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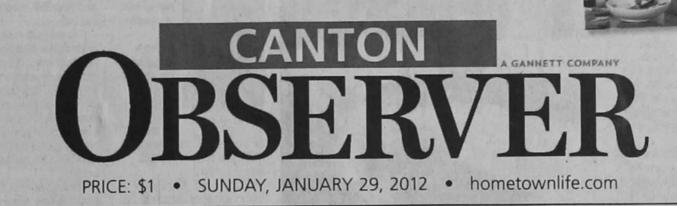


Brown-Chappell

tarian Award Jan. 16 during EMU's annual MLK Day President's Luncheon.

The award recognizes individuals from within Eastern and the community who exemplify the values and ideals of Dr. King, such as leadership and service.

Brown-Chappell, a professor of social work, has more than 30 years of experience both as a faculty member and administrator in higher education.



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MOMENTS

COMMUNITY LIFE

Yack back Former supervisor weighs township board run

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

In a move that could jolt Canton's political landscape, former township Supervisor Tom Yack confirmed Friday that he is strongly leaning toward a campaign for a part-time township trustee seat.

"I'm definitely contemplating, considering it," Yack said, putting his chances of becoming a candidate at "80 percent." Yack chose to end his

20-year stint as Canton's longest-serving supervisor in late 2008, ushering in a new era led by township Supervisor Phil LaJoy.

Yack, 65, expects to decide by mid-April if he will seek a four-year term as trustee. He said he is considering an election bid amid hopes of bringing his expertise to the board as it continues to face financial and other challenges.

"In general, the township board and administration have done a very admirable job of dealing with financial issues," he said. "They've weathered the storm well and retained all the assets in Canton that make people choose Canton over other communities."

Valuable asset Yet he said his



Longtime Canton Supervisor Tom Yack and his wife, Barb, were surrounded by friends and supporters at Yack's 2008 retirement party. Now he's considering a run for township board.

strengths in economic and residential development could prove valuable as Canton gradually rebounds from a downturn that has plagued Michigan and the nation.

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"It's certainly not going to be like the boom years when we had 1,200 or 1,300 building permits a year," Yack said, "but we

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District expands TAG program

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

Facing growing competition from charter schools and with a record number of students applying, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools administrators are expanding the district's Talented and Gifted program for the 2012-2013 school year.

The decision comes as the results of



Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives in the area:

 Monday, Feb. 6,
 1-6:45 p.m. in St. John's Episcopal Church, 574
 Sheldon Road, Plymouth.

• Sunday, Feb. 12, 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m in First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church, Plymouth.

• Sunday, Feb. 12, 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. in Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth.

• Thursday, Feb. 16, 1:30-7:15 p.m., Lou LaRiche, 40875 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. To make an appointment at any of the above drives, call Diane Risko at (313) 549-7052 or e-mail riskod@usa.redcross.org. Walk-ins will be taken when possible.

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Court Reporter Carol Richardson worked for years for former Chief Judge John MacDonald before his retirement three years ago.

Court adjourned Reporter takes memories of 27 years into retirement

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

She watched the old 35th District Court burn, kept meticulous records of heartwrenching crimes, taught fledgling colleagues the ropes and spent most of her career working for a judge who seemed like a father after she lost her own.

Memories abound and emotions are running high as Canton resident Carol Richardson prepares to retire Tuesday and end a 27-year career as the longest-serving court reporter ever for Plymouthbased 35th District Court.

"I love my job," Richardson, 58, said as she sat in her thirdfloor office. "I love the people I work with. Every day is a different challenge. Every day is a different reward. I've grown from a child to a woman here. My lessons in life came from working in this court."

Her departure as chief court reporter and secretary to Judge James Plakas has saddened her friends and colleagues.

"This is a sad, sad day in



Carol Richardson has seen big changes with new technologies in court reporting. She retires Tuesday as the longest-serving court reporter in 35th District Court history.

my life," said Kay Jasin, a decade-long court reporter for Judge Michael Gerou. "I came here from a law office with no court experience. Carol taught me everything I know. She is my best friend."

Followed a judge Richardson, daughter of Lorraine Paterson and the late Thomas Paterson, grew up in Redford and was a 1971 graduate of Bishop Borgess High School. She spent four years attending Henry Ford Community College and the University of Michigan-Dearborn, earning her legal assistant degree.

Richardson worked seven years for then-attorney John MacDonald and served with him during his 24 years as a 35th District Court judge before he retired three years ago.

"Carol is a very competent individual. She's loyal and reliable," MacDonald said. "She's a fine person."

Plakas recalled how Richardson helped him when he succeeded MacDonald. Plakas had times he would have forgotten to impose court fines if she hadn't reminded him.

"She was crucial to my transition from attorney to the bench," he said.

Richardson's duties have involved keeping a verba-

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a recently commissioned survey shows some 83 percent of people surveyed

Board apologizes, A3. said they would consider enrolling their child in

Plymouth-Canton schools if the district offered a TAG program housed in a single location.

Plymouth-Canton's program currently houses some 147 students at Miller Elementary in Canton and another 176 middle schoolers at East Middle School in Plymouth.

"There are always people interested in the TAG program," said Jeanne Farina, the district's assistant superintendent for instruction. "We're interested in opening (TAG) up and making it available to more students."

While the district has decided to expand the program for the upcoming school year, many of the logistics of such an expansion are waiting on the results of the Plante & Moran CRESA study into facility usage.

CRESA officials are on the agenda for a special Thursday, Feb. 2 Board of Education meeting, where they are expected to recommend closing at least one elementary school and other

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TAG TIMELINE

Feb. 6: Nomination deadline Feb. 2: The second of two parent meetings, 6:30 p.m., Miller Elementary School, 43721 Hanford in Canton Feb. 27-March 16: Phase I of TAG Screening, cognitive abilities test and Iowa Test of Basic Skills.

By April 5: Parents notified as to whether or not their student is eligible for Phase II of TAG Screening. Eligible students scheduled to take the Phase II TAG aptitude test.

April 21 & April 28: Phase II of TAG screening: Eligible students will be assigned to one of these Saturday test dates.

Early May: All Phase I and Phase II screening information reviewed by TAG Selection Committee.

By May 11: TAG placements offered. May 24: TAG Orientation.

Finance chief leaving Canton post

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

Canton Finance Director Rick Eva has confirmed he will leave his job Feb. 29 - a decision that makes him the fifth high-ranking township official to depart since late August.

'I'm retiring," Eva said. His remarks came as Supervisor Phil LaJoy confirmed Thursday that Canton has hired a new human resources manager to replace Dave Medley, who retired in late December and ended a 21-year run.

LaJoy named Gwyn Belcher, director of administrative services for the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority, as Medley's successor. She was among three finalists for the post and starts her new job Feb. 6.

Eva, meanwhile, steered Canton's finance department for just over five years during a career that spanned more than three decades.

LaJoy said Eva's expertise has proved valuable as Canton, while facing financial challenges, adopted cost-cutting and revenue-raising mea-

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Canton Finance Director Rick Eva, here leading an explanation of water rates, is leaving the township after five years heading up the finance department.

sures to combat what had once loomed as a potential \$15 million deficit.

"He did a great job during a very difficult time, and he really helped us get through it," LaJoy said, though "we're still going through it.'

Canton, like other communities, has faced declining tax revenues as property values plummeted. LaJoy confirmed that 14 potential candidates

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have applied for Eva's position, and a threemember panel expects in coming weeks to begin interviewing as many as six finalists.

The panel includes Belcher, township Trustee John Anthony and Livonia Finance Director Mike Slater. LaJoy is hopeful Eva's successor can be named by mid-February, allowing for a transition before Eva departs.

Belcher, meanwhile, had responsibility over the administration and evaluation of YCUA's human resources component, including union employees, LaJoy said.

Belcher, a resident of Ypsilanti Township, has a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan. LaJoy said she also has earned a ranking as senior professional from Michigan's Human **Resources** Certification Institute.

"I think she's going to fit in very, very well," LaJoy said, "and we will do everything we can to



number of high-ranking township officials to leave since late August.

LaJoy said there's no overriding reason why several employees left within a short span. Some locked in their retirement and took other jobs; at least one simply found a more lucrative opportunity.

Those who have left include:

 Medley, who retired as human resources manager in late December after a 21-year stint.

 Township Attorney Audrey Robinson, who left in November for a higher-paying job as vice president of government relations for Southfieldbased R.L. Polk, an automotive data and marketing solutions company.

Robinson has been replaced by Kristin Kolb, who came from the Michigan firm of Secrest Wardle with experience in municipal law.

 Township Engineer Tom Casari, who retired from Canton in mid-September and took a similar job in Northville Township. His duties were split between Bill Serchak, engineering services manager, and Bob Belair, public works manager.

 Public Works Superintendent Mike Karll, who ended his 35-year career in Canton in late August to accept a position in Plymouth Township. Belair has taken on the bulk of Karll's duties.

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options for redistricting and possibly restructuring schools.

"Do we go to one building or multiple buildings, what do we offer ... It's going to entirely depend on (CRE-SA)," said Tim Schoenherr, director of innovative programs. "A lot of things will have to be aligned after the board makes its decisions (on CRESA's recommendations)."

The expanded TAG program is one of several initiatives the district is considering as it competes with area charter and private schools for students. While 83 percent of the respondents to the EPIC/ MRA survey on programming said they send their children to Plymouth-Canton schools, the other 17 percent do not. Of that 17 percent, 7 percent said they send their children

to charter schools. One of the reasons for that, according to the survey, is "quality of education," which has district officials considering ways they can both convince parents they actually do have a challenging curriculum and, at the same time, offer programs that will attract more students.

Of the 17 percent who said they said their children to other schools, 91 percent said they would consider moving to Plymouth-Canton Schools if the district offered a TAG program located in one building, while 97 percent said they'd consider P-CCS if the district offered training in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

That's why the district is considering a magnet school for TAG, STEM and business academies, and an international baccalaureate program.

And it's all because of the pressure of outside competition.

"Our enrollment has peaked, partly because of a declining birth rate, but from competition, as well," Schoenherr said. "This is definitely a response to that competition."

While officials admit the expansion of TAG, and the possible creation of the other academies, is one direct response to the impact of charter schools on P-CCS enrollment, Schoenherr said there's also a bigger-picture element to the potential changes.

"I think this has a lot to do with (the idea) education needs to be different, because we're educating kids for jobs that don't even exist yet," he said. "The emphasis is on jobs that are there now, but it will also get students ready for jobs that will be there in the future.

"We have a global marketplace," Schoenherr added. "For us to offer an International Baccalaureate program ... it's hugely important for students for whom that is a fit. We need to make the world bigger for our kids."

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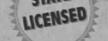
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Board apologizes, sets meeting

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education has issued an apology for cutting short the citizens' comment portion of its meeting last week, and has scheduled a special meeting Monday to allow people to speak.

The apology comes two days after the board, at its Jan. 24 meeting, limited the public comment portion of its agenda to 45 minutes, cutting off an estimated 20 citizens waiting to speak and violating the Michigan Open Meetings Act in the process.

Board vice president Adrienne Davis, who chaired Tuesday's meeting in the absence of board president John Barrett, announced the decision at the beginning of the meeting, which drew yet another large crowd, many of whom were there to talk about the Toni Morrison book, "Beloved."

"The board regrets its actions and will be correcting its Citizen Comment policy in the future," the apology, issued Thursday afternoon, read in part. "The board has scheduled a special meeting ... to provide an opportunity to speak for those who were prevented from doing so (Tuesday)."

District officials said the board was acting on district policy, which says the public comment portion of the agenda is limited to 30 minutes. After several residents com-

SCHOOL BOARD APOLOGY

The Board of Education wishes to apologize to the community for the decision at its January 24 meeting to limit the period of Citizen Comment. The intent of this decision was not to stifle public comment or deny persons the opportunity to speak but to keep the comment period at a reasonable length to allow the Board to conduct its business. Citizen comment has lately occupied a large portion of Board meetings. It has been a difficult task for the Board to balance the desire to hear from the public with its need to conduct school district business.

At the time, the Board believed it was acting appropriately within the framework of its policies, which state that Citizen Comment is to be limited to 30 minutes. The action of the presiding officer in extending this to 45 minutes was an attempt to honor and respect the number of those wishing to speak.

The Board has since learned through its legal counsel that its current policy on Citizen Comment is not legal, that although the Board may limit the time each individual is allowed to speak, it may not limit the total time provided for public comment if by doing so some persons are prevented from speaking.

The Board regrets its actions and will be correcting its Citizen Comment policy in the future. The Board of Education has scheduled a special meeting for Monday, January 30, at 7:00 p.m., at the E. J. McClendon Education Center, to provide an opportunity to speak for those who were prevented from doing so on January 24.

plained and the Open Meetings Act question was raised, district officials consulted with legal counsel, who told officials the policy violated the law.

"It wasn't done knowingly," Davis said. "We made a mistake, and we're moving to correct it. We respect the voices of our residents, and we want to hear from them."

District officials said all of the people who filled out cards at Tuesday's meeting but didn't get to speak were notified individually by staffers. They also said anyone who attends the Monday meeting who wants to speak will be given the chance.

"I welcome their apology and their attempt at correcting the problem," said Tim Roraback of Plymouth, one of the residents denied a chance to speak Tuesday. "I understand the board is under some intense pressure because it's becoming clear this whole book-banning thing is really part of a larger, state-wide scenario that involves politics and commercial gain."

The meeting takes place 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30, at the E.J. McClendon Education Center on Harvey.

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Schools join Dodson as Bronze winners

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

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Last fall, 16 schools in Michigan were recognized with HealthierUS School Challenge Bronze Award in a national initiative, spearheaded by first lady Michelle Obama, to promote healthier school meals, physical activity and fitness opportunities and nutrition education.

And 15 of those awards were handed out in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

With Dodson Elementary leading the way, having earned the same recognition last year, all 16 of the district's elementary schools now hold the Bronze Award.

And, in an appearance before the Board of Education Tuesday Kristen Hennessey, the district's food services chief, said while the success has come at the elementary school, staffers aren't stopping there.

"We started at the elementary schools, because we wanted to change (children's) eating habits early on," Hennessey told board members. "In the secondary schools, the staff embraces changes. They've begun changing the culture at the secondary level, too."

Hennessey said the district applied for the Bronze status for the other 15 elementary schools in November, and received word around the holidays that all 15 of them had been accepted. Last year, current board vice president Adrienne Davis and former vice president Dianne Gonzalez traveled to Washington, D.C., with Hennessey and others to accept the congratulations of First Lady Michelle Obama. There's been no word yet on when the new



EDUCATION

A large number of food services staff members, without whom success "would not be possible," according to nutrition chief Kristen Hennessey, were honored at Tuesday's Board of Education meeting.



Plymouth-Canton's director of nutrition services, Kristen Hennessey, told school board members Tuesday all 16 of the district's elementary schools are now Bronze Award winners.

awards will be handed out. Each school gets a banner plus a \$500 check for earning Bronze Award status "We're looking at where each school can put that money back into the program," Hennessey said.

Responding to criticism the district isn't doing enough at the middle schools and high schools, Hennessey pointed out strides are being taken. The district is transition into whole grains, french fries have been removed from the menu at the high school — "At the high schools, we don't even use our fryers," Hennessey said — and baking most foods.

Trustee Mark Horvath said he recently popped in for a meal at East Middle School in Plymouth, and noticed behaviors changing from "when I was a Pop Tart kid."

"Your approach to improve behavior is carrying over to the middle schools," Horvath said. "You're doing the right thing by working up. You can't take on the whole change at one time."

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

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The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park National Honor Society's Green Team has created a Park-wide recycling system for plastic bottles with the help of Coca-Cola and the Bosch Corporation. NHS will launch a trial program from Jan. 30 to March 9. Bins purchased with corporate grant money will be placed throughout all three high school campuses.

In an average year, nearly 236,000 plastic bottles are thrown in the trash and eventually taken to landfills. Over the trial period, the Green Team strives to reduce the weight of plastic bottle waste by 15 percent. In addition, they hope to increase the recycling of plastic bottles from 0 to 40 percent of purchased amount.

Vision awards

The American Vision Award winners are chosen as the "Best of Show" from all of the artwork entered in this year's Southeastern Michigan Regional Art Competition. Each regional program across the country selects the five most outstanding works of art from their Gold Key recipients. These five young artists represent the region on the national level as American Vision nominees. A national panel selects one of the nominated works from each region as the American Vision Award Recipient for 2012.

Plymouth High School Senior Rachel Rose Bissonnette won four Gold Key Awards for mixed media, Canton High School senior Emily Erley earned two certificates for digital art and Salem High School junior Catherine Morris earned a certificate for drawing.

Talent show

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park band students have planned a variety talent show for the community 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, at Salem High School.

Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$6 for adults, \$4 for students and senior citizens. The talent show is comprised of musicians, comedians, dancers, singers and musical groups. The band students organize the annual event as part of their concert band curriculum.

The band is led by director of bands, David Armbruster. The P-CEP Symphony Band will perform as will the P-CEP Wind Ensemble. The award-winning Plymouth-Canton Marching Band also will perform.

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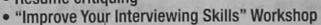
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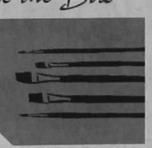
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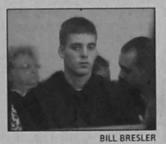
road, drove over him two

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

A Westland man accused of driving over a teenager and dragging him along a Canton road pleaded no contest Thursday to a charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm, Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Maria Miller said. Badaw Marping, 20

Rodney Manning, 20, faces sentencing March 8 by Wayne County Circuit Judge Vonda Evans after he accepted a plea agreement that prompted authorities to dismiss charges of assault with intent to murder, reckless driving causing serious injury, felonious assault and operating a vehicle while intoxicated causing serious injury.

The sole remaining charge against Manning carries a 10-year prison term, though local authorities have indicated he may not receive the maximum sentence.



STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Rodney Manning of Westland pleaded no contest Thursday to a charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm.

Manning's plea averted a trial that could have resulted in a much lengthier prison sentence. It comes two months after 19-year-old victim Jahlil Wilson gave horrific testimony during Manning's preliminary examination in 35th District Court.

Wilson accused Manning of twice running over him and dragging him a quarter-mile along Beck Road near Woodlong as he struggled to survive by clinging to hot pipes underneath the car. Wilson's testimony indicated the attack last July 2 followed a violent clash outside a house party between two groups of young adults, one of them allegedly affiliated with a gang dubbed Loyalty

Before Respect. Wilson, however, denied he was involved in a gang during an incident that culminated when he was dragged along the road until his buttocks were seared off and his spine was exposed.

"It was just horrible," he testified in November.

Manning had been free on bond as he awaited the outcome of his case in Wayne County Circuit Court. He could have faced penalties ranging up to life in prison if he had been convicted on earlier charges of assault with intent to murder.

Wilson has testified he was among a crowd of 25-30 people who crossed

CRIME WATCH

Threatening calls

A Canton woman told police she was receiving threatening phone calls from her cousin.

The victim told police the cousin was going to harm her, her children or her aunt.

One text message, according to the police report, said the caller was "going to kill all relatives," and was filled with racial slurs and made more threats.

While police were actually talking to the victim, according to the reports, the suspect called again. The woman put the call on speaker phone, according to the report, and the caller made more of the same kinds of threats and used the same kind of language.

Canton Police requested Washtenaw County sheriff's deputies check on the safety of the aunt, and on the mental health of the caller. According to the report, the caller was transported to University of Michigan Hospital.

Identity theft

A Canton man told police he'd been the victim of identity theft after a local Family Video store called him to say video games rented in his name were late coming back. The victim told police he hadn't rented any video games.

According to police reports, the victim told police he'd been roommates with the suspect in a Canton Center residence. In early January, he told police, he had asked the roommate to move out. About the same time, he noticed his wallet was missing. The roommate did move out Jan. 10.

The victim got the call about the video games Jan. 15. After calling Family Video, the victim suspected his former roommate of using his identity to rent the games. Police went to the roommate's new residence, according to reports, but he wasn't home. The suspect's brother allowed police to look around, but there was no sign of the games.

Family Video has since transferred the charge to the suspect's account. The victim's landlord subsequently found his wallet in the mud outside his Canton Center residence. The victim told police he'd like to pursue charges against the roommate for identity theft.

to the west side of Beck what Weis Road after the car driven by Manning parked Wilson h across the street and one passenger got out with a

what Weiss said was "a war type of thing." Wilson has said his body will never be the same and that he wakes at night from nightmares caused by the incident.

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tim record of court proceedings, providing transcripts such as when cases are appealed, working as the judge's secretary and helping attorneys who are trying to reach settlements. She spent almost her entire career with MacDonald

"He was like a father to me," she said. "He was my rock. He took over when my dad died (15 years ago)."

Helping others

Divorced with no children, Richardson has cherished her ability to help people who found themselves thrust into the court system, and she has gained a wealth of knowledge from her job.

"I love law," she said. One of the most challenging aspects of her job has been complying with a 28-day deadline for providing a verbatim transcript when a case is appealed.

"I've worked many evenings and weekends on transcripts," she said, call-ing herself "a perfectionist" when it came to grammar and punctuation.

While listening to emotional cases involving child abuse, rape and other violent crimes, Richardson also had the difficulty of making a record of highly technical information. "Some of the medical terminology is really challenging," she said.

She has never forgotten the time she lost all of her court records when an accidental fire destroyed the former 35th District Court in Plymouth in July 1997.

"We stood outside and

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Carol Richardson worked for Judge James Plakas the last three years after spending 24 years with former Judge John MacDonald.

watched the building burn," she said. "We had to start from scratch with our records."

Richardson and others worked out of the trunks of their cars, in office space provided by nearby Unisys, in other district courts and, finally, in mobile housing on Plymouth Road, across from where the new court opened three years later.

She vividly remembers entering the new court. 'It was so beautiful.'

Richardson proudly speaks of 35th District Court. Long before court consolidation became a buzzword, it handled

cases from Plymouth, Northville and the townships of Plymouth, Canton and Northville. It was on the forefront of videoarraignment technology and same-day sentencing. Court officer Dave Fen-

delet has known Richardson since his days as a Northville police officer.

"She is extremely pleasant and at the top level of efficiency," he said. "She makes my job easier. "She's a good person, and it's going to be a loss when she leaves."

Yet, leave she will come Tuesday. She plans to spend some winter months in Nevada visit-

ing relatives such as her brother, Michael Nawrot, and his three children. She plans to return to her favorite vacation spot, Maui, and she intends to travel to places such as Brazil and Bali.

"I've got the travel bug," she said with a smile.

No matter how far she travels, however, 35th District Court and its employees will remain in her heart.

"It has been a great career," she said. "It's going to be very, very sad

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to leave."

YACK

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still can have sustainable growth in the community. A community that doesn't grow in the future is destined to shrivel up and die.'

Yack certainly didn't imply that was Canton's fate, and local officials already have cited encouraging signs of new growth.

Yack's potential candidacy has been rumored in political circles, and he said Friday he has been urged by his friends and supporters to launch a campaign. He said his wife, Barbara, and their family have no qualms about his possible return to politics.

A little early

Trustee Pat Williams, who has become the first candidate to enter the township board race, said it's "premature to endorse or not endorse" any contenders until the entire field of candidates is known.

But, he said Yack 'would be a very capable, very qualified candidate - there's no doubt about that.'

"Tom brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in terms of the history of Canton," Williams said. "From time to time when we get into discussions about contracts and we question how did we get here, Tom would certainly shortcut that process as a township historian, combined with (Treasurer) Melissa McLaughlin."

Some political observers and local officials chose to refrain from



comment

Yack cited what he called a lack of long-term experience by the board's four part-time trustees.

Yack

"There's kind of a deficit of knowledge and background and understanding, and I think I could fill that void," he said.

Williams and Trustee John Anthony are in the last year of their first four-year term, as is Dr. Syed Taj, who already has bowed out of a reelection effort in hopes of toppling U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia.

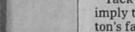
Taj is the board's only Democrat.

The newest board member, Greg Demopoulos, was appointed in October after former Trustee Todd Caccamo resigned.

Some political observers have privately questioned how Yack, as longtime supervisor, would settle into a parttime trustee role. But he said Friday he clearly understands the legislative role of trustee compared to the fulltime duties of supervisor, treasurer and clerk.

Before he became township supervisor, Yack also served on the local library board and the Plymouth-Canton school board.

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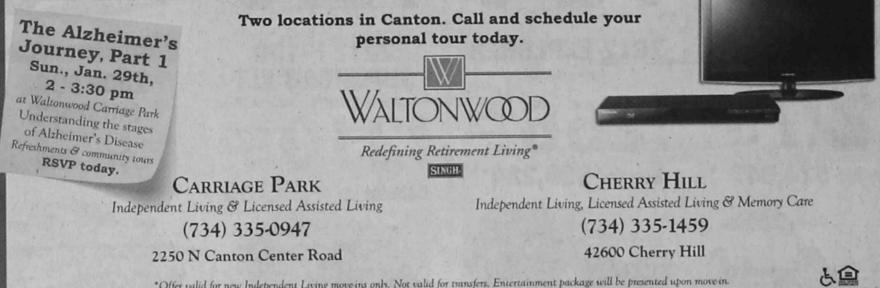
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No easy answer for when to dump an investment

By Rick Bloom Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I'm a few years away from retirement and I've started to become more active when it comes to my investments. I have looked at my investments to see how they've done. When I went through the performance of some of these investments, they've been dogs. My first question to you is what's a fair time frame to judge an investment, and what criteria should I use? I would also like to know if it makes sense to sell a B-share mutual fund before the penalty has expired. I have a few of these funds that I've had for the last three or four years and I want to get rid of them. Should I take the penalty or should I wait another couple of years? A few of my investments that I would like to sell, I was told I can't because of some sort of real estate partnership. Do you have any ideas how to sell those?

A: I think it is great that you're taking a more active role in your investments. I don't care whether you're retiring in 20 years, 20 minutes or



Money Matters Rick Bloom

ments, from a pure performance standpoint, I'm judging an investment against other investments in their same category. I'm not going to compare the performance of an emerging market fund to a large company U.S. fund. Rather, I'm comparing funds that are in the same category. That said, generally once I buy a fund, if that fund underperforms others in the same category for a two- to threeyear period, that's when I pull the plug. I recognize that good funds and good fund managers sometimes go through periods where they underperform. Just

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because a good fund has a bad year doesn't mean I'm going to sell it. It's important to keep in mind that I do extensive research before I buy a fund, therefore, I'm willing to give the manager some leeway.

Generally, when it comes to performance, I give the fund two to three years after I purchase it. That doesn't mean that I would not sell it prior to that if something happens — such as change in the fund's manager or the goals and objectives of the fund. In those situations, I am much quicker at liquidating the fund than I would be purely based on performance.

As to B-share mutual funds, I do not like this type of fund. In a B-share mutual fund, you pay high management fees. In addition, generally if you sell your fund before a five-year period, you have to pay a penalty. These funds are sold under the theory that you don't pay commissions. They are correct in the fact that you don't pay an upfront commission, however, you end up paying higher management fees year after year. These funds are not investor friendly and, generally, should be avoided. The only people who recommend these types of funds are the people selling them.

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In your situation, if the B-share mutual funds that you own have been underperforming, I would have no problem liquidating them before the penalty period is over. After all, if you kept the fund you'd end up paying higher management fees anyway. You are not losing any more by liquidating the fund now.

With regards to your real estate investment, that is a difficult one. Unfortunately, many of these investments are very illiquid. Unlike stocks that you can sell whenever you want, that is not the case with these partnerships. The secondary market for these types of investments is very small. My recommendation is to contact the real estate investment company directly because sometimes these companies have programs where they will buy back your shares. Of course, in the great majority of those cases, you're going to take a substantial hit, however, it may be worth it just to get rid of the investment.

I've never been a fan of any type of investment that will not allow me to get my money out when I choose to. It's one of the reasons I like mutual funds, because you can liquidate when you want to. You can't do that with many of these real estate investments.

Unfortunately, many people that get involved in these real estate investments don't realize they can't liquidate when they choose. I always recommend that before getting involved with any investment, make sure you know how you can sell it when you want. Good luck!

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

Canton Public Library hosts book discussions

To foster a sense of community and provide an opportunity for calm conversation, the Canton Public Library will host a book discussion for two book titles whose inclusion in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools AP English curriculum was recently challenged.

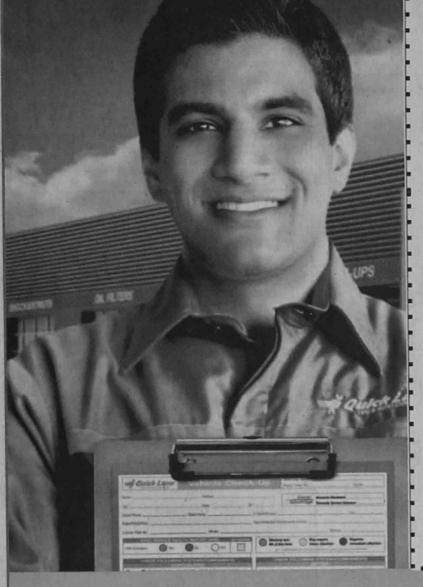
was recently challenged. "Beloved," by Toni Morrison, will be the featured title of a Feb. 27, 7 p.m. discussion and "Waterland," by Graham Swift, will be discussed on March 27 at 7 p.m.

"By hosting a discussion of these books, we can give our community a shared experience and promote a dialogue around the perspectives each individual brings from reading the book," said Rebecca Havenstein-Coughlin, department head of adult services. "The public library is an excellent forum for connecting our community in this manner."

The discussion will be led by library staff and is open to anyone in the Plymouth-Canton community ages 16 and older. Those interested in participating may register and pick up a copy of the book at the Canton Public Library beginning Jan. 30. "Beloved," for which

Morrison won the 1987 Pulitzer Prize, is described by its publisher, Random House, Inc., as "staring unflinchingly into the abyss of slavery, this spellbinding novel transforms history into a story as powerful as Exodus and as intimate as a lullaby. Sethe, its protagonist, was born a slave and escaped to Ohio, but eighteen years later she is still not free. She has too many memories of Sweet Home, the beautiful farm where so many hideous things happened. And Sethe's new home is haunted by the ghost of her baby, who died nameless and whose tombstone is engraved with a single word: Beloved. Filled with bitter poetry and suspense as taut as a rope, Beloved is a towering achievement."





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OPINION

Politics moves front-and-center in book debate

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hen Sharon Lollio strode to the podium at Tuesday's Board of Education meeting, no one knew what she was going to do except Lollio herself and (I suspect) other members of her contingent.

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So when Lollio, a Plymouth resident, started reading excerpts from Toni Morrison's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, "Beloved," it came as a huge surprise to pretty much everyone in the room. It'll come as an even bigger surprise - and not a pleasant one - to any unsuspecting viewers who try to catch the meeting on cable television.

The passages Lollio, a leader in the local Tea Party group Rattle With Us, read are the ones that has everyone up in arms, the ones with the explicit language, the ones with the references to rape and bestiality - the ones with all the "f" words.

Decision

And in that instant Lollio did to every parent in the district exactly what she and the others upset about the use of "Beloved" in the Advanced Placement program claim teachers are doing to them: She took the decision about whether parents want their children exposed to that kind of language out of parental hands and placed it firmly in her own.

She got exactly the reaction from the board she wanted when vice president Adrienne Davis asked her to stop using that kind of language in a public setting. Lollio refused, proclaiming to the delight of her supporters - that if the lan-



appropriate for **Brad Kadrich** a public

forum such as a Board of Education meeting. It's a silly idea, of course. Because Lollio and her supporters ensured on Tuesday that

when Mom and Dad sit down with 10-year-old Johnny to watch the board meeting, and perhaps teach the child a civics lesson, he's going to get a totally different lesson.

And, unlike the students in the AP English classes (and their parents, who are warned in advance the course contains mature content), they won't have any choice because Lollio

made it for them. Here's the difference: In

the AP classroom, which is designed specifically for students ready for more adult challenges, the book is read in a controlled environment by students who have asked to be part of the program and then discussed by education professionals teaching much more overarching principles. The only people being exposed to the book are those who asked to be.

Anyone can view the public meeting, including 10-year-old Johnny sitting down with his Mom and Dad. Indeed, there were younger children in the audience when Lollio dropped the bombshell, with no apparent concern for their sensibilities.

Someone said teenagers offended by the book are "afraid to make their paraphrasing). It was an apparent reference to the fact not a single teenager has stepped to the microphone to decry the use of this book, while dozens have made it known they support the program.

I've met hundreds of students in all grades and at all academic levels, and I have five children of my own. Here's one thing I've learned: Teenagers have very little trouble speaking their minds, especially teenagers intelligent enough to take part in college-level courses. Their opinions are generally more eloquent, more reasoned and more thoughtprovoking than anything you hear from adults.

Not about kids

No, this isn't about the children. This is about politics, about controlling the environment, about public education vs. private (read: Charter School) education. If you doubted that, look at the oodles of money the local Republican party spent to try to

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their opinion, and if Tea Party Republicans think charter and private schools are better options, that's certainly their prerogative. Hard as they're trying, Tea Party activists are not going to bring down public education. They may force change in public education, and change can be a good thing.

