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Plymouth-Canton considers school closings

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

The reprieve for Fiegel Elementary School may have only lasted a year.

Targeted for closing in a budget-cutting measure last summer before the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education backed down, the Plymouth elementary school showed up in every scenario discussed Thursday as the board considered restructuring ideas presented by

Plante & Moran CRESA.
At a recent special board meeting, CRESA partner Paul Wills presented five different options for how the district could best optimize its facilities in the face of declining elementary school enrollment and continuing bud-

'We've lost 500 students, and we're looking at an 18 percent loss over the

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VOICES HEARD

What: Community forums on Plante & Moran CRESA's facilities study

When: Tuesday, Feb. 7, Monday, Feb. 27, and Tuesday,

March 6, all at 6:30 p.m. Where: All three forums at Discovery Middle School

Why: To collect public input on the various options CRESA presented to the board of education

Next step: After the three forums, the board is expected to make a decision March 27.



National Recreation and Park Association. The CPRE program recog-

nizes advanced skills and competencies related to the professional practice and delivery of park and recreation programs and services. Williams is one of just 52 professionals to earn it.

Williams has worked in parks and recreation for more than 10 years and has been in her current role with Canton Township for the past six years.

"Professional development has always been a big component of my career path," Williams said. "I felt that it was a good way for me to learn more about all aspects of parks and recreation, especially in the areas of park management and business

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Hunter Sewejkis's battle has been a heartbreaking yet somewhat encouraging journey for Hunter's mother, Leanne Garlick, and his family.

Baby Hunter improving as abuse case moves on

By Darrell Clem

Hunter Sewejkis has proved

eight weeks at the Universi-

fragile yet resilient during his

ty of Michigan Mott Children's

"He's moving both sides of

his body. He also can see out of

one eye, and he can hear out of

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None of that was expect-

ther Sal Alongi said.

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ed, and doctors this week are scheduled to perform more Observer Staff Writer tests to determine if Hunter called "our little miracle baby" For a baby who wasn't by Alongi - is improving from expected to survive following severe brain damage. accusations his father severely abused him, 6-month-old

'He's not as bad as what they first diagnosed," Alongi said. "They now think that maybe the left side of his brain might not be as bad as they thought. He's processing some information. He has actually laughed a couple of times.'

When a loved one approaches his hospital bed, little Hunter sometimes arches his back as though he wants to be

picked up, Alongi said.

It has been a heartbreaking yet somewhat encouraging journey for Alongi, Hunter's mother, Leanne Garlick, and others.

Each day he's getting a little stronger," Alongi said. "We had a little setback when the doctors tried to wean him off his heavy meds and he had a reaction.'

The grandfather's comments came Friday, nearly two months after defendant Anthony Lawrence Sewejkis

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Yazaki: Fine won't affect Canton mission

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

Yazaki Corp., a major Japanese auto supplier that has its North American headquarters in Canton, will try to repair its tarnished image after agreeing to pay \$470 million in criminal fines for its involvement in price-fixing and bid-rigging conspir-

"We're focused on our future and happy to have this chapter closed," Yazaki spokeswoman Misty Matthews said.

Yazaki's criminal fines, reportedly the second-largest penalty obtained by federal officials for an antitrust violation, came nearly two years after FBI agents raided the sprawling Canton complex near Haggerty and Warren along with branches in Lexington, Ky., and Columbus, Ohio.

Yazaki isn't expected to scale back its 1,200-employee workforce in Canton following allegations the company engaged in criminal wrongdoing that the U.S. Justice Department said boosted the prices customers paid for cars and trucks around the world.

"We do not have any changes planned in the workforce," Matthews said.

Tattered image

She conceded the embattled company has "intensified all corporate compliance efforts" following a scandal that led to the multimillion fines and reports of prison time facing four executives who are expected to return to the United States from Japan.

Yazaki's damaged reputation follows years of respect the company earned for supporting programs and contributing large amounts of money to organizations such as the Canton Community Foundation and the

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Friends and family remember John Chew for his volunteer work and as an "amazing grandfather, a wonderful dad and a wonderful husband."

Chew remembered for volunteer work

By Darrell Clem **Observer Staff Writer**

Canton resident John Chew is being remembered by family members and friends as a tireless supporter of groups such as the Canton Lions Club that allowed him to help those in need.

'He just loved people, and he loved to advocate for the underdog," daughter Susan Putnam said. "He was always looking to help people who were less fortunate than him."

Mr. Chew died Wednesday from what Putnam described as natural causes. He was 67

"He was an amazing grandfather, a wonderful dad and a wonderful husband (to wife Aldona)," Putnam said.

Canton Township Trustee Pat Williams, one of Mr. Chew's many friends, remembered him as a dedicated volunteer who was involved in helping the Canton Lions collect eyeglasses and provide other vision services for those who needed help. The club, which has raised over \$300,000 since it was formed in 1968, also collects hearing aids.

Dedicated volunteer

Williams said Mr. Chew also was involved in organizations such as the Canton Goodfellows, Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Newcomers, which welcomes residents new to the township.

"He was a hard worker, he was dedicated to promoting the Lions and doing good things for other people," Williams said. Mr. Chew helped orchestrate the

Lions Club's fund-raising pancake breakfast during Canton's annual

Liberty Fest. Putnam remembered her father recognizable by his white beard - for playing Santa Claus at places such as nursery'schools. A former Redford resident, he also sang in the Livonia Civic Chorus and occasionally had acting roles with the Spotlight Players at

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Mr. Chew was a retired U.S. Postal Service supervisor who worked in Southfield, and he served in the U.S. Army in Korea during the

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Ex-church worker bound over for trial on embezzlement charge

By LeAnne Rogers Observer Staff Writer

About a dozen parishioner from Westland's St. Theodore Catholic Church turned out Thursday for a preliminary examination scheduled for a former church employee charged with embezzling more than \$13,000 from the parish.

"We're supporting our parish, she's a crook,' said parishioner Loretta LaBerge, who attended the hearing with her husband George. "We're upset and want to make sure justice is done."

In a short appearance before 18th District Court Judge Mark McConnell, Kathleen Galoch, 63, waived her right to a preliminary examination. Galoch was ordered bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court on a charge of embez-



zling over \$1,000 from a nonprofit organization, a 10-year felony. A not guilty

plea had been entered for Galoch, a Canton resident, who remains free on a \$10,000 personal bond.

Some of the parishioners at court didn't realize that Galoch was charged with embezzling only a fraction of the \$143,000 reported missing from the parish where she had been employed since 1986 to handle bookkeeping and other administrative duties until being laid off early in 2011.

When interviewed as part of the investigation, police said the Rev. Gary Michalik, who had been

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the St. Theodore parish priest, reported authorizing the bulk of the spending by Galoch. The audit prepared by the Archdiocese of Detroit showed checks written to pay mobile home rental fees, utilities and other expenses for Galoch's adult son, James E. Galoch, and wages for her husband, James J. Galoch. Both men had done maintenance-type work at the parish. Personal bills were also paid for Galoch's former

"We had a meeting with the archdiocese last year and they told us we were short on money," said LaBerge. "We found out we had a \$258,000 debt."

daughter in-law, Shan-

non, who still works for

the parish.

That debt came as a shock to church members, since St. Theodore was a good parish that met its annual \$60,000 Catholic Services Appeal commitment, said another parishioner who asked not to be identified.

Some of the parishioners reported what they described as red flags regarding the parish finances. Specifically, several mentioned a 2008 letter from Michalik, now assigned to St. Collette Catholic Church in Livonia, asking each family to contribute \$300 to pay a debt dating to 2002.

"Five people in her (Galoch's) family were paid and counting the (collection) money on Sundays for the parish. That sent up red flags," said another parishioner, who also didn't want to named.

Galoch is scheduled for circuit court arraignment on Feb. 16.

YAZAKI

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Canton Chamber of Com-

merce CCF President Joan Noricks said Yazaki has been "a wonderful partner" by providing general support and creating an endowment fund for scholarships. She said Yazaki has been the foun-

dation's largest donor for

some two decades.

"The Canton Community Foundation has had a long and very close relationship with Yazaki, which has been a committed community supporter in every way," Noricks said. "We have appreciated our partnership with them.'

Matthews indicated that Yazaki intends to remain involved in Canton and other communities where it does business.

'Yazaki feels very strongly about supporting the communities where we work and live," she said.

Business ties

A global investigation into anti-competitive practices led to raids of Yazaki and other companies in February 2010. One of those, Denso Corp., has offices in Southfield and has agreed to pay \$78 million.

Yazaki's website contains a statement indicating that company Chairman Yasuhiko Yazaki and President Shinji Yazaki will return half of their pay for three months.

Yazaki and Denso both have business ties to Detroit automakers. Yazaki said in 2010 it was supplying the complete electrical distribution system for the 2011 Ford

Yazaki conceded on its website that it has agreed to pay \$470 million "in criminal proceedings relating to cartel activities with certain competitors for automotive wire harnesses and related products.'

"Yazaki Corp. has been faithfully cooperating with the DOJ (Department of Justice) investigation since its inception on Feb. 23, 2010," the company statement said. "The plea agreement is intended to resolve all issues between the company and the DOJ arising out of this investigation, upon analyzing the applicable laws, facts and circumstances as a whole."

Federal authorities have said the criminal probe uncovered conspiracies to rig bids, among other wrongdoing, during the last decade. Yazaki also has faced fines in Japan.

The U.S. Justice Department has indicated the investigation is continuing.

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CORRECTION

A story in the Thursday, Feb. 2, Observer about the fundraiser for the Canton Partnership for the Arts & Humanities featuring Steve King and the Dittilies should have said the reception beforehand is not a dinner, but will feature appetizers and dessert samples.



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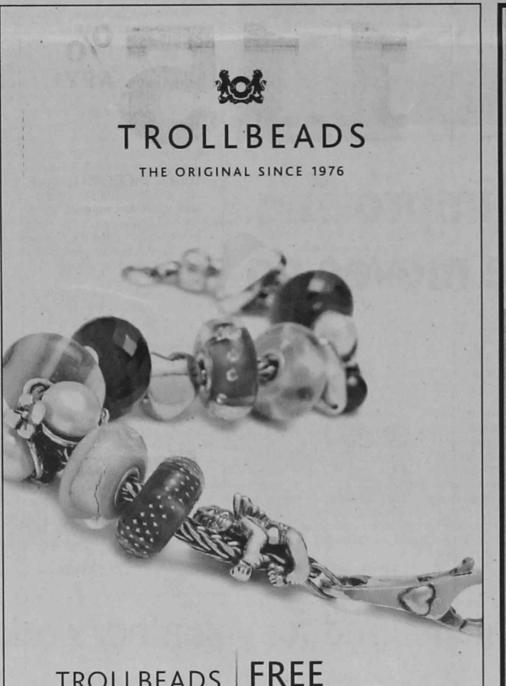
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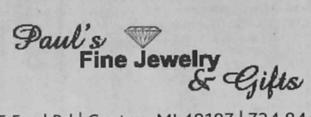


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next five years," said board secretary Judy Mardigian, the longestserving member of the board. "I've never seen anything like this."

CRESA's recommendations are the culmination of a months-long study commissioned by the board. Wills presented two options leaving the elementary level structured the way it is now (K-5), and two options reconfiguring the elementary level to K-6.

A fifth option would provide for a Pre-K program and reconfigure the elementary schools into an upper- and lower-level format.

Under all five options, Fiegel Elementary, located on Joy Road in Plymouth Township, is one of the schools marked for closing.

Choice to make

The options area: • 1A - "Right-size" facilities leaving them at 90 percent capacity. It would close Fiegel, Gallimore and Hulsing elementaries, and move the Tanger Center and Starkweather, the district's alternative high school. According to CRESA, this option would save the district between \$2.4 and \$2.6 million.

• 1B - Considers the district's facilities at 85 percent capacity and closes Fiegel and Hulsing, while still relocating Tanger and Starkweather. It would save \$1.68 million to \$1.93 million.

· 2A - Would reconfigure elementaries to K-6 at 85 percent of capacity and close both Fiegel and Hulsing along with East Middle School. It would also move Tanger and Starkweather and save the district \$3.4 million to \$3.645 million.

• 2B — Reconfigures elementaries to K-6, closes Fiegel, Hulsing and Central Middle School and relocates Tanger and Starkweather. It saves \$3.52 million to \$3.545 million.

• 3 - Provides Pre-K and reconfigures elementaries into upper- and lower-level grade structure. It closes Fiegel and Hulsing. According to CRE-SA, it impacts the fewest elementary students and cuts out five bus runs. It would save \$2.15 million to \$2.27 million.

Keeping focus While all options carry significant savings, Wills and board members were quick to point out it's not only about the dollars.

"At the end of the day,



More than 100 people pored over details of a study on facility use in Plymouth-Canton schools during a special meeting at Discovery Middle School Thursday.

it's not about saving the most money," Wills said. "It's about how best to utilize the educational facilities to provide the best educational opportunity."

Hulsing parent Jennifer Millen said rumors about the school being considered for closing were heard last year. Shethinks perhaps the board should turn the process around.

"I'm surprised they aren't doing the redistricting the schools first and the deciding (what to close)," Millen said. "(Hulsing's closing) was rumored last year, so it was not a shock. I think parents who live in the neighborhood are going to be more upset.'

The CRESA study shows the district has some 2,000 open seats, and board members facing a doubledigit deficit, know something has to be done.

"We have excess capacity," trustee Mark Horvath said. "You can either fill that with other kids, or you can get rid of the excess capacity. We can't fill it with 2,000 new kids, so you've got to shed the excess capacity.

The district will host three community forums over the next eight weeks, and the board is expected to make a decision at its March 27 board meeting.

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SPOTLIGHT AUDITIONS

Dates/Times: Feb. 20-21, 7-10 p.m.

Location: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill

Details: Spotlight Players presents "Into the Woods" in April at the Village Theater, and the group is holding auditions. The audition will consist of singing selections from the show, cold readings, and a short dance may be taught. Bring a head shot or photograph of yourself. The play, to be directed by former Second Stage director Shannon McNutt, is James Lapine and Stephen Sondheim's fractured fairy tale. What begins a lively irreverent fantasy becomes a moving lesson about community responsibility and the stories we tell our children, learning there are consequences to our choices.

Contact: For more information and an audition form go to: www.spotlightplayersmi.org

FOOD DRIVE

Date/Time: Feb. 6-24

Location: Muslim Community of Western Suburbs Building Entrance, 40440 Palmer in Canton

Details: The "Feed Detroit" food drive will benefit needy neighbors in Detroit, where organizers say more than 50 percent of children under age 18 live in poverty. Collection boxes can be found at the Muslim Community of Western Suburbs Building Entrance (non-perishable foods only, please).

HEISE HOURS

Date/Time: Monday, Feb. 13

Location: 10-11 a.m., Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady; 1-2 p.m., Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe; 3-4 p.m., Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main.

Details: State Rep. Kurt Heise invites residents to meet with him locally during district office hours. Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office. Contact: Residents are invited to call toll free 1-855-REP-KURT or e-mail kurtheise@ house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

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WSDP makes transition as it hits 40

By Bill Keith **Guest Columnist**

This month WSDP celebrates 40 years of serving Plymouth and Canton. This is my 21st year as station manager, but my history with the station began several years before that when I was a student at Plymouth

Salem High School. I enjoyed listening to my friend Mike's show, especially when he would play requests. I was a shy kid but I wanted to join the station's staff. Mike pulled some strings and he arranged for me to join the staff during the summer between my sophomore and junior year.

