmaster clubs meet weekly, twice monthly, or monthly for years.

"We have one member who has been a member for 28 years," Purohit said.

Dues average \$40 every six months. New members receive manuals — one for leadership skills and one for public speaking — that guide them through a series of projects. Each speech project teaches a different set of skills, from organizing a speech to improving body language. Members also learn to deliver impromptu speaking through a component of each meeting called "table topics."

### Next level

After mastering the basics, members can move on to advanced projects. Advanced manuals are devoted to different kinds of speeches, such as storytelling, sales, entertainment, informational and technical.

"There are all sorts of different speeches for different situations in life," Albee said. "Most are five to seven minutes, but some of the advanced speeches can be as long as 45 minutes if you're doing seminars and those kinds of things."

Other members serve as evaluators to help beginners improve their speeches. A grammarian keeps track of proper word usage and someone counts all of the "uh" and "ah" sounds that fill pauses.

Both women stressed that critiques are instructive without being intimidating. Albee, who serves as education vice president for Laff Out Loud, a specialty club that stresses humor, said new members are paired with mentors.



If nerves undermine your ability to speak before a group, join a local Toastmasters Club and improve your poise, speech-making and leadership ability.

### TOASTMASTERS

Here's a sampling of local clubs:

- Canton Communicators Club, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, at Canton Coney Island Restaurant, 8533 N. Lilley, Canton; [canton.freetoasthost.com](http://canton.freetoasthost.com)
- Dearborn Dynamic Toastmasters Club, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, at Unity Church, 28660 Five Mile, in Livonia; [dearborndynamic.freetoasthost.org](http://dearborndynamic.freetoasthost.org)
- Friends of Farmington Club, 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Sunday, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church Hall South, 23815 Power Road, Farmington. Next meetings are Jan. 8 and 22; (248)473-5451
- Great Lakes Real Orators Club, 9 a.m. Wednesday, Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors, 24125 Drake, Farmington; (248) 478-1700, [glro.freetoasthost.com](http://glro.freetoasthost.com)
- Laff Out Loud Club, 6:30 p.m. second Thursday, at Denny's Restaurant, 39550 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth; [laffoutloud.freetoasthost.biz](http://laffoutloud.freetoasthost.biz)
- Michigan Works Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m. first Friday, in the Woodland Square Mall, 30246 Plymouth Road, Livonia; [michiganworks.toastmastersclubs.org](http://michiganworks.toastmastersclubs.org)
- Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club, 7 p.m., second and fourth Monday, St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 15941 N. Haggerty, Plymouth; [mcspeakeasy.freetoasthost.ws](http://mcspeakeasy.freetoasthost.ws)
- Saturday Sunrisers Club, 8:45 a.m. every other Saturday, at Unity Church, 28660 Five Mile, in Livonia. This month's meetings are Jan. 14 and 21; [satsunrisers.freetoasthost.org](http://satsunrisers.freetoasthost.org)
- Westland Easytalkers Toastmasters Club, 6:45 p.m. Thursday, Bailey Recreation Center, behind Westland City Hall, 36651 Ford Road, Westland; [easytalkers.freetoasthost.org](http://easytalkers.freetoasthost.org)
- West Side Professionals, 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursday, Eastern Michigan University, Livonia offices, 38777 W. Six Mile, suite 412, Livonia; [President@WestSideProfessionals.org](http://President@WestSideProfessionals.org), [www.westsideprofessionals.org](http://www.westsideprofessionals.org)
- Wind Baggers Club, 6:30

p.m. Thursday, except for first Thursday of the month, at Kerby's Koney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Farmington Hills; [www.windbaggers.org](http://www.windbaggers.org)

"It's work at your own pace," she noted.

### Joining

Purohit was impressed by the supportive atmosphere when she first joined Toastmasters.

"There was no pressure," she said. Purohit, who became a Toastmasters member in 2003, is working on her advanced speaking ability. She has mastered "bronze" level work and it pursuing her "silver" level designation.

Albee became a member in 1991, a year after her husband, who worked as an insurance adjuster before retirement,

joined at the request of his boss.

"A lot of people come because they need it for their jobs," Purohit said. "People in sales or in technical jobs are doing presentations and it gives them an opportunity to practice that."

