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Hannah DeAngelis and Tessa Warner use their considerable knife skills to begin preparation during last week's dress rehearsal for the state competition. The team won in Lansing to advance to nationals next

Recipe for success

Culinary team cooks up state championship

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

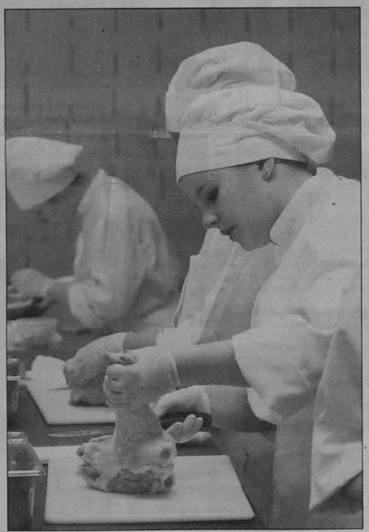
One of the things Diana Woodward tries to teach her Plymouth-Canton Educational Park culinary team members is that something will always go wrong during a competition, and how they respond in that moment goes a long way toward determining how the team fares.

So when Tessa Warner felt the pan of mushrooms slipping and watched them fall to the floor during the state culinary competition in Lansing over the weekend, she kept her emotions in check and simply cleaned up the mess and moved on to the next

That calm demeanor - displayed by Warner and her teammates — helped P-CEP claim first-place honors at the state competition and earn a trip to the nationals in Baltimore next

"It happened to me once during practice, but I thought if I handled it quickly and calmly, no one would really notice," said Warner, a Canton High School senior from Canton. "There was nothing I could do but clean it up and move on, so that's what I did.'

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Haley Chynoweth butchers a chicken.

Canton hopes for fairness from DWSD

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

After an expected vote in April to decrease local water-sewer rates by 2.3 percent, Canton's elected leaders appear guardedly hopeful the longembattled Detroit Water and Sewerage Department can gradually repair its tarnished image and show fairness toward its suburban cus-

Local officials pin much of their hopes on DWSD's new management and a separate, regional Detroit **Board of Water Commissioners** chaired by Canton resident James Fausone, a respected attorney and trustee for Schoolcraft College and the Canton Public Library.

'We have a lot of challenges," Fausone said Tuesday during talks with the Canton Township Board of Trustees, though he said efforts to reform a battered DWSD have begun. "There are real changes going on."

Tuesday's session came as Canton embraces a 2.3-percent rate decrease starting May 1. Supervisor Phil LaJoy said he expects no stumbling blocks after Canton more than offset a Detroit-imposed rate hike by reining in local water-system expenses.

Bill trim

The rate decrease is expected to trim \$8.15 off the average quarterly bill of \$351 for a typical Canton household using 32,283 gallons of water. That amounts to \$32.60 for one year.

Trustee Syed Taj said Canton water consumers "will be very happy to hear that there is a drop in the water rate.'

Yet local officials remain wary of what to expect in coming years, and they have debated measures such as forcing property owners to water their lawns from midnight to 6 a.m. during nonpeak usage hours and building a water storage tank, likely

to cost \$11 million to \$15 million. Officials have opted to continue this year with voluntary restrictions and to launch a new campaign to educate residents. Moreover, Fausone advised the township board to delay for a few months any serious

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Some 100 local residents gathered at Discovery Middle School Tuesday to hear a recommendation that Gallimore and Fiegel Elementary Schools be closed.

District targets Gallimore, Fiegel

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education will have a week to decide whether to approve a recommendation from district administrators to close Gallimore and Fiegel elementary schools and repurpose them for other educational opportunities.

Assistant Supt. for Facilities and Operations Phil Freeman presented board members with the administration's recommendation during a board meeting Tuesday night in front of some 100 people at Discovery Middle School.

The recommendation - which wasn't a big surprise after Gallimore, located on Sheldon near the Canton Center split, entered the picture at a public forum a couple of weeks ago - also suggests moving the Starkweather alternative high school to Fiegel, located on Joy Road east of I-275.

Gallimore was more attractive to administrator's because it's an older building that's more expensive to operate than Hulsing Elementary, the other building that had been considered for closing.

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"For me, the final factor was the fact we need additional space for other district programs," Supt. Dr. Jeremy Hughes said. "Gallimore is very accessible to main roads for both parent and district transportation, with the least (traffic) disruption to a neighborhood. That was the thing that tipped

the scale.' Administrators are also recommending the board choose one of two options for Gallimore: Use it to house an Early Childhood program and an expanded TAG program or use it for an Early Childhood program and the special education program now run at the Tanger Center.

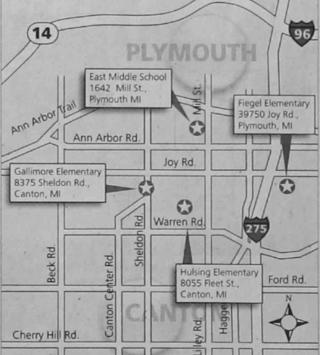
Young Fives Hughes also said Tuesday he has recommended to the board the district adopt a Young Fives program, for 4-year-olds whose fifth birthday falls between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30 but whose parents don't believe are ready for kindergarten.

Hughes would also like to expand the TAG program, which currently has some 75 openings but to which Hughes would like to add an additional 150 students. Some 800 applicants are being tested for possible inclusion in the TAG program, Hughes said.

Most of Tuesday's crowd at Discovery, though, wanted to talk about changes in school boundaries. Freeman presented the latest version of the boundary map, which shifted some neighborhoods and "cleaned up" a few problem areas from earlier

But parents are disgruntled about being shifted, particularly par-

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ents in neighborhoods with long-time connections to their schools.

John Reese is a resident of Ridgewood Hills, a Bird Elementary School neighborhood being moved to Isbister under the district's realignment plan.

Doesn't help

Reese said he and his neighbors don't believe the move alleviates any overcrowding issues at Bird and asked the board to reconsider moving Ridgewood Hills.

"We know there's no way to make changes that will satisfy everyone," Reese said. "In looking at the current plan, we would ask if it eliminates overcrowding at Bird. We think it does not.'

Scott Hamlin, a Canton resident whose son is currently a third-grader at Isbister Elementary and is scheduled to move to Tonda, said he's fearful it won't be his son's only move.

His son, he said, will have to leave friends he's made at Isbister when he moves to Tonda. Then, rather than move to Pioneer Middle School with many of the Tonda students, his neighborhood is slated to go to West Middle School

"It's possible my son will have to change schools three or four times," said Hamlin, who also has a child starting kindergarten in the fall. "We love Isbister and we don't want to move. I don't understand how this is a long-term solution."

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W-W board picks new legal counsel By Sue Mason Observer Staff Writer Wright. The Wayne-Westland Community Schools will be getting legal advice

after selecting the firm of Clark Hill to serve as the district's general legal counsel.

The board voted 4-2 with board Treasurer Shawna Walker and board President Carol Middel voting no, to appoint Clark Hill to replace the district's current law firm of Lusk and Albertson. Trustee Frederick Weaver was absent due to an illness.

Walker told her fellow trustees that she understands the need to save money, 'but after receiving all the information, the data, the references, as well as the interviews, I felt it would have been in the best interest of the district to keep the legal counsel we currently have."

"Sometimes, in an effort to make change or even prove a point, we don't look at the big picture or the long-term effect," she said. "We cannot make decisions based on our own agenda or because we are scared of not being re-elected or recalled. We need to make them based on the data and the information that is given and how the bottom line will impact our children.'

The board's legal counsel committee had devised a multilevel voting process, however, it took just one round of voting to determine a winner among the four firms the board had interviewed last week. In addition to Clark Hill and Lusk and Albertson, the board also had consider the firms of Collins & Blaha and Dickinson

Clark Hill will handle all but the district's special education matters. At the suggestion of board Secretary Cindy Schofield, the board decided to retain Lusk and Albertson to handle those mat-

"Mr. (Bob) Lusk is reported to be one of the best in the state in special education issues," Schofield said. "He knows the laws inside and out, he has lectured on it. He can answer a special education question very quickly. That is an area with the potential for litigation and we have done very well with it with Lusk and

Albertson." "He (Lusk) cautioned us to avoid litigation and that we clearly need to work with parents, Trustee Thomas Buckalew added

Board Vice President John Goci favored Clark Hill retaining the work, saying that he liked the Clark Hill attorney's approach to special education.

"I'd hate to see that separated out," he said.

The selection process took more than eight months. The board decided to seek proposals from law firms with experience in public school law after declining to reappoint Lusk and Albertson as the district's legal counsel during its organizational meeting last July. It was Goci who expressed interest in bidding out the contract "to see what the market has to offer."

Lusk and Albertson has represented the district for more than 20 years.



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Canton incidents could be linked to serial indecent exposure acts

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

A man who exposed himself by wearing sheer panty hose to a Canton hair salon and a girls clothing store may be the same man sought for at least 14 incidents of indecent exposure as far away as Chesterfield Township, authorities say.

"This guy is a traveler," Oakland County Sheriff's Office Lt. Ray White said Tuesday.

His remarks came after a man wearing panty hose exposed himself three times Monday evening — twice in Utica and once in Clinton Township, White said.

A similar incident happened Feb. 15 inside the Red Head Salon in Canton's Cherry Hill Village — five months after a man exposing himself through sheer panty hose stood outside a window of the same shop.

Red Head Salon stylist Kaithlin Fettes said she believes the suspect pictured in a photo released by Oakland County authorities is the same man who entered the Canton salon in February.

"From the physical look of the guy, I definitely think it's the same guy," she said. "To be quite honest, I was with a co-worker when he came into the salon, and I thought he was joking."

The man asked for a Brazilian wax — similar



Oakland County authorities have released this picture of a man suspected in a series of indecent exposure incidents, including several in Canton.

to a Rochester Hills salon incident — and stood around before leaving.

Fettes then called police.
During an incident last
September, a man stood
outside the Red Head
Salon wearing panty
hose, a winter skull cap, a

jogging jacket and sneakers, witnesses told police.

One of the latest incidents occurred Monday evening at a Justice girls clothing store in Utica — just nine days after the company's Canton location reported a

panty hose-wearing man walked inside that shop. All the incidents are

"We believe it could be the same guy, but we're not discounting that it could be a different guy," Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schrein-

er said.

The suspect, described as 50-60 years old, entered the Canton-based Justice store on Ford west of Sheldon around 7:45 p.m. March 10 wearing panty hose, a cream-colored golf hat, black glasses and a blue button-down shirt, with a fleece jacket hanging off his shoulder.

Witnesses inside the Justice store said he hummed as he walked around exposing himself through the panty hose.

Authorities have said anyone witnessing a similar incident should immediately call their local law-enforcement agency. Moreover, anyone who has information about a suspect may provide an anonymous tip to Crime Stoppers of Michigan by calling (800) SPEAK-UP (773-2587).

White said the suspect often appears to enter stores and salons near closing time. Last week, he walked into a Rochester Hills salon and asked for a Brazilian wax before as the shop was preparing to close.

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Resident complaints ease over trash rules

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

Complaints spurred by Canton's newly enforced garbage-pickup rules appear to have eased considerably since hundreds of often-angry residents grumbled over restrictions initially imposed in January — complaints that stalled implementation for two months.

Canton Waste Recycling — the township's trash hauler — ended the moratorium March 1 and began leaving garbage along the curb for residents who refuse to abide by rules placing 32-gallon and 50-pound limits on containers.

Municipal Services Director Tim Faas reported 78 complaints the first week of March—a marked decline from 350-400 residents who called to protest the changes during a simi-

lar period in early January. "The second phase of imple-

"The second phase of implementation (of the new rules) went really well," Faas said.

However, Faas predicted a potential uptick in complaints as CWR enforces the same rules when residents start setting out their yard waste next month.

"We'll probably have another little issue with it in the first week of April with the yard waste collection," he said.

Still comply

Faas said-residents need to continue complying with the 32-gallon and 50-pound limits or, even better, place yard waste in biodegradable paper bags, though he conceded that option comes with a cost some customers might begrudge.

If they don't mind buying the bags, he said, "that's probably the best thing to use."

For years, thousands of Canton households every week had violated the township's trash rules by rolling out oversized or overweight garbage containers — a situation CWR owner Paul Denski Jr. said increasingly took a toll on his workers.

CWR had virtually ignored the problem for decades, but the company and the township agreed to start enforcing the rules amid rising insurance costs and escalating workersafety concerns.

Canton Public Works Manager Bob Belair said "a dozen or so" complaints on average still are lodged every day, though it's far less than the barrage of phone calls the township received in January.

"I think it's really going to taper down after this week," Belair said.

Faas attributed the reduction

in complaints partly to a more aggressive public education campaign to reach CWR's 24,000 customers and advise them of new enforcement measures.

Majority rules

Belair said Canton workers also helped CWR tag oversized containers to warn residents that, after March 1, garbage wouldn't be picked up.

"I think that helped quite a bit," he said.

Faas has said the vast majority of Canton residents already had begun to comply with the new rules as of Jan. 1, though some continued to resist the changes.

Denski has said CWR trimmed costs and used tax dollars wisely by typically placing just one worker on the back of a garbage truck to pick up trash.

"One guy can only lift up so much weight in one day," Denski said in January, when local officials delayed enforcing the new rules until March 1.

Denski called the over-32pound containers "too bulky and heavy to lift" and said workers reaching inside to collect trash faced health risks from broken glass and other objects.

CWR has suggested residents might want to continue spreading word of the new rules in their neighborhood.

Canton delayed the new enforcement until March 1 to give residents more time to buy smaller garbage containers, which had been in short supply among local retailers.

Customers still may keep their oversized containers if they want to set their bags of trash by the curb, though Faas said some residents are concerned the practice could attract animals looking for food.

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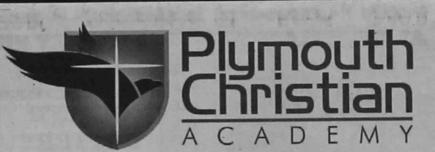
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Murder suspect to stand trial

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

Barring a new development, a Canton man accused of torturing and killing 57-year-old Frank Jones of Romulus is set to stand trial in May in Wayne County Circuit Court, authorities have confirmed.

Michael Joseph Sutton, 41, faces life in prison if he is convicted of first-degree murder, felony murder and torture following allegations he killed Jones, whose son found him lying face down in his bathroom Jan. 7 with his hands tied behind his back and his head covered by a plas-

Sutton's trial has been scheduled for May 10 in front of Circuit Judge Timothy Kenny, according to Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Maria Miller.