I remember coming to the station to work on promotional and public service announcements with Mike. My first attempt at a promo would use the song "Dust in the Wind" by Kansas as the background music. I cued up the record and tried to perfect reading my script over the musical intro. I had to record it time and time again because something was always wrong. Sometimes the music was too loud and sometimes it was too quiet. There were times when I got to the end of the recording and flubbed a word.

I also remember the first time I hosted a show. Because of my nervousness the temperature felt like it had jumped 10 degrees, and my voice quivered and cracked. By the time that first 10-second break had ended I was a wreck, but I wanted to do it again. I thought I had hit prime time when they gave me a Friday



WSDP founding General Manager Bonny Dore with some of the founding staff members at WSDP's 35th anniversary in 2007.

night show. Little did I know that I got the show because no one else wanted to be in the studio on a Friday night.

I've had the privilege of seeing these same stories through the lives of so many students. The music has changed but the nervousness and hard work plays out in the lives of student after student. For 40 years we've used the practice of community radio to invest in the lives of young people and serve the Plymouth Canton Community.

As we celebrate our 40th year we are also excited about some changes. This year opened with the birth of The New 88.1, Plymouth and Canton's Hit Music. We've received many positive e-mails about the changes and a few that were negative.



WSDP alums Patty Williamson and April Scarlett were back in the studio for Alumni On-Air Day 2011.

School finances are always a concern for extra-curricular programs like WSDP. Last year the Board of Education made it very clear that they wanted us to move the station toward greater financial selfsufficiency. We formed an alumni advisory committee to work on making that goal happen. As we evaluated the station it became clear that we needed to build listenership. We looked at several mass appeal formats and developed a sound that would appeal to adults and students in the community.

We're excited about The New 88.1 and if you haven't had a chance to listen please tune in and



Barb Chlopan and Rob Pardikes work the board in this undated photo taken at WSDP.

let us know what you think. You can also help us come up with a permanent name for the station. We will have a random drawing of all people that submit names and one lucky winner will receive a \$100 gas card. More information on the naming contest is at our website, TheNew881.com.

We also have some great events planned to celebrate the station's 40th anniversary. On Feb. 11, we are inviting our alums back to host one-hour radio shows. Some of them will play music that dominated our airwaves when they were students, others will play new favorites. Also on Feb. 11, we will have a Can and Bottle Drive to raise money for the station. We will be at the East entrance of Salem (near the pool and gym) collecting cans and bottles from our listeners and friends. You can stop by between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. and everyone who donates will receive (while supplies last) the choice of a movie ticket for the Penn Theater or Canton Cinema, or a pass for laser tag or glo golf at

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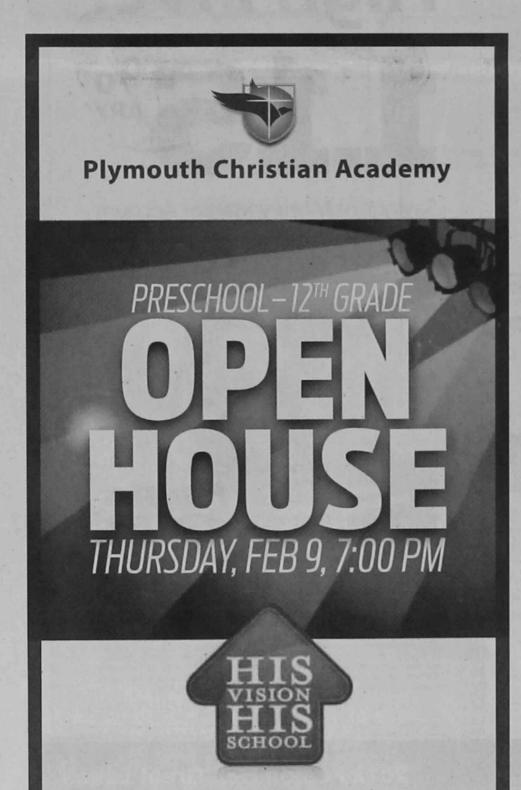
Zap Zone in Canton. This month we will also debut the next edition of Community Focus 2.0 video webcast and

cable show. I'm proud to announce that our next show will focus on WSDP. It will be filled with interviews, alumni reports on our history and photos from our archives.

We end the month with our annual Record/CD/ Music Memorabilia Show on Feb. 25, at the Salem Cafeteria. Dealers from throughout the state will have CD's, vinyl records, posters, shirts and much more. The show will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and tickets are \$3 (free for PCEP students with a school ID). We still have dealer space available so feel free to contact me at (734) 416-7732 if you would like a table.

Over the past 40 years our musical sound has changed several times but our commitment to training students and serving the community will always remain the same. That is definitely worth celebrating.

Bill Keith is station manager at WSDP-FM (88.1).



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was accused of slamming Hunter's head against a carpet-covered hardwood floor of their home on Michigan Avenue while Garlick was at work Dec.

Sewejkis, jailed with a \$500,000 bond, is awaiting the outcome of his case in Wayne County Circuit Court. He could face 15 years in prison if he is convicted of first-degree child abuse.

Lora Weingarden, lead attorney for the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, has said she will seek higher charges against Sewejkis if Hunter should die, though family members are increasingly hopeful he will continue to recover.

Alongi has asked for prayers for Hunter. Anyone who wants to make donations for Hunter's expenses, such as those not covered by insurance, may give to a trust fund set up through TCF bank branches.

If he survives, Hunter will face long-term expenses. And though his relatives remain guarded, they are increasing-

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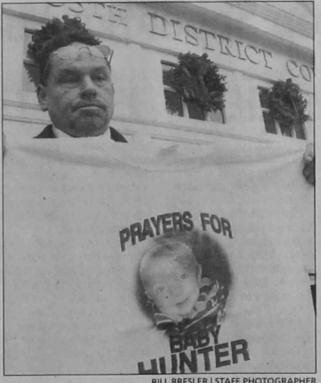
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Sal Alongi, maternal grandfather of Hunter Sewejkis, said the 6-month-old is "moving both sides of his body. He also can see out of one eye, and he can hear out of both ears."

ly hopeful he will, indeed, continue to show prog-

As family friend Bev-

erly Decker has said, "Nobody should have to go through this."

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CHEW

LOCAL NEWS

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Vietnam War, Putnam said.

Canton residents John and Nancy Spencer, long active in the Canton Goodfellows organization that helps needy families at Christmas time, have made a statement calling Mr. Chew "an amazing man" who "we will miss so much."

Lions Club President Larry Wegrzyn recalled a recent Lions Club meeting in which Mr. Chew told how he became involved in the organization. Back in the 1970s, while working for a retail store associated with

a mail-order company, Mr. Chew had become friends with a blind man accompanied by a leader dog.

Helping hand

Decades later, Mr. Chew still spoke of how the blind man was more perceptive than most people he knew - and his tenacity inspired Mr. Chew to become involved in helping the vision impaired.

Survivors for Mr. Chew, son of Ruth Chew and the late Irving Chew, include his wife, Aldona; daughters Christine (Dawn) Chew and Susan (William) Putnam; grandchildren Abigail; Kazys, Emerson and Allianna Putnam; a

brother, Thomas (Linda) Chew; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be 2-9 p.m. Sunday at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road (between Sheldon and Beck) in Plymouth. Mr. Chew will lie in state starting at 10 a.m. Monday until the 11 a.m. funeral service at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Interment will be at Great

Lakes National Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Canton Lions Club. For more information, visit www. cantonlions.org or call Wegrzyn at (734) 981-4343.

NEWS BRIEF

MDOT meeting

The Michigan Department of Transportation will hold a public information meeting on upcoming road projects on Thursday, Feb. 9 from 5-7 p.m. in the banquet hall of Canton's Summit on the Park.

The meeting will be an open house format and will focus on the following projects: Rehabilitation and reconstruction of 34 bridges along I-275, the resurfacing of I-275 from Ecorse Road to Ford Road, and the addition of a dedicated right-turn lane on westbound Michigan Avenue at Haggerty Road.

During the meeting plans will be available for review and MODT staff will be available to answer questions and concerns pertaining to this project. For more information please call MDOT at (313) 375-2400.

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Few families are aware that Medicare pays for the first 20 days at 100 percent, then co-pays for days 21 to 100. Depending on whether a patient has supplemental insurance, outof-pocket expenses could be zero. If there is no secondary coverage, LaShawn encourages the patient to apply for Medicaid.

"It all has to be done in a timely fashion or families could miss out on coverage benefits."

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Township firm helped prep Super Bowl party site

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

Super Bowl XLVI fans who are partying on Georgia Street in downtown Indianapolis this weekend have a Plymouth Township firm to thank for helping ensure their safety.

Soils and Materials Engineers Inc., a 48-yearold consulting firm that's had an office in the township since 1991, used advanced technology to "see" below Georgia Street sidewalks as plans were developed for a \$12.5 million streetscape project. Two blocks of Georgia Street, a stone's throw from Lucas Oil Stadium, were remade into a pedestrian-friendly entertainment district that is now hosting the official Super Bowl Village in anticipation of today's big game between the New York Giants and the New England Patri-

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Keith Toro of Canton Township, a senior project engineer at SME, used impulse radar, which bounces an electrical signal into concrete and uses software to form a picture of it, to look beneath the sidewalks, many of which are above the extended basements of downtown Indianapolis buildings, some dating back more than 100 years. Construction engineers wanted to make sure the substructures would support the loads expected on the new brick paver sidewalks they planned to

While impulse radar has been around for a

while, Toro said, the software that translates its data is new and draws a vivid image of what's below.

"I can show somebody that's never dealt with concrete, and say, 'Look, there're three steel bars," Toro said on Thursday. "It's a great picture of what's actually in the concrete."

The impulse radar unit, which Toro passed over a variety of Georgia Street test areas in a grid pattern, can detect different elements of the world under the sidewalk, such as reinforcing bars something engineers want to see — pipes, utility conduits, voids and even water (detected because the signal doesn't travel through it well). Unlike taking sample borings of the concrete, it's

The technology can even find different layers of concrete, and Toro, who looked at inchdeep slices of the Georgia Street sidewalk, said there were some areas that obviously had more than one layer.

Although the sidewalk data was turned over to construction engineers, "I don't think we saw anything that was something that we said, "Wow, this isn't capable of handling a load,' " said Toro, who also teaches at Lawrence Technological University.

The basements underneath the downtown sidewalks were often originally built to house coal bins, steam pipes, or for other utilities, and Toro said they still provide some of those functions, plus some others — like

storage and even a prep kitchen for a restaurant.

"It's just amazing, the variety of what was going on," he said. The thicknesses of the concrete structures between the basement ceilings and the sidewalk above ranged from about 10 to 18 inches, with some a little bit deeper, he said.

Above ground, the impulse radar device attracted a lot of attention when Toro worked with it in the summer of 2009.

"I think I explained what I was doing in general terms about 200 times," he said.

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Cookies available for 'Big Game'

If Girl Scouts in the Ann Arbor region have their way, Sunday's Super Bowl game in Indianapolis won't be the only place to see records broken.

For the first time in the 95-year history of Girl Scout cookie sales, 30 troops in Washtenaw, Livingston and Western Wayne Counties, part of the Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan Council, will be selling cookies this weekend to cash in on the Super Bowl spending

Cookie booths will be strategically located near grocery stores and heavily-trafficked areas such as the "Diag" on the University of Michigan's campus, said Deb Adams, a leader for Girl Scout Troops 40343 and 40588

located in Milan. Girl Scout troops will also be stationed at Busch's on Green Road in Ann Arbor, at Hungry Howie's Pizza in Howell and at Kroger stores in Ann Arbor, Brighton, Canton, Howell and

Pinckney. Last year the 30 girls in Adams' two troops sold a combined total of 4,100 boxes

"We're looking to dou-



LOCAL NEWS

Girl Scouts will be out in force Super Bowl weekend in an effort to set a record of their own for cookie sales.

ble that number," she said. "Our girls always look forward to cookie sales and really want to reach their goal this year."

Although many of the girls' customers know where to find them, a cookie locator app will help those who don't. The app may be downloaded from the Apple App Store or the Android Marketplace or accessed from the web at www.cookielocator.littlebrownie.com. Smartphone users can download the app by calling **472665437 and Blackberry users can access the mobile site at http://mobile.littlebrown-

"This will be very helpful for people who don't know where the cookie booths are," Adams said. "I'm always surprised when people tell me they don't have anyone to buy cookies from.'

Amanda Kremer, program product specialist at GSHOM's Ann Arbor Regional Center, said by entering a zip code people will be able to find the registered cookie booth nearest them along with hours and locations. In addition, she said some of the cookie booths will be accepting payments by credit card under a pilot program which includes GSHOM.

Frog survey training sessions scheduled

Training sessions to participate in the 2012 Frog and Toad Survey will be held in March. Four area training sessions have been planned and the schedule is as follows;

· Saturday, March 3, from 10 a.m. to noon at Plymouth Township Hall, located at 9955 Haggerty Road.

• Tuesday, March 6, from 7-9 p.m. at Canton's Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

· Saturday, March 10, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Livonia Civic Center Library, located at 32777 Five Mile Road.

· Saturday, March 17, from 10 a.m. to noon at Bloomfield Township Hall, located at 4200 Telegraph Road.

Each training session will focus on frog and toad identification skills in order to help volunteers determine different species out in the field. Frogs and toads are considered

excellent indicators of the environmental quality around us. The more species a site can support, the better the habitat.

Once trained, volunteers will spend five to 15 minutes at their site(s) each time they visit during the spring and early summer. Data will be gathered over two to four months and will be used by Friends of the Rouge to track changes in habitat and water quality. The information will also be utilized by local communities and state agencies in developing water quality improvement plans.

Training sessions are open to anyone, child or adult, who is concerned about the environment and wants to play an active role in monitoring its health. The sessions are free and pre-registration is required. To register, call the Friends of the Rouge at 313/792-9621 or e-mail monitoring@ therouge.org.

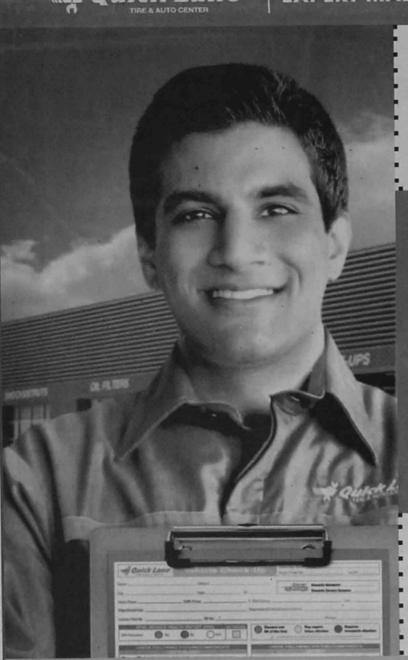
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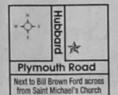
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'Super Jess' forms due

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

When Jesse Lindlbauer's sinus infection turned into a brain absess that put him in a coma, his medical bills started piling up.

Those bills continued even after Lindlbauer recovered, so his friends and family last year organized the first Super Jesse 5K run/walk to help with the expenses. Last year's even raised some \$40,000.

Building on that success, organizers are putting together the 2012 Super Jesse 5K, and they're looking for another family to help.