Critics - of the books, of the district, of some of the former board members - are trying to force their political views on a large contingent of people, whether they want them or not. Lollio had no more right to force that material onto others than the people she claims are restricting her parental rights.

The last time I criticized a political party, I got packages of dog feces in the mail three different times. Maybe I better go warn my mail carrier.

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From 278 to 140: Weight loss is woman's health gain

By Julie Brown Staff Writer

Lori Ward of Westland weighed 278 pounds before having surgery almost four years ago at the Michigan Bariatric Institute affiliated with St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

These days, using diet and exercise after the surgery, Ward, 57, is around 140 pounds.

"You have to keep exercising," the former Northville Township resident said. "That's what I find helps me a lot. The more I exercised, the more I felt better.

"Exercise to me is the number one thing you have to do. You've got to keep moving. You just feel better.'

Ward works at the Canton dental office of Janis Hayward and Associates, and she has been featured in a recent ad campaign for weight loss through the Michigan Bariatric Institute, part of Trinity Health.

"It's been kind of fun," she said of the recognition. "I get a lot of that from the people who come in here (work). My 15 minutes of fame, basically."

She found her recovery from bariatric surgery smooth, and is confident she'll keep the weight off into her senior years. Ward had begun to put on weight over the 10 years before her surgery, not so much so when her four

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Lori Ward started at 278 pounds before her bariatric surgery. "Fabulous" is how she feels now. Ward, 57, works at the Canton dental office of Janis Hayward and Associates.

now-adult children were born

"Fabulous," Ward said of how she feels now. "It's a lot better. In 2010, I actually did a mini-triathlon" in Lansing.

Ward swims, runs, works on the elliptical at the gym and does walking and some weights. She appreciates the help of husband Michael and



After surgery and shaping up, Lori Ward was able to do a mini triathlon recently.

their four children. "They were very sup-portive," she said. "All of them are very happy for me." Her co-workers at the Canton dental office were also a big help. "I'm a stress eater,"

explained Ward, who'd dealt with their son having cystic fibrosis and the death of her dad.

Through the Michigan Bariatric Institute - which is on Facebook - Ward worked on her diet even before the surgery as well as after. She attended nutrition classes before surgery focusing on what she was eating. She learned to read food labels as well.

"It's a great program,"

THE SURGERY

There are several types of bariatric surgery, said Jenny Kasprzyk, dietitian for the Michigan Bariatric Institute, which does four of those. The surgery to modify the stomach and digestive system is generally only for patients 100 pounds overweight or more.

Kasprzyk described the "food journal" kept. "Keeping track of what you're eating makes a big difference," the Clinton Township resident said.

That's especially true for bariatric patients but also for those with New Year's resolutions to drop 15 or 20 pounds.

Bariatric patients keep a focus on protein calories, Kasprzyk said, to change metabolism and make sure they're healthy: "We want to make sure we keep up with the proper nutrition."

She agreed it's best to see a doctor before starting a fitness regimen, to determine overall health and ability to work out. "It's kind of that old mantra of 'No excuses.' You just kind of have to break down those walls," said Kasprzyk, who recommends starting small on exercise and building up.

"I think the biggest tip is to find something you enjoy" and will stick with, she said.

As for food calories, Kasprzyk recommends eliminating the high calorie latte-type drinks, which have a lot of sugar and fat. Soda pop also represents empty calories, as does alcohol often consumed during the holidays.

"We tend not to get our water intake," Kasprzyk said. "Those liquid calories can add up very quickly."

She's worked some four years at the Michigan Bariatric Institute, and enjoys seeing patients like Lori Ward achieve normal weight.

"Absolutely," Kasprzyk said. "I think that is the best part of my job to see those transformations. She probably never imagined she'd be where she is today.

Bariatric surgery does have risks for older people beyond Ward's age, Kasprzyk said, but regular weight loss is encouraged at any age. Her grandpa's in his early 90s and family members still talk to him about sugars in food. "It's never too late," she said of fitness.

she said of work with a dietitian. Ward was back to work

within 10 days of her surgery, which was covered by her health insurance.





appropriate moment arrives when the knee or hip begin to fail. Waiting longer until any ambulation becomes painful is too late, as by that time, the person has lost a great amount of muscle strength. In turn the loss will make rehabilitation after joint replacement a difficult task.

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Farmington Players present 'Whose Wives Are They Anyway?'

Two buddies take a golf trip without their wives, but the new boss shows up and ruins their fun.

Whose Wives Are They Anyway?, is a play loaded with comic high jinks which are "par for the course" on the Farmington Players stage.

The show runs Feb. 17 through March 3 at the Barn Theatre in Farmington Hills.

Teeing off

The fun tees off with John Baker and David McGachen, who unexpectedly encounter their new boss on a golf outing. The only problem is, the golfers are vacationing without their wives, and they learn the boss frowns on men leaving their spouses behind.

The sand trap

They find themselves in sort of a sand trap when the boss invites their wives to dinner and refuses to take "no" for an answer. So the pals scramble to rustle up some "better halves,' before they lose their jobs. It looks like the guys will "save par" until their real wives surprisingly show up and all "Hades" breaks loose.

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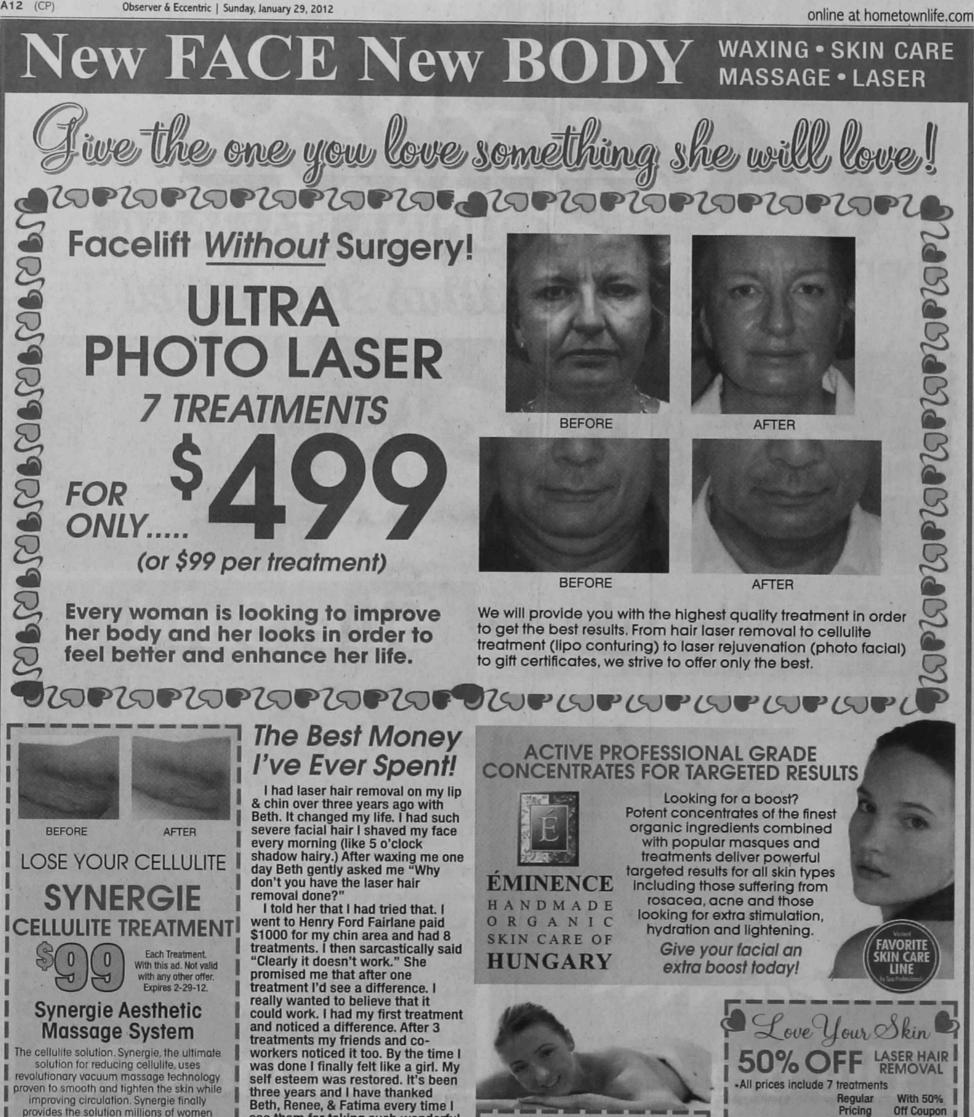
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Glenn girls topple Chiefs

By Brad Emons Observer Staff Writer

There's plenty of space on the record board up on the wall for girls basketball inside Westland John Glenn's gymnasium.

Any kind of championship has been few or far between for the Lady Rockets, who last captured a divisional crown in 1982.

But 30 years later, that could all change as Glenn took a giant step in winning the KLAA South on Friday night with a hard-fought 42-33 win over nemesis Canton.

The host Rockets improved to 10-2 overall and 6-0 in the South, while the Chiefs slipped to 9-3 and 4-2.

Temple University signee Erica Covile, a senior forward, paced Glenn's scoring attack with 12 points, while junior forward Kierra Jordan chipped in with 11.

Canton, meanwhile, got a game-high 17 points from senior guard Robyn Mack, who was cleared to play the morning of the game by doctors after suffering a concussion the previous Friday against Livonia Franklin.

Although Glenn beat Canton for the second time this season, it was the Chiefs that controlled the tempo.

Glenn jumped out to a 9-2 advantage, but Canton closed to within one after one quarter, 11-10.

In the second period, Glenn once again enjoyed a seven-point lead, only to have the Chiefs cut the deficit to 22-19 at intermission on Shannon Perry's last-second shot. Mack's three-pointer just 42 seconds into

the fourth quarter cut the deficit to 33-29, but the Chiefs simply couldn't get over the hump even though Glenn went scoreless for the first 5:10.

Baskets by ShaKeya Graves (seven points) and Abbey Wright (six points) down the stretch secured the win for the Rockets.

Canton shot only 23.8 percent for the game (10-of-42) and committed 12 turnovers, including four in the fourth quarter.

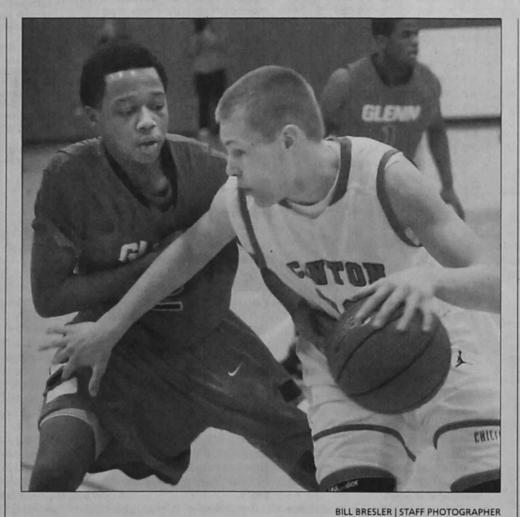
Mack was 4-of-19 from the field, but in her defense, she did not practice all week. She did hit 8-of-9 free throws.

Canton's next best scorer was Paige Aresco with six.

Down to basics

"One of our problems when we get stuck or in a jam, everybody else just kind of stops and stands and watches everyone else," Canton coach Bri-

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Canton freshman guard Greg Williams (No. 22) tries to dribble past Nick Daniels (No. 2) of Westland John Glenn on Friday night.

Canton rally falls short

By Tim Smith **Observer Staff Writer**

Canton came on like gangbusters during crunch time Friday night against Westland John Glenn in a battle of the top teams in the

KLAA South Division. But the host Chiefs had a long way to come back after a dismal second quarter, when they were outscored 17-2 to fall behind 30-16 at halftime.

Despite a gallant rally in the fourth, which saw Canton come all the way back from a 19-point deficit to catch the Rockets 58-58 with 11 seconds left, it wasn't enough for a victory. After hot-shooting Kyle Adams evened things up

with a jumper, Nick Daniels sank two free throws with six seconds to play for a 60-58 John Glenn victory.

Roller-coaster ride

"You knew that they were going to bring it all in the second half," said John Glenn head coach Dan Young, who formerly helmed the Chiefs when Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy was a player. "And we told our guys, 'This lead is not safe, we're going to have to guard.' And they made so many clutch shots, some of them with a hand in the face.' Young added that the

Chiefs "brought it to another level in the second half. I thought we played, in the

first half, about as good as we can play. Take your hats off to Reddy."

The Rockets improved to 9-2 overall and 6-0 in the KLAA South.

"When you're playing a really good team like Glenn and you don't play a full 32 minutes, it's going to cost you," said Reddy, whose team dropped to 9-3 overall and 4-2 in the division.

He was referring to the second quarter, where the game turned around thanks to the physical play of John Glenn senior forward Eric Covile (22 points, 11 rebounds).

"The second quarter was pretty bad, but it had a lot to

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PREP WRESTLING

Canton pins loss on 'Cats

By Tim Smith **Observer Staff Writer**

Two Plymouth-Canton Educational Park wrestling rivals got back on the mat Wednesday night at Livonia Churchill.

Canton came away with a 43-24 victory over Plymouth in a precursor to the postseason, when the squads likely will hook up again.

The teams competed as part of a KLAA quad meet.

'This win was nice, but we will see each other again in a few weeks at team districts," Chiefs head coach Cory Mancuso said. "We are going to have to continue to work hard and try to turn a few of the close matches we lost tonight into victories next time around."

Wildcats head coach Quinn Guernsey noted that Canton was "the better prepared team for the dual and we'll have to work hard the next couple weeks if we want to give them a better match (at districts)."

Alec Pantaleo got Canton off to a great start by defeating state qualifier Said Youssef.

Another highlight for the Chiefs came at 189, when Scott Obrec rallied from a 9-4 deficit to pin Matt Ayoub with nine sec-

Early goal holds up for Plymouth

By Tim Smith **Observer Staff Writer**

Plymouth scored early in the first period Friday night and the Wildcats took it from there to win 2-0 in a penalty filled KLAA South Division boys hockey matchup against Canton at Arctic Edge Arena.

Collecting the victory for Plymouth was senior goaltender Rich Guglielmi, who stopped 15 shots.

The Wildcats went up 1-0 just 2:11 into the contest when junior forward Joe Burke jammed the puck past Canton netminder Spencer Craig. Setting up the play was Plymouth forward Zach Gambrell.

"We've had slow starts probably our last seven games and it was just nice to come out of the first period with a lead and some momentum," Plymouth head coach Gerry Vento said.

That lead held up through the second period, with Canton whistled for 11 minor penalties compared to seven penalties by Plymouth.

"Special teams were a factor all the way around," Vento continued. "We killed all their power plays, they killed all ours. And Gugs (Guglielmi) was a monster again in net."

In the third, it only took 1:03 for Plymouth to add to the lead.

With both teams down a man, sophomore forward Mike Schultz streaked down the right wing and sent a sharp, low shot toward Craig with defenseman Jake Zaborowski skating through the slot.

The puck banked in off the goalie for the two-goal lead, which gave the Wildcats much-needed breathing room.

That's how the contest remained until official Andrew Michalak was cut around the eye by a high stick with 8:50 to play. While he was attended to, the contest was delayed for nearly 20 minutes.

Paramedics finally carted him off the ice and took him to a hospital for stitches. It appeared the official was not seriously injured, as he waved to the crowd as he left the rink.

The loss dropped Canton's record to 10-7 overall and 6-3 in the KLAA South while Plymouth improved to 10-7 and 4-5.

Canton head coach Jeremy Majszak said careless penalties were a factor in the loss, which hurt his team's chances for division and conference titles.

'Regardless of what's being called or who you're playing against, you have to adjust. We were undisciplined, we didn't play with our brains tonight."

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Loss doesn't dampen Salem's team spirit

By Tim Smith **Observer Staff Writer**

One of Salem's co-captains didn't like how Thursday's "Senior Night" dual meet against Northville was progressing and he let his teammates know about it.



around halftime, because they were getting embar-

pretty bad," said senior Jere-

my Wellman following the **KLAA** Central Division dual meet at Salem. "I just tried to get them all to come out and swim hard in the second half."



Salem's Turner Solterman, shown from earlier this season, was part of the 200-yard freestyle relay team that finished second Thursday against Northville.

The Rocks did finish with more gusto, although they were not able to

defeat the defending

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onds to go in regulation.

"Obrec came up big

for us tonight," Mancu-

tling out there and found

a way to get a big win for

his team. He got the rest

of the team fired up and

stole back the momentum

after Plymouth got the pin

pin was Matt Walsh, while

other Plymouth standouts

included Faris Abraham

"Coming into tonight,

we knew that it was a big

dual meet," Mancuso said.

"You never want to be the

second-best team on cam-

(215) and Mohammad

Youssef (103).