"Sometimes people come because they are curious or they are nervous about interviewing for a job. They are out of work and they want to feel more comfortable when they interview."

When it started in 1924 at a YMCA in Santa Ana, Calif., the organization was designed to train young patrons in public speaking and in leading meetings.

The group evolved into an international nonprofit educational organization, headquartered in California, with members in 116 countries. Although each chapter uses the same basic meeting format and manuals, club meeting times, places and membership varies.

"Each one has a little different culture," Albee noted. "We really try to make everything fun. That's not to say we don't take improvement on speaking seriously, because we do, but the atmosphere is filled with humor."

For more information about Toastmasters International, visit [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org).

### GARDEN & NATURE

Send garden and nature announcements to Sharon Dargay at [sdargay@hometownlife.com](mailto:sdargay@hometownlife.com).

#### Gardening seminars

The Master Gardener Association of Western Wayne Country will

present four seminars for the gardening public, 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, 14, 21, and 28, in the Wayne County Extension Office auditorium, 5454 Venoy, a quarter mile north of Van Born, Wayne. Cost is \$10 per session or \$30

for all if registered in advance. Master gardeners will teach each session:

- All About Herbs kicks off the series on Feb. 7. Learn how to choose plant and harvest herbs for culinary and other

uses culinary and other uses. Taught by Pat Mann herb specialist from the Greenfield Village Herb Associates.

- Composting/Hoop Houses, on Feb. 14, will teach the basics of backyard composting. Bruce

Forrest, Advanced Master Gardener and community garden expert, will explain what should and shouldn't be composted and will describe different types of compost containers. He'll also talk about building a hoop

house to extend the growing season.

- Urban Chicken Farming, on Feb. 21, will be taught by an urban chicken farmer. Local ordinances will be discussed as well as coop design and construction.

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# Consumers want old-fashioned quality

I have written many times about the lack of quality products built today and the shortened life span in major home appliances. It's a subject that millions of homeowners across this country are getting a crash course and one that I will speak about when I do a seminar on Thursday evening, Jan. 12 at the Novi Public Library. The following e-mails I received lately show a trend in the choices consumers make after they find out what is going on in the world of major home appliances.

Ted writes: "After having purchased not one, but two Maytag wash-



**Appliance Doctor**  
**Joe Gagnon**

ers in the past eight years (the first of which broke after only 3 1/2 years of use, and the second of which — a Centennial model — had no water level control, did not get the clothes clean or rinsed out properly, and twisted them into tight wrinkled knots), I decided I am fed up with the quality of "today's" washers and I

went on Craigslist to find an older one.

"I remembered hearing you on the radio once, saying that they just don't build washers like they used to. Well, I found an older (mid '80s) GE washer and bought it for \$40. We've had it for about eight months now and we are so pleased with it. It has a continuously flowing lint filter and it gets the clothes clean without twisting them into knots or ripping them like the Maytag did. Although it is a little bit smaller and twice as heavy we don't miss the Maytag at all. We do about seven-nine loads a week, as we have a large family with four kids.

"Okay, so now the question: Since I didn't get an owner's manual with this machine, I was wondering what to do to it to make it sure it keeps run-

ning. Does it need periodic maintenance? It's already 25 years old and my wife is so impressed with it that I want to keep it as long as possible. I bet they don't make parts for it anymore, but it runs smoothly and isn't showing signs of needing repair. I want to keep it that way. Do these machines have a reputation of lasting a long time? And if I do need it worked on, do you know who I could call who would be familiar with this machine? I'll not be buying a modern one again."

Evelina writes: "I have an old built-in Maytag dishwasher (model WU482) that I purchased new in 1987. It's been great. However, it needs a pump/motor assembly (it runs really loud). "I am in the DTE Appliance Repair Plan and

they sent a technician out who said he would have to order the part, but expressed concern that DTE would cover the repair costs due to the age of the dishwasher. He also stated the part might not even be available due to its age. I would much rather repair the Maytag than replace it if I can get the part. Do you know of a source for this part if the technician can't find it? I'm willing to pay to have this repaired if DTE won't."