Sutton was ordered to stand trial during his Feb. 1 preliminary examination in Romulus 34th District Court.

Romulus Police Chief Robert Dickerson has said Jones and Sutton had an "intimate relationship" before Jones was killed. The Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office has ruled blunt force trauma as the cause of death.

If convicted of firstdegree murder, Suttonfaces a mandatory sentence of life in prison without the possibility of

Canton authorities have



Sutton

said Sutton lived in the Autumn Ridge apartment com-

plex near Cherry Hill and Lotz roads

before his arrest. Police have said Sutton was arrested near his residence after he tried to

A cooperative effort among police agencies led to the arrest.

The day after Jones' body was found in a pool of blood in his bathroom, his Ford Mustang had been found in the Walmart parking lot on Ford Road east of Lotz, Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner has said.

Sutton was ordered jailed with a \$1 million cash bond after his arrest. Romulus police have cited phone records and other evidence they say led to charges against Sutton.

Jones lived in the 15600 block of Springhill in Romulus and was a registered sex offender. According to the Michigan Department of Corrections, he had served three years in prison for child sexually abusive material or

Jones had been released from prison in August

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Weapons grab

Canton police confiscated a handgun, a knife and brass knuckles from a male driver after making a traffic stop about 12:45 a.m. Monday near I-275 and Ford Road, a police report said.

Police learned the driver had. a prior conviction for a felony weapons charge and took him into custody as the investigation was continuing.

The incident

started when police spotted suspicious activity involving a blue Cadillac that had pulled into the Days Inn parking lot on Michigan Avenue near I-275. Police trailed the car. stopped it and learned the driver, accompanied by a female passenger, had a history of traffic offenses including driving with a suspended license.

Police confiscated a handgun that had nine rounds in the magazine, though no bullets were in the chamber.

The man told police he carried the gun to protect his daughter and himself, though it didn't appear the weapon was registered.

Home invasion

2A home on Barr, north-west of Denton and Mott roads, was the target of a home invasion sometime prior to 8:30 a.m. Friday while the owners were away.

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Relatives watching the home said the break-in happened between 5 p.m. March 14 and 8:30 a.m. March 16. A rear window of the house had been smashed out.

The house had been rummaged through with items left on the floor and dresser drawers open. A 42-inch LCD flat-screen television was missing, and a safe also had been damaged.

A police report indicated the home had been broken into previously.

Benz boosted

3A man reported his 1999 Mercedes-Benz was stolen while it was parked in front of his house the morning of March 14 in the 41000 block of Maplewood, northeast of Cherry Hill and Haggerty.

The car had a North Carolina license plate. The man said items inside the car included two car seats, six pairs of designer sunglasses and a garage door opener for his residence.

IKEA issue

4 Police went to the IKEA store on the northwest corner of Ford and Haggerty roads after employees reported a suspicious situation around 2 p.m. last Thurs-

A small orange bus had pulled up to the store and 20 or so people got out and entered the store. They were described as in their early 20s.

The visitors went to the IKEA restaurant for a half-hour and then split into pairs in the store. After they left, employees learned they had left behind items in the store, including a T-shirt that inscribed with the words "I love (using a heart symbol) IKEA. Inside the heart was a blue Star of David. Employees also

found little crafttype items with the logos for IKEA, Walmart and Meijer.

Storage stolen

5A man notified police after he learned that two storage units he was using at The Stor Room, a business northeast of Michigan Avenue and I-275, had been broken into sometime prior to March 3.

The man was contacted by the company's employees after it was noticed that someone had broken into the units. The victim reported numer-

ous items missing including electronic equipment, a desktop printer, a laptop computer, a copy machine, a snow blower and a fishing pole.

Purse purloined

6A woman visiting from Mexico on business contacted police after her purse was stolen from her locker Sunday evening at Lifetime Fitness, on Haggerty south of

The woman said she forgot her locker key near a sink area inside the building. She went to the swimming pool and returned a half-hour later to find her purse had been taken from her locker. Her purse included her Mexico driver's license, a hotel room key, miscellaneous clothes and two cell phones.

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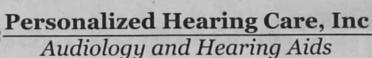


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consideration of a water storage facility, amid uncertainty about what may emerge as DWSD faces changes led by new Director Sue McCormick, lauded by Fausone and others.

In part, Fausone said it's premature to know how the city of Detroit's financial crisis — and efforts to resolve it may affect DWSD. It's an unknown for a department that provides water to four million people, or 40 percent of Michigan's population.

Long-term fix

However, Fausone told Canton leaders the board he chairs will be seeking ways to push down watersewer rates long term, despite a 25-percent drop in sales during the last five years due to failing businesses and foreclosed homes. The quandary is that DWSD, with fewer customers, has said it still has to generate enough revenue to fix an aging infrastructure.

Fausone cited other DWSD issues as well:

· DWSD has begun efforts to restore integrity to its process of hiring qualified contractors, some of whom had abandoned Detroit because they felt they hadn't received a fair shake.

· Negotiations loom with some 20 unions whose contracts are set to expire this summer.

· DWSD has previously resisted efforts to "rightsize" a department that needs fewer employees as its customer base has shrunk.

Local officials indicated they are hopeful yet hesitant to expect a massive shakeup of DWSD, though they have confidence in McCormick, Fausone and others.

"I want to view it as a light at the end of the tunnel," Trustee John Anthony said, though he

remains cautious. Regardless, Canton has begun to make its own changes in an attempt to streamline its water-sewer operations. Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin's office already has started andling its water billing internally to save money, and customers who want to have their watersewer bills automatically deducted from their bank accounts are expected to have that option as early as mid-May.

McLaughlin said interested residents may call (734) 394-5240 or send an e-mail to water@cantonmi.org to get the necessary forms.

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Gulf Coast work trip brings back memory of daughter

By Julie Brown Observer Staff Writer

Thomas Friedow of Canton took his late daughter, Marie, on an earlier trip to Louisiana to work on homes ravaged by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

"Two years ago, she was there with me on the trip," a tearful Friedow said of Marie, a Plymouth High School senior who died after that in a local car crash. "I know that she was planning to go there again."

The memories Thomas and wife Christel have are painful, but it helps as he heads March 24 back to the New Orleans area for a week to work on home rebuilding. He'll be accompanied by the cou-



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Thomas and Michelle Friedow lay ceramic tile in a Gulf Coast home during the 2011 trip.

ple's younger daughter, Michelle, 18, and Thomas' brother, Gerd, from Germany, who speaks little English.

"I've talked about it," said Thomas of this, his seventh trip to the region

since the 2005 hurricanes. "On short notice, he decided to join us. He had never done something like this."

The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance team will include engineers like

Thomas as well as his brother, who has a plumbing background.

'Whatever is needed there," Thomas Friedow, 48, said. "Sometimes it's demolition, drywall, gutting. It depends on what needs to be done," and can include "pretty much anything that is wrong with the house."

"A lot of people who left didn't come back,' he said, with those working in the region fighting blight. "That really draws the neighborhood down," said Friedow, who's seen that with every fourth house or so on recent

They'll be with about 26 others from Michigan as part of an ongoing program of the Presbytery

of Detroit. A Macomb County Community College professor helped last year, he said, and students and retirees often volunteer.

Friedow works for an automotive supplier and will take vacation time for the one-week trip.

Friedow, a member of Geneva Presbyterian Church of Canton, is glad to help.

"If it's not Louisiana, I'll probably do something else," he said. "It helps you really also. You really see that you're changing the people's life.

"It's such a significant change," for just "a little time and labor. They're very thankful."

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Medal madness

The culinary team -Warner, Canton senior Cayla Phillips and Salem High School seniors Haley Chynoweth and Hannah DeAngelis (with alternate Meagan Gaedtke) - wasn't the only part of the P-CEP squad to earn honors.

The management/restaurant design team -Brianna Dobson, Conner Hicks, Megan Zarem and Jasmine LeFlore — took second place and the sanitation team (a Jeopardy!style quiz bowl of industry sanitation law) Dobson, LeFlore, Christine Johnson and Lexi Childress - finished in fourth place.

According to Woodward, the team brought home more medals than any other team in the 11 years the district has participated in the event. She said the team "took ownership" of the competition right from the start, an accountability the sible for the team's suc-

"We are on air, it's absolutely insane," Woodward said. "They worked so. hard for so long. We've been doing this 11 years and this is by far the hardest-working group we've ever had.

The winning meal was composed of pan-seared scallops over roasted beet puree, baconglazed brussel sprout petals, frisse with a cider citrus vinaigrette, car-



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The Painted Turtle is the name of the restaurant. House managers Brianna Dobson, Conner Hicks, Jasmine LeFlore and Megan Zarem explain the concept and answer questions about operations and policy.

amel-poached parisienne apples, pistachio goat cheese and a coriander butter cracker as the starter. The main attraction was reconstructed beef stew — sous-vide beef, potato tourne and croquette, sugar snap pea, carrot bundle, tomato ragout and cipollini onion stuffed with mush room duxelle in a red wine sauce.

Making the meal

The meal concluded with a dessert of jaconde wrapped passion fruit-Bavarian, over blackberry orange pate de fruit with salted praline, fresh blackberries and oranges and macaroni filled with basil-white chocolate ganache, topped with a pulled caramel cork-

And it was all controlled



Meagan Gaedtke juliennes carrots.

by the district's first allgirl team.

thing to be their idea," Woodward said. "That's "They wanted everykind of what the competition is. ... Mentors and teachers can make suggestions, but everything should be theirs. It's supposed to be 'What can high school students do given the parameters?"

Training for the competition is rigorous, right down to how teammates move, how they pick up a tool and even at what angle they put it down.

"We're extremely organized ... it's so meticulous," Woodward said. "The food was executed perfectly. They were calm. It's staying calm, but having that sense of urgency. Their hands were moving a mile a minute, but their faces weren't showing anything."

The outer calm belied an inner nervousness Warner said was present in everyone. Judges, she said, liked the way the team was able to overcome the initial bout of

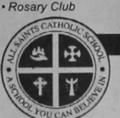
"Most of us were really nervous, but we put on a good front," Warner said. "I think (judges) were looking for a team that was really doing it to have fun and not overthink everything."

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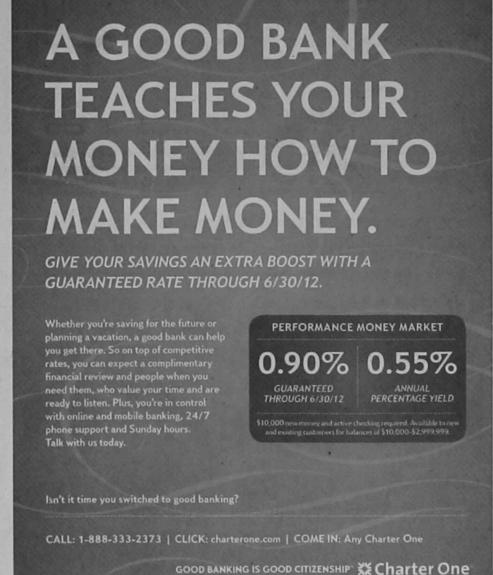


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Giving Hope accepts grant requests

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The Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle is seeking to provide grants to organizations to enrich the lives of women and children in the Canton-Plymouth communities.

Organized in 2006, Giving Hope is a group of community women who are pooling their philanthropic dollars in order to make a difference in the lives of local women and children. In addition to grant-making, Giving Hope has created an endowment fund for future granting and is educating women as to needs in the Canton and Plymouth communities.

"At this time we are encouraging area organizations to read our granting guidelines and determine if they have a need that we can match with our granting efforts," said Marion Rozum, chairwoman of the Giving Hope Grants Committee.

The granting committee will accept applications through April 1. The dollar amount of the requested grants can range anywhere from \$500 to \$4,000," added Rozum.

Grant criteria are as follows:

• Be a non-profit 501(c)(3) with a current State of Michigan License to

Solicit, if applicable · The grant must be primarily for

 Canton and Plymouth residents must be the majority population

women or children

• The grant is a one time gift, it is not intended to be financial support

· The proposed program should begin in 2012 and be completed by

 The grant request must have clear objectives with a measurable outcome

Interested organizations should submit a grant application no later than April 1, 2012 to:

Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle Grant Committee, c/o Canton Community Foundation, 50430 School House Road Suite 200, Canton, MI 48187.

To request an application or to verify your organization's eligibility prior to submitting a proposal, contact Joan Noricks at the Canton Community Foundation at (734) 495-1200.

Mills' Friends look for Model T to put in museum

By Sue Mason Observer Staff Writer

Don Nicholson knows precisely what will fit in a blocked off area on the second floor of Nankin Mills - a Ford Model T. Not just any Model T but one that youngsters can climb in and get behind the wheel and experience driving in its early form.

Knowing what you want is one thing, but finding one that fits the budget of the Friends of Nankin Mills is another thing.

"Next year is Henry Ford's 150th birthday, we want to bring something new to the mill and that's a Model T. We want a barn find, one that we can clean up, one for under \$2,000, that's in our bud-

"We're willing to take on anything as long as we know we can make it safe for the kids," he added.

Known for the car shows he promotes, Nicholson got involved with the Friends of Nankin Mills after launching a highly successful Hines Park Cruise last year. He's on a mission now to find a Model T that will be a part of the floor devoted to Henry Ford and the automobile heritage of the former grist mill.

Nankin Mills is one of 19 Village Industries Ford started in 1920. The first factory opened in Northville; Nankin Mills was the second to open and was the closest to Ford's Rouge factory in Dear-

Ford chose sites in southeast Michigan that

included Milan, Brooklyn, Saline, Northville, Macon and Milford, where early water power still existed. He restored existing historic mills or constructed modern buildings, creating small industrial complexes in those rural set-

At Nankin Mills, farmers were able to work in the factory and still tend their fields. They made hubcaps and did engraving of plates for Ford's

The idea is to have a hands-on display where youngsters can touch, feel and sit in a Model T. So far, Nicholson has located cars in California, but that's too far away. He's hoping to find one closer to home.

"We're looking for something closer, within a day's drive," he said. "We want something that at least it's all there. We can get it upholstered. We have a \$2,000 budget and it shouldn't be a problem getting done by next year, but it's taking the time to get one."

The Model T was the seventh or eight car built by Henry Ford, a model that was responsible for 7,000 after market products. Those products included a device that let it power a sawmill, pull along a camper and be converted into a dump truck.