The Wildcat with the

at 171.'

so said. "He kept bat-

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an Samulski said. "Robyn tried to make plays ... but we've got to get better with that. It boils down to the same thing it did last game the ability to pass and catch under pressure.

"And Glenn's a great team. They're athletic. They can shoot the ball. I thought our kids' effort was outstanding. At times our execution wasn't great. That credit goes to John Glenn, their players and what they do on the court.'

Canton may get another crack at their South Division rival once the KLAA playoffs begin.

'Glenn puts you in tough positions and makes you play a little faster and put a little pressure on vou," Samulski said. "We're going to have to get better at handling that stuff.'

PLYMOUTH 39, CHURCHILL 37

(OT): Kylie Robb made an off-balance layup with only two seconds remaining in regulation to send the game into overtime and eventually propel the Wildcats (8-4, 4-2) to a KLAA South Division victory Friday at Livonia Churchill (4-7, 1-5). Robb finished with a game-high

13 points, while teammate Shelby Cheston chipped in with 10 (along with six rebounds and four steals). Jada Woody (10 points, seven re-bounds) also helped the cause. Churchill, outscored 16-5 in the final quarter, got 10 points from Erin Me-

nard. The senior center fouled out at the end of regulation (tied at 34-all). Julia Szuba and Lindsey Dusablon added eight and seven, respectively, for the Chargers.

Plymouth made 12-of-19 foul shots, including 4-for-4 in the fourth period. PCA 38, INTER-CITY BAPTIST 31:

Friday night at Plymouth Christian Academy, the Eagles broke this MIAC girls basketball game open with a 13-5 third quarter.

Leading PCA with 13 points was Emily Gerulis, who also helped the cause with six rebounds. Karen Windle (six points, seven rebounds, five steals) and Jenny Malcolm (eight points, eight rebounds) also were instrumental in the win.

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Churchill nips Wildcats

Duane Scott scored nine of his 13 points in the decisive fourth quarter as Livonia Churchill rallied for a 35-32 KLAA South Division boys basketball win Friday night at Plymouth.

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The Chargers, who improved to 5-6 overall and 2-4 in the division, trailed by as many as 13 in the third quarter before making a spirited comeback with a 13-2 final period run.

Plymouth coach Mike Soukup lamented his team's inconsistency. Brendan Swanson scored a teamhigh nine for Plymouth (4-7, 2-4)

RALLY

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do with Glenn," Reddy said. "They

"(Junior guard Nick) Daniels

is hard to guard and Covile was a

beast tonight. Our urgency wasn't

as good in the second quarter as it

urgency, that energy, that edge."

third quarter,

inescapable hole.

all over the court.

hill." Reddy said.

crash-landing.

was at the start. We kind of lost that

John Glenn kept up the heat in the

Young, praised his former player

after falling into what looked like an

It was a 49-30 John Glenn lead ear-

for the way the Chiefs did not fold

ly in the final quarter, but the host

Chiefs started hitting triples from

"We got all the way back up the

But Daniels (17 points, 11 boards)

and Covile, among others, lit enough of a fuse to keep the Rockets from

"He's a horse, he's been working

his tail off to do better in everything

said about Covile. "In the classroom

he's getting better, his attitude's got-

ten a ton better, he's a great team-

he's trying to do in his life," Young

coached, they move the ball

have a lot of good guys, they're well-

while Jake Divens added five.

Scott's triple with just under a minute left gave the Chargers a two-point cushion and Jaylin Freeman followed with a free throw with 17 seconds remaining to secure the win.

Churchill made 10-of-15 free throws, while the Wildcats hit only 1-of-2.

GREENHILLS 47, LUTH. WESTLAND 44: Andrew Khouri's 22 points was the difference Friday as Ann Arbor Greenhills (6-5, 5-3) downed host Lutheran High Westland (6-5, 5-3) in a Michigan Inde-pendent Athletic Conference game.

"And he was unbelievable tonight. He made some plays that were out of this world."

Covile also made life miserable for Canton senior forward Paul Baumgart (16 points, 12 rebounds), particularly in the middle two quarters.

"A couple years ago, coach told me he (Baumgart) was pretty good." Covile said. "So I just kept up and did what I had to do. But I didn't do it by myself, I did it with my teammates and I'm proud of them."

The game had a promising start for Reddy's group. A 7-0 run in the first two minutes featured a trey by Adams (13 points) from the left flank.

But pressure defense, quickness and size down low by the Rockets enabled that lead to slowly evaporate.

Covile was a big reason with his penchant for getting position in the paint and either snagging rebounds or depositing the ball into the basket.

Rockets roll

Canton held on to a 14-10 edge in the final moments of the opening quarter, but a triple by Desmond Cervera (eight points) at the horn cut the lead to a point and gave the Rockets the fuel they needed to

Dawson Davenport led the Warriors, who were outscored 12-8 in the final quarter, with nine points. Greenhills made 20-of-28 free throws, while Lutheran Westland made just 10-

HVL 71, MACOMB 36: Sophomore Ryan Schaffer poured in a game-high 32 points to lead Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (3-8, 2-5) to a MIAC Red Division win Friday over host Warren Macomb Christian (0-10, 0-8). Romero Hardy and Matt Hurst led the Crusaders with 20 and 14 points, respec-

tively. The Hawks made 7-of-16 foul shots,

while Macomb Christian hit 5-of-10.

keep flying in the second.

It was all John Glenn in that quarter. Getting it started was 6-6 forward James Pruitt with a jumper to put the Rockets in front.

A stop-and-pop by Baumgart from the side of the key briefly reinstated Canton's lead at 16-15, with 6:30 to go in the half.

But that's when John Glenn took control. Covile outmuscled Baumgart for an offensive board and scored on a putback, adding a tack-on foul shot to make it 18-16 Rockets.

A long gun from the left wing by Daniels rattled around and dropped in for a 21-16 lead.

The onslaught continued unabated with Isaac Everette (seven points) draining a trey, and hitting a jumper at the buzzer to put the Rockets up 30-16 at halftime.

Meanwhile, Canton missed four straight free throws, which didn't help the home side cope with John Glenn's rally.

The Chiefs received offensive help from guard Josh Mayberry (eight points), junior forward Scott Gring (11 points, six boards) and freshman guard Greg Williams (six points), but it wasn't quite enough.

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pus. Plymouth is an upand-coming program that is getting better and better each year, so we knew that we were going to have to have a huge effort from some of our wrestlers." In other duals Wednesday, Canton routed the

host Chargers (67-5), while Plymouth (14-14 overall) dropped a 43-28 matchup against Westland John Glenn.

On Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Phillip James Memorial Wrestling Tournament in Tecumseh, Brandon Harris and Mohammad Youssef went undefeated for the Wildcats. while Said Youssef went 4-1.

Plymouth defeated Linden (53-23), Saginaw Swan Valley (42-33) and Ypsilanti Lincoln (44-33) in pool play, but then lost to Battle Creek Lakeview (63-9).

The Wildcats faced Lapeer West in a crossover for third place, but dropped a 52-17 matchup.

Madonna's best Emenhiser heads second Hall of Fame class

mate.

It was announced Thursday that a trio of former All-American student-athletes and the first-ever Madonna University team to go to a NAIA Final Four are the newest selection to the

age (.419) and is top-10 all-time in 11 other categories. Emenhiser was named to the NAIA All-America honorable mention, NAIA Scholar-Athlete and Academic All-WHAC teams twice

Errant shooting doesn't hurt SC

The Schoolcraft College women's basketball team was off the mark Wednesday night, but it didn't matter.

Despite shooting only 30.7 percent from the field (23-of-75), the Lady Ocelots earned their fourth straight victory with a 56-54 triumph over host St. Clair County Community College in Port Huron.

Schoolcraft trailed 28-22 at halftime before going on a 16-3 run to open the half and take a 38-31 advantage with 12:46 to play.

The Skippers then closed to within one and had the ball when Jasmine Bell was called for traveling with 15 seconds left.

Schoolcraft's Diamond Tolliver hit the first of two foul shots with just eight seconds remaining, but missed the second, only to have teammate Ashley Beemon secure the rebound as time

St. Clair committed 24 turnovers to Schoolcraft's eight.

CORNERSTONE 73, MADONNA

65: Melissa Veltkamp scored a game-high 25 points to lead Cornerstone University (14-9, 7-4) to Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference win Wednesday night at Madonna University (7-13, 4-7). Janae Trombley added 14 and Samantha Flietstra chipped in with 11 for the Golden Eagles, who led

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Emenhiser

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The selection committee voted all-time men's and women's basketball scoring leaders Noel Emenhiser and Katie Cushman-Tillman and three-time Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Volleyball Player of the Year Brandy Malewski-Verkeyn (Redford Thurston) and the 2000 women's soccer team.

Cushman-Tillman scored 1,752 points in her four-year career to hold the top spot in the Madonna annals by almost 200 points over. A two-time NAIA Scholar-Athlete and Academic All-WHAC selection (1998, 1999), she also garnered NAIA All-America honorable mention honors (1996 and 1997), leading MU to the 1997 NAIA National Tournament for the first time in program history

Cushman-Tillman double majored at MU in sign language studies and criminal justice before earning a law degree from the University of Detroit Mercy. She is currently practicing law in the Metro Detroit area.

Emenhiser is the lone Crusader basketball player to surpass the 2,000-point plateau, scoring 2,213 in four years.

A four-time all-conference selection, Emenhiser holds the career records for scoring average (18.6 points per game), made field goals (804), threepoint field goals made (348), three-point field goal percent-

and is currently the Assistant Athletic Director and head men's basketball coach at Madonna University.

Malewski-Verekyn is the lone student-athlete in Madonna history to earn three All-America selections and to be named WHAC Player of the Year three times (1998, 1999, 2000).

A dominant outside hitter for the Crusaders, Malewski-Verekyn led Madonna to four straight WHAC championships (1997-2000) and a berth in the 2000 NAIA National Tournament en route to All-America first-team honors. Malewski-Verekyn also took home All-America honors in 1998 and 1999. She is currently teaching computers and business in the Livonia Public Schools.

In its third year of existence, the 2000 Madonna women's soccer team captured lightning in a bottle. The Crusaders posted a dramatic shootout victory over Westmont (Calif.) and advanced to the NAIA Final Four in the program's first-ever NAIA Tournament appearance.

Coached by Rick Larson, MU finished 19-3 overall with two of those losses coming to eventual national champion Simon Fraser (B.C.).

MU posted a 13-1 mark in the WHAC, while capturing the regular season and tournament championships.

During the 2000 season, the Crusaders set the program record with 79 assists, 19 wins and 14 shutouts.

Hall of Fame inductee Jen Barker (Livonia Stevenson) was named the Most Valuable Defensive Player of the NAIA tourney and first-team All-America, while defender Melissa Jacobs (Stevenson) took home second-team All-America honors.

A total of five players earned conference, regional or national honors.

Larson was also honored as both the WHAC and NAIA Region VIII Coach of the Year following the 2000 season.

St. Clair (11-10, 4-4) came back to tie the game at 40all with 8:44 remaining, but Charlise Slater's baseline jumper with 2:00 to go gave the Lady Ocelots the lead, 55-52.

expired.

Tolliver finished with 16 points and four assists, while Slater added 15 points. Infiniti Maxwell grabbed a teamhigh 10 rebounds.

Cianna Peterson paced St. Clair with 18 points, but had 10 rebounds. Heidi Highstreet added 10 points and 14 rebounds, while Teisha Knott led all rebounders with 20.

40-33 at halftime. Michelle Lindsey came off the bench to lead the Crusaders with 19 points

Kaylee McGrath (Livonia Stevenson) added 14 points and nine rebounds, while Becca Wojcinski and Erin Bentley finished with 11 and 10 points, respectively. MU shot a respectable 41.4 percent from the floor (24-of-58), but committed 26 turnovers.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

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.

Take Pride

GCYBSA's 10U Girls Pride Developmental Travel Softball Team is looking to expand its roster for 2012

Tryouts for the squad will take place 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 3, at Precision Baseball, located at 7835 Market Street in Canton. The team will play games in the Western Wayne County League and in two or three tournaments.

To register or for more information about this team, please contact Rob Nader at (734) 812-3501 or (734) 495-1156 or via e-mail at cott@canton-mi.org.

Wildcats baseball clinics set

Baseball fundamentals are on tap for youngsters looking to improve their skills, at the forthcoming Plymouth Wildcats Youth Baseball Clinic.

Participants in grades 1-8 will receive ageappropriate instruction from 2012 Plymouth varsity baseball coaches and players. Stations will include hitting, pitching, infield, outfield, catching and radar gun readings

Sessions, in the Plymouth High School gymnasium, will take place: 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday March 17 (for those in grades 1-4); Saturday March 31 (for those in grades 5-8).

The pre-registration cost, which includes

snack, is \$20. The fee is \$25 the day of the clinic. Pre-registration is urged, as the camp is limited to 100.

Go to www.baseball.plymouthwildcats.com for more information.

Salem to host baseball clinics

Youngsters will have their chance to again learn all about baseball from Salem's varsity players and coaching staff.

The annual Salem Varsity Baseball Clinic will take place Saturdays March 24 and 31 in the high school gym.

For a fee of \$28, kids will get three hours of instruction, focusing on pitching, hitting and all phases of fielding, along with a T-shirt.

Each player should bring a baseball glove and hat to one of the following sessions, space permitting:

Session 1: Saturday, March 24, 9 a.m. to noon, ages 11-14; 14; Session 2: Saturday, March 24, 1-4 p.m., ages 7-10; Session 3: Saturday, March 31, 9 a.m. to noon, ages 7-10; Session 4: Saturday, March 31, 1-4 p.m., ages 7-10.

Space is limited to 75 participants per session, so early registration is encouraged.

For more information, call Mary Theisen at (734) 354-9181 or e-mail salemrocksbaseball@ gmail.com.

Play GCYBSA ball

Registrations are now under way for the Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association's baseball and softball programs.

The GCYBSA offers progressively developmental recreational baseball and softball programs for players age 4-18 from Plymouth and Canton. GCYBSA is also is home to a Competitive League and travel programs (Boys Cardinals, Girls Pride Fast Pitch).

For more information, go to www.gcybsa. com or contact Coralee Ott at (734), 394-5358, via e-mail at cott@canton-mi.org.

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KLAA conference champion Mustangs, falling by a 110-76 score.

"We're happy we could stick with Northville on most events," said Wellman, following the Senior Night matchup. "Some of them we weren't particularly strong in, but butterfly I think I got touched out by a hundredth of a second and backstroke we won.

"Northville is conference champions three years in a row, and we're really looking forward to conferences to see how much we've grown as a team so far.'

Seniors in spotlight

Despite the loss, it was a special evening largely due to pre-meet festivities honoring seniors Wellman, co-captain Nick Griwicki, Patrick Huls, Stephen Pietron, Calvin Kahler, Alex Smith, Roger Xia, Will Long III, Sahil Rafai and Samuel Tseggai.

"They're working hard, and they get along together really well," veteran Salem head coach Chuck Olson said. "It's a good group to be associated with. They understand it's their senior year and they're trying to make good decisions and I appreciate that."

Olson stressed that the seniors will play a large role in how much success Salem (3-3, 0-3 in the KLAA Central) enjoys the rest of the season.

"Their times are starting to drop, which they need to," Olson continued. "How far we go in the conference, in the division,

seniors have a big part in that. They want to represent well, and I'm looking forward to see how things work out.'

It was a good night for Wellman on an individual basis, as he qualified for the Feb. 11 Michigan Interscholastic Swim **Coaches Association meet** at Eastern Michigan University in the 100 backstroke and 100 butterfly.

On the former, he was victorious with a time of 1:00.54 seconds; in the 100 fly, Scott Wang's 57.91 finish barely eclipsed Wellman's time of 57.92.

Not done yet

Olson said his squad had plenty of "good swims" throughout the night, and that swimmers have additional chances to make MISCA and state meet cuts

"We had some MISCA shots, that's not as fast as the state cuts," Olson said. "But getting to the MISCA meet is a good step on getting your state cuts.

"We got a couple more meets to see about getting some more qualifiers. We're getting better, and that's what's important." Wellman also shared the first-place finish in the meet-opening 200 medley relay, which won in 1:44.01. Others in the quartet for the Rocks were juniors Turner Solterman, Jerry Bai and

Jason Zhang. The other Salem firsts were registered by Solterman (100 breaststroke, 1:05.85), Zhang (200 IM, 2:05.93) and sophomore Charlie Dillon in diving (220.90 points).