"This dishwasher looks new on the outside and nearly new inside. The repairman was impressed with its condition when he looked at it too. It still washes, dries, and cleans really well, even though it is really loud. I know a replacement won't be the same quality. Do you think this is the right decision if

the part can be obtained? I look forward to your column in the *Livonia Observer* and have taken your advice. I use Tang in my dishwasher and make sure my dryer lint trap is washed and the vent line is clean. You are such a great advocate for the consumer and are glad you continue to fight the good fight."

These are just two examples of many e-mails I receive from homeowners who are not happy potential customers of new appliances. The prices go up and the quality goes down and who knows what the future holds for this appliance industry. Stay tuned.

**Joe Gagnon** can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to [apdlr@twmi.rr.com](mailto:apdlr@twmi.rr.com)

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If the cervical vertebrae are fractured or misaligned, the usual effect is on the cervical nerve or the upper spinal cord resulting in numbness or weakness of the arms.

Neck pain comes from strain on the muscles that originate in the cervical spines or the scapula and which attach to the back of the skull. Because of the attachment the stiff or aching neck will be felt as a headache.

Injury or arthritis rarely cause neck ache. In contrast, tension often plays a role. Some event, episode, or state of mind causes the body to hunch the neck forward, and change the normal lordotic curve into a kyphotic curve. The result is strain on the neck muscles which you feel as an ache or intense pain.

Lying in bed doesn't always help because a high pillow will perpetuate the kyphotic curve thus continuing the strain. Heat helps as it causes the neck muscles to relax. The best therapy is counter traction in which the head and neck are placed in a sling and a weight between 25-30 lbs. applies an opposing pull to the neck muscles. In instances in which the neck pain re-occurs, home manual traction represents the best way to stop the attack early and effectively.

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## Gleaners collects donations at Kroger

Kroger customers can help the Gleaners Community Food Bank ease hunger in southeastern Michigan by contributing food at Kroger stores each Saturday in January. The food collection effort is part of Kroger's annual "Bringing Hope to the Table" campaign.

Gleaners volunteers will position empty carts inside the vestibule of each Kroger store to gather donations. Volunteers also will hand out lists of suggested foods and personal items.

The collections run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Stores in

Wayne County kicked off the drive Jan. 7 and will collect again on Jan. 28. Other dates are Jan. 14 in Macomb County, Jan. 21 in Oakland County, and Jan. 28 in Livingston and Monroe counties.

"Many people give to the less fortunate during the holidays, but donations taper off in January and February when the demand for food typically rises," stated Rick Going, president, The Kroger Co. of Michigan. "Kroger customers have generously supported hunger relief efforts in the past and we hope they will contribute food and

personal items to Gleaners in January because every product helps someone in need."

Suggested donations include canned meats such as beef stew and tuna, hearty soups, canned spaghetti or pasta, noodles, macaroni and rice, baby food or formula, cereal, oatmeal and granola bars, peanut butter and jelly in plastic jars, pancake and baking mixes, powdered milk, and Ensure or other nutritional supplement drinks.

Gleaners asks that customers avoid donating items in glass containers because they often break in

transit.

Personal items needed include toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, shaving cream, diapers, soap, shampoo and disposable razors.

"Gleaners helps relieve hunger daily by providing more than 85,000 meals to people in southeastern Michigan communities," stated Gerry Brisson, senior vice president of advancement for Gleaners. "We are able to serve so many because of the enthusiastic efforts of thousands of donors and volunteers who want to make a difference for others."

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## Milestones



Harold L. and Roberta E. (Pettit) Gooding of Farmington Hills

### 60th wedding anniversary

Harold L. and Roberta E. (Pettit) Gooding of Farmington Hills marked their 60th wedding anniversary Dec. 29, 2011. The couple married in 1951 in Gaines.

Their children are Suzanne (Don) Prucha of Oxford, Pamela (David) Cavanaugh of Farmington Hills, Cathy (Tom) Muirhead of Milford, Doris (Ron) Beyke of Clover, S. C., Mary (Chris) McKenna of Fowlerville, and Patricia (Don) DuFore of Fowlerville.

They also have 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The couple celebrated their milestone anniversary with a family gathering.