"The history of this area with Ford and the car industry is phenomenal," said Nicholson. "This mill has a connection to the community, but it is also

a way to get kids excited

about history." Nankin Mills hous-es Wayne County Parks, an nature interpretive center and the museum which opened 11 years ago after the building sat empty for more than 20 years. Modest in size, the museum includes one floor devoted to Henry Ford and the automobile industry and the other exploring the history of the area from the native Americans who lived her through slavery and the

Underground Railroad. The plan is to place the Model over doors in the floor that opened to bring up grain in the grist mill.

In addition to acquiring a Model T. the Friends also are interested in restoring is a generator that was built by Thomas Edison. Housed on the west side of the mill, the generator was powered by water and provided electricity to the community of Pike's Peak located across Ann Arbor Trail from the mill.

People with leads on a Model T or one they'd like to give or sell to the Friends of Nankin Mills can contact Nicholson at (734) 658-5296.

"The kids are the next generation and this is a place where they can get an idea of what they want to do the rest of their lives. They get to learn what the community was about and what it grew up to be," Nicholson said.

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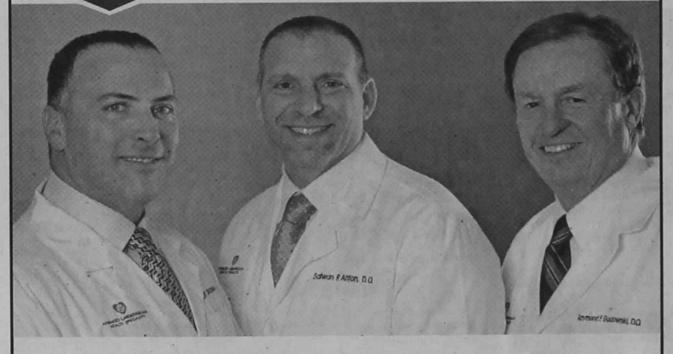
Walsh, Wayne County Meals on Wheel, Livonia Senior Citizen Services, Thrivent Financial, Wayne County Veterans' Services, Wayne Metro Community Action Agency and others.

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Make sure homeowner's policy is up to date

LOCAL NEWS

By Rick Bloom **Guest Columnist**

he storms that hit Michigan last week left a substantial amount of damage; hopefully, people who sustained losses have the proper amount of insurance. It's bad enough that lives are

disrupted, but

Money Matters

Rick Bloom

what makes it worse is when residents find out they don't have the proper homeowner's coverage.

I try to write a column a few times a year reminding people how important it is that they are properly covered. The recent storms in the Dexter

area reminded me that it's time to revisit the topic.

It is important to review your homeowner's coverage regularly, to make sure it is up to date. After all, things change and policy adjustments may be necessary. For example, home values may not be the same as a few years ago so the amount of coverage may need to be changed. You may be paying for more coverage than is necessary or you may have had a major purchase over the last few years that currently may not be covered by your policy.

Reviewing current coverage is important and - if you haven't done it in a while it pays to shop around and receive a competitive bid. It's not unusual for those who do shop around for a new policy to find one at a lower price. They also get a better policy.

Discounts

As most of my friends know, I am tight with a buck. I'm not embarrassed to ask for discounts or use coupons. When it comes time to shopping around for your homeowner's insurance, or when you're talking with an agent about your current policy, don't be afraid to ask what discounts are available. You would be surprised how many discounts go unused.

Companies have discounts for all sorts of things and sometimes you don't know about them until you ask.

With regards to shopping for policies, I am frequently asked whether people should do it on their own, on the Internet or use the services of a professional. For most people, using the services of a qualified professional is probably the way to go. They have more experience

and can assist in selecting the right policy. The Internet, however, can be a great tool to find the right questions to ask and for price comparison.

Notice I said a qualified professional. Like every other area, it is important to use someone that specializes in homeowner's insurance and knows what he/she is doing.

Video inventory

Another thing I always recommend is to make a video inventory of your home. It will help in dealing with your insurance company if there is a claim and serve as a reminder to what you actually had in your home. Just think if your home was destroyed like those in Dexter. How difficult would it be to list what you had? Particularly when you live in a house for a number of years,

you don't see everything and it's hard to remember what was

Having a video also provides some documentation for the insurance company. If you have appraisals or receipts for high-end purchases, it's not a bad idea to video those as well. Remember, video is inexpensive and the key purpose is to provide some documentation for the insurance company. Therefore, it's better to video too much, as opposed to too

Good luck!

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

EagleEyes: Technology 'opens so many doors' for disabled students

By Julie Brown

Northville Public Schools student Demarco Williams was pretty excited about the EagleEyes computerhuman interface sys-

Williams was among special needs students trying out the technology recently in a classroom at Hillside Middle

"It's incredible the opportunities it's opening," Cooke School classroom teacher Lorie Farrow said of EagleEyes. "It opens so many doors and gives them opportunities they never had before. When we find something that works for our kids,

we're so grateful.' EagleEyes will help Northville students ages 3-26 with cognitive and physical challenges. Farrow wrote the grant for it through Old Village School, with the Northville Education Foundation grant used to purchase technology.

"It's so they have access to a computer," said Susan Oleson, a speech and language pathologist at Cooke and Old Village Schools for special needs students. EagleEyes will be based at Old Village classrooms at Cooke, and was also supported locally by the Jane Frances Abler Memorial Fund, named for a former student.

Students who can't use a mouse, lacking those motor skills, can with EagleEyes use eye movement for learning, communication and entertainment. It turns electric impulses of muscles around the eye into mouse "clicks," Oleson said.

Farrow described another student who began to access the computer via Eagle-Eyes: "She could play with a computer program by herself for the first time in her life.'

It was developed in the early 1990s by James Gips at Boston College. Ron Williams, director of education and training for the Salt Lake City-based Opportunity Foundation of America came to Northville to help set up the technology.

Basically their communication is yes-no command," said Williams, whose foundation took over the technology in 2003. Students acquire greater freedom to communicate, and one young man in Boston with high intelligence was able to graduate from high school with Eagle-Eyes help.

There are fewer than 100 in the world, Williams said, and the NPS one's only the second in Michigan. Northville educators hope to share it with other districts when possible.

The Cooke School has really embraced it and seen the potential," Williams said, noting the technology is easy for educators to use "and see really defined success. It provides them (students) that opportunity they wouldn't have had oth-

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Northville School District Speech Pathologist Janice Nagle assists Hillside student Demarco Williams, 9, in using the EagleEyes device on March 8. EagleEyes allows handicapped students, who might not be able to control a mouse, to control a cursor on a computer screen by moving their head. Sensors, seen on the side of Williams' face, monitor which direction he's looking at and relay that information to the computer. The school district recently received a grant for the system, which is only one of two in all of Michigan's

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Players tune in spring musical

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

Paul Bird performed in the musical, "Nine," while in college, and

instantly fell in love with the music. In his directorial career, Bird has often hoped to produce the play, and starting Friday, he gets his chance.

Bird will direct the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's Park Players in their spring musical, "Nine," starting Friday night at 7 p.m. The 54-member cast tackles the Tony Award-winning play, with a book by Arthur Kopit and music and lyrics from Maury Yeston, over the next two weekends on the stage of the Gloria Logan Auditorium at Salem High School.

"I've always wanted to do this play, and this year the stars just aligned," said Bird. "It's not a play you see many high schools doing. Musically, it's very challenging."

"Nine" tells the story of film director Guido Contini, who is dreading his imminent 40th birthday and is facing a midlife crisis, which is blocking his creative impulses and entangling him in a web of romantic difficulties in early-1960s Venice.

Contini is torn by relationships with his wife, a girlfriend and an actress he insists on using in his films. As the play moves along, Contini eventually loses all of it.

It's that internal struggle that provides the biggest challenge to Alex Armesto, the Canton High School junior playing Contini.

"The biggest challenge is showing the difficulty of his struggle with his creative world and his reality," said Armesto, whose last Park Players role was Mr. Hesler in "The Pajama Game." "His work has started to leak into his personal life, and it's all affecting what's going on in his own life."

The cast, plus the 10-person crew and 36 musicians in the pit, started work on the play in early January. Bird called the 54-member cast "incredibly talented."

"They've embraced the challenges more than I thought they would," Bird said. "We have such an incredibly talented cast."

That cast includes Plymouth High School sophomore Emma Dwyer of Plymouth, who plays Contini's girlfriend, Carla, whose biggest lesson revolves around learning who you can depend on.

"She learns you have to be careful who you trust, and Guido obviously isn't someone she can trust," said Dwyer, last on stage in last year's Comedy Sketch show. "I've sometimes had a little trouble finding the depth in Carla. She's this risque, shallow, ditzy girl, but I know there's depth to her that's sometimes hard to bring out."

Like Bird, musical director Cathy DiPentu finds the music "wonderful." Unlike many shows, the musicians in the pit are nearly constantly playing, and having to time the music to correspond with certain dialogue. It's not an easy task.

"It's constant ... there are no video games in the pit this time," she said, smiling. "The music is more operatic, more orchestral."

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ON STAGE

What: Park Players present "Nine" When: 7 p.m., March 23-24 and March 29-31.

Where: Gloria Logan Auditorium, Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road in Canton

Tickets: \$12

Contact: For details, call (734) 416-7744



Producer Lillian Lafluer (Kelsey Anderson) is transformed, singing in Folies Bergere.



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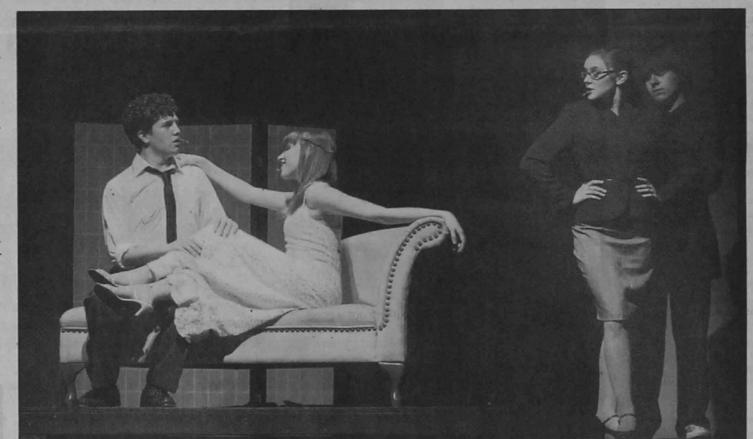
Alex Armesto is Italian film director Guido Contini in the park Players production of "Nine."



The orchestra for "Nine" features 36 musicians in the pit.



Germans at the Spa.



Guido Contini (Alex Armesto) is under pressure to come up with a new, successful film project by producer Lillian Lafluer (Kelsey Anderson) and Leo Darling (Matt Whitehead). Actress Claudia Nardini (Lindsay Powers) is cast in all of Contini's films.

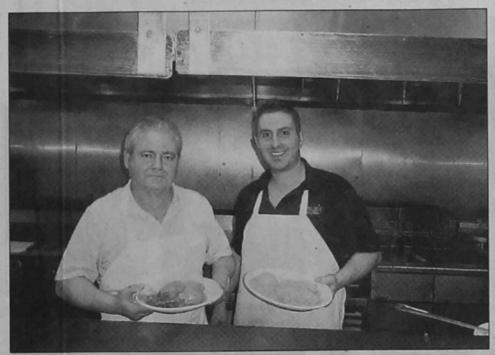


Carla Albanese (Emma Dwyer) pursues the great film director Guido Contini.



Dancer Emily Farhat.

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS Q&A



Steve (left) and Danny Nedanovski run Steve's Family Dining with mom Julie and brother

Family eatery delivers homemade taste

Observer: Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature?

Steve's: Our meals are homemade, including six or seven soups a day (chicken noodle, dill pickle soup, chicken dumpling, barley, etc). It's all homestyle food, specializing in Polish food but we also offer a variety of other, non-ethnic meals, as well.

Observer: Why did you choose Plymouth?

Steve's: We opened the Plymouth location in July 2006 because the location was just the style we were looking for. Then, as we decided we wanted to build the catering end of the business, we looked for another location, and we liked Livonia. The Livonia space is much bigger and gave us the space to upsize.

Observer: What makes your business unique?

Steve's: We have a large menu of Polish food, including stuffed cabbage, kielbasa, potato pancakes, and we make it fresh every day. If you don't like Polish food, we have a lot of other menu items, including chicken, sandwiches, pork chops, etc. We cater to more than people who want ethnic food. We cater to people who want something other than that. And it's all homemade; you can't call Sysko or Gordon's and get what we give you. A lot of places buy food frozen. We make it from scratch. It's labor-intensive, but it really makes a

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Father-son team Steve and Danny Nedanovski load up plates with the homemade Polish food in which their family owned restaurant specializes.

difference.

Observer: How has it changed since you opened?

Steve's: The menu has expanded from Day One. We've added a lot of entrees. You play around with things; a lot of (menu decisions) are trial-anderror until you find what

Observer: How has the recent economy affected your business?

Steve's: The economy affects everybody. We can't say it never affected us. There's a trickle effect. Business slows down a little here and there, but it's been pretty good.

Observer: Any advice for other business owners?

Steve's: Work hard. It's a lot of hours and a lot of hard work. You have to dedicate yourself.

Observer: What's in store for the future of your business?

Steve's: We just want to keep putting out a good product. We don't want to get to a point where we lose the focus we've always had of putting out a good product. I guess the future will tell.

CANTON CHAMBER CHAT

Dinner auction

The Canton Chamber Annual Dinner Auction takes place 7 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at Burton Manor in Livonia. This year's theme is "Made in Mich-

Chamber officials called the auction, sponsored this year by Jack Demmer Ford, a "fun night for socializing and networking with key businesses and community leaders in a social setting."

"Our chamber depends on its resources to subsidize important programming, services, educational development, as well as promote advocacy in the community," said chamber President Dianne Cojei. "Funds raised from the auction are crucial in maintaining our mission to stimulate positive business growth in the Canton community.'

Area businesses have been extremely generous with their Auction donations this year, Cojei said, and "we have more than 200 raffle items, which include several restaurant packages, many gift baskets, electronics, tools, household items and jewelry."

Tickets for the auction, the chamber's largest fundraiser, are \$75 per person, which includes entrance to the event, dinner, premium bar, raffles, live & silent Auction, DJ and entertainment.

Last year's event drew a crowd of over 380 attendees and featured prizes from categories such as Jewelry, Travel & Entertainment, Sports & Leisure, Home-style, and Electronics. This year's auction is expected to draw a sim-

For more information on please contact the Chamber office at (734) 453-4040.