Dillon nipped senior teammate Griwicki, who placed second with a tally of 216.15, well ahead of

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third-place Troy Cini of Northville (134.60). Huls took fourth in the 100 back with a mark of 1:03.84 while Kahler's 1:14.08 earned a sixthplace finish in the 100

breast. Both Huls and Kahler were part of the 200 medley relay team (with sophomore Jason Basanese and freshman Patrick Casey) that finished fourth with a time of 1:53.68.

Good experience

"We work together as a team, we make friendships," Huls noted. "It's good, it's a good experience for me.

With a smile, Huls added that "It'd be nice if we could completely school them (Mustangs) and have a complete victory. But it's Senior Night, I get to enjoy myself and walk away happy.'

As for some of the other seniors, Pietron, Long and Smith all were part of Salem's third entry in the 200 medley relay. The tandem placed sixth with a finish of 1:59.87. Long's 5:47.85 in the 500 free was good for fifth place. Smith took third in the 100 free (1:00.18).

In the 200 free relay, the Rocks placed 2-3. The tandem of Solterman, junior Kenny McManimon, Basanese and sophomore Matthew Pairitz came in second (1:38.64). They finished just ahead of Smith, Long and juniors Smaran Bhaktawara and Danny Lynch (third, 1:40.18).

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Whalers stymie Colts

The Plymouth Whalers struck for three first period goals over the first ten minutes of the game and controlled the game the rest of the way in a 4-1 victory over the Barrie Colts in an Ontario Hockey League game played Thursday before 3,480 at Molson Centre in Barrie.

The Whalers improve to 32-12-2-1, good for 67 points. Plymouth is in first place in the West Division (16 points ahead of Sarnia) and second in the Western Conference, four points behind London (35-10-0-1, 71 points).

First star Andy Bathgate led a balanced Whalers attack with a goal (16) and two assists. Goaltender Scott Wedgewood stopped 35-of-36 shots with other goal scorers including Rickard Rake-11 (23), Tom Wilson (7) and

Jamie Devane (15)

Plymouth took control of the game early, scoring two goals within 16 secods to take a 2-0 lead. Wilson started and finished a play to score at 5:56, skating to the right circle in the Barrie zone and threading a pass to J.T. Miller. Miller's hard shot from the left circle was stopped by Barrie goaltender Mathias Niederberger, but Wilson jammed in the rebound.

Devane came back immediately at 6:12 to give Plymouth a 2-0 lead, one-timing a feed from Bathgate.

Plymouth then went up 3-0 at 9:17. Alex Aleardi (Farmington Hills) carried the puck wide right wing in the Barrie zone to the corner and found Bathgate through traffic in front of the Colts goal.

The final goal for the victors came at 4:52 of the middle stanza on a power play. Rakell's sharp-angle shot bounced in off a Barrie defender.

FAITH AND FAMILY DAY:

The Whalers announced the 2nd Annual Faith & Family Day. It will take place on Sunday, Feb. 12 at Compuware Arena. Plymouth faces off against Saginaw in a 2 p.m. contest, which will be fol-lowed by a free concert by Christian rockers The Jacon Christian rockers The Jason Eaton Band. WDIV's Chuck Gaidica will be the host, with pastor Brad Cannon of Solid Rock Bible Church in Plymouth providing a message along providing a message along with the music. Andy Bathgate of the Whalers also will participate in the program. Group tickets to the game (which include the concert) are just \$10. Go to www. plymouthwhalers.com, or call (734) 453-8400 for ticket information.

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Jan. 26 at Salem

200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Jeremy Well-man, Turner Solterman, Jerry Bai, Jason Zhang), 1:44.01; 2. Northville, 1:48.75; 4. Salem (Patrick Casey, Calvin Kahler, Patrick Huls, Mike Miller), 1:50.71.

200 freestyle: 1. Chris Kim (N), 1:51.42; 4. Matthew Pairitz (S), 2:01.00; 5. Danny Lynch (S), 2:02.76

200 individual medley: 1. J. Zhang (S), 2:05.93; 5. Solterman (S), 2:13.42; 6. Smaran Bhaktawara (5), 2:14.37.

1-meter diving: 1. Charlie Dillon (S), 220.90 points; 2. Nick Griwicki (S), 216.15; 5. Casey (S),

100 free: 1. Andrew Westphal (N), 50.92; 2. J. Zhang (5), 50.98; 5. Pairitz (5), 54.53. **500 free:** 1. Dennis Kim (N), 5:09.80; 4. Brian Kuang (S), 5:35.82; 5. William Long (S), 5:47.85; 6. Smith (S), 1:00.18.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Westphal, Kim, Dawson Laabs, Spencer Miller), 1:34.25; 2. Salem (Solterman, Kenny McManimon, Jason Basanese, Pairitz), 1:38.64; 3. Salem (Bhaktawara, Alex Smith, Lynch, Long), 1:40.18. **100 backstroke:** 1. J. Wellman (S), 1:00.54; 4.

100 backstroke: 1, 3, Weilman (S), 130.34; 4. Huls (S), 1:03.84; 6. Casey (S), 1:05.08. 100 breaststroke: 1. Solterman (S), 1:05.85; 2. Bhaktawara (S), 1:07.87; 6. Kahler (S), 1:14.08. 400 free relay: 1. Northville (Westphal, Sam Boyea, Kim, Miller), 3:26.36; 2. Salem (J. Zhang, Bai, Pairitz, J. Wellman), 3:29.03; 4. Salem (Basanese,

McManimon, Lynch, B. Kuang), 3:43.62. Dual meet records: Northville, 7-1 overall, 2-0 KLAA Central Division; Salem, 3-3 overall, 0-3

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100 butterfly: 1. Scott Wang (N), 57.91; 2. J. Wellman (S), 57.92; 3. Bai (S), 58.13; 6. Huls (S), 1:04.61.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL Tuesday, Jan. 31 Plymouth at Franklin, 7 p.m. Salem at South Lyon, 7 p.m. Canton at Wayne, 7 p.m. Greenhills at HVL, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1 Arbor Prep at HVL, 5:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3 Stevenson at Salem, 7 p. Luth. W'sld at L. South, 7 p.m. Taylor Baptist at HVL, 7 p.m. Plymouth at Canton, 7:30 p.m. Roeper at Ply. Christian, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4 Lenawee Christian at Ply. Christian, 6 p.m. GIRLS BASKETBALL Tuesday, Jan. 31 Franklin at Plymouth, 7 p.m. South Lyon at Salem, 7 p.m. Wayne at Canton, 7 p.m. HVL at Greenhills, 7 p.m. C'ville at Hazel Park, 7 p.m. Mercy at Ladywood, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1 Arbor Prep at HVL, 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2 Luth. Wisld at L. South, 7 p.m. HVL at Taylor Baptist, 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3 Plymouth at Canton, 6 p.m. Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Luth. North at C'ville, 7 p.m. Roeper at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m. Ladywood at DC, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4 Lenawee Christian at Ply. Christian, 4:30 p.m. PREP HOCKEY Tuesday, Jan. 31 Liggett vs. PCS Penguins at Arctic Edge, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1 **Riverview vs. Canton** at Arctic Edge, 7 p.m. PCS Penguins at Ann Arbor, 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2 Plymouth vs. Farmington at F.H. Ice Arena, 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3 Salem vs. Canton at Arctic Edge, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4 Churchill vs. Plymouth at Arctic Edge, 5:30 p.m. PCS Penguins vs. Ladywood at Arctic Pond, 7:30 p.m. PREP WRESTLING Wednesday, Feb. 1 Clarenceville Quad, 5:30 p.m. KLAA crossovers, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2 Luth. W'sld at Clawson, 6 p.m Saturday, Feb. 4 Summit Tourney, 9 a.m. KLAA Tourney at EMU, TBA BOYS SWIMMING Thursday, Feb. 2 Canton at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.

Franklin at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m. Salem at W.L. Central, 6:30 p.m. GIRLS GYMNASTICS Tuesday, Jan. 31 WL Gold Maroon vs. Canton at Plymouth H.S., 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2 Livonia Blue vs. Salem at Churchill H.S., 6;30 p.m. Livonia Red vs. Plymouth at Plymouth H.S., 6;30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4 Canton Invitational, 9 a.m. PREP BOWLING Monday, Jan. 30 Ladywood vs. Gabriel Richard at Woodland Lanes, 3:30 p.m. (3:30 p.m. at Super Bowl) Canton vs. Novi Salem vs. Wayne Clarenceville vs. Plymouth Wednesday, Feb. 1 (3:30 p.m. at Westland) John Glenn vs. Salem Wayne vs. Canton Novi vs. Plymouth Friday, Feb. 3 Ladywood vs. Divine Child at Sterling Lanes, 3:45 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4 Mercy Tournament at Drakeshire Lanes, 10 a.m. GIRLS COMPETITIVE CHEER Sunday, Jan. 29 CHSL at Ladywood, 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4 Southgate Invitational, 10 a.m. KLAA at Hartland, TBA. PREP SKIING Wednesday, Feb. 1 Ladywood vs. W. Bloomfield at Alpine Valley, 3:30 p.m. MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS Monday, Jan. 30 Schoolcraft College at Marygrove JV, 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1 Siena Heights at MU, 7:30 p.m. S'craft at Kirtland, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4 Madonna at Concordia, 3 p.m. Wayne Co. at S'craft, 3 p.m WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS Wednesday, Feb. 1 S'craft at Kirtland, 5:30 p.m. MU at Siena Hts., 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4 Concordia at Madonna, 1 p.m. Wayne Co. at S'craft, 1 p.m. **ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE** Friday, Feb. 3 Plymouth Whalers at Sarnia, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4 Windsor vs. Plymouth Whalers at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m. TBA - time to be announced.



Rocks roll past Mustangs; Chiefs, Wildcats struggle

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

In the ultra-competitive KLAA Central Division, boys bowling teams from the Park are trying to catch up to frontrunning Westland John Glenn.

On Wednesday at Super Bowl in Canton, that task didn't get any easier. First-place Glenn improved to 9-0 with a 21-9 triumph over Canton - which entered the day's action 5-2 and tied with Salem and Wayne Memorial for second place.

The Rocks and Zebras remain deadlocked for the runner-up spot as Salem bested still-winless Northville 25-5, while Wayne earned a 21-9 triumph over Plymouth.

"I'm real pleased with how my team is performing," Salem head coach Kathie Hahn said. "They're coming together, all of them. It's a good team. I'm happy.

Senior captain David Nikkila, who rolled a 248-249-497 series Monday against Livonia Clarenceville, followed that up with a 177-157-334 performance. Topping Nikkila were Nolan Rudis (196-169-365) and Kevin Williams (178-183-361).

Hahn also was impressed with performances from sophomore Brandon Allison and freshman Tony

Przytulski, moved up from the junior varsity for the match. Allison rolled a 189 and Przytulski tallied a 187. Those were personal bests for each bowler, helping score one point each for Salem.

Northville's top performer was Colton Ma-Wu, who registered scores of 162 and 169 for a 331 series.

Canton fell behind the eight-ball early against John Glenn, losing all 10 Baker points. And senior Kurt Kowals-ki, the Chiefs' top scorer all season, managed just a 170-156-326 series, below his 203 average.

Bright spots for Canton included the continuing success of freshman Aaron Madsen (218-179-397) and a 183-223-406 series by Mike Richards.

Jordan Homes of the Rockets outbowled everybody at Super Bowl. He scored a 449 series, including a 258 game.

The host Wildcats also struggled in Baker games and couldn't pick it up from there against Wayne despite a 183-191-374 series from Evan Grimme. Ryan Riva and

Burhan Yaish threw 193 and 191 games, respectively, while senior Eric Thompson tallied a 178 game (well below his 210 average).

Plymouth head coach Tammy Thompson said her team is improving, but that doesn't always translate in the very competitive KLAA Central.

"They started off very slow (this season), but in the last week they're doing a lot better," she said. "They had high expectations because they finished so well last year, that it was going to come easy. Now they realize they got to work for it.

"The league is definitely stronger. We were in a tournament with 19 teams ... and out of the top eight, five teams were from our division."

Girls recap On the girls side, the Rockets eked out a 16-15 victory over Canton, Wayne registered a 21-9 win over Plymouth and Salem upended divisionleading Northville 22-8.

'They're getting a little better as the year goes on," Chiefs head coach Karl Brubaker said. "Which is what we want to see.

"Jessica Holowicki has brought her game up a little bit. Charlotte Zimmer (185 average) is probably my best bowler, she's real good. She's

a steady player." Olivia Cabildo's 352 series sparked John Glenn, with Zimmer nearly matching that with a 189-159-348

series. Other Chiefs with solid showings included Bri Bailey (146-153-299), Holowicki (147-143-290) and Kim A'Hearn (148-135-283). Canton tallied all 10 Baker points, but could not continue the positive momentum. The Chiefs were outscored by merely 36 points, 1,533-1,497. Another solid day by Plymouth's Caitlyn Webb (208-147-355) could not lift the Wildcats to a victory over

Wayne. Other Wildcats with good performances included Emily Fraser (176-150-326) and Megan Blanck (146-144-290).

Lorissa Willet and Tiffany Markham led the Zebras with 382 and 328 series, respectively.

Salem came away with a 22-8 victory over Northville, with Kristin Larkins throwing a 202 game to highlight her 363 series. Bridget Maul also was solid, with a 169-183-352 series.

"Kristin has steadily progressed," Hahn said. "She's just an all-around solid bowler. She made states last year for singles, and I would suspect she'll make it again this year. She's a strong bowler.'

Senior Rachel Amodio chipped in with a 144-149-293 series.

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Jan. 25 at Super Bowl John Glenn scorers: Jordan Hornes, 191-258-449; Steven White, 190-203-393; Mark Kassab. 186-200; Daniel Ammons, 193; Mitch Dean, 178; Thomas Brusseau, 166; split score, 140. Team totals: 873-1,032-1,905 (11 points); Baker games: 222-192-414 (10 points). Canton scorers: Mike Richards, 183-223-406; Aaron Madsen, 218-179-397; Josh Posen, 184-149-333; Kurt Kowalski, 170-156-326; Alex Champagne, 214; Gary Barrett, 146. **Team totals:** 90-921-1,822 (9 points); **Baker** games: 159-183-342 (0 points) Dual match records: John Glenn, 12-0 overall, 9-0 KLAA Central Division; Canton, 6-4 overall, 5-3 KLAA Central. WAYNE MEMORIAL 21

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Jan. 25 at Super Bowl Wayne scorers: Elliot Arnold, 241-193-434; Shane Rambaldo, 200-171; Zack Huffman, 159-183-342; Kody Wojewski, 156-149-305; Austin St. Peter, 160; Matt Mikulec, 142. Team totals: 898-856-1,754 (11 points); Baker games: 225-230-455 (10 points). Plymouth scorers: Evan Grimme, 183-191-374; Ryan Riva, 193; Burhan Yaish, 191; Eric Thompson, 178; Rob Korstjens 160; split scores, 168-136-304, 153-143-296. Team totals: 842-854-1,656 (9 points); Baker games: 161-168-329 (0 points). Dual match records: Wayne, 9-2 overall, 6-2 KLAA Central; Plymouth, 4-7 overall, 2-7 KLAA Central.

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Jan. 25 at Super Bowl Salem scorers: David Nikkila, 177-157-334; Kevin Williams, 178-183-361; Steven Cadwell; 162; Nolan Rudis, 196-169-365; Brandon Allison, 189; Tony Przy-tulski, 187; split game, 169. **Team** totals: 902-865-1,767 (19 points); Baker games: 191-147-338 (6 points)

Northville scorers: Colton Ma-Wu, 162-169-331; Adam Zimmer, 144-149-293; Luke Boeve, 147; Darren Meredith, 147; Kevin Kargula, 156-134-290; Jason Morgan, 142; split game, 113. Team totals: 717-746-1,463 (1 point); Baker games: 159-139-298 (4 points)

Dual match records: Salem 7-3 overall, 6-2 KLAA Central; North-ville 0-12, 0-10 KLAA Central.

GIRLS DUAL RESULTS WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 16 CANTON 15 Jan. 25 at Super Bowl

John Glenn scorers: Olivia Cabildo, 181-171-352; Jessica Pate, 166-157-323; Caity Lenard, 177-129-306; Sara Aulidge, 167; Montana Graszak, 125; split score, 113-147-260. **Team to**tals: 804-729-1,533 (15 points); Baker games: 152-150-302 (0 points)

Canton scorers: Charlotte Zimmer, 189-159-348; Bri Bailey, 146-153-299; Jessica Holowicki, 147-143-290; Kim A'Hern, 148-135-283; Beth Stark, 144; Amber Holly, 133. Team totals: 774-723-1,497 (5 points); Baker games: 154-158-312 (10 points). Dual match records: John Glenn, 8-4 overall, 7-2 KLAA Central; Canton, 1-8 overall, 1-6 KLAA Central.