The SJ5K is an annual event sponsored by the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's National Honor Society. The charity run/walk is held entirely within the boundaries of the Park

and was begun in 2011 in honor of Jesse Lindlbauer, a Canton High School sophomore, after a traumatic brain injury threatened his health and life. Jesse—known to his friends as "Super Jess," hence the name SJ 5K — inspired the community, making the SJ5K an event attended by over 1,400 participants.

"It brought the community together so well for such a good cause," said Plymouth High School senior Alexa Rosochacki, an independent studies student who is organizing this year's run. "Our main goal is to help people. Having a medical problem like this happen has such a huge impact on a family. We want to bring the community together and make us a stronger community. We want people to know

the community is there to support them."

The course for the run/ walk is set up all over the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, using driveways, parking lots, sidewalks, etc. The routes are mapped out so partici-

er they walk or run, Rosochacki explained.

Anyone can make nominations. The forms are available in the main offices of all three high schools at the Park; organizers also hoped to have a Facebook page up by this week-

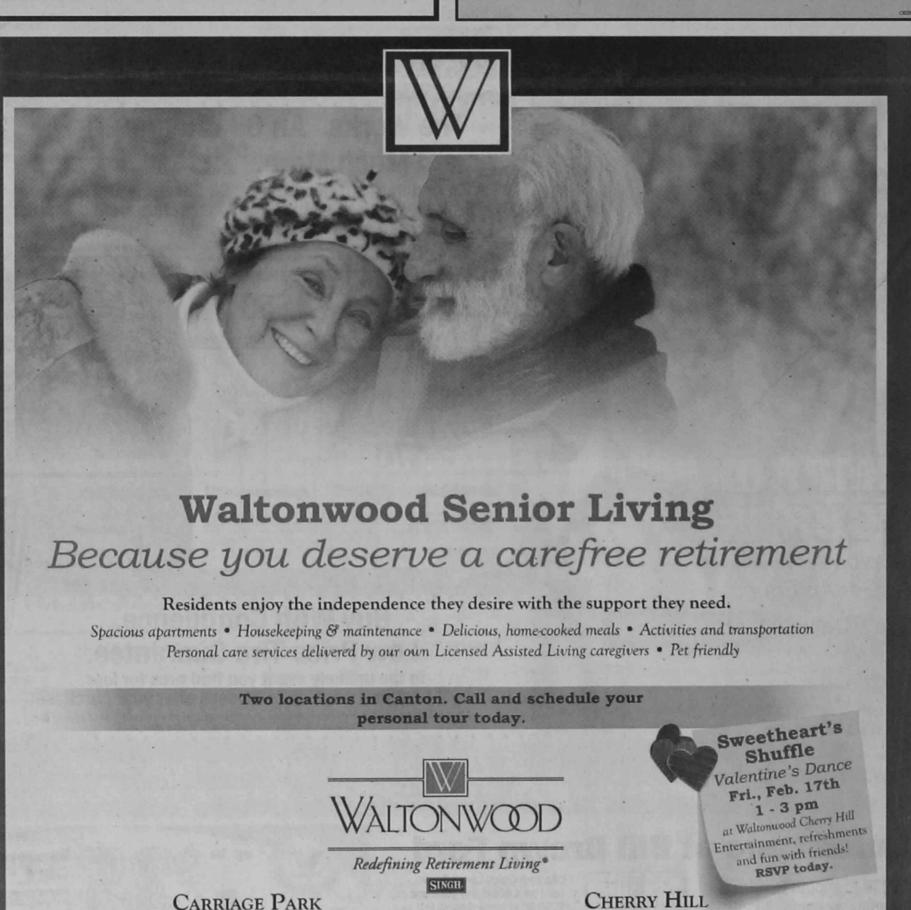
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Deadline is Feb. 15, and nomination forms can be mailed to SJ5K Review Committee, c/o Beth Savalox, Plymouth High School, 8400 Beck Rd., Canton, MI 48187.

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LOCAL NEWS

By Rick Bloom **Guest Columnist**

Q: Dear Rick: I feel a little guilty that 2011 was my best year ever. I'm in sales and I am considered self-employed. I have an individual 401(k) Plan which I have fully funded. I have another \$50,000 which I would like to invest for my retirement. I have been approached about buying a variable annuity, but after doing some research including your past columns, I don't want to pursue a variable annuity. Is there any other type of investment vehicle that I can consider that would give me some sort of tax advantage?

A: Congratulations on 2011 being your best year. As far as I'm concerned, there is nothing to feel guilty about. Sometimes it seems that with all the political rhetoric that people who make a good living are somehow the bad guys. Nothing can be further from the truth. The fact that you work hard



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Money Matters

Rick Bloom

mended for wanting to put more towards your retirement. All too often when people receive bonuses or have an exceptionally good year, they look at spending the money as opposed to investing it. You're one of the smart ones that isn't adjusting your lifestyle to your best year ever but rather, you are continuing to be responsible and put money away for your future.

Unfortunately there are no retirement vehicles with tax advantages that you can use in addition to your 401(k) Plan. However, that doesn't mean

Another advantage of investing outside of a traditional tax deferred account is the fact that you can use tax-free bonds in the portfolio. Typically, you would not want to use tax-free bonds in a 401(k) Plan, IRA or other tax deferred accounts. The reason is that when the money is withdrawn from the tax deferred account, such as a traditional IRA, it is subject to income tax. Therefore, you do not get the benefit of the tax-free character of municipal bonds. However, if you invest in taxfree bonds outside a taxdeferred account, you do get the benefit.

There's no doubt that tax-deferral is nice, however, it is not worth as

much as many people think it is. Remember, in a tax-deferred account when the money is withdrawn it is subject to ordinary income tax. In other words, you can't take advantage of taxfree investments such as municipal bonds or you cannot take advantage of the favorable capital gain rate. Therefore, tax deferral is not worth as much as people assume.. Of course the one caveat is if tax laws change. If the capital gain rate is raised, then tax deferral would more likely than not be worth more than it is today. At the present time, tax deferral is important but it is not the end-all.

One last point to stress is how important it is that

everyone lives within his/ her means. When you receive a bonus, treat it as such. Too many people take bonuses for granted and assume that they will always be there, that is not the case. Especially in these trying economic times, the last thing that anyone should or can depend upon is a bonus, and if you're lucky enough to receive one, make sure that you don't make the mistake and assume that it will always be there. 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 website at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

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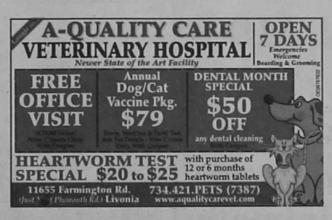
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nolan@unitedway.org for an application by March 16. Applications are also available on the Web site at www.plymouthunitedway.org or the PCUW office, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth.

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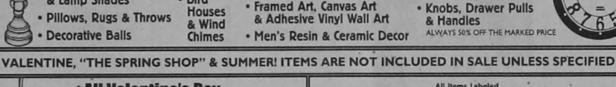
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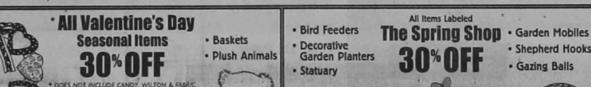
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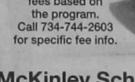


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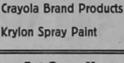
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ignorance not excuse

District officials said Davis followed established district policy.

(Any violation) was not done knowingly," said Frank Ruggirello, the district's director of community relations. "We have a policy that says the board can limit public comment, and obviously that policy will have to be updated."

Ignorance of the law is no excuse. Feigned ignorance serves only to increase the contempt us ordinary folk feel for the denizens of government.

> Jim Kress Salem Township

Power of words

I live in Canton and I have a child enrolled in PCCS. I went to high school in Farmington Hills. We read books such as "Of Mice and Men," "Wuthering Heights," "To Kill A Mockingbird," "The Autobiography of Malcolm X" and even "Beloved.

All of these books have content that might be considered provocative, but that is what good literature does. It provokes and exposes faults in the human

I read the book "Beloved" twice, in high school and college. I found my notes from college, and I could not find one reference to (sex with) cows (the reference that apparently upset Mrs. Lollio). Anyone who read the WHOLE book would know that was an inconsequential part of the book. The book is about family, religion, and community.

Although it is inconsequential, I think when determining the worthiness of this book, it is important to know why the phrase is there. "Beloved" explores the physical, emotional and spiritual devastation wrought by slavery, a devastation that continued even though they were no longer enslaved. The reference was put in there to show that slaves were treated as animals and they began to believe that they were animals.

The author used the power of words to describe and provoke emotion. In this case the 'F' word is the most powerful word in the English language she could have used to convey the horror of someone believing themselves to be less than human. It is supposed to make us uncomfortable that people were treated that way

It may be a work of fiction, but everything that happened in it is part of our

American history, part of my history as an African-American. Slavery and all that it encompassed should make people uncomfortable because those that don't know their past are bound to repeat it. That's why these lessons are so impor-

When I was in school, many books we read had the "N" word. Hearing the word made me cringe. It also made my white classmates cringe. That is a good thing. Knowing about the word and the origins, pain and power behind it has caused it to become an unsuitable part of our discourse. A teacher can't say, "don't say the word," and have that be an effective lesson. The student needs to understand WHY and good literature helps students understand the reasons why.

Books should not be challenged on the basis of being difficult, or because of the awful and uncomfortable truths they may contain. Books are about us, about our lives, about our history. We need to read these things, we need the experience of being human in all circumstances, and the best place to have these experiences are in the classroom. In fact, the classroom is the ideal place to discuss uncomfortable truths about our history and the human condition

> Sommer Nicole Foster Canton

Juvenile behavior

Just wanted to congratulate you on your editorial ("Politics moves front-andcenter in book debate," Observer, Jan. 29). I am very grateful that you took the time to point out how juvenile and ridiculous Ms. Lollio's behavior was at the recent Board of Education meeting. I thought your editorial was one of the best things I have read in the Observer in a long time.

I don't understand how a group that supposedly wants to preserve American values can deny anyone the right to choose, a fundamental American right. The fact that no one is required to read the books in question makes the argument for banning them a non-issue. If you or your child is offended by the books, DON'T TAKE THE CLASS!

I miss the days when civility and common sense were the norm rather than the exception.

Debbie Stefforia



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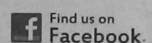
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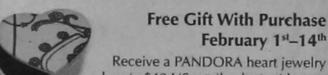
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NATIONAL SIGNING DAY 2012

Families bask in spotlight

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

National Signing Day at Canton High School wasn't just about Kevin Buford signing to play Division I football at the University of Iowa.

It was two other Chiefs who will take their skills to D-II colleges — Evan Rinke and Zach Smilo. And it was about the feelings of shared pride felt by their parents and Canton coaches.

Rinke signed to be a wide receiver at the University of Findlay in Ohio while Smilo is in the fold at Ferris State University, probably as a defensive back. "It's pretty awesome," said John

Rinke, Evan's dad. "I'm really proud of him. He did a lot of extra work himself to find the colleges and get the letters out to them. "So it was nice to see they're

I'm looking forward to watching some football."
Evan's mom, Carey, said the family can't wait to start making

going to have Evan playing and

family can't wait to start making trips down to Ohio to watch him play.

"This is a perfect fit, he's excit-

trouble that and the expects to

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MORE ON THURSDAY

Football players had plenty of company at Canton High School on National Signing Day, with a number of soccer and tennis players also inking letters of intent. Come back to Thursday's Observer for further coverage.



Canton football teammates (from left) Evan Rinke, Zach Smilo and Kevin Buford congratulate each other after signing their national letters of intent.



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With their National Signing Day paperwork completed, Canton seniors (from left) Zach Smilo, Evan Rinke and lowa-bound Kevin Buford get the chance to savor what they just did during a Wednesday press conference.

Canton's big three

College grid careers next up for Buford, Rinke and Smilo



"I like the (Iowa) campus, the university itself, the players. I just felt it would be a great fit for me."

KEVIN BUFORD Canton senior By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

The buzz Wednesday afternoon at Canton High School intensified as seniors Kevin Buford, Evan Rinke and Zach Smilo signed their national letters of intent to play college football.

Most noteworthy was Buford's signature to play Division I football at the University of Iowa. He'll be a defensive back and member of the Hawkeyes' special teams instead of doing what he did best with the Chiefs — slash his way for huge gainers out of the backfield.

"I think my running back days are over with," Buford said with a smile. "Maybe special teams, punt returns and kick returns ... definitely cornerback. I'm just glad to be a part of the team."

D-back Rinke and wide receiver Smilo also took care of their business on national signing day, making it official that they'll join football programs at the University of Findlay (Ohio) and Ferris State University, respectively.

Buford decided to play at Iowa instead of the University of Toledo, a Mid-American Conference school where he had originally given a verbal agreement to play.

"I like the campus, the university itself, the players and I just felt it would be a great fit for me," Buford said. "And it would be the best place for me to grow as a man."

On hand for the signing was Buford's mom, Tamika Buford of Canton, along with other relatives.

"I'm very proud, it's just a great accomplishment for him and I just look for him to continue to excel academically at Iowa and then to on the field," Tamika Buford said. "But I'm very proud. This is the day we've been trying to get to for four years, and longer."

A big deal

Canton coach Tim Baechler also was on hand to congratulate the three college-bound players.

"Everyone makes a big deal out of signing day and we've kind of felt left out," Baechler said. "So it kind of made us motivated to ... let our community know we got guys signing every year, too.

"Especially Kevin going

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YMCA spring leagues

The Plymouth Family YMCA is accepting registrations for spring co-ed soccer and girls volleyball leagues.

Both leagues run from April 16 through June 9. There will be one practice and one game each week. The cost is \$84 for program members or \$115 for community members. The registration deadline is March 30.

If you are interested in participating or coaching your child's team, please contact the YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or visit www. ymcadetroit.org.

MU baseball aces lauded

Collegiate Baseball has announced its 2012 NAIA Preseason. All-America team and Players to Watch list and three Madonna University pitchers were among the honorees.

Junior right-hander Jeremy Gooding (Livonia/Dearborn Divine Child) was named to the publication's All-America team, earning his second preseason All-America honor this year.

As a sophomore in 2011, the Crusaders' top starter earned Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Year and NAIA All-America first-team honors after going 9-0 with a 1.10 earned-run average to lead the nation in ERA.

Gooding was joined on the watch list by a pair of Crusader newcomers in right-handed pitchers Matthew Cook, a Dresden, Ontario, native and transfer from Indian Hill (Iowa) Community College, along with Hicksville, Ohio, native Josh Vandemark, a transfer from Glen Oaks CC.

The No. 23-ranked Crusaders, winners of the last four and six of the last seven Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championships, begin their 2012 season Feb. 9 against Oregon Tech in Costa Mesa, Calif.

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Chiefs dominate from start

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

As far as rivalry games go, Friday's KLAA South Division girls basketball tilt between Canton and Plymouth didn't even move the dial.

That's because before anybody knew it, the Chiefs had a 16-2 lead over the visiting Wildcats and things didn't change much from there.

Canton rolled to a 59-18 victory, to improve to 11-3 overall and 6-2 in the division.

"I didn't expect that,"
Canton head coach Brian Samulski said. "All we told the girls is to come out and battle and see what happens. To our girls' credit, they came out and they brought it and took care of business."