Poker party

Trip Kings Poker Room is host to a "Millionaire Poker Party" March 30 through April 1 from noon to 2 a.m. each

Proceeds will benefit programs of the Canton Chamber of Commerce. Chamber officials are also looking for volunteers to help out in four-hour shifts. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Kim Scartelli at kscartel@yahoo.com.

Trip Kings Poker Room is located at 8669 N. Lilley, located on the west side of Lilley just south of Joy.

After-hours mixer

The Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce host a joint After-Hours Mixer 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, at the Red Olive Restaurant, located at 1051 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

Reservations are required, and can be made by calling (734) 453-4040 or by email to admin@cantonchamber.com.

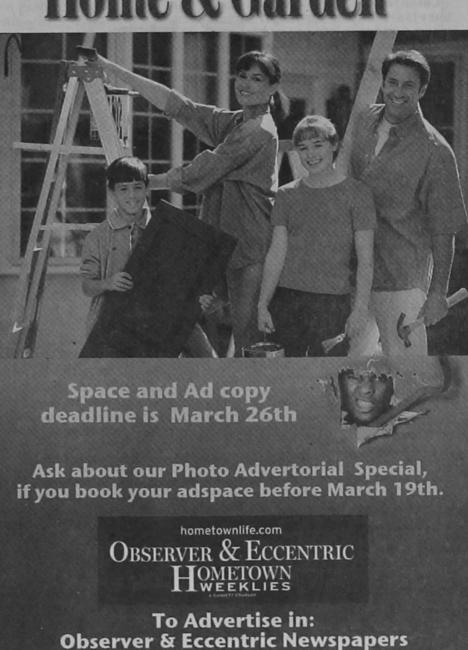


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Each applicant must complete a onepage essay on the topic: With social media and technology changing so rapidly, how do you envision dentists communicating with their patients in the future?

Essays will be judged by a panel of dental health professionals and will be based upon the students ability to write standard English, the quality of ideas presented, and the extent of relevant examples that are included.

"We are thrilled with the opportunity to give back to our local communities, It is these students that are going to shape our future," said Dr. Gershonowicz, founder of Bright Side Dental.

New offices

RE/MAX Classic of Canton office has made the move to its new location at 42078 Ford Road from their previous long-term home on Joy Road. The new space has allowed the Classic office to expand their Realtor staff and the location is accommodating with close access directly from the I-275 freeway.

"We are up, running and settled in and continue to actively sponsor the Cell Phones for Soldiers program," said Carol Boji, broker/owner.

As a supporter for the Cell Phones for Soldiers program, area residents and businesses can now drop off and donate their unused cell phones and accessories at the new Ford Road location Monday through Friday until 6 p.m. and Saturdays until 5 p.m.

"Calling cards are also available to those who have service personnel stationed overseas or in the states upon request and can pick them up immediately by visiting our Canton office," said Boji. Families with friends or family stationed in the military can visit the new RE/MAX Classic office in Canton or visit their website at www.detroitmetrorealestate. com to request a calling a card. RE/ MAX Classic has collected and donated over 13,000 cell phones providing troops with 780,000 minutes of talk time.

Chase expansion

Chase announced it is expanding Chase Private Client to Canton and Plymouth, providing the best of Chase banking and J.P. Morgan investments to families and individuals in the region. The three new locations — in Canton at 45345 W. Ford Road and in Plymouth at 235 N. Sheldon Road and 980 Ann Arbor Road - are among 17 to open in Southeast Michigan this month.

OUR VIEWS

Rallying for a cure Sign up now for May 19-20 Relay for Life

Anyone who has been through cancer—either being diagnosed themselves or loving someone else who has—knows it is a difficult journey. It can destroy lives. It can rip apart families without regard to wealth or social status. Everyone is susceptible. Nobody is immune.

According to the American Cancer Society, more than a half million people died due to cancer last year — that's a total of more than 1,500 per day. Another million and a half people were diagnosed with some form of cancer in 2011.

The many thousands of people who annually get involved with the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event certainly know how destructive cancer can be. Most of them have been personally impacted by cancer in one way or another. That's why they have been fighting back since 1986, the first year of Relay for Life.

The event has grown tremendously since the mid-1980s. This year communities around the nation and the globe will organize Relay events, including the Canton community.

Organizers are gearing up for the annual Relay for Life in Canton. This year's event is slated for 10 a.m. May 19 through 10 a.m. May 20, again at Heritage Park—two months from now—but planning for the 24-hour event is well underway.

Teams are forming now for this celebratory, inspirational event. In addition to being a wonderful team-building event, Relay for Life provides an opportunity for family fun around a great cause designed to help find a cure for cancer and to raise for programs to help people who are suffering from it.

By getting involved with Relay for Life of Canton you personally are making a difference in the fight against cancer. Through your donations you are helping:

• Provide access to up-to-date cancer information, day-to-day help and emotional support 24 hours a day, 365 days a week through 1-800-227-2345 and cancer.

 Transport cancer patients to and from their treatments through Road to Recovery.

 Fund nearly \$475 million in American Cancer Society research grants.

• Ensure cancer issues remain a focus for local, state and federal legislators.

Those who have been a part of a Relay for Life can tell you what an emotional roller coaster it can be. Even though every event is different, there are traditions that take place during the 24 hours of every Relay.

Celebrate - The Survivors Lap: The Survivors Lap is an inspirational time when survivors are invited to circle the track together and help everyone celebrate the victories They've achieved over cancer. It is an emotional example of how Relay participants are creating a world with more birthdays like those of each individual on the track.

Remember - The Luminaria Ceremony: A time to honor people who have been touched by cancer and remember loved ones lost to the disease. Candles are lit inside bags filled with sand, each one bearing the name of a person touched by cancer, and participants often walk a lap in silence.

Fight Back - The Fight Back Ceremony: There is a Fight Back Ceremony where one makes a personal commitment to save lives by taking up the fight against cancer.

The American Cancer Society says in recent years real progress has been made with cancer research. The survival rate increased dramatically from what it was just a couple decades ago. They attribute a lot of that success to the overall awareness of cancer, and the fact so many people are getting on board with the fight. Perhaps this is the year you will join in.

For more information, visit relayforlife.org and click on Find Events or call Community Representative Rachael Cook at (248) 663-3430 or rachael.cook@cancer.org



Brad Kadrich, Community Editor Susan Rosiek, Executive Editor

Grace Perry, Director of Advertising **COMMUNITY VOICE**

What is your favorite park or recreation spot in Canton?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"We moved here from Novi, and Canton has much better parks. My favorite is Heritage Park."

Debbe Shea Canton



"I like the Summit and Heritage Park." Sarah Zhang



"The Summit. It has good people and activities for little kids."

Mike Stewart Canton



"Summit on the Park.
I've always gone there since my children were very small."

Bader Khan

LETTERS

Schools of choice

What do Berkley, Troy, Walled Lake, Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield and many other school districts know that Plymouth-Canton does not? They all have schools of choice. This keeps quality programming in their districts and allows them to keep teachers, staff, buildings employed and quality programming running. Why is this not even a choice in our district, while dosing schools is?

Why are we not bringing students into this district via schools of choice? In Canton alone, we have many neighborhoods that go to different school districts — Van Buren and Wayne-Westland. These parents continually ask if they can move their children to our school district. Open up the seats to them and you will bring in more funding.

In Wayne County, 24 of 34 districts offer this choice. The amount of money the district has available for its educational program is directly related to the number of students. A loss of enrollment in one year carries over to subsequent years. Without an infusion of students, the high school enrollment will continue to decline and the ability to offer comprehensive programming and a broad array of extracurricular programs may be diminished. More students, and the additional revenue generated by these nondistrict students, will be helpful to future programming.

Bloomfield Hills, which gets approximately \$2K more per student than PCCS does, started an open enrollment academy in 1996, which is now ranked second in the nation, according to U.S. News & World Report. Each year, Farmington school district and Troy evaluate number of students, empty seats, underutilized buildings, and that is how they determine how many seats are available for schools of choice.

PCCS also needs to be more competitive with the increasing charter school population in our district. The cap on charter schools has been lifted. Heritage Academies is opening two more schools next year, while PCCS shrinks, cuts teachers, closes buildings and cuts quality programming. We must have our district become school of choice and get the funding back into our district. Our district should not be short-sighted and not see this as a choice. We could have arts, technical, science, music, special education, gifted, athletic programs expanded in our district. We could employ more teachers and staff. We could maintain our buildings.

Think of the possibilities, rather than the limitations. No more dosing talk. Open the district to Schools of Choice.

Anne Marie Graham-Hudak

'Those' kids are kids

I have attended the facility utilization meetings over the course of the last couple of months, and one element seems to arise at each one: The pure ugliness residing in this community.

I am speaking of the parents who continue to state that they do not want "those kids," including Tanger and Title I students, attending their

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schools or being relocated to their current buildings. "Those kids" are just that, kids, and they need and desire a top-notch educational opportunity as much as any other child in this district.

I am both embarrassed and appalled by this ignorant display at these meetings. I would much rather have my kids in school with "those kids" than with the children of pretentious, judgmental and uncaring parents.

Emily Florence

Canton

Absurd advice Mr. Bloom,

I am embarrassed that the Canton Observer published such absurd advice in your newspaper in your article "Advice on disinheriting a child."

It's one thing to give this advice to someone one-on-one, it's another thing to shame an entire community and make it appear that bigotry is normal and acceptable behavior in Canton. Hate is not OK with my family, and I know most families wouldn't support or condone his behavior.

Would you have posted similar advice to a parent who disapproves of interracial marriage in such a public manner? Somehow, I doubt it.

I know for sure I will never use you for financial advising, and I will not be reading the Observer anymore.

Steven Stapleton Canton

Not about money

I believe, like a lot of parents out there, that my 5-year-old son should not have to shoulder the burden of a full school day simply because he is worth more money to the school district if he attends an all-day kindergarten program.

I have never seen or heard any information that the full kindergarten school day is at all more beneficial to our children, only that there will be less money for the district if it is not implemented. I understand that the district will be facing a million-dollar deficit if they do not receive the extra money from the state for children that only attend kindergarten halfday.

I am just wondering if all areas were explored to make up for this shortage. I do not feel that a burden like that should be placed on a kindergartner. That sounds like a problem adults should be able to figure out. The district should have anticipated

this reduced funding and looked for alternative ways to cut back the way almost every other industry has had to do over the last few years.

I understand that for a lot of parents a full day of kindergarten takes away the high cost of day care, but I don't think that the primary function of education is to provide day care for our children. If that were so I am sure there would be many people eager to sign on for longer school days on Friday to get a much needed "date night."

The district is saying that the full day of kindergarten will allow them to spend more time with our children, but there are a lot of parents who would rather that time be spent at home for that last year before they have to attend school all day. My little boy likes to spend his time playing outside, going to the library, going out to lunch, and occasionally taking

To me, this special time with him is worth more than the \$3,500 the district will get for him.

Sarah Niemenski Plymouth

Squandering resources

Squander of taxpayer resources to cover bad judgments is indigestible. This happened with the purchase of the derelict State Hospital property in Northville Township from REIS. Taxpayers were bamboozled, buying land with problems, never, ever, needed in the first place. Abundant undeveloped publicly owned acreage spreads over our township, most of it gifted free.

This deal maker had needs. The property was zoned residential, and most profitable possibilities were the Seven Mile/ Haggerty corner. Residual property and derelict hospital buildings his burden. Suddenly, annexation threat orchestrated, Township leaders bought exaggerated thinking of loss of tax base to a suitor, Livonia. Their eager minds lusted at glossy dreams of awesome, commercial taxation. Livonia voted, wisely dumping annexation outside existing city boundaries, perhaps viewing difficulties of utility expansion or serving isolated properties.

Our township initiated odd midsummer voting for their bond issue for property excess of REIS's retained corner. We're stuck with it. Bond issues in millions never reveal lingering costs. Our board reasoned needs for parkland despite huge abundance. ... Without an oil gusher, this property is a horrible investment. Serving many years on the township board, and chairman of the Planning Commission, this deal, outcomes, especially costs to taxpayers is absurd. Many share my view, but are helpless, dutiful taxpayers. Dreams of high tax income from commercial uses at Seven Mile/Haggerty vanish. ... Trustees make decisions on spending, ordinances, planning, and stewards of growth. Their succession plans are unnecessary. The unelected employees maintaining functional responsibility, are outstanding. Board members have a stipend for office, talent and time. New contenders should be assembling for every position led by a new supervisor candidate.

> Jim Nowka Northville

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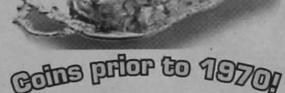
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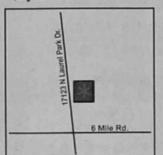


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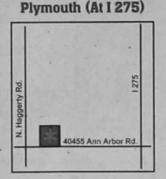
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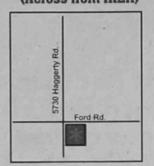
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BOYS LACROSSE PREVIEW

Teams could make noise

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

With the "Black & Blue" scrimmages in the rear-view mirror, the real deal starts for boys lacrosse teams.

For Salem and Plymouth, the 2012 season opened with games Wednesday night, after this issue of the Observer went to press. The Rocks visited Birmingham Seaholm while the Wildcats went to Ann Arbor Skyline.

Canton doesn't open up until 1 p.m. Saturday, against Skyline at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Coaches for the Rocks and Wildcats are enthusiastic and optimistic as to how their squads might fare in the KLAA Kensington Conference, although seniorladen Salem appears to have an

Following is a look at what the season might hold for Salem and Plymouth:

Rocks head coach Eric Hoffman has a roster filled to the brim of talent and experience, and he "can't wait to see how the season unfolds," with improvement on last year's 8-10 mark likely

Strong defense and junior "brick wall" goalie Justin Oldani give Salem a chance to compete

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BRIAN QUINTOS

Looking to pass the ball to a teammate Saturday is Salem's Kody Duhl (No. 13). He is expected to be one of the team's top attackers.



Canton's Tim Popp (No. 18) jostles with an opponent during Saturday's Black & Blue Tournament at Plymouth-

'Black & Blue' a bruiser

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

The battering of sticks on arm pads - audible way up in the bleachers - belied that teams were essentially scrimmaging during Saturday's annual "Black & Blue Boys Lacrosse Tournament.'

Eleven squads, including all three of the teams from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, got after it during a daylong menu of 25-minute scrimmages on a summer like day.