WAYNE MEMORIAL 21 **PLYMOUTH 9**

Jan. 25 at Super Bowl Wayne scorers: Lorissa Willet, 226-156-382; Tiffany Markham, 177-151-328; Kira Leach, 149-174-323; Tiffany Ozog, 138-104-242; Sarah Shurge, 107-129-236. Team totals: 797-714-1,511 (17 points); Baker games: 114-155-269 (4 points).

Plymouth scorers: Caitlyn Webb, 208-147-355; Emily Fraser, 176-150-326; Megan Bianck, 146-144-290; Tiffany Patterson, 132-137-269; split score, 94-112-201. Team totals: 756-690-1,446 (3 points); Baker games: 161-141-302 (6 points). Dual match records: Wayne,

2-9 overall, 2-6 KLAA Central, Plymouth, 4-7 overall, 2-6 KLAA Central. SALEM 22

NORTHVILLE 8 Jan. 25 at Super Bowl Salem scorers: Rachel Amodio, 144-149-293; Chloe

Boyer, 106; Ashley Hinojosa, 141-111-252; Bridget Maul, 169-183-352; Kristin Larkins, 161-202-363; split score, 138. Team totals: 721-783-1,504 (12 points); Baker games: 212-193-405 (10 points). Northville scorers: Nicole Stoner, 168-148-316; Julie Piccone, 127; Allison Sugiyami, 161; Esha Bedi, 133-123-256; Brittany Browers, 209-148-357; Sara-Ramsey, 124; Danielle Winiarski, 145. Team totals: 757-707-1,464 (8 points); Baker games

(0 points): 159-139-298 Dual match records: Salem, 6-4 overall, 6-2 KLAA Central; Northville, 8-4 overall, 7-3 KLAA Central.



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Local moms turn creative card ideas into cash

By Sharon Dargay O&E Staff Writer

Kim Murray of Livonia has what it takes to help you flirt with your sweetie this Valentine's Day — a smiling power strip, happy electrical plug and catchy words of love.

They all came together on the Hallmark Valentine's Day card that she designed for an online competition. Her winning contest entry, sporting a cartoon of the love-smitten electrical devises, is being sold at Hallmark stores and at other retailers that carry the brand.

ry the brand. "You had to create a fun or flirty card — for him, for her or for anyone. Two of mine won," Murray said. "What they do is they pick winners, maybe 20. And from there they pick maybe 10 store winners. We found out in November that one of my cards is a store winner."

The card went on sale earlier this month. Her two other winning entries into the greeting card giant's monthly design challenge another valentine and belated birthday wishes - are available at Hallmark.com. Murray will learn this spring if the birthday card, which sports a photo of a banana with googly eyes, will be released into stores in June.

Erika Laszlo's winning birthday card also has a shot at earning a spot on store shelves. The Garden City woman, like Murray, entered Hallmark's "Watch What You Say ... Again" competition that challenged designers to create birthday cards without using the words "special," "party," and "old." Her photo card is

being sold at Hallmark. com.

"I submitted a hilarious picture of my daughter staring at a cupcake.



Erika Laszlo of Garden City used a photo of her daughter, Sophie, on her winning entry into a Hallmark greeting card competition. One of her other entries sported a photo of her son, Ethan, (right).



Kim Murray of Livonia shows off some winning valentines in Hallmark's card competition. Her cards have been chosen for sale online and in Hallmark stores.

Ethan, 10. She worked as a director of medical equipment at Garden City Hospital for nearly 20 years before taking a job with the University of Michigan's Cardiovascular Center as a physician liaison.

"It's funny because I'm very much into photography. I really enjoy taking pictures of the kids. I always have a camera in my hands," said Laszlo, who uses a digital Cannon SLR. Laszlo told her daughter that her photo is on a Hallmark card, but isn't certain if Sophie has thought much about it. first competition — and a Schwinn bike — when she was 10, by submitting a drawing of Toucan Sam, the Froot Loops icon, to a Kellogg's contest.

She took pottery classes during her years at Churchill High School and ended up working in dio at WNIC 105.1 F after graduating from Specs Howard School of Media Arts. She traded radio for candles and sold PartyLite products for 14 years before becoming an independent consultant for Scentsy, a company that sells flameless candles. She stumbled on the Hallmark contest site last year after getting active in blogging. Her first entry, for a challenge involving photos of food, didn't make the cut. Her second try, for the valentine competition, turned up two winners



Kim Murray of Livonia took a light-hearted approach to designing her Hallmark card. Her husband and sons named the banana used on the card, 'Bentley.' Murray also bought several 'understudy' bananas just in case the original didn't brown in the right places.

Jim have been married 17 years and have three boys, ages 13, 9 and 5.

"My husband and I brainstorm sometimes, so he can enter, too."

His birthday card with a photo of their 13-yearold son at age 5, won one of the challenges last year and has been sold online.

"I helped him with the words. He took the picture. I said, 'you can have that card.' He won on that one, which was cool."

Bentley the banana

The entire family weighed in on her last card design, the winning entry that shows a googly-eyed banana with body parts made from flexible toy building sticks called Bendaroos. The phrase under the photo says "Your birthday slipped past,"



Erika Laszlo of Garden City used a photo of her cupcake-loving daughter, Sophie, on the card she designed for Hallmark's contest.

and inside sentiment reads "I feel just rotten about it."

"That banana was so stinking cute, but I wanted him to be more spotty," Murray said. "I couldn't speed up the rotting any quicker, so I went to Meijers and got four 'understudies.' They weren't as cute."

Meanwhile, her husband and sons named the original banana, "Bentley." After searching for "the perfect banana" with just the right about of brown spots, Murray photographed Bentley and submitted her design to Hallmark. The overly-ripe fruit ended up in the trash and she ended up with a win.

Hallmark receives thousands of entries for each monthly challenge. Winners receive \$250 and get an additional \$250 if the card is selected for sale in stores. For more information visit www.hallmark.com.



outside is just the picture. Inside it says 'as soon as they are done singing, it's just you and me, cupcake,''' said Laszlo, describing her winning entry. "I was so shocked when they called me. I have submitted quite a few times over the last seven or eight months. Every month is a different theme. This is the first time I've ever won."

Avid designers

Both women are selftaught artists and tend to design cards with photos, rather than illustrations.

Laszlo, 41, grew up in Dearborn, is married to Bryan and has two children, Sophie, 6 and "She doesn't seem to be overly excited. I think I'm more excited."

Laszlo said she may submit another design this spring. She jots down ideas for both sentiment and images while at home or while driving.

From radio to candles

Murray, 41, won her

"Since I have the perfect soulmate, that was easier," she said. Murray and her husband,



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Go Red campaign seeks national spokesperson

Tell your story about heart health Saturday, Feb. 4 at Macy's in Westland and you'll get a chance to become a national spokesperson for the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign. The Go Red CONNECT

The Go Red CONNECT casting call runs from 10 a.m.-noon at the store, located at Westland Mall, 35000 W. Warren Road. Alexis Wiley of FOX

2 News will kick off the search for the next spokesperson at the event and online at GoRedFor-Women.org. The national winner will represent the campaign in marketing materials, at events, and on its Web site. In addition to Wiley's appearance, the event will include makeovers from beauty lines Clinique, Lancôme, and Estee Lauder, chair massages and hair embellishment extensions courtesy of Premier Salon. Attendees will also have the chance to win a day of beauty package and Go Red For Women prizes. Go Red For Women also encourages women

to participate in National Wear Red Day on Friday, Feb. 3. Women can learn about their risk for heart disease, get involved with local events and register for a free red dress pin at GoRedForWomen.org or Facebook.com/GoRed.

The campaign's Wear Red Day Challenge will spotlight the most spirited supporters. Thirteen Wear Red Day Award categories are listed on Facebook.com/GoRed. Participants can record a video or take photos of their efforts to "Go Red" and submit them on the Wear Red Day Challenge tab on the campaign's Facebook page through Feb. 23. Winners will be announced for each category on Feb. 25.

More women die of heart disease than all forms of cancer combined. Some eight million women in the U.S. are living with heart disease, but only one

GARDEN & NATURE

ington Hills. The seminar also will feature a case history of native plant restoration at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills, presented by Ashlie Simons, nature center supervisor, and Randy Lovett, supervisor of parks, Farmington Hills. Attendees will receive a packet of information and suggestions for "next steps" in their home landscape projects. The seminar is free, but advance registration is requested. Call Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority at (248)

in six women believes that heart disease is her greatest health threat. Ninety percent of women have one or more risk factors for developing heart disease.

"Understanding your risk factors is a smart way to keep you heart healthy and events like this encourage woman to take control of their personal health," said Dr. Monique Butler, medical director of corporate health and wellness promotions for the Detroit Medical Center and an American Heart Association volunteer.

Find out more by visiting GoRedForWomen.org or call (888) 694-3278.

288-5150 or e-mail to LFDean@aol.com.

Livonia Garden Club

Sandra Healy, Advanced Master Gardener from Earthenjoy Flower Scaping, will talk about garden design at the next meeting, 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 7, at the Livonia Senior Center, located at Five Mile and Farmington Road, Livonia. E-mail to sprakay@sbcglobal.net

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. For more information visit mgwwc.org. To register, e-mail mgwwcorg@gmail.com or call (313) 719-1181.

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

Learn meditation, alleviate stress

Schoolcraft College will offer a series of meditation classes, beginning Monday, Jan. 30 and again on Monday, March 19, to help individuals achieve a sense of calm and control.

Present Moment Meditation is designed to give students a lighthearted, practical approach that makes meditation inviting and beneficial for everyone.

Each series includes four classes that will run from 6-7:30 p.m. on the college's main campus, located on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile, in Livonia. Each meeting includes two meditations, a short presentation on topics relating to meditation and stress reduction, discussion and question and answer time.

Classes are aimed at helping students see positive results in their work, family life, home, health, relationships, personal goals, and more. Registration is under way. For more information on the mediation classes or Schoolcraft's Continuing Education and Professional Development program, visit www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd or call (734) 462-4448. Send garden and nature announcements to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

Farmington Garden Club

Master flower show judge, Sally Ouelette, will talk about designs for special occasions Monday, Feb. 6 at the Spicer House in Heritage Park, Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington. The meeting starts at noon, with the program following at 1 p.m.. Ouelette is a member and past president of the Greater Detroit Arrangers Guild and a master gardener. Guests are welcome. Call Joann at (248) 474-0866 or visit wwwfarmingtongardenclub.com.

Native trees

Tom O'Dell, collections and natural areas specialist at the Nichols Arboretum in Ann Arbor, will talk about "Native Alternatives to Invasive Trees and Shrubs," from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, at the Costick Center, 28600 West 11 Mile, in Farm-



Please join us for these upcoming events

Parisian Party Wednesday, February 1 12:00 p.m. French themed entertainment Chicken Cordon Blue, Au Gratin Potatoes, French Style Green Beans, Chocolate Silk Pie.

Independent and Assisted Living Retirement Living Valentine's Lunch Tuesday, February 14 12:00 p.m. Featuring a Baked Potato Bar, Split Pea Soup, Entertainment and a Chocolate Fountain with all the fixings.

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Please R.S.V.P if you would like to join us at 734-453-2600 uses. Taught by Pat Mann herb specialist from the Greenfield Village Herb Associates.

Roller derby league offers training program

Detroit Derby Girls, Michigan's female roller derby league, will hold its third annual Derby! U program to train prospective players from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Feb. 11 and 12 at Masonic Temple in Detroit.

The two-day program costs \$50 and is open to any women interested in attending the June try-out for the league. No skating experience is required, but attendance at Derby! U is required to try-out.

Guest lectures from Robb Dunn, USA Roller Sports Speed Skat-ing and Detroit Derby Girls Coach, will compliment the hands-on lessons from Detroit Derby Girls All-Stars Travel Team skaters. Attendees must provide their own basic equipment, including skates, helmet, mouth guard, knee pads, elbow pads, and wrist guards. A limited amount of skate equipment will be available for rent on a firstcome, first-served basis.

The Masonic Temple Drill Hall is home to Detroit Derby Girls' bouts, but teams practice in Livonia.

For more information or to register, e-mail the Detroit Derby Girls' human resources department at hr@detroitderbygirls.com. Visit the league's Web site at www. detroitderbygirls.com.

January

FINANCIAL RECOVERY

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Jan. 31 Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, near 12 Mile and Farmington Road, in Farmington Hills

Details: Dave Ramsey's "The Great Recovery" is a 13-week, bible-based program that teaches you to eliminate debt and leave a lasting legacy.

Contact: Register at www. daveramsey.com or call (248) 553-3380

OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 9:30-1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29

Location: St. Edith Catholic School, 15089 Newburgh at Five Mile, Livonia

Details: K-8th grade enrollment available

Contact: (734) 464-1250 or visit www.stedithschool.org

OPEN HOUSE

Time/Date: 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29

Location: St. Michael the Archangel School, 11311 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia Details: Student-led tours, meet the staff, share refreshments and conversation with other parents and students. St. Michael's offers half or full-day kindergarten, latch-key programming, and an extended curriculum that includes computer science, art, music, and Spanish

Contact: (734) 261-1455, ext. 226; www.livoniastmichael.org

February

BETHANY

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11

Location: Elks Lodge, 31117 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Detail: Stilettoes Dance, "Detroit Still Doo Wops," with music from 8 p.m.-midnight. Cost is \$20 and includes beer and pop

Contact: Chooch at (734) 697-7270

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Time/Date: Dinner, 6 p.m. Feb. 18; Eucharist, 10 a.m. Feb. 19 Location: St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth Details: The dinner, held at the Summit in Canton, will include, a video presentation, music, gift drawings, and a ticket for a chance to win a centennial quilt and more. The ticket costs \$40 per person. Bishop Wendell Gibbs will attend the worship service on Feb. 19. The service will include

special music and banners created by members of the parish. A celebration reception will follow the service

Contact: (734) 453-0190 DEBT FREE

Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, beginning Feb. 1 Location: Farmington Hills Church of God, 25717 Power,

Farmington Hills Details: Financial Peace University - Imagine Yourself Debt Free, is a 13-week, video-based study featuring Dave Ramsey, that teaches how to build wealth, get out of debt and gain financial freedom. You may attend the first class for free. Childcare is available

Contact: (248) 477-9144 or visit www.FHChurchofGod.org or www.DaveRamsey.com

GLAZER INSTITUTE LEC-TURES

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., Feb. 10 Location: Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills Details: Rabbi Daniel B. Syme will talk about "Combating Bullying, Cruelty, Depression and Suicide Among Youth People - A Religious Imperative." Heather Irish, founder and director of The MINDS Program, a non- profit organization that educates teenagers about mental illnesses and suicide prevention, will continue the discussion at 10:45 a.m. after a brief intermission. Admission is

free Contact: (248) 851-1100, ext. 3149 **GRIEF SUPPORT**

Time/Date: 7-8:45 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7

Location: Faith Covenant Church, 35415 W. 14 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: "From Grief to New Hope," presented by Cathy Clough, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support, runs eight weeks. Each session will begin with a talk, followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Each person will be placed in a group with others who have had similar loses Contact: (248) 661-9191; www.4fcc.org **GRIEF SUPPORT**

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Feb. 29 and March 7, 14 and 21

Location: St. Michael's Catholic Parish, 11441 Hubbard, Livonia Details: Grieving with Great Hope, a four-week grief support series will offer a prayerful and practical approach for individuals who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Presenters will include The Rev. Bill Tindall as well John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry. Register by calling the church of visiting Good Mourning Ministry's Web site.

Contact: (734) 261-1455; www. goodmourningministry.net

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM Time/Date: 6:30-7:45 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 8

RELIGION CALENDAR

Location: South Redford Christian Church, 26505 W. Chicago Road, Redford

Details: The church's weekly children's program will present a Valentine's Day party. Children ages 3 years-5th grade may attend. The children will play games, worship, eat a sweet snack, and learn about God's love. Contact: (313) 937-2050

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12 Location: Prentis Apartments, 10 Mile east of Greenfield in Oak Park

Details: The Pomegranate Guild of Southeastern Michigan is a group that studies and creates Judaic needlework. Judy Galperin will lead a Passover table runner workshop.

Contact: Judy Galperin at (248) 661-5337

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m. Feb. 10 Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City

Details: Includes silent auction. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children, 4-11, and free for children 3 and under. Tickets available at door

Contact: (734) 427-3660

VALENTINE DINNER

Time/Date: 5:30-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10

Location: Nativity United Church of Christ, 9435 Henry Ruff Road, at West Chicago Road, in Livonia Details: Full dinner; tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. Contact: (734) 421-5406

WIDOWED FRIENDS

Time/Date: Social hour 5 p.m., dinner 6 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 8 Location: Corsi's Italian Restaurant, 27910 W. Seven Mile, Livonia Details: Widowed Friends, a peer group offered through the Archdiocese of Detroit, welcomes widowed men and women to attend a social hour and dinner. Cost of \$14 includes buffet, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay at the door in cash only with the exact amount. Cards, games and conversation until 9:30 p.m. RSVP by Feb.