Plymouth head coach Bob de Bear couldn't put a finger on what happened, although he said ankle injuries slowed key players such as senior guard Kate Watson and sophomore center Shelby Cheston. "Canton's a good team

"Canton's a good team, I'm not taking anything away from them,"
de Bear said. "But I
just know that wasn't
the team that I've been
coaching the last month
or so."

Everyone chipped in

Not only did the Chiefs play strong team defense, with Samulski crediting "all 10 girls" for bringing it, they were on target offensively — a lethal combination.

"I thought the girls

shot the ball really well tonight," Samulski said. "A little bit of that goes to our movement and getting people cutting.

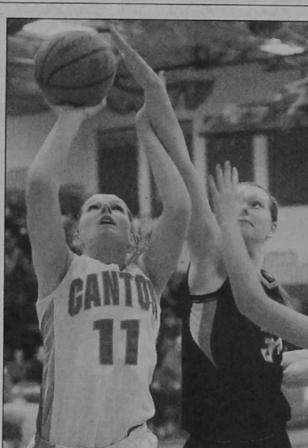
"We've been working on cutting and screening. This is a young group, it's taking a little time. But they're getting better at it. I think we're getting better shots in rhythm, ready to score."

The Chiefs made 18of-33 field-goal attempts (including 4-of-7 in treys) and sank 19-of-24 from the foul line.

One of the top performers at the charity stripe was sophomore center Taylor Hunley, who hit 8-of-10 attempts.

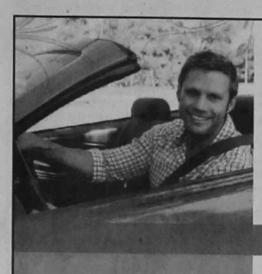
Senior point guard Robyn Mack also was in the zone, just a week after returning from a concussion. Mack hit

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Canton's Shannon Perry (No. 11) looks to score a basket Friday against Plymouth's Shelby Cheston.



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Wildcats bounce back for OT win

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth's varsity boys hockey team turned adversity into a 3-2 overtime victory Thursday over Farmington at Farmington Hills Ice Are-

After rallying with two goals in the third period to force overtime, the Wildcats needed to kill off a penalty and survive a scary moment near their goal in order to set the stage for senior forward Sean Smiatacz's winning goal with 1:41 left in the extra session.

Smiatacz jammed his own rebound past Farmington senior goalie Connor Ferguson, spoiling "Senior Night" for 10 members of the Falcons and giving Plymouth its eighth win in nine con-

"We had a few guys forechecking hard, and (sophomore forward) Mike Schultz made a great pass in front and I was there to whack it in," Smiatacz said. "I had a few whacks at it.'

The adversity faced by the Wildcats came in an apparent goal getting waved off late in the second period - just 14 seconds after Farmington senior winger Tony Monico scored to give the Falcons a 2-0 lead.

Get over it

Plymouth senior forward Jeremy Cigile ripped a hard shot that bounced off the back bar inside the Farmington goal. Almost everybody in the arena saw the puck go in except the referee. That meant a twogoal deficit instead of one going into the final period.

"I told them there was nothing they could do about it," Plymouth head coach Gerry Vento said. "And it doesn't explain the two goals they scored, the two breakdowns on

"That goal would have been nice to get, but it really had nothing to do with what we were trying to get done."

According to Smiatacz, that no-goal call fired up the team.

"We knew we had to bounce back from it, so we just had to come out **BOYS HOCKEY**

hard in the third," he said. "We didn't do our best in the second, and we just found a way to win.'

Meanwhile, it was a tough end to Farmington's "Senior Night," Falcons head coach Mark Vellucci said.

"Our seniors played their last home game and it was very frustrating for them," he said. "They (Wildcats) got a couple nice goals there, just hard work, nothing fancy. Just tough.

"I think the key tonight was our power play was 0-for-5. The last two games it's been 0-for-11. I don't think we let up in the third, just a couple bounces here and there."

Early onslaught

Plymouth peppered Falcons starting netminder Josh Cliff (also a senior) with 13 shots in the first period, but could not dent the twine. The Wildcats wound up outshooting Farmington 29-21 for the

At the other end, Wildcats junior goalie Peyton Wilburn only had to make four stops in the opening period. But he was tested.

With less than five minutes to go in the first, Farmington sophomore forward Kris Hamilton sent a pass back to senior defenseman Mark Prokes, whose shot was kicked aside by Wilburn.

The Falcons (6-9-1) turned up the heat in the middle period and scored two goals in less than a minute.

Prokes passed the puck from the right point to senior blueliner Mike Manzo at the left. His high shot sailed over Wilburn's blocker to make it 1-0 with about 3:30 to play.

With 2:50 remaining, Monico's sharp-angle shot from the right side snuck past Wilburn. Starting the rush was junior defenseman DJ Rankin's out-

"He (Monico) stayed wide and made a nice play, a nice snot, vellucci said. "He's probably one of the most well-liked and respected players on the team. He's a senior, too, and it was nice that he got that goal.'

Then came the Cigile

no-goal call, which ultimately sparked the Wild-

Quick response

In fact, Plymouth needed just 1:23 of the third to get that lost goal right back. Senior forward Cody Staub's shot was stopped by Ferguson, but senior forward Matt Goertz chipped in the rebound from the doorstep.

Energized by the tally, the Wildcats struck again just 1:29 later to even things up. A onetimer by senior forward Zach Gambrell from the left circle went in off the far post. Assisting was Schultz.

But the Falcons would not go away, either. It took sometimes brilliant play by Wilburn (19 saves) to keep Farmington from regaining the lead.

With the game 2-2 and Farmington on a power play midway through the third, Wilburn threw a pad out to stop a breakaway by sophomore forward Nick Heffron.

Moments later, he gobbled up a laser from the left point by Manzo.

"Peyton played a great third period, made some big saves for us and allowed us to stay in the game," Vento said. The Wildcats (11-7-0)

also had some good fortune on their side when a Farmington player whiffed on a feed from senior forward Zac Massa in overtime with Wilburn way out of position.

"That's what happens in the game of hockey," Vellucci said about the missed opportunity to finish off the Wildcats.

SO LONG, SENIORS: Between the first and second period, Farmington seniors Mark Prokes, Mike Manzo, Kyle Gandy, Adam Lockner, Blake Holmes, Tony Monico, Connor Ferguson, Josh Cliff, Zac Massa and Michael McLeod were honored on the ice.

Plymouth's own "Senior Night" will be Saturday at Arctic Edge Arena. Senior Wildcats include Jeremy Cigile, Richard Mitchell, Matt Goertz, Cody Staub, Nate Stemberger, Richard Guglielmi, Nick Durak, Sean Smiatacz and Zach Gambrell.

Salem's offensive machine keeps rolling

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

Two varsity boys basketball teams had things going at different ends of the spectrum Friday night and the result was predictably lopsided.

For host Salem, winner by a 65-31 score, coach Bob Brodie's machine of interchangeable parts zoomed from the start of the KLAA Central Division tilt against Livonia Stevenson.

Conversely, the Spartans had such a tough night they might have wished the team bus had stayed home.

"We've been doing that most of the year, it's a total team effort." said Brodie, whose team improved to 12-2 overall and 6-2 (first place) in the Central. "That always pays dividends later in the year. It pays dividends when you get in foul trouble, it keeps kids fresh and involved in the game.

"Everybody contributed well tonight. I was happy with it.'

Stevenson head coach Brandon Sinawi, however, could only watch as his team made just 10-of-54 field-goal attempts (including 2of-21 from behind the 3point arc).

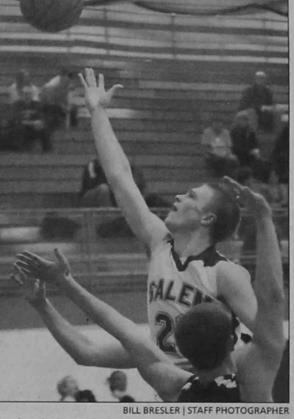
The Spartans (7-5, 3-5) also were outboarded 53-23.

Errant shooting and trouble around the glass made it tough for Stevenson to mount any comeback after falling behind 31-18 at half-

"We obviously struggled offensively, we didn't have a rhythm as far as trying to get good looks," Sinawi said. "And even when we did get good looks, we were off. We had guys hitting the backboard, we had guys missing shots they normally would make.

"Obviously, Salem played tough. They made their shots and that was the difference." A signal that it was

Salem's night came at



Scoring during Friday night's game against Livonia Stevenson is Salem senior guard Tyler Stewart (No. 21).

the end of the first quarter, when senior guard Markus Olind's shot from beyond the top of the arc banked in off the glass at the horn to make it an 18-12 game.

Another highlight was a layup by 6-8 senior center Ryan Jankowski, in just his third game back after recovering from the broken ankle he suffered during football season.

"He did a nice job for us the minutes he was in," Brodie said.

Jankowski joined teammates such as 6-7 junior forward Chris Dierker (10 points, 15 rebounds) and 6-6 senior forward Josh Peterson (nine points, 12 boards) for a formidable low-post trio.

The Rocks had plenty of other options, too. Senior guard Tyler Stewart and junior guard Kevin Mack each scored nine points, while Olind and junior guard Nate Sass scored seven.

For the Spartans, senior guard Boulos Saba and senior forward Cary Cobb scored 13 and nine points, respectively.

Energized from the start

According to Brodie, he talked to his team about coming out harder and stronger than the first time the Rocks and Spartans met. That time, Stevenson scored 25 points in the first quarter.

'We made a point tonight we were going to get after them and play good, solid defense the whole way," Brodie said. "I was happy with the energy level the kids played with tonight. They really came out charged up and did it on both ends of the floor.

"They shared the ball and we got our running game back, which we haven't had in a while. We absolutely pounded the glass, which was real important.'

Now with division games this week against Novi and South Lyon, the Rocks only need to win to at least earn a share of the KLAA Central title.

We just got to take care of our own destiny right now," Brodie added.

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Looking to bypass a Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett defenseman Tuesday is PCS Penguins forward Mariah Tucker.

Penguins best D1 Liggett

Division 1 girls hockey teams aren't scaring the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins much these

The Penguins parlayed strong goaltending to nip Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett 2-1 on Tuesday at Arctic Edge.

Scoring in the first for PCs were Nicole Natelborg and Mariah Tucker, both assisted by Jackie Lough.

Liggett scored before the end of the first period, but could not net the equalizer as the Penguins

improved to 8-3 overall, 2-2 in D1 of the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

"It was a very clean game and a lot of fun to watch," PCS head coach Mary Beth Johnson said, "Liggett was a great team to play against and we enjoyed having more of a finesse game from both teams.

"Unfortunately we only see them once this season since they are Divi-

sion 1." **PENGUINS 4, REGINA** 1: On Saturday, Jackie

Lough and Nicole Natelborg each scored twice to pace the Penguins. Collecting single assists were Mariah Tucker, Beth Johnson and Natel-

MERCY 3, PENGUINS 1: On Jan. 26 at Arctic Edge, the Penguins lost for the first time this season to a Division 2 team.

Mariah Tucker scored with Jackie Lough setting up the goal. Scoring twice for Mercy was Caitlyn Conner, with Lauren

Hensick also tallying a

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three treys among her 15

Chipping in with nine points each were junior center Kiara Schneider (seven rebounds) and sophomore guard Rachel Winters

Both Hunley and sophomore forward Paige Aresco tallied eight points.

received eight points from sophomore guard Kylie Robb while sophomore forward Jada Woody had four points and four boards. STEVENSON 43,

Plymouth (9-5, 5-3)

SALEM 10: Sophomores Rachel Wilkinson and Katelyn Foster each tallied nine points to pace a balanced scoring attack as KLAA Central Division co-leader Livonia Stevenson (10-3, 6-2)

rolled to a win over the visiting Rocks (3-11, 2-6). Senior guard Molly

Knoph and sophomore center Charlesann Roy chipped in with eight points apiece. It was 5-5 after one

quarter before Stevenson took control with a 19-4 second period run. Katelynn Krause scored five for Salem.

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Canton wins Lash Cup, takes KLAA South lead

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

Two goals by senior forward Derek Voight sparked Canton's varsity boys hockey team to a 3-1 win over Salem Friday night at Arctic Edge Arena.

The victory gave the Chiefs the 2011-12 Lash Cup, which goes to the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park team with the best record against the

other two rivals. Canton head coach Jeremy Majszak, however, has bigger fish to fry. Thanks to the victory and

Livonia Churchill's loss

Friday against Livonia

a game up on the Char-

gers at the top of the

Stevenson, the Chiefs are

KLAA South Division standings. If Canton (12-7, 7-3)

can defeat Stevenson 8 p.m. Wednesday at Arctic Edge, the Chiefs will win the division for the second consecutive year.

Salem (3-7-1, 3-6-1) got off to a 1-0 lead in the second when sophomore forward Jack Driscoll sent a shot past Canton senior goalie Spencer Craig. Assisting were linemates Jake Sealy and Mark McGee.

But before the end of the stanza, Voight made it 1-1, with helpers going to forwards Taylor Baker

and Ian Fagan. That's how the game stayed until Canton senior defenseman Zach

Cox scored an unassist-

ed goal with five minutes

left in the third. "He (Cox) really ham-

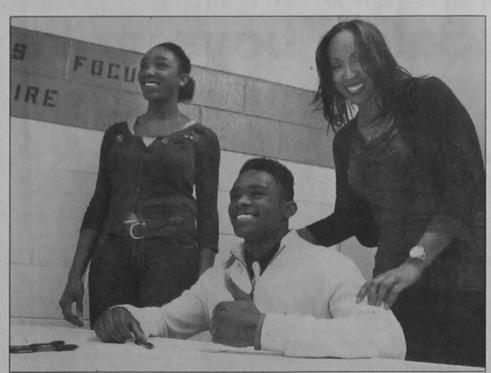
mered down in the third period and did the job and made a great play," Majszak said. "He walked around two or three guys to get to the net and put it five hole."

Adding an insurance goal in the late stages was Voight, with the Chiefs shorthanded.

"He (Voight) had a really big night for us," Majszak said.

Salem head coach Ryan Ossenmacher said "overall it was a pretty good game back and forth. But a couple things cost us and we didn't capitalize on powerplay opportunities.'

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Kevin Buford gives the thumbs-up after signing with lowa. With Kevin is his mom, Tamika Buford (right), and sister Kayla Buford.

THREE

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to a Division I school like Iowa. It's a big deal.'

Baechler credited Buford's talent and work ethic for getting the fullride scholarship. Now, everything will be taken up a notch as he looks to get physically bigger and stronger (Buford is 5-10, 170) in order to compete in the Big Ten.

'He only weighs about 170, 175 and being 5-10 he's not physically there yet," Baechler said. "He is (ready) speed-wise and mentally. But he has a lot to learn as far as their coverages

"Physically, he's going to be playing with men now, guys who are 22 years old and have been working out hard in a college atmosphere for four years. So, yeah, but all freshmen have some catching up to do.'

Concurring was Buford, noting that Iowa defensive coordinator Norm Parker (who retired after the 2011 season) told him during a December visit to the campus that he needed to bulk up.

"But he definitely said the biggest part is learning the playbook," Buford said. "They say that's the hardest part, that's why

most freshmen don't play. I haven't got the playbook, but I plan on (getting it) and learning it soon."

Success stories

According to Baechler, national signing day successes such as Buford, Rinke and Smilo leave an indelible imprint on the program.