But all the hard-hitting hock-ey-meets-football physicality proved quite welcome for coaches and players as they worked out the kinks and got up to game speed with the KLAA season starting this week.

"We're trying to cycle kids through," said Plymouth head coach Brian Walsh. "We kind of use this tournament like the last day of tryouts.

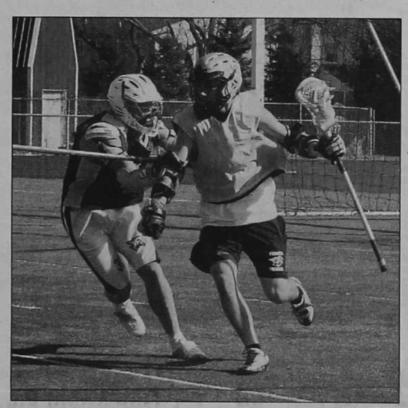
'We formulate lines, look at those last couple bubble kids. Can they play varsity or do they need more development down on JV?"

Taking notes

Concurring was Eric Hoffman, head coach of Salem.

"It's pre-season, that's what you want to do," Hoffman said.
"Get as much play time as you can, get everybody in to see the field and see where you stand for the season.

"They're basically learning



JOHN KEMSKI Kenny Fanelli of the Plymouth Wildcats (right) carries the ball during the Black & Blue tourney.

each other, how you trust each other, how the team flows and everything like that."

In addition to the running clock, scores were not kept on the scoreboard and a championship trophy was not awarded at the end of the 10-hour marathon, co-hosted by the Park

"Scores don't matter, we just do the best we can," Hoffman

said.

four contests. In addition to Plymouth, Salem and Canton, the tourney included Farmington, Walled Lake Northern, Tecumseh, Novi, North Farmington, Dearborn Divine Child, Saline and Haslett-Williamston. Salem senior Chris Contos

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Canton football camps

Football players of all ages have something they can benefit from thanks to a trio of camps being run in mid-late June by the Canton High School football program. All of the camps will take place at the varsity turf stadium at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. All participants will receive Chiefs football T-shirts.

 Kicking it off from June 11-14 is the "Football Skills Camp," for youngsters entering grades seven-nine. Prospective participants must pre-register by May 21 (\$45), although latecomers to sign up will owe \$55.

Sessions will run from 5-7:30 p.m. and focus on improving fundamentals while learning the Chiefs' football philosophy.

• Next up, June 18-21, is the "Wing T/3-4 Camp" for those going into grades 10-12.

Times are 2-5 p.m. June 18 and 5-8 p.m. June 19-21 with registration fees \$25 (if pre-registered by May 21) and \$30 (for latecomers).

On the agenda will be become a "tough and agile back or an efficient passing and throwing quarterback."

Wrapping things off June 25-28 is the "Fundamental Football Camp," for kids entering grades three-six. Times are 9 a.m. to noon all four days. Fees to sign up are \$75 (if signed up by June 1) and \$100 for those who register after that date.

Campers will learn about blocking, running, throwing and catching on offense and "proper footwork and techniques" on defense.

For more information, e-mail Enza Lanava of the Canton Chiefs Booster Club at elanava@wowway.com or call him at (313) 300-1173. All checks must be made payable to the Canton Chiefs Football Boosters Club.

Changing seasons

After losing finale, Whalers turn attention to playoffs

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

The luck of the Irish was nowhere to be found for the team wearing green Saturday night at

Compuware Arena. Amid echoing sounds of hard rubber clanging against iron goal posts

and crossbars, the HOCKEY host Plymouth Whalers dropped a 6-2 decision to Sarnia on St. Patrick's Day in the regular-season finale.

With the loss and London's 3-0 victory over Erie, Plymouth finished with 97 points (47-18-2-1), two behind the Knights' 99. London wound up first in the Western Conference and overall OHL.

"We hit four or five goal posts," lamented Plymouth head coach and general manager Mike Vellucci. "We had some chances and they scored some goals I think our goalie would have wanted back.'

Vellucci said he didn't think it was a case of mounting frustration, however, especially the way pucks were hitting iron at one end and hit-

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

Following is the schedule for the Plymouth Whalers' first-round OHL series against Guelph. It is a best 4-of-7 series: Game 1 - 7 p.m. Friday at Plymouth (Compuware Arena) Game 2 - 6:30 p.m. Sunday at Guelph Game 3 - 7 p.m. Tuesday at Plymouth Game 4 - 7 p.m. Thursday, March 29 at Guelph

Game 5* - 7 p.m. Saturday, March 31 at Plymouth Game 6* - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 1 at Guelph

Game 7* - 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 3 at Plymouth * if necessary

(Playoff tickets can be purchased by calling the Compuware Arena box office at 734-453-8400.)

ting the twine at the other including two scored by ex-Whaler and Westland native Tyler Brown.

"Well, we won 10 in a row (before Saturday) so

it's not that frustrating,"

Vellucci noted. "It's the

last game of the regular season, so now we got to get ready for playoffs."

Storm's coming

Entering Saturday, the Whalers had the chance to face either Windsor or Guelph. As it turned out, they'll host the seventhseeded Storm (31-31-2-4) beginning 7 p.m. Friday.

Game 2 is back in Ontario on Sunday with the third game slated for 7 p.m. Tuesday at Compuware. The teams went 2-2 against each other this season, each winning once on the road. Guelph outscored the Whalers 22-17 in those meetings.

"It's a whole new season now," said Vellucci. whose team qualified for the playoffs for the 21st year in a row. "It doesn't matter what you did during the regular season."

The Sting opened Saturday's scoring when defenseman Julia Luciani backhanded a rebound from the left of the Plymouth net past goalie Scott Wedgewood (28 saves) just 26 seconds into the contest.

The Whalers made it 1-

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Showing off their college colors are cousins Anna Genrich and Jake Genrich, who are seniors at Canton and Salem, respectively.

College-bound cousins keep family tradition alive

By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

Athletic success extending from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park to college campuses is in the Genrich family DNA.

Let's count the ways: Cousins Anna and Jake Genrich are graduating from Canton and Salem high schools, respectively and garner-

ing Division 1 athletic

scholarships. Anna, 18, will join Kent

State University's gymnastics team while 17year-old Jake is slated to play soccer at Bowling Green University.

· Another cousin, Plymouth senior Sarah Dillon, won't play sports in college. But she earned an academic scholarship to attend Michigan State Univer-

· Plus, their parents

went to the Park, as did numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Anna's parents are Diana and Bruno; Jake's are Mike and Mary.

The three cousins graduating in June will celebrate with a big party at Compuware Arena.

"We're having a trigrad party," Jake Gen-rich said. "Me, Anna and Sarah are all having a

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Kyle Gillies John Glenn



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FIRST TEAM

Kyle Gillies, Jr., Westland
Glenn (103): The junior was
a state placer for the second
straight year earning a fifth in
the MHSAA Division 1 finals after placing runner-up at the regional and winning the district. Gillies, who sported a 49-7 re-cord, also won Observerland, the Kensington Lakes Activities Association and Salem Elks titles

"Kyle has dedicated himself to the sport of wrestling for a few years now," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "He is a two-time state medal winner that has one more chance to win a title.

'He is only the third Jr. to have two medals going in to his senior year in John Glenn history. We look forward to another excit-ing year from Kyle in 2012-13 as he approaches his 150th win. He is also a great student and is the type of kid coaches love sending

out in big matches."

Danny Martinez, Jr., Liv.

Franklin (112): The junior
posted a season record of 59-4 en route to a fifth-place finish at the Division 1 state finals. Martinez, the first Franklin junior to reach 150 wins, also captured the district, KLAA, Observerland

and Livonia City titles. "Danny is every coach's dream," Franklin's Dave Chiola said of the academic all-stater. "He's a very hard worker, an all A student, a super nice kid, and has the matu-

rity and composure of an adult.
"Danny has been one of the more talented kids I've ever coached. He was good as a freshman and has improved steadily since. Danny had a great year this year, but through it all he kept himself grounded. You would ever know that he is successful by talking to him. He just has a very good sense about him. I'm glad we get him

for another year."

Ben Griffin, Soph., Canton
(112): At the Division 1 individual regionals, Griffin battled through grueling matches despite a groin injury and qualified for the state

At the Palace, all he did was wrestle his way to the championship bout at 112 before finally being subdued.

The sophomore proved a tough opponent all season, finishing with a 47-7 record and already passing the 100-win mark for his

young career.
"Ben Griffin is one of the toughest wrestlers around," coach Cory Mancuso said. "He is an absolute technician on the mat."

Gabe Martinez, Sr., Liv.

Franklin (119): The senior finished with a career record of 172-35, including a third-place finish this year in the Division 1 state finals to cap a 58-4 season. Martinez also captured the regional, district, KLAA, Wayne County and Livonia City titles. He also broke the school record for most career pins and winning percentage. Martinez also ranks second all-time in career wins. "Gabe is a unique individual," Chiola said. "He is a perfectionist

in everything he does. In 30 years of coaching, he is the most polite, nicest kid I've ever met. Other coaches and opponents have a hard time believing how he's so intense on the mat, and so mild mannered off the mat.

"His hard work will be missed in the room, but it's going to serve him well in whatever he does. He's a great student, a great teammate, a great leader. It has been a pleasure coaching him for

Mannie Govantes, Jr., Farmington (125): Govantes had a successful state meet and fine finish to his junior season, tak ing fourth place (highest among non-seniors) in Division 1. He also placed second at Lakeland, fourth at Observerland, sixth at Oakland County, third in the district and fourth at the regional. His season record was 36-14. Govantes also led the Falcons with 27 pins, putting eighth on the team's all-time

"His biggest attribute is he's never out of match at any time," coach Al Beyar said, adding Govantes trailed two opponents by seven and 11 points at the state meet and pinned both. "He could always come back and win it. He's one of those kids, if he catches you, he can put you away

"Mannie is a happy-go-lucky kid outside the wrestling room, but he's completely different when he's on the mats. He's all business when he's wrestling; he does not like to lose.

(Assistant coach) Courtland (Bartlett) has a great rapport with Mannie and has helped him develop into an all-state wrestler." Andrew Fialka, Jr., Farm. Harrison (125): Fialka finished seventh in the Division 1 state

2011-12 ALL-OBSERVER WRESTLING TEAMS

103 pounds: Kyle Gillies, Jr., Westland John Glenn; 2. Brandon Harris, Fr., Plymouth; 3. Mohamad Youssef, Soph., Plymouth.

112: 1. Danny Martinez, Jr., Livonia Franklin; Ben Griffin; Soph., Canton; 2. Nimantha Herath, Sr., Farmington; Trey Berry, Jr., Plymouth; 3. Josh Perez, Soph., Livonia Churchill.

119: 1. Gabe Martinez, Sr., Franklin; 2. Cody Korpus, Jr., Salem; 3. Richard

125: 1. Mannie Govantes, Jr., Farmington; Andrew Fialka, Jr., Farmington Harrison; Zachary Francis, Soph., Lutheran High Westland; Chase Kallil, Jr., Plymouth; 2. Quinn Dupraw, Jr., John Glenn; 3. Caleb Richter, Fr., Lutheran Westland; Jon Locklear, Jr., Churchill; Austin Pilmer, Jr., Canton.

130: 1. Jesse O'Neal, Sr., John Glenn; 2. Jon Conn, Soph., Plymouth; Alec Breckenridge, Jr., Plymouth; 3. Larone Mack, Jr., Harrison. 135: 1. Alec Pantaleo, Soph., Canton; 2. Kody Roy, Jr., Livonia Stevenson;

.3. Kienuwa Davis, Sr., Farmington. 140: 1. Said Youssef, Sr., Plymouth; 2. Jordan Atienza, Soph., Franklin; 3.

Allen Parker, Jr., Wayne Memorial. 145: 1. Zach Marsh, Sr., Canton; 2. Ryan Derry, Sr., Franklin; 3. Mike

Rankin, Sr., Farmington; Marcus Shepherd, Sr., Harrison.

152: 1. Travis Mann, Jr., John Glenn; Anthony Long, Jr., John Glenn; 2. Nick Frazier, Soph., Franklin; Avery Opperman, Sr., Franklin; 3. Kyle Lake, Sr., Harrison; Martín Kemp, Jr., Lutheran Westland.

160: 1. Tyler Gross, Jr., Salem; 2. Allen Steele, Jr., Franklin; 3. Sam Ekanem, 171: 1. Danny Croft, Sr., John Glenn; 2. Sultan Hubbard, Sr., Harrison; 3.

Colin Rankin, Jr., Redford Union. 189: 1.. Kevin Miller, Sr., North Farmington; 2. Jacob McCabe, Sr., Salem; 3

Devin Korzetki, Sr., Wayne. 215: 1. Dimitrus Renfroe, Sr., Wayne; Jacob Range, Sr., Stevenson; 2. Jor-

dan Brandon, Soph., John Glenn; 3. Adam Drucz, Jr., Garden City 285: 1. Omar Haymour, Sr., Franklin; Manny Haddad, Jr., Churchill; 2. Majd Mokbel, Sr., North Farmington; Dylan Morantes, Jr., John Glenn; 3. Ali Ajami, Sr., Salem.

COACH OF YEAR Steve Vasiloff, Wayne HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Ben Leck, Justin Baker, Jake Hale; Franklin: Jack Newa, Matt Horne, Ryan Simmons; Stevenson: Samer Shebak, Corey Davis; John Glenn: Rod Watts, Ed Maya, Kevin Huynh, D'Andre Moore, Donovan Reilly, Keven Wacker, Chris Donaldson; Wayne: Devon Adams, Michaeil Hood, Sharif Hegazi, Kyle Szalai; Nick Wagnitz; Lutheran Westland: Jacob Richter, Alex Reardon, Brad Hura, Matt Sankey, Nic Wisner; Livo-Farmington: Eric O'Neill, Brandon Schulz, Wesley Kuuttila, Ryan Southerland; Harrison: Michael Volyanyuk, Bobby Mathieson, Austin Jarvis; North Farmington: Mike Williams; Salem: Matt Lang, Alex Brown, Tony Agostini, Riley Doxtader, Alex Arble; Redford Union: Tristin Styles, Jayson Walton, Roderick Howard, Carl Keeney; Plymouth: Hussein Youssef; Canton: K.J. Wooley; Garden City: Rob Doane, Nick Doane, Brian Spehar, Brendan Spehar, Matt Wisniewski. nia Clarenceville: Mikey Weiss, Ian Bunker, Joe Walker, Aaron Bibik; Brendan Spehar, Matt Wisniewski.

meet and ended the season with a 35-17 record and 18 pins. He was the district champion at Hartland and regional runner-up at Davison. He also placed second in the OAA and fourth in Oakland County. Fialka's career record is 71-40.