### Lundy-Byberg

Mrs. Denise Lundy of Plymouth announces the engagement of her daughter, Susan Kay, to Andrew Warren Byberg, son of John and Helen Byberg of Brighton. Susan also is the daughter of the late John Lundy.

The bride-to-be is a 2002 Salem High School graduate with a bachelor of science degree in social work from Eastern Michigan University. She currently works for State of Georgia under the Division of Aging Services.

Her fiancé is a 2003 Stevenson High School graduate with a bachelor of



science degree in computer and electrical engineering from Lawrence Technological University. He currently works for NASCO, Inc.

A September wedding planned in Plymouth.

### Haas-Douglass

Christine Haas and Kenneth Douglass were married Nov. 5, 2011 at Metropolitan Methodist Church in Detroit.

The bride, daughter of Thomas and Cathy Haas of Livonia, attended Franklin High School and earned BA and MA degrees in communication and works in human resources at Bright House Networks.

The groom, son of Jeff and Linda Douglass of Westland, also attended Franklin High School and works at Owens and Minor in medical distribution and supplies. He is pursuing a business degree.

The bride's attendants were Kimberly Haas, her sister; Leslie Mason, her sister-in-law; and friends Dawn Stowe, Meagan Polesky and Jamie Proctor.



The groom's attendants were Jeff Douglass, Jr., his brother; Jessie Mason, his brother-in-law; and friends Aaron Whitworth, Jon Dymtro and TJ Young.

A reception was held at Model T-Plex Museum, in Detroit.

The couple took a honeymoon trip to Costa Rica and have made their home in Livonia.



Bender-Huemme

Courtney Marie Bender of Novi and Gabriel Stephan Huemme of Redford Township announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Robert and Colleen Bender of Detroit, graduated from Ladywood High School in Livonia and earned a bachelor's degree in communication and Spanish in 2007 from Aquinas College and a master's degree in administration in 2010 from Central Michigan University. She is employed as a social worker for the State of Michigan Department of Human Services in Detroit.

Her fiancé, son of Nancy Huemme of Redford Township, is a graduate of Thurston High School in Redford and earned an associate's degree in 2006 from Schoolcraft College in Livonia. He is studying business and technology at Davenport University and is a residential staff member at Broe Rehab in Farmington Hills.

An October 2013 wedding is planned in Redford.



Jeter-Cotschall

Elizabeth Catherine Jeter and Bryan Justin Gotschall announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Tim and Tina Jeter of Livonia, is a 2006 graduate of Stevenson High School and a 2009 graduate of Western Michigan University. She works as an early childhood specialist for The Learning Experience in South Lyon.

Her fiancé, son of Brian and Susan Gotschall of Correctionville, Iowa, joined the military after high school graduation. He served two tours in the Middle East and currently works as a U.S. Army recruiter in Westland.

A May wedding is planned at St. Kenneth Catholic Church.

### Turner-Tison

Bethany Turner and Jeffrey Tison announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Robert and Anne Turner of Grosse Ile, formerly of Livonia, is a 2003 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. She earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Bowling Green State University and currently teaches first grade in Fort Pierce, Fla.

Her fiancé is the son of Martha Solorzano and James Kadingo of Tempe, Ariz.

A March wedding is planned in Key West, Fla.



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BOBROWSKI, WALTER

Age 87 of Livonia. Cherished husband of Marie. Loving father of Robert (Gloria), David (the late Joyce), Michael of N.Y.C., Theresa, Patricia (Peter) Goodreau of IL., and Walt (Peggy) of CT. Proud grandpa of 7 and great-grandpa of 7. Dearest uncle to many. Also survived by many loving family and friends. Honored WWII Veteran and member of VFW Post 6896. Visitation will be held at Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel 36100 5 Mile Rd. Livonia (E. of Levan) Monday 3-9pm with 7pm Rosary and military honors. Funeral Service Tuesday at St. Edith Catholic Church 15089 Newburgh Rd. (Livonia) In-State 10am, Mass 10:30am. Memorial Contributions may be made to The Capuchins and/or Assoc. of the Miraculous Medal. Please visit online guestbook fredwoodfuneralhome.com