1. No drop-ins Contact: Cookie at (248) 357-2183 or Carol at (248) 946-0300

ONGOING

CLASSES/STUDY

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

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

Details: Open Arms Bible class

for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun.

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

Time/Date: 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sundays through May 8

Location: 34541 Five Mile, Livonia Details: "Four Views of the End Times" adult study

Also ongoing: "Life's Healing Choices" Study Group, 6 p.m., fourth Sunday through September, is for men and women who want freedom from hurts, hangups and habits of the past. Contact: (734) 464-7990

Men's Bible study

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

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

Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491

New Life Community Church

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

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

Nicole's Revival

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Monday-Friday

Location: YWCA Northwest Branch, 25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford Township Details: KJV Scripture Reading, Communion and Prayer

Contact: (313) 531-1234

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday

Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

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

St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday.

Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Catholic author and bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads a study of Letter to the Hebrews. The sessions are open to all, regardless of their faith or parish affiliation

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

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

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

Details: Learner's Bible study is held

Contact: (248) 374-5920

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Time/Date: 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, beginning Sept. 13 Location: Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia Details: Discussion-based study from the Gospel of Luke; preschool child care provided Contact: (734) 427-8743

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CLOTHING BANK

Canton Christian Fellowship

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

Location: 41711 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty

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

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

Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday

Contact: Call Pastor Ranay Brown

to schedule an appointment at

Christ Our Savior Lutheran

second Tuesday, MOPS; 7-8:30

p.m. first and third Thursday,

Location: 14175 Farmington

Details: Mothers of Preschool-

through kindergartners; MOP-

Creeden at (734) 522-6830 for

478-3643 for MOPSnext details.

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first

Location: 24800 West Chicago

Details: MOPS is a place where

moms can build friendships, re-

help and spiritual hope.

ceive mothering support, practical

Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084

or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911

Details: All Creatures ULC spon-

ducted in an informal setting. Pet

blessings are available after the

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sors the service, which is con-

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Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Five Mile, Livonia

is available for dogs

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Contact: (313) 563-0162

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

and third Tuesdays

Road, Redford

ers is aimed at mothers of infants

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aged children. Contact: Rebekah

MOPS and Susan Magner at (248)

MOPSnext. Both programs run

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Location: 44815 Cherry Hill,

FOOD BANK New Hope Church

(734) 270-2528.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Attorneys J.B. Bieske and Jennifer Alfonsi have 42 years combined experience representing only Social Security disability clients. And they personally meet with all clients and appear personally at all court hearings. Many large firms assign inexperi-enced attorneys to your case. And some of these firms are located thousands of miles away and only fly the attorney in the day of the court hearing. Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi have vast experience before local Michigan judges.



Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.

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

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the

subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on Six Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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ALLEN, LINDA SUE

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Age 63, of Canton, passed away January 23, 2012. Loving mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

BALLENTINE, RUTH HELENE (nee Knade)

Beloved wife of David George, of Fayetteville, PA, passed away peacefully surrounded by family at Menno Haven, Chambersburg, PA, on 26 January 2012. Born May 4, 1938 in Philadelphia, PA Ruth was the daughter of Oscar W. Knade and Doris J. Utsch. Raised in Philadelphia, she lived in Warrington, PA and Farmington Hills, MI, before retiring to Fayetteville, PA in 1996. In lieu of flowers please direct donations to Otterbein church (801 Park Street, Waynesboro, PA. 17268) and/or the CVBCA (Cumberland Valley Breast Cancer Alliance, 1215 Prairie Dr., Chambersburg, PA. 17202) in memory of Ruth. Ruth's life celebrated helping others and she would also ask that others do something special for someone else in her honor. A memorial Service of Praise will be held at Otterbein Church of Waynesboro, PA, at 3:00pm on 29 January 2012, followed by a meal at the church.Interment will be private and at the convenience of the family. Services are under the direction of Bowersox Funeral Home, Waynesboro, PA. Online condolences may be made at www.bowersoxfuneralhomes.com

BURMAN, JOSEPH R.

January 22, 2012, age 80. Served with the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. Beloved husband of Jeanette. Dear father of Lynn Dowell and Joseph D. Burman. Grandfather of Joseph C. (Melana) Burman, Madeline Burman and David M. Burman, Brother of Shirley Burman, Loretta Allen, Nancy McGue and David Burman. Services were held Wednesday. Contributions suggested to St. John's Musical Ministry, The Michigan Humane Society or charity of your choice.



CARROLL, LYNNE MARIE

Age 46, of Traverse City, former of Seattle, Washington, died Sunday, January 22, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. She was born May 18, 1965 in Pontiac, Michigan to John and Peggy L. (Bauervic) Carroll. She graduated from Marian High School in Birmingham, Class of 1983. Lynne graduated from Southern Methodist University with her Bachelors degree and the University of Phoenix with her Masters. Lynne worked in the banking industry. She enjoyed cooking, pets, gardening, flowers and skiing. She was a very artistic person. She is preceded in death by her father - John Carroll who died in 2011. She is survived by her mother - Peggy (Chuck) Maitland of South Haven, Michigan. One brother - Jeffery Carroll of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and one sister - Jane (Jose) Peruyero of Ridgewood, New Jersey. Two nephews. Visitation was held Thursday, January 26 at the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home. Funeral services were Friday at St. Basil Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to South Haven's Hospice at Home, 05055 Blue Star Highway, South Haven, MI 49090. Burial will take place at Lakeview Cemetery, Kindly share your thoughts and memories on the family's online guest book at www.FilbrandtFFH.com 269-637-0333

DONNELLY, BRIAN F. Age 61, of Kalkaska County,

passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, January 4, 2012. He was born in Plymouth to the late Mac J. and Elizabeth Anne (De-Waele) Donnelly. Brian graduated from Plymouth High School and the University of Michigan Law School. Brian is survived by his loving wife of 24 years, Rathann; his dear siblings, Kathleen Martin of Troy, Mary (Hal) Smith of Overland Park, Kansas, Tom Canton, Donnelly of Canton, and Elizabeth (Dick) Barker of Plymouth; his sister-in-law, Margie Thornton of Williamston: and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother Mac Donnelly, Jr., who was killed in the line of duty during a bank robbery in Lansing making him the first Lansing police office to die in the line of duty; and his sis-ter Gail Drouillard. Memorials may be given to the VASA Trail Organization, 415 South Union Street, Traverse City, MI 49684-2536. Condolences may be left on-line at: www.wolfeoneill.com



GRADY, SAMUEL

Age 91, passed away peacefully Monday, January 23, 2012 at Waltonwood Assisted Living in Canton. He was born December 26, 1920 in Union City, Tennessee to Samuel M. and Evie (Hayes) Grady. On October 28, 1939, he married Opal Caksackkar and she preceded him in death in 2005 He is survived by two daughters Laverne (Conrad) Henry of Milan and Sue (Clyde) Truesdell of Pickford, two daughters in-law Sharon Grady of Loveland, CO and Susan Grady of Canton, ten grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and sister in-law Vivian Caksackkar. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by two sons, Ralph in 1996 and Bill in 2011. A funeral service was held on Friday at Ochalek-Stark Funeral Home in Milan with burial at Marble Park Cemetery, Contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

www.ochalekstark.com



HOGG, JOYCE EVELYN

Age 88, of Salem Township, Michigan, died January 25, 2012. Born Januray 29, 1923 in Friedenstahl, St. Croix, Virgin Islands to the Reverend William Allen and Joyce Oehler Allen. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Marie Lancaster and brothers Theodore Allen and Reginald Allen. She is survived by her husband of 69 years, William Finaly Hogg Sr. and her four children, Joyce Diane (James) Grace, William Finlay (Nancy) Hogg Jr., John Earle Hogg and David Richard (Judy) Hogg. She is also survived by her nine grandchildren and four great-granddaughters. Evelyn was a devoted wife and mother who loved antiquing, reading, gardening and her many pets. She will be remembered for her years as a Sunday school teacher of four year olds at Calvary Baptist Church of Canton, MI, where she also enjoyed her fellowship with her Jet Set senior group. Visitation will be held Monday from 10am until time of the funeral service at 1pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth, with Pastor John Shinn of Calvary Baptist Church officiating. Interment will be held at Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia, MI. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Calvary Baptist Church. Share your special thoughts and memo-ries at: www.schrader-howell.com

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MAXTED, GEORGE ALLISTER

July 21, 1920-January 13, 2012. George Maxted passed away at age 91, from natural causes at the Bentley Village Care Center in Naples, Florida. Born in Western Springs, Illinois, he was the youngest of three children of Evaline Ruth Horner and Frederick John Maxted. Preceding him in death were his brother Frederick and sister Marillyn Higgins Olmstead ("Perky"). In the late 1930's the family moved to Greenwich, CT where George finished high school. He spent a year at Brown University, took a year off to care for his mother, and then finished college at Wharton School of University of Business, Pennsylvania, receiving Bachelor's Degree. While in Greenwich, he also worked at the Riverside Yacht Club, where his interest and skill in sailing developed. He was a member of Sea Scouts. Mr. Maxted is a combat veteran of World War II, having served in the Pacific from 1943 to 1946 on the PC1231 and the DE449 (destroyer escort USS Hanna) as Lieutenant and Commander. He came home,

arried Shirley Hoyt Scott in

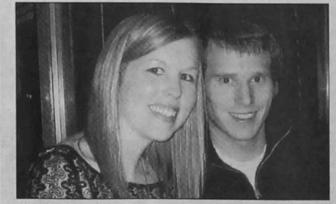


NORRIS, PATRICK (PAT) JOSEPH MICHAEL

66, passed away Sunday, January 22, 2012 at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, FL after a brief illness. Pat was a resident of Ponte Vedra, FL. He was born in Detroit, MI on March 20, 1945 to Noelita and Robert Norris, who preceded him in death along with his brother, Robert T. Norris. He is survived by his wife and friend, Charlotte Buckey Norris; sons Patrick J. (P.J.) Norris Jr. of LaGrange, Ohio, and Brian W. (Angi) Norris, and grandchildren Alyssa and Jacob of St. Charles, Illinois; sister Mary (John) Lockwood of Plymouth, Michigan; Aunt Virginia Myles and family; sister-in-law (Mary Ann); nieces Cathy, Teresa and Patty; and nephew Robert. In addition, Pat leaves behind his extended family, the Buckeys: brothers-in-law; sisters-in-law; nieces, nephews, great-niece, and great-nephews whom he loved and enjoyed in life; and his true companion, 'The Colonel', and numerous friends across the country. Pat was retired, having spent his career in sales, most recently with Xerox in Columbus and Boston. Prior to that, he worked and lived for several years in Caldwell, Ohio where he raised his sons. Pat was a graduate of Caldwell High School where he first met his wife, Charlotte. In Caldwell, Pat was a member of the St. Stephen's Catholic Church. He enjoyed traveling (particularly to Italy with Charlotte), cooking, football. golf, working with children and the elderly, and rooting on the Running Redskins of Caldwell High School. Memorial services will be held in both the Detroit area and in Caldwell (dates TBD). The family has established a memorial charitable contribution fund in the name of Pat Norris (in lieu of gifts, flowers, etc.) with the American Heart Association. To donate to his memorial fund, please call 800-242-8721, go to http://honor.americanheart.org/ site/TR?pxfid=235527&pg=fund &fr_id=1030, or www.heart.org (giving/donate now/memorial gift/Pat Norris - Heart of gold). St. Johns Family Funeral Home and Crematory of St. Augustine, FL is handling the arrangements.



Milestones



Klebba-Mouland

Erin Klebba and Mark Mouland announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Paul and Sue Klebba of Livonia, graduated in 2002 from Churchill High School. She earned a BS degree in 2006 and a PharmD degree in 2010, both from the University of Michigan. She is employed as a pharmacist in Seattle, Wash.

Her fiancé, son of Wes and Antonia Mouland of Livonia, is a 2002 graduate of Churchill High School. He earned a BS degree in 2005 and a master's of mechanical engineering in 2007, both from Michigan State University. He is employed by Boeing in Seattle, Wash.

A May 2012 wedding is planned in Northville.



Savastano-Young

Steven and Elizabeth Savastano of Plymouth are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Marie, to Bryan Michael Young, son of Michael and Dr. Kathryn Young of Canton.

Angela is a 2003 graduate of Canton High and a 2009 dean's list graduate of Madonna University with a bachelor's degree in science. She will continue her studies at Oakland University in the nurse anesthetist program this fall. She currently works as a registered nurse in the surgical ICU department at the Detroit Medical Center.

Bryan, a 2003 graduate of Salem High, studied business at Eastern Michigan University while also playing for their hockey team. He currently owns Niche Marketing, I AM DETROIT Clothing Co., and Legends Barbershop in Westland.

A July 2012 wedding is being planned at Holy Family Church in Detroit, with a reception at The Italian American Club of Livonia followed by a honeymoon inthe Caribbean.

They plan to make their home in Plymouth.

DILLAHA, MARY FRANCES

Age 87, of Mt. Juliet, TN, formerly of Gallatin, TN, passed away Tuesday, January 24, 2012. Funeral service was Saturday, January 28th, at 1:00 p.m. from the Chapel of Alexander Funeral Home, with Brother Jerry Peace officiating. Burial will follow in Crestview Memorial Park, with family and friends serving as pallbearers. Visitation was Friday, January 27th 2:00-8:00 p.m. and Saturday 11:00 a.m. until time of service. She was born in Sumner County, daughter of the late Mary Julia and John B. Collins. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband Delton Dillaha, son, Daniel Dillaha, granddaughter Billie Jayne and siblings, Gladys, Eleanor, Ruth, Mabel, Irene, Hazel, Harold, Leonard, Bill and Ry. She is survived by her chil-dren, Larry Dillaha of Mt. Juliet, James Dillaha and wife Janice of Gulf Breeze, FL, Kenneth Dillaha of Garden City, MI, Jane Ryder and husband Dave of Gallatin, grandchildren, Khara, Naomi, Emily, Andrew, Nathan, Jesse, Brooke, Jason, Samantha, Corey, Carrie, Tracey, Jody, Melissa, Jamie, Ryan, Janess, Jessica, Bradley and Danny, Jr. Online condolences may be submitted at: alexanderfh.info



HALE, AGNES 'BABE'

Age 88, January 22, 2012. Beloved wife of the late Donald. Dear mother of Barbara (Craig) Duncan, Sandy (the late Mike) Ellinger and the late Thomas (Sharon). Grandmother of two. Great-grandmother of two. Memorial visitation Friday, January 27th, 2pm-4pm at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., Garden City (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill).

Family suggests memorials to American Heart Association or the charity of your choice. www.santeiufuneralhome.com

1949, and moved to Birmingham, MI where they had four children. Shirley passed away in 1965. He remarried in 1968, to Jane Cole Brown who survives him and lives in Naples, FL, where they moved in 1992. He was a 36-year employee of the Fram Corporation, retiring in 1985 as District Manager, Southeast Michigan. In addition to his wife, Jane, he is survived by his four children: Dodie (John Logsdon) Maxted, McGrady, NC, George Horner (Beth) Maxted, MD, Little Compton, RI, John (Kathy) Maxted, North Palm Beach, FL, and Ellen Maxted Gill, Los Angeles, CA. He is also survived by his two step-children, Malcolm (Ann VanderLaan) Brown, Bloomfield Hills, MI and Gail Brown Chapman, Oxnard, CA, along with twelve grandchildren and one great-grandchild. George A. Maxted was a man of strong character, honesty and diligence. He always had a project around the home, and especially enjoyed woodwork. He was life-long golfer, faithfully attending such courses as Twin Beach in Michigan, and Bears Paw in Naples, FL. He really liked being around his family. A service for Mr. Maxted will be held on May 27, 2012 at 10am at the First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, MI with burial immediately following in Greenw Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Greenwood please send your remembrance in

his name to Avow Hospice, 1095 Whippoorwill Lane, Naples, FL 34105 VEASEY, JOSEPHINE

January 23, 2012. Age 84 of Livonia. Loving wife of the late Clyde. Beloved mother of Tom (Lisa) and the late Brian (Suzanne). Proud grandmother of Elaina, Evan, Bret (Cristina) and Kyle. The Funeral Service was held on Thursday at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorials may be made to Arbor Hospice. To share a memory, please visit:

vermeulenfuneralhome.com

ZAHARA, IRENE

Age 90, passed peacefully on Monday, January 23, 2012 at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia, Michigan. Irene was born in Detroit, MI in 1922, lifelong res-ident of Livonia since 1951. She retired from the City of Livonia Clerk's office in 1989. She is preceded in death by her beloved hus-band, the late Michael T. Zahara. Survived by her children Sharon Zahara-Flack, Michael Zahara (Denise Missale), Robert Zahara, Loreen Zahara. Grandchildren Ryan Flack (Jennifer Armbruster), Michael Zahara, Steven Zahara, and Alexann Zahara. Great-granddaughter Madyson Flack. Visitation was held Thursday. Rosary at 7 p.m. at Harry J Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Visitation was held Friday at St. Genevieve Catholic Church, 29015 Jamison, Livonia, until Mass at 11a.m. Tribute donations can be made to the St. Jude Children's research Hospital: www.stjude.org/tributes



Howery-Padilla-Altamirano

Darlene Howery and Jorge Padilla-Altamirano announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Doris Howery of Livonia and Terrence Howery of Salem Township, graduated in 1996 from Stevenson High School in Livonia. She is currently employed with Bank of America Corp., in Swedesboro, N.J.