"Andrew is a great all-round athlete," coach Jim Stuef said. "He plays varsity lacrosse and, if he was a little bigger, he would play football. He's definitely tough enough; he loves the physical part of contact sports.

'He is the strongest guy pound for pound on our team and loves the weight room. He is a leader in our room and in the classroom with a 3.75 GPA. I look forward to next year, to see his senior season. I'm sure it will be filled with great

Zachary Francis, Soph., Luth. Westland (125): The sophomore finished 44-4 and captured five of six tournaments including Observerland (MVP), Romulus Summit Academy (MVP), Madison Heights Bishop Foley, Franklin and Division 4 district.

Francis was also undefeated in duals.

'As a coach it was nice to watch Zachary mature on-and-off the wrestling mat," Lutheran Westland coach Joe Schmidt said of the state qualifier. "His dedication and love for the sport shows every time he wrestles. Zachary is the hardest working young man in the room and I'm glad he will be around for another two years. He is nothing but a pleasure to coach.

Chase Kallil, Jr., Plymouth (125): The junior and third-year varsity wrestler went 40-17 this season, with stellar showings in the KLAA tournament (third), districts (second), regionals (third) and state finals (eighth). With the team district title on the

line, Kallil pinned Salem's Cody Korpus in the third period, an indication of his ability to rise to the occasion

'Chase has been a very hard worker in the off-season since he came in to high school as a freshmen who was forced into the varsity lineup," noted coach Quinn Guernsey. "He handled himself well then and has constantly been working to improve ever since

"It was great to see all of the hard work finally pay off for him by achieving an eighth place fin-ish this year at the state tournabecause that is the type of hard worker he is

ment. (But) placing this year isn't enough, he's already hard at work to improve his placing next season lesse O'Neal, Sr., Westland Glenn (130): The senior finished 27-22 this season earning a berth

in the state finals after a fourth

at both the regional and district

"Jesse finished the season with some of the most exciting matches of the year," Polk said. "He had a bit of a slow start, but was peaking at the right time.

When he wanted to - and believed it - he could beat anyone we sent him out against. We often bumped him up and down the lineup to take on the stronger opponents at 130 and 135. Because of this he suffered several losses against some of the best wrestlers in the state. He was much better then his record would indicate. I stress to our kids that it is all about being ready at the right time, and Jesse was. I was very pleased that he had an opportu-

nity to wrestle at the Palace. Alec Pantaleo, Soph., Canton (135): The talented sophomore comes from a wrestling family and his dad is an assistant coach for Canton.

But it was all his talent and determination on the mat that carried him through to the D1 champion-

ship at 135 Pantaleo defeated Novi-Detroit Catholic Central nemesis Malik Amine in the title bout; the two wrestlers also squared off in the district and regional finals - each prevailing once

Also champion in the KLAA and districts, Pantaleo finished with a 53-3 record and team MVP honors. "Alec Pantaleo is lightning fast on his feet," Mancuso said. "He is

fun to watch wrestle. Explosive is an understatement. Said Youssef, Sr., Plymouth (140): The senior capped an outstanding prep career with a fourth-place finish at 140 at the Division 1 state finals — earning the honor of being Plymouth's

first-ever state placer. Guernsey said Youssef's 12-5 win over Ryan Foley of Brighton clinched fourth place. His record of 43-11 included

championships at the Observerland Invitational, D1 districts and regionals. He also was third in the "Said has been quietly working

for his four years setting records across the board at Plymouth and graduates as certainly their most accomplished wrestler," Guernsey said. "He currently has set the career and single season records for takedowns and wins. "Always a unassuming hard

worker and team leader he sets a great example for all the members of the team on how to behave both on and off the mat. His lead-ership and talents will be greatly missed on next year's Wildcat team.

Zach Marsh, Sr., Canton (145): There were a number of excellent performers and leaders for Canton in 2011-12, and the senior 145-pounder topped the list. Marsh was a standout, with a

record of 40-13. Season highlights

included winning the regional

School after defeating Franklin's Ryan Derry 8-6; and finishing in seventh place at the D1 individual final 'Zach is one of the best technical

championship at Saline High

wrestlers in the history of Canton wrestling," Mancuso said. "He was our only senior on the team. The team looked to him for leader-

Travis Mann, Jr., Westland Glenn (152): Posting a 43-7 record, the junior placed fourth in Division 1 after being regional runner-up and capturing a district. Mann also took home an Observerland crown.

"Travis is one of the toughest kids pound for pound I have ever coached," Polk said. "He shows no fear of any opponent and is always ready to wrestle. We put him up against the best 152 and 160 pounders in the state and he battled with all of them.

Travis is a product of what can be accomplished if you put time into this sport; he has wrestled for a long time. He drills harder then anyone in our room and his wrestling successes display that. His senior class should be very tough to beat next year and he will be a

front runner in 2013."

Anthony Long, Sr., Westland
Glenn (152): The senior state placers (eighth) finished 34-19 which also included a runner-up finish at the district and a fourth at the regional.

Long was a Wayne County finalist and took third at Observerland. 'Anthony was the character in our wrestling room everyday," Polk said. "He was an extremely hard worker, but always knew how to make everyone laugh. Anthony was very dedicated to our program and his teammates. He was a light 152-pounder that was often bumped up to 160 to wrestle

"He didn't care what weight her wrestled and made no excuses win or lose. He was that kid the always stayed after practice to study and get better for his next match. I am very proud that he is leaving our program with all-state honors

Tyler Gross, Jr., Salem (160): e Salem captain continued to improve in his junior season, registering a 39-12 record. He had plenty of success, reaching the district championship match at 160 before falling 9-5 to

Catholic Central's Nick Mason Then at the Saline-hosted regionals, he qualified for the state meet thanks to a fourth-place finish. 'Tyler's work ethic not only got him to improve from last year but the team as well," coach Pete Israel said. "Even though the state meet didn't turn out like Tyler planned I see that as a motivating factor for him for this off season. "It's young men like Tyler that making coaching exciting and if

better things for him for his senior Danny Croft, Sr., John Glenn (171): The junior placed eighth in Division 1 after taking third at the regional and first at the district. The two-year captain was also the Salem Elks champ and runnerup at the Wayne County meet.

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"Danny will be missed in our wrestling room," Polk said. "He was a leader in many ways. His family has been around our program for several years. It was fun to watch Danny develop over the years into the all-state wrestler he

"He was always that kid that wrestled the best kids in practice when he was younger and got beat up. Well, it didn't take him to long before he was the one putting out the beatings in practice. He is also a good student that has worked hard in the classroom as well. He has been the 'kid brother' of our program since the early 2000s when his uncle Eric (Schambers) was wrestling for us (now my assistant coach). I'm sure Danny will do great things with his future. Kevin Miller, Sr., N. Farming-

ton (189): Miller had an outstanding senior season, posting a 46-6 record and placing fifth in the Division 1 state meet. He won the Garden City Christmas, West Bloomfield and Observerland tournaments, and he was a district and regional champion, too.

All six of his losses were to wrestlers ranked in the top 10 in the state, and two were to the eventual state champions in Divisions 1 and 2. Miller, who has a football scholarship to Michigan Tech, ends

his career with a 118-33 record. Kevin has the fourth most wins in the history of our program at North," coach Tom Seremet said. He is a three-sport athlete and a fantastic student with a 3.86 GPA. Kevin is a great young man, and

he has been a fantastic ambas-

sador for the wrestling program

He is what we want our graduates to be like when they leave our school. I could not be more proud Dimitrius Renfroe, Sr.,

and North Farmington in general.

Wayne (215): The Division 1 state runner-up won 49-of-52 matches his senior year including titles at Observerland, KLAA and Wayne County. Renfroe racked up 153 career

"I couldn't be happier with the

way Dimitrus wrestles, and for all his achievements over the last four years," Wayne coach Steve Vasiloff said. "He is the most coachable wrestler we have ever worked with, and it showed at the 'states' this year and last year. We had a plan for each one of his matches, and he wrestled accordingly.
"I am sad that I will not get the

privilege of coaching him anymore, but it eases my mind to know that what we have taught him will be used in the future in college. Because for this young man, his wrestling career has only just begun.

Jacob Range, Sr., Liv. Stevenson (215): The senior wound up the season 44-12 overall en route to a sixth-place finish in Division 1. Range was also runner-up at the district and regional, as well as taking third in the KLAA meet.

'Jacob leads by example and has done everything that has ever been asked of him," Stevenson coach Dan Vaughan said of the three-year varsity member and captain. "If the team needed him to bump up and wrestle a tough heavyweight, he would. "He does all the right things to be successful on the mats. When

you combine Jake's love for the sport and year-long dedication, his success is not surprising. His Spartan family looks forward to

watching him grow into a fine college wrestler."

Omar Haymour, Sr., Liv.
Franklin (285): The senior finished with a 48-10 record including titles at Observations. ing titles at Observerland and the Livonia City tournament.

"Omar is one of the more gregarious characters you'll ever meet," Chiola said of the regional qualifier. "He's one of the most popular kids in the school, and one of the most well-known kids on our team. Omar never wrestled before getting to Franklin, and took some beatings early on. By the time he was a junior, he was one of the better heavyweights in

the area. "He got hurt his junior year and I think it derailed his ultimate goals, but he was a great kid to have on the team. He supported everyone else, was a very vocal leader, and showed great determi-

Manny Haddad, Jr., Liv. Churchill (285): The junior finished the year 25-16 after tak-ing fourth at both the district and regional tournaments. Haddad also earned a runner-up

finish at Observerland. 'Manny's year started slowly, but as the season progressed he just kept getting better and better," Churchill coach Marty Altounian said. "By the end of the year he was beating people he was not supposed to beat. He was a great competitor winning many matches in sudden death overtime and competing in many of these matches with numerous injuries. He was great to have on the team, and the best thing is he is coming back next year."
COACH OF YEAR

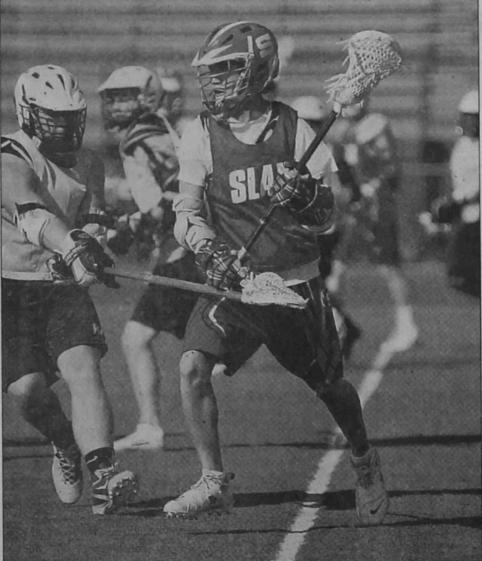
Steve Vasiloff, Wayne: The seventh-year coach led the Wolfpack to one of their most successful seasons sporting a 14-2 dual-meet record and a co-title with Westland John Glenn and Livonia Franklin in the KLAA's South Division (it's first divisional crown since 1996).

Under Vasiloff's direction, Wayne was also runner-up at the Wayne County and Wyandotte invitationals, while taking firsts at the Garden City Christmas and Lincoln Park tournaments.

Wayne started the season with an 84-0 victory over Romulus to tie an MHSAA record for most points scored in a dual-meet win. Wayne added team academic all-

state honors for the fourth year in a row and boasted its first KLAA champion (Dimitrus Renfroe) along with four regional and two state qualifers. Dimitrus was my first state final-

ist, and it felt good to put on that suit, "Vasiloff said. "I remember my first three years coaching, when I never once had a wrestler in every weight class or had a winning record. We took a lot of lumps over those years, but the hard work we put in got us where we are today, And I couldn't be more proud of what we've done, and how we have turned this program around."



BRIAN QUINTOS

Salem midfielder PJ Rogers (right) looks to fling the ball to a teammate during Saturday's Black & Blue tournament.

TOURNEY

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said having the tournament is beneficial to the team as it gauges itself

against rivals. "It builds camaraderie with the team and stuff like that," Contos said. "You get to spend the whole day with your teammates and work together, get in the groove with lines on

offense and defense. Things work out better

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(for the season) with this tournament, I feel.'

According to Plymouth junior John Halpin, the scrimmages spice up what normally would bepre-season practices. He also likes having the running clock.

"It's a little bit of an adjustment, it makes the game a little faster pace," Halpin said. "But it's really the same type of thing.

"I feel we did pretty decent, I think we still need a little bit of work. But for the regular season I think we'll start

pretty well."

Another plus for the teams was the unseasonably hot weather, hovering in the 80s throughout the day.

"Usually it's a lot different early in the season," Walsh emphasized. "You got to worry about muscle pulls and sprained ankles, things like that.

"It's nice to have the nice weather and skip some of those nagging injuries."

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every night.

In the back will be fourth-year varsity player Chris Contos, along with senior defenders Jack Vida and Josh Howell.

Another positive for the team will be Oldani's penchant for making crisp outlet passes following

"He is a great ball stopper as well as a good outlet passer," Hoffman said. "After a save, Justin is going to make great outlet passes this year. That's something we didn't have in previous seasons.

At long-stick midfield will be seniors Kody Hutchinson and Nick Tro-

"Those two have the tough task of defending the best midfielder on the other team," Hoffman said. "They both are up for the challenge.' Three midfield lines

will give Salem's opponents plenty to think about.

Seniors Nick Giannini, Joe Stephan and junior Jake Perkins comprise the top line. But "the thundercats" are on the second unit of juniors Brandon Lee, PJ Rogers and senior Mason Amin.

Five other players will rotate on the third line. Those include juniors Cameron Hussey, Peter O'Connor, Turner Solterman, Sam Allan and senior Jacob Nosewicz. Providing depth is junior Nolan Reich.

"Our first two middle lines have outstanding faceoff guys," Hoffman said. "We should win the majority of the faceoffs."

A mix of youngsters and experienced players could provide Salem some offensive pop on the attack.

At the top of the list is senior Kody Duhl, along with junior Patrick Kretschmer and sophomore Jason Newel.

"The attack is expected to control and push the ball in our offense, (keep) the defense guessing, he said. "I expect lots of good things from our attack this year."