BRAGALONE, ROBERT

Age 31 of Canton, Michigan, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, January 1, 2012. Robert was born on May 2, 1980 in Detroit, Michigan. He was the loving father of Brooklyn Rose; beloved son of Jodie and David; dear brother of Kimberly and David; and cherished grandson of Samuel and Ethel Bragalone. He is also survived by Brooklyn's mother Megan Coon; great aunt Colleen Reardon; his aunt Stephanie Thomas; and many other loving family members and friends. Robert was preceded in death by his grandmother Rosalind Thomas; and his aunt Renee Thomas. Memorial service will be held at the Plymouth First United Methodist Church at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2012.

FAUGHT, DOROTHY RITA

Passed away at home on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at the age of 87. www.ertelfuneralhome.com



FLAMINI, KEITH

Age 58, December 30, 2011 of Garden City. Loving father of Alicia (Bradley) Jonckheere, Jennifer (John) Jacobs, and Keith (Susan) Flamini Jr. Loving grandfather of 10 grandchildren. Beloved son of Mamie "May" and the late George Flamini. Dear brother of Dorothy (Craig) Teddy, George (Terri), Tim, and the late Donald Flamini. Funeral Service was held at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N Newburgh Rd, Westland. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Humane Society. To share a memory, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

GRAY, PAUL D.

December 29, 2011, age 68 of Livonia. Loving husband of Betty. Cherished father of Elizabeth (Haisen) Quan. Proud grandpa of Elijah Quan. Dear brother of Wylan (Marvin) Ganote, and Roz (J.M.) Finley. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. The family will gather with friends Saturday January 14, 2012 from 11AM until the 12 Noon Memorial Service at Fairlane Alliance Church, 905 Mason, Dearborn MI 48124. Memorial contributions may be made to SEND International. To share memories please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com



HOWELL JR., CHARLES E.

Age 66, of Holly, died Wed., Jan. 4, 2012. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM Sat., Jan. 7, at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly with Pastor Jim Combs officiating. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery. Visitation will be Thurs. and Fri. from 2-5 and 7-9 PM. Mr. Howell was born on Feb. 14, 1945 the son of Charles and Alice (Lamoraux) Howell. He was the owner and operator of Howell Landscaping for 43 years. He was a Past-President of the Holly JC's and was a member of the Oakland County Sportsman's Club, and the MDLA. He loved fishing, golfing, camping, boating, teaching Junior Rifle class, and being outdoors. Surviving are his wife Diane; 2 daughters, Debbie (Jeff) Swanson of Ortonville and Colleen Bailey of Holly; 4 grandchildren, Ian and Danielle Swanson and Jessica and Amber Bailey; brothers and sisters, John Howell of FL, Florence Thompson of Romeo, Suzie Johnson of Attica, James Howell of Almont, Russell Howell of Romeo, Emily Izzo of Southfield, Patty Cole of Sandusky, and Christopher Howell of Hazel Park; brothers and sisters-in-law, William Coleman of Waterford, Margie Caunt of Milford, Tammy Hendrickson of Pontiac, Allen Coleman of Highland, and Raymond Coleman of Holly. Memorial donations may be made to U of M Comprehensive Cancer Center or Oakland County Sportsman's Club. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com

### HOYER, LEONARD A.

January 5, 2012, age 70. Beloved husband of Jeannie. Dear father of David (Shannon) and Steven (Jennifer) Hoyer. Grandfather of Joseph, Molly, Ryan, Haley, Kayla, Deanna and Anthony. Brother of Douglas (Sharon) Hoyer. Visitation Sunday, 12noon until 9pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth where funeral services will be held on Monday 1pm. Share your special thoughts and memories at: www.schrader-howell.com

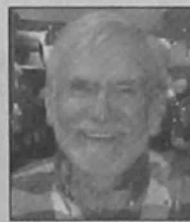


JOHNS, KEVIN S.