And don't forget the impact on those kids still sweating it out in the weight room - on the west end of the gym not far from the site of the press conference.

"Oh yeah, they know," Baechler said. "It motivates them, they see Kevin walking around, they see all these college coaches coming in."

He then added, amid the continuous sound of clanking free weights, that high school players "know it takes this (hard work in the weight room) to be able to play better on the field. They know it carries over and having these guys get this kind of notoriety definitely motivates them.'

Although Rinke and Smilo will play for D-II programs, they are pumped up for the chance.

"I had been to a couple other colleges in the GLIAC before, and all

the coaches said the second you step on campus you'll know you want to be there," Rinke said. "I went to the campus, loved the campus, I met the coaches, their philosophies and all that stuff.

"I saw the facilities and fell in love. It's close enough to home that that's where I want to play football at.'

Smilo, whose dad Dave Smilo is longtime defensive backs coach with the Chiefs and a former collegiate and professional player (USFL), decided on Ferris State instead of Wayne State University.

"I'm probably going to get redshirted, I'm kind of small," Smilo said. "But you know, that's cool with me. They got a lot of seniors next year, they're going to be leaving. So I'm just going to be ready for a redshirt freshman.'

He gave a big assist to his dad for realizing the dream of signing to play college football.

"He helped me out a lot, taught me basically everything I know about football," Smilo said. "I just basically want to thank my dad, my family, my teammates and friends. ... Oh yeah, and my coaches, of course."

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Canton's second half topples 'Cats

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

The Canton varsity boys basketball team exhaled at halftime Friday, then came out and took care of visiting Plymouth, 56-42.

It was a 24-22 halftime lead for the Wildcats, but the Chiefs were a different team from the start of the third quarter on.

"Our third quarter was pretty much the difference in the game," said Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy, whose team held a 19-6 points advantage in that frame. "Our energy, our urgency defensively was a lot bet-

"We did a lot better job on their shooters in the third quarter and offensively we were moving the ball a lot better."

Also hurting Plymouth's chances was the play of Canton senior center Paul Baumgart, who scored 18 points and pulled down 11 rebounds.



Baumgart

Baumgart, in the pronew team record

cess, set a for career rebounds,

surpassing the 387 previously set in 2000

by Jason Waidmann. "Rebounds are going to help our team win," said Baumgart, downplaying the individual achievement. "It's just something I want to do because you need to rebound to win."

Reddy said Baumgart also can set a new mark in rebounds for a season if he keeps pluggling along. Brett Howell's record of 201, set in 1989-90, is in jeopardy.

Also sparking Canton (11-3, 6-2) were senior guard Kyle Adams (13 points, all in the second half) and junior point guard Josh Mayberry, who tallied 15 points.

For Plymouth (4-8, 2-4), junior Josh Priebe

scored 14 points (eight from the foul line), with junior Brendan Swanson and senior Marcus Oden adding eight and seven points, respectively.

Oden led the Wildcats with six rebounds.

"Our ability to read situations is so poor right now," lamented Wildcats head coach Mike Soukup. "We are very robotic right now being a young team, we haven't learned some of the finer nuances of the game.

"Certainly they played very well defensively. I thought we had our chances but we didn't make the most of them."

PCA 42, ROEPER 30: On Friday at Plymouth Christian Academy, Mick Noel scored 19 points to lift the Eagles (5-7) over Bloomfield Hills Roeper.

Senior center Eric Jipping chipped in with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

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Wildcats take down rivals

Consistency throughout the lineup sparked Plymouth to victories over South Lyon and Grand Blanc at Wednesday's KLAA team quad wrestling dual meets hosted by Waterford Mott. Plymouth routed South Lyon 54-19 before defeating Grand Blanc, 48-27.

The Wildcats, who improved to 14-13 overall, were bolstered by 2-0 showings by Trey Berry (119).

WRESTLING

Chase Khalil (125), Alec Breckenridge (130), Hussein Yousef (135), Said Youssef (152), Joey Shaver (160) and Faris Abraham (215). "A lot of the guys

looked really good, wrestled well," Plymouth head coach Quinn Guernsey said. "Our lineup looked really strong having Alec back, and we were able to have a little play in the

lineup and get the matchups we wanted.'

Breckeridge only recently returned to the squad after missing the first half of the season. In the South Lyon meet, he pinned Andrew Thomas in 1:19.

Other big victories included a 15-2 decision by Mohamed Youssef at 112 and Said Youssef's technical fall over Luke Shepherd in 5:33, called "the most-anticipated match of the night" by Guernsey.

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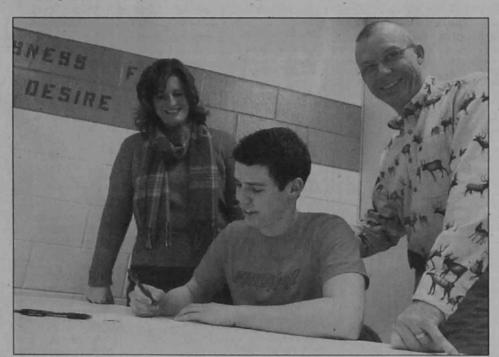
Whalers' to host Faith & Family Day

The Plymouth Whalers announced the second 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 followed by a free concert by 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 with the music. Group tickets to the game (which

include the concert) are \$10. Go to www. plymouthwhalers.com, or call (734) 453-8400 for ticket information.



Flanked by proud parents Carey (left) and John Rinke (right), Canton senior receiver Evan Rinke signs to play football at the University of Findlay.

FAMILIES

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ed about the opportunities at Findlay with football and a physical therapy program," Carey Rinke said. "We're just real excited for him."

Canton head coach Tim Baechler said Rinke "runs great routes, has great hands and they know physically he's got some growth he's got to do. He might be a contributor at Findlay.'

Smilo's dad, Canton defensive backs coach Dave Smilo, made sure to be at the high school for his son's big moment. "I'm so proud, I'm just happy for him. He's worked really hard for it."

With Buford and Smilo, about 12 defensive backs have been signed to play college football during Dave Smilo's 13 years as an assistant coach.

Now it begins

When asked what the common thread was for those athletes, he smiled and said "big and fast. ... Athletic and fast kids play D-back."

Baechler said Smilo's penchant for hard work made a lasting impression on new coaches at Ferris State.

"Ferris State is starting up with a new coach and Zach really tested well when he went up there," Baechler continued. "He had a 4-6 40 and a 36-inch vertical. He's still growing, he's not fully matured. In a couple years hopefully he



Canton senior defensive back Zach Smilo signs to play football at Ferris State, with his dad, Dave Smilo, enjoying the moment.

gets himself on the field up there too. 'And he's a good football player, they like what they saw on film, they like his potential growth. They know he's a good

Although Baechler said the hype and hoopla surrounding National Signing Day is "the fun part," now the athletes will need to take their dedication to the

utmost level. They're going to be mentally tested and they'll find out if they love football or not," he stressed. "You have to love it to be able to play in college.'

PUBLIC NOTICE

Riverside Operating Company, LLC, of Traverse City, Michigan, has requested a direct, development oil and gas lease from the State of Michigan covering the following described parcel of land located within the SW 1/4 of Section 19, T01S, R08E, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan, containing a total of 16.34 acres, more or less:

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Sealed proposals will be received for the construction of the Plymouth Township 2012 Barrier Free Sidewalk Ramp Improvements by the Plymouth Charter Township as Owner, until 10:00 AM Local Time, on Tuesday, March 6, 2012, at the Office of the Clerk, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read:

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Funding for the project work is being obtained through the Community Development Block Grant Program.

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Copies of plans and specifications may be obtained at the Office of the Clerk, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 on or after January 31, 2012. Bid documents may be mailed for a charge of \$10.00.

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> Signed: Joe Bridgman, Clerk Plymouth Charter Township

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Plymouth gymnasts Salem boys strike down Rockets break school mark

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, February 5, 2012

Plymouth's girls gymnastics team set a new school record Thursday night with a 140.55-136.35 victory over visiting Livonia Red.

Coach Pam Yockey said the team "astounded parents and fans when the Wildcats put it all together" to shatter the former record of 135.95.

Vaulter Megan McKeehan led the squad with her 8.95 handspring full and went on to lead uneven parallel bars with an 8.4 score.

Junior Sarah Uhlian pulled off a 9.1 to take the lead on balance beam with sophomore Brenna Connelly following close behind with a 9.05.

On floor, Kennedi Lewis and senior Reagan Engstrom "pushed the envelope to hit new individual records" of 9.35. But they were eclipsed by teammate Connelly's "flawless" routine of 9.4, which set a new school record.

In all-around scoring, Uhlian and Engstrom shared the top spot with 34.45 points.

Yockey said 14 members of the team have qualified for the March 2 regionals at Canton. This weekend, the Wildcats will compete among 20 top teams in the state at the Canton Invitational.

DUAL MEET RESULTS PLYMOUTH 140.55, LIVONIA RED 136.35 Feb. 2 at Plymouth

Vault: 1. Megan McKeehan (P), 8.95; 2. (tie) Sarah Uhlian (P) and Sydney Grenier (Red), 8.7 each; 4. Reagan Engstrom (P), 8.65; 4. (tie) Molly McSween (P) and Jackie Dziurgot (Red), 8.6 each.

Uneven bars: 1. Shannon Diaz (Red), 9.0; 2. McKeehan (P), 8.45; 3. Mallory Dorton (Red), 8.4; 4. Maggie McGowan (red), 8.3; 5. Dziurgot (Red), 8.15. Balance beam: 1. Uhlian (P), 9.1; 2. Brenna Connelly (P), 9.05; 3. Katie Salanga (P), 9.0; 4. Engstrom (P), 8.65; 5. McGowan (Red), 8.3.

Floor exercise: 1. Connelly (P), 9.4; 2. (tie) Kennedi Lewis (P) and Engstrom (P), 9.35 each; 4. Dorton (Red), 9.15; 5. (tie) McKeehan (P) and McGowan (Red), 9.0 each.

All-around: 1. (tie) Uhlian (P) and Engstrom (P), 34.45 each; 3. Dorton (Red), 34.25; 4. McGowan (Red), 33.7; 5. Grenier (Red), 32.10; 6. Sarah Gosdzinski (Red), 31.65.

Dual meet records: Plymouth, 2-4 overall, 2-1 Kensington Division; Livonia Red, 3-7 overall, 0-3



Plymouth senior Reagan Engstrom, shown from earlier this season doing a routine on balance beam, tied for the all-around lead with junior teammate Sarah Uhlian in Thursday's victory over Livonia Red.

Kensington Division.

SALEM 141.00, LIVONIA BLUE 138.48 Feb. 2 at Churchill H.S.

Vault: 1. Alex Kitz (Blue), 9.225; 2. Haley Olson (Blue), 9.175; 3. Morgan Soper (Salem), 9.025; 4. Brittany Ramirez (Salem), 9.0; 5. Brooke Allgeyer (Salem), 8.775. Uneven bars: 1. Kitz (Blue), 9.0; 2. Ramirez (Sa-

lem), 8.95; 3. Soper (Salem), 8.5; 4. Ade Jepperson (Salem), 8.45; 5. Jillian Zafarana (Blue), 8.4 Balance beam: 1. Nicole Jacobs (Salem), 9.2; 2. Kitz (Blue), 9.175; 3. Ramirez (Salem), 9.025; 4. (tie) Soper (Salem) and Jepperson (Salem), 8.725 each; 5. Olson (Blue), 8.475.

Floor exercise: 1. Kitz (Blue), 9.65; 2. Andrea Irvine (Blue), 9.1; 3. Jacobs (Salem), 9.05; 4. Soper (Salem), 9.025; 5. Ramirez (Salem), 8.8. **All-around: 1**. Kitz (Blue), 37.05; 2. Ramirez (Salem), 35.775; 3. Soper (Salem), 35.275; 4. (tie) Jepperson (Salem) and Jacobs (Salem), 34.725 each; 5. Olson (Blue) 33.85.

Dual meet records: Salem, 6-1 overall; Livonia Blue, 5-3 overall.

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

Salem's varsity boys bowling team lost both baker games Wednesday against Westland John Glenn.

Then, the Rocks got into the Rockets' kitchen at Westland Bowl, rallying for an 18-12 KLAA Central Division victory. It was John Glenn's first loss of the

"I think they just had a drive and they wanted to win," Salem head coach Kathie Hahn said. "My kids are usually quiet and they sit down. They stood up the whole entire match and they were cheering each other on.

"It was just a 'come together' that I have not seen yet this year. I was in tears. I was just so proud of them."

Hahn said Salem anchor bowler Kevin Williams bested John Glenn counterpart Jordan Hornes in each game (195-180; 192-183).

Also instrumental for the Rocks was senior captain David Nikkila (381

"David was the only one who did not make his two match points." she noted. "But it came down to David both games. He had to strike for us to have a chance to win and he did it both times. He was a key person."

Leading the Rocks with a 220-225-445 series (and two match points) was Steven Cadwell, with Nolan Rudis (216-213-429) and Jimmy Bowling (185-225-419) also winning both match points.

Hahn said it was a case of the Rocks not packing it in after getting drubbed

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257-181 and 259-209 in baker games to fall behind 10-0.

'Sometimes bowlers, when they see they're not doing good they'll start to give up and they don't make the right adjustments." she continued. "And my boys did not give up yesterday, they made the right adjustments according to the lane conditions and they were on

BOYS DUAL RESULTS SALEM 18 **WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 12** Feb. 1 at Westland Bowl

Salem scorers: Steven Cadwell, 220-225-445; Nolan Rudis, 216-213-429; Jimmy Bowling, 185-225-419; Kevin Williams, 195-192-387; David Nikkila, 182-199-381. Team totals: 998-1,054-2,052 (18 points); Baker games: 181-209-389 (0 points). John Glenn scorers: Steven White, 226-256-482; Tommy Ruark, 205-202-407; Jordan Hornes, 180-183-363; Mitch Dean, 210; Mark Kassab, 190; Daniel Ammons, 189; Thomas Brusseau, 152. Team totals: 952-1,041-1,993 (2 points); Baker games: 257-259-516 (10 points).

Dual match records: Salem, 8-3 overall, 7-2 KLAA Central Division; John Glenn, 13-1, 10-1 KLAA Central.

GIRLS DUAL RESULTS WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 26 SALEM 4 Feb. 1 at Westland Bowl

John Glenn scorers: Caity Lenard, 191-179-370; Montana Graszak, 191-134-325; Bre Riblett, 154; Yvette Ayers, 151; Sara Aulidge, 146; Olivia Cabildo, 140; Beccah Lenard, 133. Team totals: 822-811-1,633 (16 points); Baker games: 183-170-

Salem scorers: Kristin Larkins, 196-182-378; Bridget Maul, 179-116-295; Ashley Hinojosa, 178-116-294; Rachel Amodio, 155-99-254; split score, 107-75-182. Team totals: 815-588-1,403 (4 points); Baker games: 173-151-324 (0 points).

Dual match records: John Glenn, 10-4 overall, 9-2 KLAA Central Division; Salem, 6-5 overall, 6-3 KLAA Central.

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COMMUNITY LIFE

Can't wait to garden? Try lettuce, basil, pansies indoors

By Sharon Dargay **O&E Staff Writer**

You've read all of the seed catalogues.