Plymouth

Also looking to bounce back from a sub-.500 record are the Wildcats, a team that went 6-11 last

Head coach Brian Walsh likes the makeup of his team, but said the key to the season is how well players make up for the loss of the 2011 squad's starting defense and goal-

tender to graduation. "We will be a young team with talent and potential but unproven," Walsh emphasized. "... We have talent, but we need some role players from

last year to step up and fill our holes. "If we put everything

together as planned we will have a successful season.' Plymouth does boast a nucleus of solid players,

with Walsh counting on

them to either reprise or

build on last year's performances.

Four-year varsity player and co-captain Phil Flesch leads the front line and has a chance to set a new school record for points this season.

Kenny Fanelli (thirdyear starter) and returnee Jeremy Cigile also should provide strong offense.

In the midfield will be co-captain Gabe Osorio, who "came on strong at the end of (last) year" along with Tyler Zalewski moving up the ladder from utility player to one Walsh will count on for "big plays" in 2012.

Returnees on defense are co-captain Chris Jones, a hard worker described by the coach as the "Kris Draper of the team," and second-team all-state defender Shaun Austin.

Charlie Miller is another returning player for the Wildcats.

New to the varsity are freshmen Ben Stover, Connor Koviak and Kyle Robertson. They will have the chance to earn valuable experience.

Moving up from the junior varsity are Phil Avromoski, Conor Browne and Do-Hyung Kim.

In goal will be Brad Conley (who likely will see most of the action)

and Avery Carr, getting the start in the opener. Co-captain Tyler Riley and John Halpin round out the roster.

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WHALERS

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1 at 3:50. Forward Stefan Noesen collected a loose puck in front of Sting goalie JP Anderson and drilled it into the top of the net for his 38th of the

With 1:48 left in the first, forward Rickard Rakell gave Plymouth a 2-1 lead with a power-play marker.

Rakell one-timed a perfect pass from defenseman Austin Levi (who signed last week with the NHL Carolina Hurricanes) and sent the puck high over Anderson's trapper for a power-play tally.

But the Sting evened things up 2-2 when Brett Thompson drilled a shot past Wedgewood at 1:41 of the second period.

Then came the bad puck luck for the Whal-

With 14:17 to go, Mitchell Heard's shot bounced off the crossbar.

JT Miller and Noesen each hit goal posts two minutes apart following the midway point of the

To make matters worse, Rakell was rocked at center ice by an open-ice hit and left the game with an undisclosed injury. He did not return.

Brown does it

Sarnia finally regained the lead at 3:45 of the third. Scoring his 20th of the season was Brown (a Whaler from 2007-10; not Tyler G. Brown, a former Whaler who last year



RENA LAVERTY

Sarnia forward Tyler Brown (No. 27) celebrates after scoring Saturday night against Plymouth goaltender Scott Wedgewood. Brown played from 2007-10 with the Whalers and hails from Westland.

signed with Philadelphia). Brown slid a backhander from the left of Wedgewood into the Plymouth cage.

Two minutes later on the power play, Plymouth defenseman Dario Trutmann blasted a shot off the post and Craig Hottot followed with an unassisted goal at 10:15 for a 4-2 Sarnia edge.

Adding insult to injury, the Sting chipped in two more goals in the final 70 seconds. The first, by Reid Boucher, hit the empty Plymouth net.

Finishing the game's scoring was Brown, tapping the puck in from close range for his 21st.

The two-goal night was especially sweet for Brown, because it came against his old team and in the area he grew up.

"The first game of my OHL career was here and the last (regular season) game's here today and it felt good to get two goals and end it off on a high

note," Brown said. "Hopefully that keeps going for playoffs.

"I still talk to a lot of the guys over there, a few guys have changed over the years but I still have a couple close friends."

One of his former teammates, Levi, said the team would need to quickly turn the page following the disappointing loss.

We came off a 10-game winning steak," Levi said. "So it's tough to swallow this loss but we're going to bounce back and be ready for playoff time

Had Plymouth earned a win, they would have at least shared the top spot in points in the Western Conference and overall OHL.

Sarnia finished fourth with 75 points and will have the home-ice advantage in its first-round series against Saginaw.

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graduation party at Compuware, It's just going to be a crazy, fun time.

"We're going to have big (cardboard) statues of ourselves with like our different (college) sweat shirts."

According to Anna Genrich, being the latest in a long line of family members is "cool, because the teachers are always like Oh, are you related to so

and so?" "People ask me about my uncles or my aunts and even my cousins. It's cool that we're recog-

nized here, I guess.' It's not a case of one-

upsmanship, however. "I don't think of it as a (familial) pressure," she stressed. "I'm just proud to be a part of it.'

Chipping in

But folks outside the family circle earned kudos for helping Anna and Jake along the way. Having the chance to

continue her gymnastics career with the Golden Flashes at Kent State is something Anna credits her coaches at Euro Stars - Peter and Tania Gueorguiev. "They (Gueorguievs)

disciplined me and they've been helping me with my work ethic," Anna said. "And they just push me to the point where I can self-motivate myself and get me where I'm good enough to get a college scholarship. I owe a lot to them.

without them I don t think I could have reached it. They're like my second parents."

For Jake, he has been ably directed during his career by soccer coaches from his youth all the way to those with the Crew Soccer Academy Wolves club team and Salem varsity coach Ed

McCarthy. One of the common themes was to always give maximum effort.

Now comes the payoff. "I was shocked and kind of excited that I get

to continue my soccer

career and what I've been doing for 11 years," Jake said. "Showing that my hard work kind of paid off. I'm excited to get the opportunity to play in college.'

And believe it or not, there could be more cousins in the PCEP pipeline. Alyssa Dillon is a soccer and basketball player at Plymouth while Jordan Rockov played freshman football at Canton.

But they can stand in line as the family keeps churning out solid stu-

"We're pretty blessed that we have such an ath-letic family," Jake said. "We always are competitive against each other, it just feels really cool to carry on the honor of the Genrich tradition."

Are there any family secrets to tell?

"I think it's kind of (just be) hard-working, never give up," he summarized. "Like, if we want something we're just going to go for it."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

AAU openings

The LaZers AAU Girls 16U Elite Basketball Club has openings for the spring/summer season. Varsity level players are sought for the team. Call Coach Z for information at (734) 286-1009 or e-mail him at zgodadominic@sbcglobal.net.

Baseball clinics

Baseball fundamentals are on tap for youngsters looking to improve their skills, at the forthcoming Plymouth Wildcats Youth Baseball Clinic. Participants in grades 1-

8 will receive age-appropriate instruction from 2012 Plymouth varsity baseball coaches and players. Stations will include hitting, pitching, infield, outfield, catching and radar gun readings.

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

those in grades 5-8). The pre-registration cost, which includes snack,

is \$20. The fee is \$25 the

day of the clinic. Pre-registration is urged, as the camp is limited to 100. Go to www.baseball.plymouthwildcats.com for more information.

Play GCYBSA ball

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

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

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

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

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

YMCA starts registration

March 30.

The Plymouth Family YMCA is registering for its instructional clinics.

The focus of these programs will be on fun, exercise and social interaction through sports instruction. Clinics include Tiny Tikes Sports Sampler (ages 3-5), Preschool Basketball (ages 4-5) and Y Pucks (ages 6-

The programs run the weeks of March 6 through April 17. All classes are held in local schools during the week.

For more information, contact the YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or visit www. ymcadetroit.org.

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Age 91, March 16, 2012. Loving wife of the late Alfred. Mother of Angela (Jason) Becktold. Grandmother to Geoffrey, Greyson, Greenlea, Gideon and Gaspar, Cecile was an active member of Edith Catholic Church. Memorial gathering Thursday, March 22, 2012 from 6-9PM, with a vigil service at 7PM at Fred Wood Funeral Home, 36100 Five Mile Road (one block East of Levan), Livonia, MI. Mass Saturday, March - 24, 2012 10:30AM at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh Road (South of 5 Mile Road), Livonia, MI. Memorials may be made to The Huron Forest Camp Cedar Ridge, 36208 Freedom Road, Farmington, MI 48335. Please share memories at:

Fredwoodfuneralhome.com

CAINCROSS. DENIECE LYNN

Age 53, of New Boston, died March 17, 2012. Born in Lapeer on December 17, 1958, daughter of the late Norma Jean Thomason. Deniece was a Reserve Police Officer with Van Buren Township, and dispatched for Belleville. She was a loving wife and mother who took great pleasure in her family and home. She enjoyed gardening and looking for four leaf clovers. She loved her new "Bumblebee" Camaro. Survived by husband, 3 children, Heather (Yacine) Belkadi of Wixom, Cory of Wayne, and Nicole of Canton, grandchildren R.J. and Molly Belkadi, Zane Richter, Haley and Logan Brandess. Visitation will be 1-7 PM Sat., March 24, 2012 at Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, with a 7 PM Memorial Service.

www.davidcbrownfh.com



FARKAS, LESTER R.

Age 82, formerly of Northville, passed away peacefully in the presence of family on January 5, 2012 in Barrington, IL. Beloved husband of the late Eleanor (Barkiewicz), loving father of the late Leslie (Bryan Fischer) and Drew (Lisa), and beloved grandfather of Alec, Kit, Annabelle and Eli. Lester was a star athlete at Central High School in Flint, MI and a US Army veteran, before graduating with a degree in music (violin) from Eastern Michigan. Lester taught music in the Livonia Public Schools and conducted the Livonia Youth Symphony, with one of his proudest moments being the direction of that orchesin a performance of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. A Memorial for Lester for local familv and friends will be held at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Sunday at 12 p.m. Family will receive visitors from 10:30 a.m. until service. Donations to the Barrington Fine Arts Boosters, at Barrington Fine Arts Department, Barrington High School, 616 W. Main St, Barrington IL, 60010, Attn: Judy Bruce, would be appreciated. Please share a memory of Lester at: www.rggrharris.com.



FISCHER, LESLIE E. (NEE FARKAS)

Age 52, formerly of Northville, passed away peacefully on October 23, 2011 in Waukesha, WI, after a courageous battle with cancer. Beloved wife of Bryan and loving and devoted mother of Alec and Kit. Leslie was the daughter of the late Lester and late Eleanor Farkas, survived by her brother Drew. Leslie was a graduate of Northville High School, attended the Peabody Institute of the John Hopkins University (violin), the University of Michigan (BA History) and Marquette University. Law School (JD 1988). She was the champion of the Marquette's 1987 moot court competition and served as an Asst. DA in Rock County, WI. She loved her dogs Fox, Sophie and Teddi and was an active member in the Australian Terrier Club. A Memorial for Leslie for local family and friends will be held at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Sunday at 12 p.m. Family will receive visitors from 10:30 a.m. until service. Donations to HAWS shelter at www.hawspets.org, would be appreciated. Please share a memory of Leslie at:

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RISCH, DORIS M.

Age 88, March 20, 2012, Beloved wife of the late Raymond. Dear mother of Richard (Nanette), Kathleen (Karl) Neumaier, Denise (Ron) Muir, Michael (Donna) and the late Thomas (the late Sharron). Grandmother of 12. Great-grandmother of 20. Greatgreat-grandmother of two. Sisterin-law of Dorothy LeVasseur, Frances Markgraff and Josephine Risch. Doris was a longtime volunteer at Garden City Hospital. Visitation Thursday 1-9pm, with an evening Rosary at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill). In state Friday 9am until 10am Mass at St. Dunstan Catholic Church, 1515 Belton (2 blocks west of Inkster, 2 blocks south of Ford Rd.)

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hardworking farming family of 13 children. At 16, the entire family moved to Michigan, where he began a long career in the automobile industry, culminating in his retirement at 60 from Chrysler, after 40 yrs, He was a man of great moral character, strong faith in God, and a tremendous father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was my role model, both as a child and as an adult. His legacy to his family is beyond measure. With deepest love, respect, and appreciation, we say "thank you." You are home. Your deeds speak volumes to the kind of man you were. Abdon is survived by his beloved daughter Janet B. Korte; two loving grandsons Jeremy and James Korte; four dear great-grandchil-dren Jonathon, Jordan, Joshua 23, 2012, 2-8 PM, with a Rosary Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., (btwn. Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill).

VINCENT,

Of Gregory, MI, age 66, died March 19, 2012. Funeral Friday, March 23 at 11:00am at Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea. Visitation Thursday 2-4 & 6-8pm. www.mitchellfuneral.com



SEVONTY, ABDON JOSEPH

11, 2012. He was born July 30, 1910, in Pierz, MN, into a large, and Jamie; and two dear sisters Clarice Wamsganz and Margaret Danko. Abdon is preceeded in death by his beloved wife Simone Sevonty and loving son Robert Sevonty. Visitation Friday, March at 7PM at John N. Santeiu & Son In state Saturday 9am until The Mass of Christian Burial 9:30 AM at St. Mel Catholic Church, 7506 Inkster (just north of Warren), Dearborn Heights, MI. www.SanteiuFuneralHome,com

CAROLINE "KELLEY"



Two-year search for priest ends for church

The Rev. Manisha Dostert has been named as priest-incharge of Advent Episcopal Church, ending a nearly two-year search for a new priest.

"I am excited and a little terrified that God has called me to Advent," she said. "But we will find our mission and where we'll be called to do that."

The church, located at 3325 Middlebelt in West Bloomfield, draws worshippers from Farmington Hills and the Birmingham-Bloomfield areas, as well as other communities.

Dostert, who is married and has a son, will focus on children, youth and youth-adult programs as well as adult faith and pastoral care.

A graduate of both Penn State University and Duke University, Dostert was ordained in 2002 and previously spent six years at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Troy.

May you find comfort in Family and Friends



JOHN

Age 87. Husband of the late Ruth. Beloved father of Bonnie (Conrad) Richards & Debbie Hyde. Loving grandfather of Jonathan (Adriana) & Ryan (Charity) & greatgrandfather of Adelaide. Dear brother of June Fisher. Services were at Charles Step Funeral Home, Redford. Interment Christian Memorial

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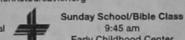
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ENTERTAINMENT







Theater is a family affair for three Livonia sisters

By Sharon Dargay O&E Staff Writer

Christie Facione of Livonia says she's "one proud Drama-Mama."

Three of her daughters auditioned for Motor City Youth Theatre's (MCYT) upcoming musical, Annie Jr. and all of them landed roles — including the lead.

Brianna, 14, a ninth grader at Franklin High School, plays Grace Farrell, Daddy Warbuck's secretary; Alyssa, 11, a sixth grader at Cooper Upper Elementary, is Annie; and Sophia, 8, a second grader at Grant Elementary School, plays an orphan named Punky.