Age 49, Jan 4, 2012. Beloved husband of Jennifer. Loving father of Emily and Hannah. Son of Elizabeth Rowe and the late Harding Johns. Brother of Diane (Paul) Zilla, Dennis (Deb), Marcia (Larry) Sweet, Marlene (Dewey) Gregory and Keith (Becky). Son-in-law of David and Cheryl Teter. Visitation Saturday 4-8pm and Sunday 2-8pm. Funeral service Monday 11:30am at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill). Family suggests memorials to Kevin Johns Trust Fund at Chase Bank. www.santeiufuneralhome.com

### KISCADEN, PAUL

Age 57 of Livonia. Beloved Son of Mahlon and Leone. Loving Brother of Barbara (Joseph) Mendelson. Also survived by many other loving family and friends. Visitation will be held Friday 3-8pm at Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel 36100 5 Mile Rd. Livonia (E. of Levan) Funeral Service Saturday Gathering 10am Service 11am at Ward Presbyterian Church 40000 6 Mile Rd. Northville (W. of Haggerty). Please visit online guestbook fredwoodfuneralhome.com



McMURTREY, WILLIAM R.

Age 87, beloved husband of Gloria for 65 years, and father of Kathryn and Marcia McMurtrey, departed this "mortal coil" (as he no doubt would phrase it) on Christmas Eve, 2011. He was preceded in death by his brothers: James, Tom, and Harold, and by his daughter, Deborah. A Hoosier and proud of it, he was born to Samuel T. and Iva L. in Clinton Township, Ind. In his youth he worked as a paperboy, on the railroad, and as a movie theater manager. In 1943, Bill served in the field artillery of the US Army. He entered the Livonia Public School system in 1949, first, as a teacher at Bentley High School and then as a principal of Riley Junior High. He became a well-respected and admired educator and school administrator. To know William was to love him. His tender heart, keen intellect, and dry sense of humor, are and will always be sorely missed. A celebration of his life will be scheduled and held in the Spring.



MOLINARO, ELSE L.

Age 73, passed away January 4, 2012 at Beaumont Hospital Royal Oak. Beloved wife of Giuseppe. Dearest mother of Marco (Susan) and Giuseppe. Grandmother of Julia, Luke, Ceaira, Antonio, and Aliyah. Sister of Dr. Ernst Colon and Clara Colon. Green Burial to take place in Davis, California, January 10, 2012.

### PAGE, NORMA RITCH

Age 79, December 31, 2011. Beloved wife of Earl. Loving mother of Sue Page-Girbach and Robert (Linda) Page. Proud grandmother of seven grandchildren. Daughter-in-law of Edith Keller Johnson. Services were held at the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham. Memorials to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society appreciated.

Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak, 248-541-7000. Share your memories at: www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com



QUINN, YOLANDA

Born January 6, 1912. Died March 20, 1995. Remembered with love on the 100th anniversary of birth, by her family.

### SCHULTZ, JANET A.

Of Plymouth. December 20, 2011. Age 60. Loving mother of Matthew and Phillip. Dear sister of James (Cynthia) Allison. Memorial Service Saturday, January 14th at Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 10101 West Ann Arbor Rd, Plymouth at 11:00 am. A Memorial Gathering at the church will begin at 10:00 am. Arrangements by Czopek Funeral Directors (734) 285-9000.

### SUND, A. RUSSELL

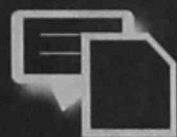
Dec. 24, 2011, age 87, of Howell, formerly of Livonia. Loving father of Gail (Tom) Garrity, Gary (Jennifer) Sund & the late Sandy Sund. Grandfather of ten. Dear friend of Lynne Bunce.

WIETING III, HARRY NYE

Age 86, passed away January 1, 2012. Born in New Haven, Connecticut October 26, 1925, Harry attended Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts. He went on to serve in the United States Navy during World War II. Harry attended the University of Michigan earning a degree in business. He was also a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. Harry worked for United Technologies Corporation and retired as a Vice President of the automotive division. In retirement he resided in Leland, Michigan and Naples, Florida. Mr. Wieting is predeceased by his mother, Marion Cluff Wieting, his father, Harry Nye Wieting Jr. and three sisters, Georgia Klingbeil, Ruth McKisson and Marion Jamieson. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Jean Wyckoff Wieting, daughter, Gretchen Kay Wieting Sherwood, son, Cary Nye Wieting and daughter-in-law, Patricia Watson Wieting. There are five grandchildren: Roderick MacKenzie Sherwood IV, Hunter C. Wieting Sherwood, Harry Wieting Sherwood, Julia Kay Wieting and Harrison Nye Wieting. A family memorial is planned this summer in Michigan.