You've bought packets of new seed varieties from "Lofty Lady" marigolds to Turkish Orange eggplant - and loaded up on germinating mixture, potting soil, flats, pots and plant food.

You've heard the groundhog's report on six more weeks of winter, but you're ready to start sowing and growing seedlings indoors.

Resist that urge, says Alyce Humphrey, owner of Grayes Greenhouse in Plymouth.

"People are so anxious to plant. It's a little too early for everything. But one thing you can try right now is lettuce. Get a packet of lettuce seeds. Don't plant the whole mass. Plant a little every week and you can keep harvesting it. Put it in your window. That will satisfy your need to plant something.

"It's so important that people have success when they plant. You want to have something that will

Parsley, cherry tomatoes, salvia, pansies, viola, double petunias and other flowers have already emerged as seedlings from the flats of growing mixture that share table space with mature plants at Graye's, a perfect winter escape for garden enthusiasts. Alyce and her husband, Richard, won't plant other tomato seeds or peppers until

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Alyce Humphrey, greenhouse owner, cautions beginning gardeners against over-watering seedlings and giving them too much sun.

March. Marigolds won't go in until April.

"Some people like to start early," Richard said, adding that plants started too early indoors may become unwieldy while awaiting outdoor transplanting. "We have the per-fect lighting here and most people don't have the right light. You can use florescent lights as long as you use cool white or blue and a warm red combination. The only problem with any kind of florescent lighting is that only the top of the plant is lit up. I've heard of people lining a back wall with aluminum foil and that might help.

Richard, a retired high school science teacher, suggests using simple shop lights for seedlings. Alyce recommends using window space in a heated garage for lettuce or other cool-weather plants.

Consult catalogs That's how Chris Britts.

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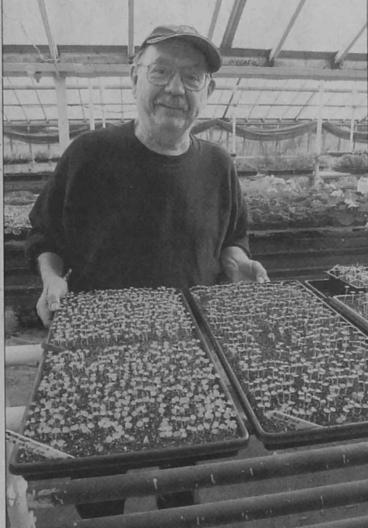
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past president of the Farmington Garden Club, had grown seeds - sometimes 40 flats at a time - for many years. She and her late husband turned an extension of her garage into a growing space with windows, florescent lights and heat

"The primary advantage to starting by seed is having a much wider range of plants and colors, choices you wouldn't ordinarily see in nurseries," Britts said. "If you want to start by seed there are two catalogues that by far have the best information - Stokes and Thompson and Morgan. They tell you how to grow, when to start seeds, if you need certain temperatures or lighting. There are some seeds that unless you're a professional and have a greenhouse, you're bet-

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Richard Humphrey of Graye's Greenhouse in Plymouth shows Polka Dots seedlings. They'll stay in large flats, sitting near heat pipes until they are large enough to transplant.

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Share your love of gardening: Join a club

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, February 5, 2012

By Sharon Dargay O&E Staff Writer

It may be too early to plant many seeds indoors but it's the perfect time to talk about garden planning.

There's no better place to bone up on your horticultural knowledge than at a local garden club.

'We have speakers every month that we invite from all over," said Kate Kerr, treasurer of the Trailwood Garden Club in Plymouth.

The club meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty. Dues are \$20 annually. The organization is a member of the Women's National Farm & Garden Association.

"We range from 25-30 people "You have to have an interest in gardening and want to volunteer. That's a big thing. A lot of garden clubs do service projects. Trailwood does a lot of projects.'

It spruces up public spaces, such as Veterans Memorial Park and downtown Plymouth, donates to other garden projects, and organizes a garden walk in conjunction with the Plymouth Garden Club. This year's walk is noon to 8 p.m. June 26.

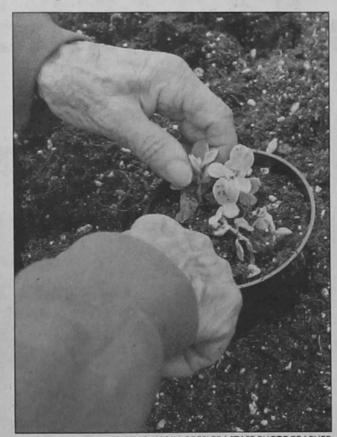
Farmington Garden Club will present its biennial walk this summer, too

Chris Britts, past president, says a club meeting is one of the best places a beginning gardener can go to learn more about horticulture and design with

"If you love growing things and appreciate them, garden club members are extremely willing to share anything they know with you. It's a good place to get your feet wet," Britts said.

Sally Ouelette, a master flower show judge, will talk about designs for special occasions at the group's next meeting, noon, Monday, Feb. 6, at the Spicer House in Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, in Farmington.

"We've had all kinds of speakers. You always learn something new," Britts said. "We had a



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June Hudson pots licorice vine.

speaker on fairy gardens once. We've had people who make herb soaps. One year we had a guy with chocolate and the herbs you could mix in. Boy, was that fun. If the person giving the talk loves what they are talking about, you can't help but get enthused.'

The Farmington Garden Club meets the first Monday every month. Visit its Web site at www.farmingtongardenclub.com.

Here's a sampling of other local clubs:

 Canton Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at the Plymouth Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon, south of Ann Arbor Road, in Plymouth. Summer meetings are held at members' homes. Visitors pay \$3 per meeting. Membership enrollment is April 1-July 1; cantongardenclub.shutterfly.com/

 Garden City Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month, at Maxwell's Industrial Road, Garden City. The club is a member of Michigan Garden Clubs and National Garden Clubs; gcgc.weebly.com

· Hill and Dale Garden Club meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month in Farmington Hills. It's a member of the Michigan Garden Clubs and National Garden Clubs. Check its Web site for more information at hillanddalegc.org.

· Livonia Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia. Sandra Healy, Advanced Master Gardener from Earthenjoy Flower Scaping, will talk about garden design at the next meeting; sprakay@ sbcglobal.net for more information.

 North Farmington Garden Club's next meeting is noon, Feb. 14 at the Farmington Hills Library, Deb Stallings will talk about gourdology, including growing, drying and crafting gourds. Call Maureen Dinverno at (248) 722-4503 to register.

· Plymouth Garden Club meets at 12:30 p.m. the second Monday of the month in the Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main. Mike Appel will talk about rain gardens ated with the Women's National Farm & Garden Association and supports environmental and horticultural cases. It also awards scholarships to Plymouth Canton High school students; sites.google.com/ site/plymouthgardenclub.



Richard Humphrey prepares trays for salvia seeds. Although it may be too early to start many seeds indoors, backyard gardeners can try starting cool weather-loving flowers, such as pansies and violas.

GARDEN

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ter off not pla nting them at all. And for some seeds, all you have to do is plunk them the soil.

"I'd go through catalogues and all of a sudden I would pick out far more seeds than I could use in a lifetime, let alone in one vear. It's an obsession. But there is nothing in the world better than going out when snow is all over everything and going into the greenhouse and there are green things a quarter inch high. But once they are up, you have to take care of them every

Water lightly

Garden City Garden Club member, Dottie Vega, caution against too much watering. After planting her seeds in egg shell cartons containing a seed-starting mixture, she sprays them lightly with water and places the cartons in her basement near florescent lights.

"When weather starts to warm around 50 degrees ... I place them



On a partly cloudy day in early February, it's a balmy 80 degrees in the greenhouse. Home gardeners can duplicate the warm temperature by placing seeds, sown in flats and covered with plastic wrap, near a heat register or sunny window until the plants sprout. The process is called incubating.

outside for some sunlight time," she said. "This takes about a month and then you can transplant into larger containers. Providing the weather is warm enough, you can transplant in garden soil, but you must keep new plants covered with

a plastic tarp to keep the frost off.'

She won't start seeds until "just before spring." But Alyce Humphrey said basil is another easyto-grow plant that garden-

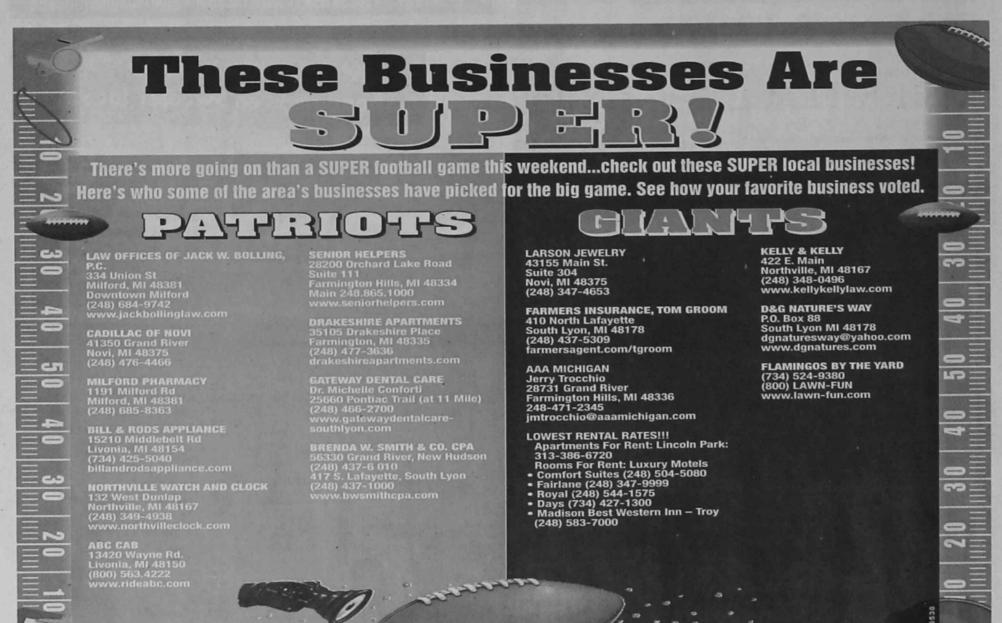
ers can start now. "You can try it from seed or go to the market and get basil in the package. You can put it in water and it will root. Or you can put it in loose

She suggests that beginning gardeners try peas, beans and tomatoes when the weather warms enough to plant outdoors. Peas are a cool weather crop that can be planted outside in April. Sow tomato seeds indoors in late March and transplant to the outdoors in late May. Sow beans directly in the ground after it warms.

"Tomatoes and beans are two of the best things to start from seed because they are so easy. Don't plant the beans all at once. Plant some and 10 days later plant more. You'll have a constant supply of beans coming. It's so satisfying to see.



A greenhouse is a great place to escape cold winter temperatures and begin planning this year's garden. Graye's Greenhouse in Plymouth has started parsley, cherry tomato and some flower seeds. Some houseplants and succulents are started by cuttings.

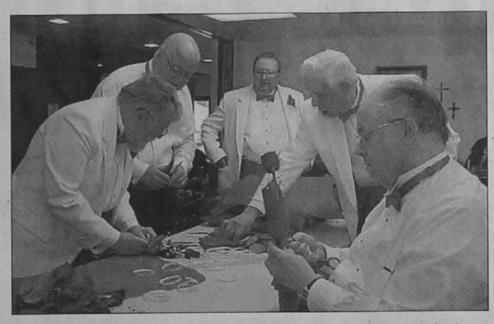


COMMUNITY LIFE

Harmony Town Chorus is gearing up to deliver singing valen-

"We started this activity in the year 2000 and every year has brought many pleasant memories to us, and the people singled out as "victims" by loved ones," said Mark Pritchard, in an e-mail. "Our singing has included trips to nursing homes, autistic children, and the unemployed — but not unloved. I speak for all of the men of the Harmony Town Chorus when I say this is one of the most rewarding experiences we have as barbershop singers.'

For \$40, a barbershop quartet from the chorus will sing two love songs, present a rose and a personalized Valentine card to the recipient. Musical Valentines are delivered Tuesday, Feb. 14. Oth-



Members of the Harmony Town Chorus prepare roses to deliver with singing Valentines.

er dates are available by request, but may be subject to additional cost.

"We will be singing in all the usual places - Livonia, Westland, Garden City, Inkster, Northville, Novi,

Plymouth, Farmington and Farmington Hills, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, and really anywhere we can logistically reach."

Feb. 12 is the deadline to reserve a valentine. The group accepts

personal checks, MasterCard, Visa and Discover. Call (734) 743-1764 or e-mail to HarmonyMen@att.net. For more information about the chorus and its quartets, visit wesingbarbershop.com.



A representative from Treasure Hunter's Roadshow shows the kinds of items, including jewelry, musical instruments and collectibles, the company will evaluate this week in Livonia.

Girl Scouts plan centennial events

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, which includes members in Plymouth and Canton, plans a celebration marking the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouting, March 10, at the Capitol building in Lansing.

Festivities will include a singalong and parade following a ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open "Follow the Girls: 100 Years of Girl Scouting," a historical exhibit at the Michigan Historical Center, 7200 Kalamazoo Street. Fireworks will cap the day's festiv-

"We are inviting all Girl Scouts from all over Michigan, their family members and, especially, former Girl Scouts to celebrate with us at our state capital," stated Jan Barker, chief executive officer of Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan.

Three levels of participation are

available. The all-inclusive package costs \$20 and includes all of the day's activities and transportation, walking in the parade and a T-shirt and patch. The sing-along package is \$15 and includes all of the day's activities and transportation and participation in the singalong. The parade package, at \$12, includes walking in the parade, participation in the sing-along, a T-shirt and patch. Bus transportation is available from various cities for an additional \$15 fee. Individual girls must be accompanied by an adult. Children under 3 years old

To register online, visit www. gshom.org and click on the "Lansing Sing-along" tab. Registration deadline is Feb. 24. Walk-ins are welcome to view the parade and sing-along but must purchase the

sing-along package for access to the afternoon activities and transportation. A Girl Scout tent will be stationed on the Capitol building

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan has regional service centers in Lansing, Kalamazoo, Jackson, Marshall, Ann Arbor and Saginaw. The Lansing Sing-along is the first of five signature events that will mark the Girl Scout centennial over the next 18 months in Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan. Next up is the Kalamazoo Girl Scout Invasion, set for June 1-3, at Western Michigan University and sites in and around Kalamazoo. Other events include Super-sized Jamboree and Pow Wow, Sept. 7-9 at the Michigan International Speedway, in Brooklyn; the Juliette Low Birthday Party, Oct. 20, in Midland; and Bridging to the Next Century, March 2013, in Ann Arbor.

For more information about any of the events or to join Girl Scouts or become a Girl Scout volunteer, visit www. gshom.org or call (800) 497-2688

Company will buy collectibles in Livonia

Got a collectible item you want to sell? You can get an assessment of its value and an offer to buy during THR & Associates' "Treasure Hunter's Roadshow," 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Feb. 7-11 at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center, 17123 Laurel Park Drive North, Livonia.