Her fiancé, son of Maria Teresa Altamirano-Leyva of Puebla, Mexico, and the late Alfonso Padilla-Soto, earned a bachelor's degree in electronic engineering from the Instituto Tecnologico de Puebla. He currently works as a computer repair technician on weekdays and a photographer/videographer on weekends.

A June 2012 wedding is planned at St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church in Swedesboro, N.J.



Augustyn-Pavlich

Lauren Marisa Augustyn and Ben Pavlich announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Ken and Rita Augustyn of Plymouth, attended Michigan State University and Thomas Cooley Law School. She is a trust administrator for J.P. Morgan.

Her fiancé, son of Scott and Kathy Pavlich of Cheboygan, attended Michigan State University and is a structural engineer for Rocky Structures.

An August 2012 wedding is planned at Henry Ford Museum.

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow. B9.(*) SUNDAY, IANUARY 29, 2012 OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Study urges booster seat use when carpooling

Many parents are more relaxed about booster seat use when carpooling, according to a study conducted by the University of Michigan's C.S. Mott Children's Hospital.

According to the study, most parents report that they typically require their child to use a lifesaving booster seat, but more than 30 percent say they don't enforce this rule when their child is riding with another driver.

"The majority of parents reported that their children between the ages of 4 and 8 use a safety seat when riding in the family car," said Dr. Michelle Macy, a clinical lecturer of emergency medicine at the University of Michigan Medical School and a pediatrician at U-M C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. "However, it's alarming to know that close to 70 percent of parents carpool, and when they do, they're often failing to use lifesaving booster seats."

Researchers say they believe practical barriers, including limited vehicle space and difficulties making arrangements with other drivers, lead parents to abandon safety seats when carpooling.

Most state laws require children to use a booster seat, many until children are 8 years old. National recommendations encourage the use of booster seats until a child



reaches 57 inches, which is the average height of an 11-year-old child.

Placing a youngster in an adult seat belt prematurely can cause shoulder and lap belts to fit improperly, negating the life-saving benefits of seatbelts.

"Therefore, parents who do not consistently use booster seats for kids who are shorter than 57 inches tall are placing children at greater risk of injury," Macy said. "Parents need to understand the importance of using a booster seat for every child who does not fit properly in an adult seat belt on every trip."

Study authors suggest that social norms may be set by state booster seat laws, because parents are motivated to follow guidelines set by law. State booster seat laws were associated with higher safety seat use, regardless of carpooling, even though half of parents surveyed admit to not knowing the age cited in their state booster seat law and another 20 percent guessed incorrectly.

"According to current recommendations most children should be using booster seats beyond the age cited in state laws. As many parents may not even be aware of current booster seat recommendations, pediatricians should make it a priority to share this vital information with them," Macy noted.

Michigan law requires children ages 8 and under who are less than 4'9" in height to be secured in a child restraint system.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

February

GARDEN CITY HOSPITAL

• National Go Red Day: Women's Heart Health Forum features cardiologist Dr. Karen Wiarda, and an interactive Polynesian aerobics class, along with prize drawings, giveaways and lunch, 10 a.m.-noon, Friday, Feb. 3 at the Garden City Hospital, Medical Office Building, Lower Level Classrooms, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. All events are free. Heart risk assessments will be offered on site. Seating is limited. Call (734) 458-3248 for reservations.

 Healthy Hearts 101 celebrates American Heart Month. Cardiologist Nizam Habhab will discuss heart health at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16 at the Village of Redford, 25300 Six Mile, Redford. An exercise physiologist will be on hand to teach simple exercise techniques that can easily be done at home or in the office. A heart healthy dinner will be served. All events are free. Heart risk assessments will be offered on site. Seating is limited. Call (734) 458-3248 for reservations. Heart Walk 2012 celebrates American Heart Month, 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Feb. 25 at Westland Mall, 35000 Warren Road, Westland. Dress in comfortable clothing and bring all your heart-related questions for a panel of experts. A hospital pharmacist will be on hand to answer medication questions; free health screening on site; and Pulse EMS will be on hand for support. All events are free. Heart risk assessments will be offered on site. Call (734) 458-3248 to reserve.

• 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, Feb. 7, 14, 21 and 28 and Thursday, Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23. 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, Feb. 7, 14, 21 and 28 and 6:30 p.m., Wednesday-Thursday, Feb. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23 and 29. 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, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 at the hospital. Call (734) 458-4330 for more information.

• Diabetes Self-Management series meets at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 21 and 28 and Thursday, Feb. 23 and 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.

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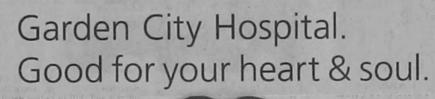
The Michigan Bariatric Institute offers free educational seminars, from 6-7:30 p.m., Feb. 2, March 1, and April 5 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, located at 36475 Five Mile in Livonia. The public is invited to hear a presentation about laparoscopic bariatric surgery by Dr. Tallal Zeni, director of minimally invasive and bariatric surgery and Dr. Jacob Roberts, bariatric surgeon will talk about laparoscopic bariatric surgery on Feb. 2. For more information call (877) 949-9344.

Learn about medical careers at job fair

Representatives from more than 30 health care facilities will be on hand at the annual Allied Health and Nursing Job Fair, 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, at Schoolcraft College.

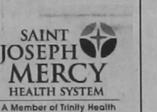
They'll offer information about available positions for registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, nursing assistants, home health aides, health information technicians, coding specialists, medical receptionists, medical assistants, medical billers, medical transcriptionists and massage therapists. Resumes will be accepted at the fair, which will be held in the DiPonio Room of the VisTaTech Center on the college's main campus, located on Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia.

The Allied Health and Nursing Job Fair is free and open to the public. Call (734) 462-4421 for more information.



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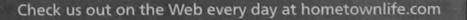
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HEALTHY HEARTS 101

Thursday, February 16, 2012 • 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm Village of Redford 25300 Six Mile Road • Redford, MI 48240

GCH Cardiologist Nizam Habhab, DO, FACC, FACOI will discuss heart health. An exercise physiologist will be on hand to teach simple exercise techniques that can easily be done at home or in the office. A heart healthy dinner will be served.

GCH HEART WALK 2012

Saturday, February 25, 2012 • 9 am – 12 Noon Westland Mall 35000 Warren Road • Westland, MI 48185

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Explore Healthcare Careers Now

Unemployment rates may still be high and the opportunities out there in specific careers might be waning, but there is one job sector that may be promising -- healthcare. Statistics from the U.S. Department of Labor indicate that 3.2 million jobs will be created by 2018 in the healthcare industry. Other forecasters say that with an aging population who will provide the demand for healthcare workers, jobs in the health sector make sense as a stable career option. Plus there are more opportunities for hire.

But what healthcare jobs are out there for those who don't currently have a medical degree nor the time to devote to a long education or much additional schooling? As it turns out, plenty. * Dental assistant: This career is one of the fastestgrowing careers in healthcare, according to industry experts. While formal schooling may not be needed and some dentists train on-site, there's better opportunity for those who

have completed a training program. Some dental assistant diploma or certificate programs can be completed in as little as a year. The median expected salary for a typical dental assistant in the United States is \$32,969.

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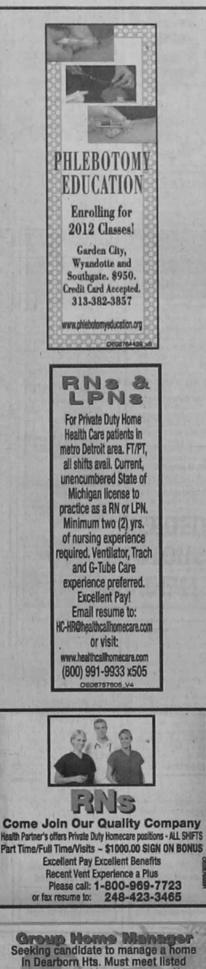
* Registered nurse: Nurses are often the unsung heroes of the healthcare industry. Though doctors may get all the glory, it's often nurses who provide the muchneeded, behind-the-scenes care that complements a doctor's expertise. Applicants associates degree in nursing to get started in the field and then continue their education and certification as they advance. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average salary of a registered nurse in the United States is \$67,720. * Pharmacy technician: The world of pharmaceuticals continues to grow. A 2009 story in Forbes magazine indicated that 11.6 prescriptions are issued per person in the U.S. each year. With so many prescriptions issued each year, the demand for pharmacy employees is increasing. Assistants can generally complete a certificate program which may be as short as six months. Pharmacy techs earn an average salary of \$32,600, according to Salary.com. * Hospice care worker:

can consider earning a 2-year

Whether providing home hospice care or working in a facility, these workers provide support and assistance to the elderly or individuals with illnesses that restrict their ability to care for themselves. Hospice care is often end-oflife care and requires a special level of devotion from workers. Depending on the program, a bachelor's degree in nursing and a state certification may be all that's necessary to become a hospice technician. Salaries can range from \$35,000 to \$60,000.

Students who have just begun college and are not yet in the job market may want to consider fine tuning their majors to coordinate with a career in healthcare.

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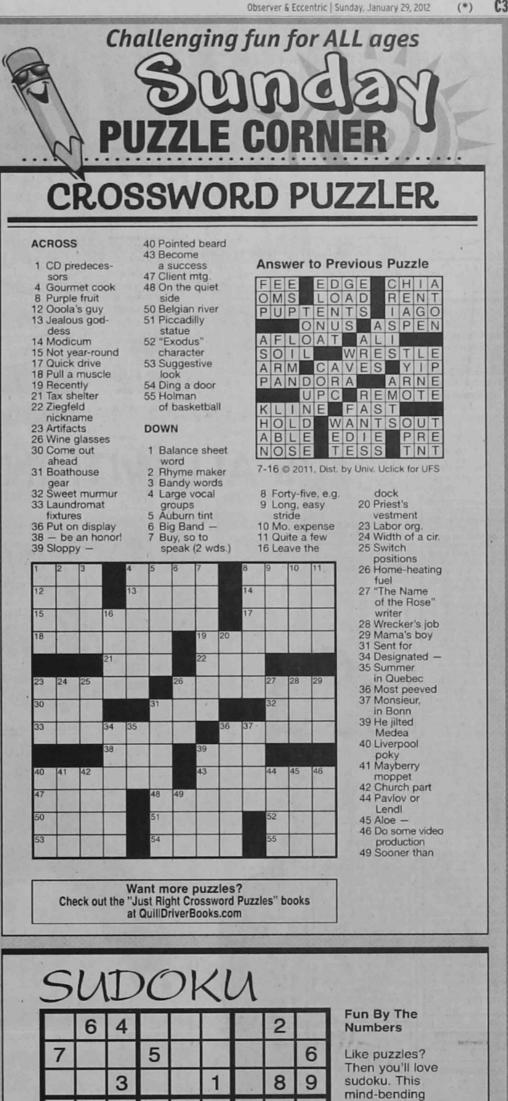
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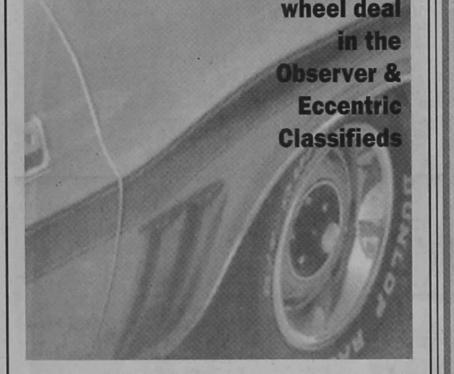
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2012 WILL BE ANOTHER BIG YEAR IN RISE OF CROSSOVERS

By Dale Buss

"Crossover" utility vehicles have steadily and inexorably taken over the key marketplace position previously occupied by SUVs. Smaller, lighter, with a more integral underlying structure and therefore nimbler and more fuel-

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efficient - a stable of CUVs has joined small sedans and pickup trucks as the true indicator of a full-line auto

manufacturer in the U.S. market.

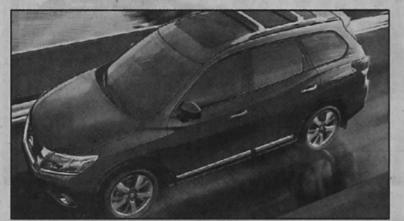
Here's a look at some of the most interesting and important new CUVs and SUVs slated to debut during the 2012 calendar year as well as some new 2012 models that debuted in late 2011:

The all-new, 2013 Ford Escape will be a spring replacement for one of the most enduring SUV nameplates in the industry. Even as the previous version of Escape was preparing to make way for quite a different new one, last year Ford sold more than 254,000 of the 2011 version, up a whopping 33 percent from the previous year demonstrating remarkable consumer demand for a decade-old model.

The new Escape demonstrates the most significant redesign of the nameplate in its history. In its sleekest configuration yet, the new Escape sports a roof that curves down slightly, triangular tail lights and other touches very different from its boxy and conservative predecessor - overall, producing 10 percent less drag.

The SUV's new version will feature all-new powertrains: three fuel-efficient fourcylinder options, including the new 1.6- and 2.0-liter EcoBoost engines, the smallest of which is expected to deliver more than 31mpg on the highway.

Escape also boasts amenities



The 2013 Pathfinder will be an important new vehicle for Nissan.



Ford continues the legacy of Escape with the 2013 model.

such as a parking-technology package that bundles a blindspot warning system, rainsensing wipers, front and rear parking sensors, a backup camera and Ford's self-parking system. Most unusually, the 2013 Escape offers a "kick-toopen" power liftgate: Owners with their hands occupied simply wave a foot beneath the rear bumper, and sensors tell the liftgate to open or close.

Another significant new SUV for 2012 is the 2013 Nissan Pathfinder. Pathfinder is one of the best-known nameplates in the Nissan lineup, but sales have fallen off significantly over the last several years.

The new Pathfinder, which goes on sale in the fall, is built on a car platform like an SUV, ditching the truck platform that supported previous versions. That makes for a lighter and more fuel-efficient vehicle, promising a 25percent increase in fuel economy versus the current model, to around 21mpg in combined city and highway

driving.

A concept version of the new Pathfinder displayed at the North American International Auto Show featured a V6 engine with continuously variable transmission and all-wheel drive. A more fuel-efficient, front-wheel-drive version also will be available.

Few would identify the CR-V as America's best-selling SUV, but that's exactly what the smallish Honda model has been. For that reason, Honda's late-2011 launch of a completely redesigned, 2012 Honda CR-V will be an important entry in the segment as the new year unfolds.

For most of 2011, Honda had a difficult time, of course, supplying the U.S. market with the previous version of the vehicle. The company was able to restore its supply chain nearly completely in time to introduce the new CR-V and believes it is poised for a big

sales year in 2012.

Typical of Honda, the "new" CR-V really represents an evolution, albeita significant one, of the previous model. Motor Trend characterizes the new version as a careful redesign that "is about 10 percent better" than the old one in every way. The ride is softer and smoother, for instance, and a new electric power-steering system is said to match the old hydraulic unit's road feel and directness.

Actually, the biggest change in the 2012 CR-V and last year's version may be in the styling, which includes a more raked windshield and a completely new tail.

Set to be unveiled at theNew York International Auto Show in March, the 2013 Hyundai Santa Fe is expected to be launched by the end of 2012. It is expected to represent a significant overhaul of a vehicle that was last reconfigured for 2010, including a slightly larger overall size and an interior and exterior recast in Hyundai's evolving design language.

Mazda unveiled its 2013 Mazda CX-5 at the Detroit auto show. Expected to go on sale in the spring, the new CX-5 will boast segment-leading fuel economy of 35mpg on the highway, 26 in the city and 29 in combined driving. Cast in an eye-catching new design with scalloped sides and a new grille, the CX-5 will showcase Mazda's pioneering suite of new drivetrain and weightsaving techniques, called Skyactiv as a package.



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