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# Tips For Looking Good On Paper And In Person

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This situation isn't uncommon. With all of the advice available about résumé and cover letter do's and don'ts, almost anyone can look like the perfect candidate. But just because a job candidate looks good on paper doesn't mean he will be a good fit for the company.

"While education, past work experience, qualifications and skill set will always be a major influence in hiring, there are many other factors that are used to determine if the candidate

will be a good fit for the organization," says Samantha Lambert of Blue Fountain Media, a media design company in New York.

"I can immediately tell if a candidate spent time researching us and personalizing his job application as well as if he pumped out his résumé to any job that looked somewhat appealing. You can tell a lot from email correspondence with a candidate, but nothing is as substantial as meeting him in person to gauge his compatibility with the company culture."

Eszter Szikora, marketing communications manager at an information technology recruiting firm in Sunnyvale, Calif., remembers when his company was seeking to hire a senior recruiter.

"The candidate had excellent references and a pitch-perfect résumé with plenty of experience -- all the qualifications we required. On paper, she

was the dream candidate to fill this job. However, when our team started to interview her in person, we quickly realized that she did not fit into our energetic, fun, multicultural environment," Szikora says.

"We ended up hiring someone who was not the picture-perfect candidate on paper. She did not have that much industry experience but she had the drive and the personality to succeed. Sometimes it is better to hire someone who really wants the job and has the right attitude than someone who has all the skills you need but simply does not fit the environment."

Ideally, the perfect candidate looks good on paper and in person. To achieve that goal, here are some tips from Lambert and Lynne Sarikas, executive director of the MBA Career Center at Northeastern University in Boston.

## On paper:

1. Make sure your name and contact information are up top and clear so the hiring manager can contact you, Lambert says.

2. Always include a customized cover letter. "Don't expect the hiring manager to review your résumé and think about how your experience relates to what they need," Sarikas says. "Demonstrate the value you add by preparing a customized cover letter that clearly identifies how you can address their business needs. It is about them, not you. Use key words from the job description. Make them want to talk to you."

3. Don't be afraid to write something catchy in the subject line that will make you stand out among the competition and intrigue your reader, Lambert says.

4. Take the paper to the next level. "Use your networking skills to build a network within your target companies. Then, when a position becomes available, ask your contact to share your résumé and cover letter with the hiring manager. Increase your chances of being seen by leveraging your network," Sarikas says.

5. Remember: "The goal of your résumé and cover letter is not to get you

the job, but to get you an interview. Make the hiring manager want to talk to you," Sarikas says.

## In person:

6. Lambert suggests that you arrive early to explore the office, use the bathroom and get a glimpse of what the average day at the company looks like.

7. "Bring a notepad so you have the questions you want to ask as well as an opportunity to take notes," Sarikas says. "Bring extra copies of your résumé just in case it is needed. Be prepared with a list of references just in case you are asked."

8. "Do your research on the company and especially on the person that will be interviewing you," Lambert says.

9. "Dress professionally and conservatively; your best suit, polished shoes, impeccable grooming, etc. Make the best possible first impression," Sarikas says.

10. "Prepare at least five talking points as to why you would be the best fit for the position," Lambert says.

11. "Be yourself. Let them see the person behind the résumé. Your personal brand should be consistent across your cover letter, résumé and interview. Answer questions honestly and thoughtfully. Give them strong examples. Show how you can add value to the company and help solve their business problems," Sarikas says.

12. "Do not ask about compensation and incentives unless an offer has been extended," Lambert says.

13. Focus on what you can do for the company, not what they can do for you, Sarikas says.

14. Always thank the interviewer for his time and demonstrate your sincere interest. Be sure to follow up within 24 hours with a handwritten thank-you note. Customize the note by referring to something you learned or discussed and again confirm your interest, Sarikas recommends.

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