During the free event, company representatives will evaluate items visitors bring for potential sale. They'll look at coins and paper currency issued prior to 1970, toys, dolls, trains, vintage jewelry, old and modern musical instruments, war memorabilia, gold and silver jewelry, costume jewelry, advertising memorabilia, swords, knives, and daggers. They'll make offers based on rarity, collectability, condition and market value. If the price is right for the seller, THR will pay on the spot with no hid-

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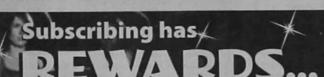
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MCLEAN,

ELIZABETH "LIZ"

(WALLACE) MORTON

Died at Broad Creek Care Center

in Hilton Head Island, SC, on

January 16, 2012, after a brief ill-

ness, and just seven weeks shy of her 95th birthday. She was born in

1917, in Detroit, MI, to Harold

Lindsay Wallace and Grace Booth Wallace, their first child and the

first grandchild of George Gough

and Ellen Scripps Booth, founders

of the Cranbrook Educational

Community in Bloomfield Hills,

MI. She began school with a tutor

in the Cranbrook House Oak

Room, then became one of the

first seven students at Brookside

School, where she studied until

tenth grade. Tradition has it that

Kingswood School Cranbrook

was built for Liz because Ellen

Booth insisted there had to be a

school for her, and she went there from 1932 until 1934, a member

of its third graduating class. She

attended Bennington College, then the Garland School of

Homemaking. Fixed up on a blind

date with James A. Morton, Jr., a Beta Theta Pi at Williams College,

she married him on December 19,

1938, in Christ Church Cranbrook. After living in Madison, WI, they moved back to Birmingham, MI, in 1946 and

raised their six children. Jim

Morton died in September of 1959. Fixed up on another blind date with widower John F.

McLean, Jr., she married him in

October of 1961, and added his two sons to the brood. Liz and

John had a wonderful, long mar-

riage until his death on December 26, 2009, in Hilton Head, where

they had lived since 1978. Liz

loved to garden, was an Honorary Life Member of the Cranbrook House and Garden Auxiliary, and

had a green thumb that could grow

an 18-foot tall lemon tree from

seed. She enjoyed cooking, knit-

ting, photography, poetry, and watercolor painting. She was a

member of Sigma Gamma

Association, which supports the Detroit Institute for Children, and

vas a sustaining member of the

Junior League of Birmingham.

Preceding her in death were her

siblings Catherine and Ellen

Wallace, Shirley Sarver, and Richard Booth Wallace, as well as

one son, Cary Dean Morton. She

is survived by stepsons Kenneth

and Jeffrey McLean, and five chil-

dren: James, Thomas, Jeffrey, Lora and Christopher Morton.

Twelve grandchildren and 15 great-children will also miss her. There will be a private memorial

at Christ Church Cranbrook in

June. The family wishes to thank

the staff of Broad Creek Care

Center and of Hospice Care of the

Lowcountry for their help during

this time. In lieu of flowers, dona-

tions may be made in Liz's name

to Hospice Care of the Lowcountry, PO Box 3827, Bluffton, SC, 29910. The Island Funeral Home and Crematory is in

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TATRO, GREGORY P.

70, of Sterling City, TX died Feb. 1, 2012. A memorial service will

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15, 2012, after a short illness at the age of 92. God saw you were

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be. So He put His arms around you, and whispered..."Come with Me". We watched you pass away,

although we love you dearly, we

could not make you stay. A golden

heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest, God broke our

hearts to prove to He only takes the best. Dick as he liked to be known as, was born on the 29 of September 1919 in Holland in the

Netherlands (Dutch), and immi-

grated to the United States at the

age of 9 with his parents John, a

Master Mason, his mother Martha

a homemaker, and brother Everett, all who are preceded in death. He also has a sister Henrietta living

in Florida, and a sister Jeannie liv

ing in Livonia. In 1960 Dick decided to marry for the first time,

and married Ann Lane, and her

four children. They were married for 28 years until her untimely

death. He had the four step chil-

grandchildren, great-grandchil-dren and great-great grandchil-

dren. Interment was on the 23 of

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ALLEN, ROBERT CORY

66, of Sarasota, Florida passed away January 31, 2012. Robert (Bob) was born March 22, 1945 in Detroit, Michigan the son of Robert and Marjorie Allen. He proudly served in the United States Army's Military Police in Panama. Bob's hobbies included strolling Marina Jack's Pier, fishing, target shoot-ing and sports. Bob was an all-star football player as well as a track field star. Bob loved his family deeply and cherished his many friends. He leaves to cherish his loving memory, his wife Marina, his children, Jackie, Sandy, and Matt, step children Philipp & Sofia, mother in law Tatiana, brothers and sisters, Pat, Tom, John, Doug, Kathy, Theresa, David, Joe and Chrissy and grandchildren, Mark, Brittany, Ashley, Anthony, Zachary, and Aidan.



CALMA, MARGARITA

Age 89, Feb 2, 2012 of Westland. Beloved wife of the late Emilio. Loving mother of Daniel (Jenisia), Eutiquia (Mars) Mapalo, Maria (Romeo) Erece, Juditha (Danny) Basco, Ana (Manny) Manibog, Eulalio (Mely), Fortunato (Cristy) and daughter-in-law Aniceta (the late Teodolo). Also loving grandmother and great-grandmother to many. Visitation Fri., Feb 10 from 1-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N Newburgh Rd (btwn Ford & Cherry Hill) Westland. In state Sat., Feb 11 at 11 AM until 11:30 AM Funeral Mass at St. Mary Catholic Church 34530 Michigan Ave West, in Wayne. Interment United Memorial Gardens, Plymouth. Memorials may be directed to the family. To share a memory, please visit:

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CHEW, JOHN L.

February 1, 2012 age 67 of Canton. Loving husband of Aldona. Beloved father of Christine (Dawn) Chew and Susan (William) Putnam. Proud grandfather of Abigail, Kazys, Emerson and Allianna. Dear son of Ruth Chew and the late Irving. Dear brother of Thomas (Linda) Chew. Also leaves many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Road, (between Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. In state Monday 10 AM until the 11 AM Funeral Service at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, (at Gottfredson) Plymouth. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery. Memorial contribu-tions may be made to the Canton Lions Club.



CLEMENTS, CHARLES PRESTON, JR.

CLEMENTS, PHYLLIS JANE SEARIGHT

Preston Clements, age 81, was born and raised in Rolla, MO. Phyllis Clements, age 86, was born in Ida Grove, IA raised in Vermillion, SD and moved to Rolla, MO after college graduation. They raised their family in Plymouth, MI before moving to Albuquerque. He passed away Monday, January 23, 2012 and she on Thursday, January 26th, 2012. Preston served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict and received a Purple Heart. He graduated from the University of Missouri with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and worked as a Civil Engineer until he retired. Phyllis graduated from the University of South Dakota with a teaching degree and was devoted to taking care of her home and family. They loved to travel around the world and were actively involved with the NM Orchid Guild until their They will both be remembered for being honest, loving, kind and for their work with the Scouts. They are survived by their son Rick Clements and wife Doris of Beaverton, OR; daughters Linda Bradford and husband Jim of Woodward, OK and Laurie Kantner and husband Chris of Westland, MI; grandchildren Jane Rice and husband Mike, Josh Clements, Nathan Bradford, Spencer Bradford and Jason Kantner; great-grandchil-dren John and Elizabeth Rice; Preston's sisters Cora McCown, and Edith Kowieski and husband Jerry; Phyllis' brother Tom Searight and wife Jeannie. Preston was preceded in death by his parents Charles Preston, Sr and Bernice. Phyllis was preced-ed by her parents Walter and Joy Searight. A Memorial service will be held at the Santa Fe National Cemetery at a later date. Should friends desire, memorial

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contributions may be made to the

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CONWAY,

WILLIAM M. 91 of Germantown, TN, passed away January 25 2012 at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, TN. Mr. Conway was born in Detroit, Michigan. He was a World War II Army Corps Veteran, and had a great love for flying. He spent more than 50 years in the nursery business. He was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Rosemary Conway. Survivors include a son, Mike (Bonnie) Conway; two daughters, Ann (Vincent) Ciaramitaro, and Kim (Jeff) Pakula; a sister-in-law, Judy Murphy; a niece, Michel (Stuart) Weppler; six grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

FALCONER, WALTER B.

Age 85, January 27, 2012. Beloved husband for 31 years of Rosemary. Dear father of Susan (Ron) Tipton, Teri (Jim) Harrelson and step-father of Susan Digue Steven Symanski, Tim (Kim) Symanski, Ron Symanski and Stan (Dottie) Symanski. Grandfather of 24 and greatgrandfather of 14. Predeceased by on Michael and family members Richard Symanski, Bruce Digue, and Jessica Digue. Arrangements were made by the John N. Santeiu

& Son Funeral Home in Garden City. Memorials suggested to Alzheimer's Association. www.santeiufuneralhome.com

FENN, LEON T.

Jan 26, 2012 Age 67. Beloved father of Michael Fenn and Cheryl (Phil) Kuch. Loving grandfather of Amanda (Chris) Joseph, Joshua Fenn, Ally Kuch and Kassie Kuch. Visitation and Funeral Service was at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Wayne MI 48184. For more information:

www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

GILMORE, BRUCE ELLIOT

Bruce Elliot Gilmore, beloved son of Robert and Marion Gilmore of Surry Circle, Simsbury, CT died suddenly on January 7, 2012 at his home in Wroxall, Isle of Wight. A celebration of his life was held on Jan. 23, 2012 at St. Thomas Minster Church, Newport, Isle of Wight conducted by the Reverend Kevin Arkell. Afterwards family and friends gathered at his favorite pub at Chequers Inn. He was born in 1953 in Hartford, CT and moved with is family to Plymouth, MI when he was fiveyears-old. He was a 1971 graduate of Plymouth High School, and in 1978 graduated from Lake Superior State University where he made life-long friends. While there, he spent his junior year at the University of London. Bruce loved British history, and in 1979 moved to London. After obtaining a work permit, he worked for local governments in London, Kent, the Scottish Highlands, and the Ascot area. For the past 11 years, he was general manager of Island Waste, a large waste management company on the Isle of Wight. An avid New York Yankees fan, Bruce started a baseball team with his English friends, many of whom joined us in celebrating Bruce's life. Besides his parents, he leave his loving wife, Karen; their daughters Sara and Melissa and their son, Robert; his brother Paul and his wife Lynne McGrath of Mendham, NJ; his sister Susan Bell and her husband Gordon of Denver, CO; and dear cousins and nieces and nephews in Connecticut, Colorado, New Jersey, California and Rhode Jersey, California and Rhode Island. If desired, memorial dona-tions may be made to: The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity, and sent to: The Co-operative Funeralcare, 61 Upper St. James St., Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 1LQ, England.



HAMILTON, CAROLINE ECHOLS

(KIMBER) Of Bloomfield Township; age 7 Wife of the late William Welch Hamilton, predeceased by her sisters Katherine and Rebecca, and survived by her three sons, William, Stephen, and Christopher. She is also survived by her three grandchildren, Sara, Trevor, and Lucas, who she loved very much and brought great joy to her life. She was a graduate of Michigan State University, and resided in Bloomfield Township since 1965. Caroline taught in the Bloomfield Hills Public Schools, and for many years she served students with special needs at its Lake Developmental Center. The family held a private memorial. Condolences may be addressed to the family c/o Chris Hamilton, 3708 E Acorn Ln, Midland, MI 48642. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Wing Lake Developmental Center, 6490 Wing Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301

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HIGGINBOTHAM, BARBARA J.

of Redford Twp Cherished Daughter of Florence and the late Curtis. Beloved Sister of Curtis (Mary), Leigh Anne (Tony) Swirple and Laura (John) Denski. Proud Aunt of Deanna and Katie. Memorial Service Fred Wood Funeral Home 36100 5 Mile Rd. Livonia (E. of Levan) Wed. Feb 8 at 3pm with memorial gathering 4-9pm.
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LEONARD, LOLA CHRISTINE

Age 84, Oscoda, MI, formerly of Belleville and Ypsilanti, MI, went to be with her Lord Monday, January 30th, at home with her family. She was born July 18, 1927 in Popular Buff, MO, the daughter of Dallas and Daisy Vinson, She married Leo Albert Leonard March 4, 1945, and he preceded her in death on August 4, 2010, after 65 years of marriage. She was a Girl Scout leader, worked for the Van Buren Public Schools and was co-owner of Leonard's Gutter Co., Ypsilanti, MI, along with her husband Al. They moved to Oscoda in 1989, where they both loved living right on Lake Huron, enjoying the beautiful sunrises and their family together. Christine was a loving mother, grandma and Mee-Maw. She believed that how you lived life is how you will spend eternity. She is survived by two sons: Larry (Janet) Leonard and Gary Leonard; five daughters: Linda Morin, Brenda Leonard, Charolette Wilson, Angela Leonard and Amy Cousino, eleven grandchildren:, Leanna Christine (Rodney) Armstrong, Erikia (Scott) Baker, Erik (Amber) Morin, Delisa Leonard, Amanda (David) Richardson and Patrick Wilson, Tyler Cousino, Troy Cousino, Jake Cousino, Greg (Julie) Raymond and Debbie Raymond; fourteen great-grand-children, Jacob, Blake, Kurt, Alex, Seth, Michael, Megin, Cameron, Carson, Samantha, Coutney, Jacob,, Amber, and Elizabeth Marie; two great-great-grandchil-dren, Kylie and Brian; three sisters, Mary Staples, Pauline Jordan and Zelma Taylor, three brothers, Roy, Charlie and Donald Vinson and many nieces, nephews, greatnieces & nephews, sister-in-law Dorothy Ferguson and her special caretaker Mindy Wassman and many friends, both down state and Oscoda. Her cats, Tommy & Bobby, will miss her dearly. She was preceded in death by; one sister, Geraldine Vinson, four brothers, Melvin Vinson and Dallas Vinson, Jr., Tommy Vinson and Danny Vinson, her parents, several brothers-in-law & sisters-inlaw. Funeral service will be held at the Buresh-Bennett Funeral Oscoda, Thursday, February 2nd at 3pm, with Rev. Glen Bake officiating. Graveside service will be at the Pine Crest Cemetery. In honor of Christine's Irish heritage, bagpipes will be played during the services and at the grave site. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Alzheimer Foundation (in memoof her husband, Albert onard) or the Leader Dogs for the Blind, in memory of Christine.

A special thank you goes to all the Heartland Home Care personnel and to Heartland Hospice. Bless You All!



MULLEN. SHEILA MARIE (nee: McGraw)

Age 62, January 30, 2012. Dear Daughter of John and Naudean. Sister of John, Kevin, Mark (Marilyn) McGraw, Mary (Donald) Kosch and Chris (Susan) McGraw and Sister-in-law of Debbie McGraw. Most wonderful Aunt of Katie (Jeff), Aaron (Kathryn), Calli, Donelle, Emily, Abigail and Johnny. Great Aunt of Allison, Dominic and baby Pea. She was adored by many friends. Her life was that of giving which included SilverLiners "Trip to the North Pole", Sandcastles, Center for Exceptional Families and Child Hope. Sheila's faith, smile, laughter and love are what will always be remembered by all that have known her. Services were held at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home

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Milestones



Stevely-Kamin

Emily Stevely and Jonathan Kamin announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Gary and Candy Stevely of Lakeview, Ohio, attended Wapakoneta High School and Valparaiso University. She is a massage thera-pist at Pro Wellness Chiropractic in Fishers. Ind. and dance instructor at Dance Creations in Indianapolis, Ind.

Her fiancé, son of Gary and Sue Kamin of Canton, attended Lutheran High School in Westland and Valparaiso University. He is a teacher and principal at Trinity Lutheran School in Paola, Kan.

A June 2012 wedding is planned in Lima, Ohio.



Sanders-Algoet

Amy Sanders and Jeffrey Algoet announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Bruce and Karen Sanders of Livonia, graduated in 2002 from Livonia Churchill High School and in 2007 from Grand Valley State University. She teaches fourth grade in Fort Pierce, Fla.

Her fiancé, son of Jean Pierre and Susan Algoet of Fort Pierce, Fla., graduated in 2000 from Lake Shore High School and in 2003 from Wayne State University. He works at an Internet monitoring software company in Vero Beach, Fla.

A July 2012 wedding is planned at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, Livonia.



Allen-Kelly

John and Michele Kelly of Northville announce the engagement of their son, Michael Brendan, to Melissa Marie Allen, daughter of Pat and Debbie Allen of New Hudson.

The groom-elect is a 2004 graduate of Catholic Central High School, a 2008 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree, and a 2011 graduate of University of Detroit Mercy School of Law with a juris doctorate degree. He works at the law firm of Kelly & Kelly, P.C. in downtown Northville.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of South Lyon High School, a 2004 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of arts degree, and a 2009 graduate of Nova Southeastern University with a master of arts degree. She teaches fourth grade in Wayne-Westland. An April wedding is planned in Clearwater Beach, Fla.



A health professional administers a PAD test to a patient.

Test checks blood flow in legs

The Michigan Podiatric Medical Association says February, designated American Hearth Month, is the perfect time to take a preventative test for peripheral arterial disease (PAD).

Commonly known as "poor circulation," PAD is the restriction of blood flow in the arteries of the leg. When arteries become narrowed by plaque - the accumulation of cholesterol and other materials on the walls of the arteries — the oxygen-rich blood flowing through the arteries can't reach the legs and feet.

The presence of PAD may indicate more widespread arterial disease in the body that can affect the brain, causing stroke, or the heart, causing a heart attack.

Most individuals have no symptoms during the early stages of PAD and often, by the time symptoms occur the arteries

are already significantly blocked.

Common symptoms of PAD include:

- Leg pain (cramping) that occurs while walking
- Leg pain (cramping) that occurs while lying
- · Leg numbness or weakness
- · Cold legs or feet
- · Sores that won't heal on toes, feet, or legs · A change in leg color
- Loss of hair on the feet and legs
- · Changes in toenail color and thickness

Because only half of those with PAD actually experience symptoms, it is important that people with known risk factors be screened or tested for PAD

The risk factors include:

- Being over age 50
- previously)
- · High blood pressure High cholesterol
- · Smoking (currently or
- Diabetes

- · Personal or family history of PAD, heart disease, heart attack, or stroke
- Sedentary lifestyle The test for PAD is called the ankle-brachial index, a painless, noninvasive test that compares the blood pressure in the ankles with the blood pressure in the arms. Testing is available at most podiatry offices and takes approximately 15-20 minutes.

PAD is treatable and treatment is most effective when the disease is diagnosed early. Treatment for PAD focuses on reducing symptoms and preventing further progression of the disease. In most cases, lifestyle changes, exercise and medications are enough to slow the progression or even reverse the symptoms of PAD.

For a list of podiatrists and locations, visit www. mpma.org.

Jump, dance to stay active during winter

The Alliance for a Healthier Generation suggests the families get at least an hour of physical activity every day.

Physical activity doesn't have to happen all at once, but can be spread out over the day in 10- to 15-minute ses-

The Alliance offers these simple tips to help create a fun physical activity zone in the win-

 Kangaroo Jump: Tape a shoelace to the floor in a straight line. Have your child stand on one side of the string with both feet together. Count to three, and cheer as he or she jumps over the string and back 10 times. Take a short break - and do it again!

· Double Time: When watching television at home, do jumping jacks, pushups, or crunches during commercial breaks.

• House Music: Get on your feet and start dancing. It doesn't have to be perfect -sometimes it's more fun to be silly. Just turn up the music and move to the beat. Teach your kids to dance while they talk on the phone, watch TV, brush their teeth or clean their rooms or try to hop on one foot with your kids all the way through their favorite

· Hoop it Yourself: A trash can - or even a box - makes a great indoor basketball goal that is perfect for a

quick game of one-on-

· Crab Crawl: Sit with your feet flat on the floor, knees bent. Lean back and place your hands flat on the floor behind you. Lift your seat off the floor, putting your weight on your hands and feet. Now, crab crawl around the room with your kids.

The Alliance for a **Healthier Generation** works to reduce the prevalence of childhood obesity and to empower kids nationwide to make healthy lifestyle choices. It was founded in 2005 by the American Heart Association and William J. Clinton Foundation. Get more tips and tools at www.HealthierGeneration.org.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

February

CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS

Maplegrove Educational Programs for Children of Alcoholics offers "Celebrating Families," a free education and support program for children, ages 5-17, and their parents/caregivers, 5:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays, Feb. 8-March 28 at Maplegrove Center in West Bloomfield. The program is designed for children living with chronic stress due to family challenges such as substance abuse or mental illness. Each day's activities focus on learning skillbuilding through games and crafts. Topics covered include

feelings, self-worth, communication, coping, defenses, alcohol and other drug use, safe decision-making, getting help and learning how to take care of themselves. To register, contact Maplegrove Community Education at (248) 661-6170 or e-mail mce_cp@ hfhs.org.

GARDEN CITY HOSPITAL 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.



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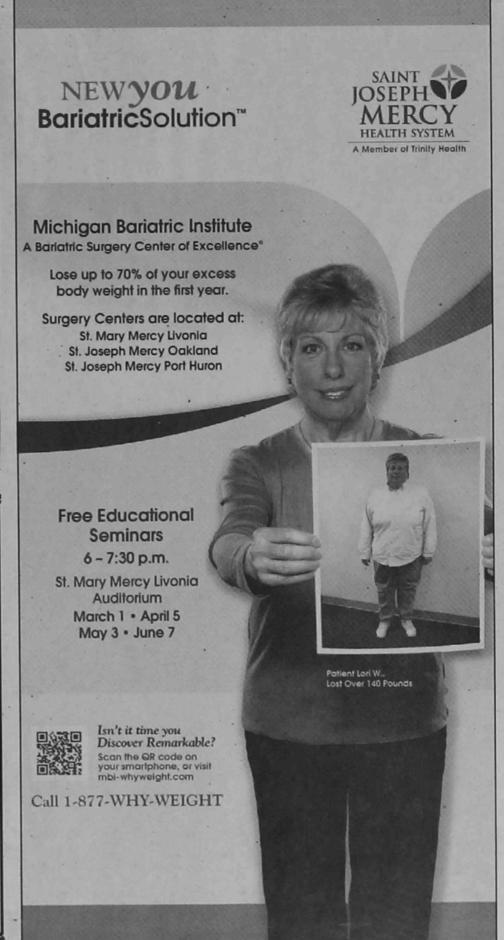
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Grammar Lessons All Job Seekers Should Know

Kaitlin Madden, CareerBuilder Writer

When applying for a job, there are few faster ways to get your résumé and cover letter thrown out of contention than by making a glaring grammatical error. These days, human resources departments and hiring managers are flooded with résumés. They have to be narrowed down somehow, and grammatical errors are an easy way to eliminate applicants.

"In an era of spell check, easily edited documents and instantly shared 'can you give this a look' emails, typos and grammatical errors on résumés and/or cover letters are pretty much unforgivable,' says Sean Smith, president of Third Street, an Indianapolis -based marketing company. "The message sent by typing 'too' when it should be 'to' can literally be the difference between getting the nod or getting a no.'

Here is a proofreading checklist for your résumé and cover letter.

1. Know your homophones

Homophones are words that sound the same but have different meanings, like too, to and two. Using the correct version on your résumé is crucial.

"The misuse of your/you're, there/their/ they're, and to/too/two occurs more times than I care to dwell on," says Marisa Brayman, a Web developer and blogger for Stadri Emblems, a company that designs embroidered patches. "If someone uses one of these incorrectly on a cover letter, he can say goodbye to his chances of ever landing a decent job. If this is due to a simple typo, that is one thing; however, in my humble opinion, if the individual doesn't know the difference between these basic words and has never bothered to take an hour out of his or her life to learn it, he or she is not deserving of landing a decent

A quick refresher:

Their, they're, there

Their: The possessive form of "they." ("Applicants submitted their error-free cover letters.")

They're: The contraction of "they are." ("I

think they're getting the hang of this grammar thing.")

There: A location. ("The pile of cover letters is over there.")

Two, too, to

Two: A number. ("There are two applicants

Too: Also. ("I'd like to be interviewed for the job, too.")

To: A preposition or infinitive. ("I'm going to apply.")

Your, you're

Your: The possessive form of "you." ("Don't forget to proofread your résumé.)

You're: The contraction of "you are." ("I have a feeling you're going to get this job.")

It's, its

The best-selling grammar bible, "Eats, Shoots, and Leaves " by Lynne Truss, best describes the difference between these two

"To those who care about punctuation, a sentence such as 'Thank God its Friday' (without the apostrophe) rouses feelings not only of despair but of violence. The confusion of the possessive 'its' (no apostrophe) with the contractive 'it's' (with apostrophe) is an unequivocal sign of

illiteracy and sets off a simple Pavlovian 'kill' response in the average stickler. The rule is: the word 'it's' (with apostrophe) stands for 'it is' or 'it has.' If the word does not stand for 'it is' or 'it has' then what you require is 'its.' This is extremely easy to

Some other common homophones you should know:

Whose and who's

Every day and everyday

2. Use apostrophes properly Apostrophes are used for a few reasons:

. They indicate the possessive: "In my last job, I managed the CEO's calendar." · They indicate the omission of letters in

words (i.e., in contractions).

- They indicate the exclusion of numbers in dates: "I graduated college in '05.'
- · They indicate time or quantity: "I must give my current employers two weeks

Be sure to check your résumé for proper use of apostrophes, as well as for any erroneous punctuation. Apostrophes do not, for example, indicate the plural form of a singular noun. It is incorrect to say "I developed orientation programs to

help new employee's get acclimated to the company."

3. Keep tenses consistent

"Building lists correctly is important," says Christina Zila, director http:// msn.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/ director/> of communications at Textbroker.com, a Las Vegas-based content-creation firm. "Use consistent verb tenses: If you start your job duties with 'managing multiple employees,' don't have your next point as 'prepared annual reports' but 'preparing annual reports."

Similarly, as a general rule, all activities or accomplishments that you completed in the past should be in the past tense. Activities that you perform now should be in the present tense. This should be kept consistent throughout your résumé.

4. Proofread and then proofread again

The bottom line is that proofreading your application materials before submitting them is a must. -

"There are enough people with bad grammar pet peeves that there is virtually no position out there where grammar doesn't matter," says Debra Yergen, author http://

msn.careerbuilder.com/jobs/keyword/ author/> of the "Creating Job Security Resource Guide." "Since a basic searchengine inquiry for 'grammar pet peeves' nets more than 400,000 returns; it's safe to say that hiring managers are paying close attention to grammar and other résumé and cover-letter errors. Read and reread everything you write for a job application, and if you doubt yourself even slightly, run your submission past someone you trust."

Kaitlin Madden is a writer and blogger for CareerBuilder.com and its job blog, The Work Buzz . She researches and writes about job search strategy, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues. Follow @CareerBuilder on Twitter.



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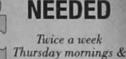
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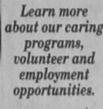
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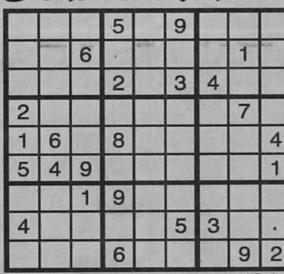
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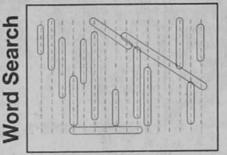
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rank as the high-water mark for the car's critics, not for the

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The reason is that the appeal of Volt to American consumers is

likely to begin rising again. There's a new federal imprimatur on its crashworthiness. GM will use its new marketing campaign, including on Super Bowl Sunday, to get out a fresh and upbeat message about Volt. And gasoline prices will likely start rising again, at least for seasonal reasons, as spring

approaches, meaning that American consumers will be taking a closer look once again at what they shell out at the pump after about a year of relative stability -- though at about \$3.50 a gallon.

Besides, while U.S. car buyers remain uninterested at best in all-electric vehicles and only tepid about hybrids, Volt still makes more street sense than any of the others. It can get better mileage than regular hybrids because it can operate in all-battery mode. Yet Volt has a huge leg up on its competition to date because it vanquishes "range anxiety" with an onboard small engine.

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punching bag." Only time will tell if the CEO also was right in his message in some paid print advertisements by GM that Volt is "the most significant step in GM's history to give customers a choice beyond oil" and a "technological 'moon shot.'"

Overall in its new Volt marketing campaign, GM certainly takes the gloves off a bit more. Over the last couple of years, most of its ads for Volt have focused on range anxiety and the car's capabilities, not on the surrounding political or cultural environment. But in its new spot, voiced per Chevy these days by Tim Allen, GM focuses on the actual production of Volt, in its Hamtramck, Mich., plant --"for our town; for our country; for our future."

In the meantime, congressional critics are likely to begin holstering their fire at Volt after the hearing. They may or not be correct in saying that Obama administration foot-dragging since last summer shielded Volt from attention over the fire concerns until late last year, because of the potential political sensitivities around the government's bailout of GM.

But that's largely moot now. Why? Because most Americans don't care about that allegation, especially without hard evidence. Because most taxpayers have moved far beyond their initial skepticism about the GM and Chrysler bailouts if only because the companies have recovered nicely and the government will regain most of its investment.

And in Midwestern political swing states like Michigan, where manufacturing employment finally is rising again, most voters don't want to hear that's a bad thing because in a free market events would have unfolded

differently. Even Mitt Romney doesn't knock the GM bailout anymore.

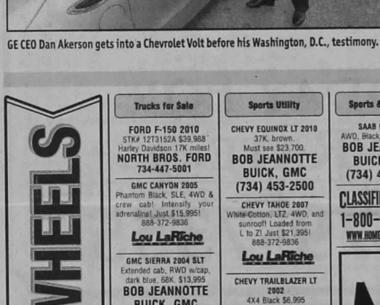
Critics are right to point out the huge federal tax break of \$7,500 that a buyer gets for purchasing a Volt that is priced at a whopping \$40,000: Those amount to subsidies of the president's clean-energy fixation, directly out of the pockets of taxpayers, at a time when neither individual taxpayers nor the federal government can afford it -not that there would be a good

And for justifiable criticism of Obama's fixation with "green jobs," critics have much easier targets. Solyndra is still ripe for the knocking.

One more thing: Instead of setting a wildly optimistic sales goal and not meeting it as GM did last year, and suffering push-back from some dealers around the country who are frustrated with Volt, GM executives finally have gotten realistic about just how quickly Americans will warm up to Volt. Akerson has said that Volt production will be adjusted to market demand, and that likely means making and selling a lot fewer of the cars than the 45,000 initially projected sales for 2012.

In its new TV ad, GM says about Volt, "This isn't just the car we wanted to build. It's the car America had to build."

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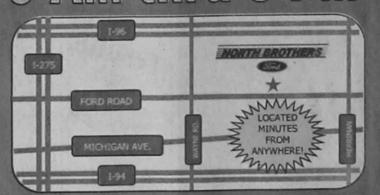
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