All three have taken workshops at MCYT and the two older sisters have performed on stage. Punky is Sophia's first

"When we stumbled across the summer workshop four years ago we had finally found a youth summer theater program that we could afford and get all the kids involved in," said Christie Facione, crediting MCYT founder and director, Nancy Florkowski, for the pro-



Brianna Facione, center, works through a scene from "Annie Jr." with other actors on the Motor City Youth Theatre stage in Livonia.



Alyssa Facione (right) portrays Annie in "Annie Jr." That's her sister, Sophia (far left) along with Lauen Coin and Natalie Wilson, both of Livonia.

gram's success. "She is so patient and loving to all the children, I knew in an instant we found one of the best kept secrets in Livonia — the MCYT group.

"I think theater is something that children can use in every aspect of

"ANNIE JR."

What: Motor City Youth Theater presents the musical, "Annie Jr." When: 7 p.m. March 23-24, and 30-31; 2 p.m. March 25 and April 1 Where: Grantland Street Playhouse, 27555 Grantland, west of Inkster Road, south of I-96, Livonia Tickets: \$10, all seats

reserved Contact: (313) 535-8962



Megan Troost (left) of Livonia, Jesse Williams III of Redford, and Chloe L'Ecuyer of Dearborn rehearse a scene from "Annie Jr."



Alyssa Facione takes on her first lead role in Motor City Youth Theatre's production of "Annie Jr."

their lives even if they do not go into acting. It has helped build confidence, good character and team building. It has been a great experience to see all the kids work together and grow into wonderful actors."

"It's great. It's really rewarding and they like it so much," noted

their dad, Russ Facione, who coaches daughters Sophia, Alyssa and her twin, Bella, in softball for the Hurricanes team, part of Devonaire Softball League.

All four sisters have taken workshops at MCYT, although Bella is more involved in athletics. The three others say there's no rivalry between them. They've never auditioned for the same roles.

Supportive sisters

"It has been a lot of fun being with my sisters and being able to share the experience with both of them. We all can help each other in some way," Brianna said, adding that seeing Alyssa in the lead role has been rewarding. "I love it because she put so much time into it and it shows so much with all the practicing she has done. I was so excited for her and she's been that same way for me all the way through it."

Brianna has logged 13-14 plays and is juggling rehearsals for High School Musical, which goes on stage in late April at Franklin, and Annie Jr

at MCYT.
"There really isn't any

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Contact: (248) 473-1856

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Time/Dates: 2 p.m. Sundays Location: 5200 Woodward,

Details: Target Family Sundays, storytelling, performances, free with admission

Exhibits: Detroit Revealed: Photographs 2000-2010, an exhibit of 50 photos through April 8; Gift of a Lifetime: The James Pearson Duffy Collection of drawings, paintings, prints, sculptures and photographs through March 18

Contact: (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: Through March 24

Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville

Details: Anarchy of the Line; Drawing Comes of Age features works by 14 artists

Coming up: All-media, juried show from the Ann Arbor Women Artists runs April 6-21, with an artist reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 6

Contact: (248) 344-0497 or e-mail to arthouseoffice@ northvillearts.org

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Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday, through May 20



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Susan Tobocman will sing at Jazz @ The Elks March 27 in Plymouth.

Location: University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 S. State, Ann Arbor

Details: "Fluxus and the Essential Questions of Life," includes more than 100 works by major artists, such as Yoko Ono, Nam June Paik and George Maciunas; admission is free

Contact: (734) 764-0395

Comedy

COMEDY JAM

Cross, Ypsilanti

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 24 Location: Michigan Firehouse Museum, 110 W.

Details: Fifth annual jam features Rex Havens in his one-man comedy, "Bidding You A fond I Do" and benefits the museum. Tickets are \$25 for general seating and \$35 for premium seating

Contact: (734) 547-0663 GO COMEDY!

Time/Date: Various show times Wednesdays through Sundays

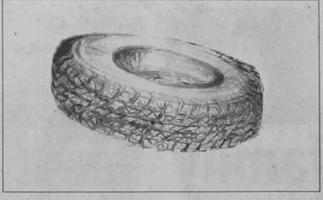
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REDFORD THEATRE Time/Date: 9 p.m. Friday,

April 13 Location: Redford Theatre,

17360 Lahser, Detroit Details: Kevin Smith and Jason Mewes, popular for their roles as Jay and Silent Bob in "Clerks," "Mallrats," Bob Strike Back," and "Clerks 2," will perform live, recording their comedy podcast "Jay and Silent Bob Get Old." Presented by The Crofoot, tickets are \$45, \$25,

"Dogma," "Jay and Silent

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Dance

CONTRA DANCE

Time/Date: Beginner instruction at 12:30 p.m.; dance starts at 1 p.m., Sunday, April 22

Location: American Legion Hall, 31775 Grand River Ave., Farmington

Details: Farmington Contra Dance; cost is \$10, \$5 for students, with all proceeds benefitting a charity Contact: American Legion

at (248) 478-9174 **MOON DUSTERS**

Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 p.m.

every Saturday; dance lessons 7-8 p.m.

Location: Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington . Road, Livonia

Details: Singles and couples dance to music of the '30s, '40s and '50s; free refreshments. Dance lessons cost \$6; dance and lessons are \$11; dance only is \$7 for guests, \$6.50 for associates and \$6 for Moon Dusters members

Contact: Joe Castrodale, club president, (248) 968-



Irina Mishura performs at OperaFest Friday, March 23 in Beverly Hills.

Film

PENN THEATRE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. and 9:10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 23-24, 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 25 and 7 p.m. Thursday, March 29 Location: 760 Penniman

Ave., Plymouth

Details: "The Iron Lady,"

Coming up: "We Bought a Zoo," 7 p.m. Friday, March 30, 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 31 and April 1; "Joyful Noise," 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 6-7; and "The Artist," 7 p.m. and 9:10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 13-14 and 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 15

Thursday classics: "Pride of the Yankees," April 5; "Field of Dreams," April 12; "Bull Durham," April 19; and "For the Love of the Game," April 26. Box office opens at 6:30 p.m., with screenings at 7 p.m. All seats \$3

Contact: (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

REDFORD THEATRE

Time/Date: 8 p.m. March 30 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. March 31 Location: 17360 Lahser, just

north of Grand River Ave., in Detroit Details: Shirley Temple's

The Little Colonel," and "The Poor Little Rich Girl," tickets \$5

Coming up: Mary Pickford in "Suds," a silent film accompanied live by Dave Calendine" 7 p.m. Saturday, April 21; tickets \$12 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under

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Museums

CHARLES H. WRIGHT

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday

Location: 315 E. Warren Road, Detroit

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Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Wednesday and Friday-Sunday; current exhibit runs

Location: 155 S. Main, Plymouth

through June 17

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for students, 6-17 Contact: (734) 455-8940

U-M KELSEY MUSEUM OF ARCHAEOLOGY

Time/Date: The museum is open 9 a.m.- 4 p.m., Tuesday- Friday, and 1-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday Location: 434 S. State, Ann

Details: Part II of the Kelsey Museum of Archaeology's special exhibition - "Karanis Revealed: Discovering the Past and Present of a Michigan Excavation in Egypt" - will run through Sunday, May 6. This special exhibition explores the story of the site's excavation, which was initiated by the

the 1920s and 1930s Contact: www.lsa.umich. edu/kelsey; (734) 764-9304

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SISTERS

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other way I'd want to spend my time. I love it so much. I've tried a lot of other things before and nothing was the same as theater. As soon as I found it I was hooked. And I'vé stayed. I've been there (MCYT) for four years.'

Landing the lead

Alyssa got her start at MCYT playing a flower in Alice in Wonderland. Since then she has appeared in several MCYT productions in both speaking and ensemble roles.

She knew all of the song lyrics to Annie Jr., Annie, the original and longer version is among her favorite plays - but didn't anticipate winning the lead role.

"The director, Nancy, kept making me sing this song. I had to sing Maybe a lot of times," she said, recalling auditions. "I never really sang by myself before or any-

"It's a big step from where I was at. It's really fun being the character. She's so determined and I love it."

Sophia, who said her first audition was a little nerve-wracking, is happy her sisters are involved in the play.

"I think it's very supportive and it makes me feel safer," she said.

All three sisters hope the audience will leave the theater this weekend smiling and feeling uplifted.

"I think in the story line of Annie, there's one of the best lessons," Brianna said. "She goes to live with a billionaire and he realizes that even though he has money, that if he doesn't have someone to share it with, he can't be happy. That's a lesson some people forget, espe-

cially today. "I think this production does a good job of conveying it."

Learn how to audition for musicals

Toni Babineau, whose professional theater experience includes leading roles on national tours and Off Broadway, will lead a series of master classes, "Auditioning for the Musical Theater Workshop,'

next month for Two Muses Theatre.

Two Muses Theatre was founded by two Farmington Hills-based actresses and stages its shows in West Bloomfield. The workshop will run 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 7, 14, 21 and 28. Saturday in April at the Barnes & Noble Booksellers Two Muses Theatre Space, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, south of Maple, West Bloomfield. Enter the bookstore, and the theatre is on the left.

Babineau has performed the role of Audrey in The Little Shop of Horrors at the Orpheum Theatre in New York, and portrayed Peron's mistress in the national tour of Evita, and numerous other regional and local

The workshop will offer participants guidance in music selection and inter-



Toni Babineau

cises and critiques of individual performances. Particular attention will be given to the unique qualities of the performer, with song suggestions for future auditions.

pretation, and will

include vocal exer-

"It's simply not enough to have a good voice," Babineau said. "The key to successful auditioning is finding a way to differentiate yourself from the other performers in a positive and intelligent way. directors look for those performers that bring a unique

quality to the production." Diane Hill, co-founder of Two Muses Theatre, considers the theatre lucky to

have Babineau. 'She's very humble about her experience. We are so proud and grateful to be working with her.'

Interested adult performers and teens, age 14 and up, can register online at www.twomusestheatre.org or call (248) 850-9919. Cost is \$30 per session or sign up in advance for all four for a discounted price of \$100 for the series.

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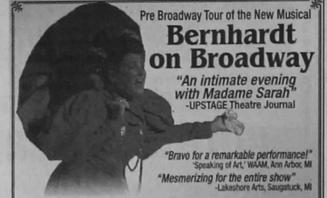






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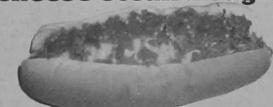
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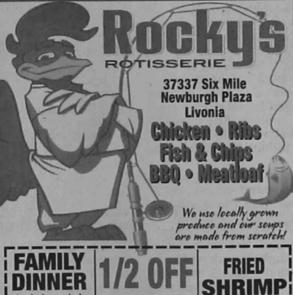
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It's time to spring clean the spice cabinet

Spring cleaning kitchen cabinets and drawers this month?

Don't forget to check your spice collection for any outdated products.

Spice Islands offers these tips to help you assess and maintain freshness:

1. To determine if your spices are fresh, check the color. Green, leafy herbs will fade as they age. Red spices such as paprika, red pepper and chili powder will turn brown in color; so make sure your spices and herbs are still bright and radiant for the fullest flavor

2. Take one of your ground spices and place a small amount of it in your palm and gently rub with your thumb to check the aroma. The aroma should be rich, full and immediate. If not, it probably lost potency. For whole spices, break or crush to release their full fragrance. Then scrape with a knife or grater to determine freshness.

3. If you're in doubt about the freshness, throw them out. Herbs and spices are some of the least expensive ingredients in any entrée. If you question their freshness, it's worth it to replace them.

4. To keep spices and herbs fresh store them in cool, dry surroundings, away from direct light, heat or humidity. Keep them in airtight glass jars and close tightly after

5. Don't shake over a boiling pot. Moisture from steam may diminish the potency of spices or herbs remaining in the jar. Instead, pour a small amount into your hand and then add to

After you've cleaned and replenished your spice cabinet, try the rejuvenating spring recipe, Lemon Pepper Garbanzo Salad, along with Cracked Black Pepper Burger, Picnic Potato Salad, and Hibachi Beef Kabobs, all perfect for a perennial spring event major league baseball's opening day:

Cracked Black Pepper Burger

1 pound lean ground beef 1 tablespoon pepper, black

4 hamburger buns

Sliced tomatoes, onions and lettuce, as desired

Blue cheese burger topping or horseradish burger topping

Form ground beef into 4 burgers. Sprinkle black pepper over both sides of the burgers, gently pressing in. Grill burgers over medium-heat for 10 to 12 minutes, turning once, until cooked to desired doneness. Place burgers on hamburger bun, top with tomato, onions and lettuce as desired. Add blue cheese or horseradish burger topping.

Lemon Pepper Garbanzo Salad

This low-fat, colorful salad is the perfect accompani-ment to grilled chicken, steak or burgers.

1 can (15 ounces) garbanzo beans - also known as chick peas — drained

1 cup canned reduced sodium black beans, rinsed and drained

1/2 cup celery, diagonally cut in 1/4-inch slices 1 cup red bell pepper, finely

1 cup green bell pepper, finely

1/2 cup red onion, finely chopped-

2 tablespoons cilantro 2 teaspoons Spice Islands Lemon

Pepper Seasoning

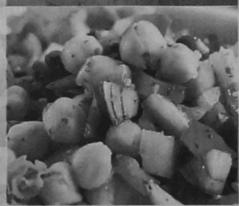
1/2 teaspoon garlic, minced

1/2 teaspoon ground cumin 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar

2 tablespoons lime juice 1-1/2 tablespoons extra virgin

Combine beans, celery, peppers and red onion in a large serving bowl. Mix cilantro, lemon pepper seasoning, garlic, cumin, vinegar, lime juice and olive oil in a separate bowl. Pour over bean and pepper mixture; stir to thoroughly combine. Cover; chill a minimum of 1 hour to blend flavors.







Picnic Potato Salad

2 pounds russet potatoes (about 6 medium)

1-1/4 cups mayonnaise

1 tablespoon prepared yellow mustard 1 tablespoon Spice Islands Steak Seasoning,

1 cup thinly sliced celery

1/4 cup finely chopped onion

4 eggs, hard boiled, peeled and coarsely chopped Peel and quarter potatoes. Place potatoes in a large saucepan; add water to cover and bring to a boil. Simmer, uncovered, 12 to 15 minutes, or until potatoes are just tender. Drain, cool, and cut potatoes into 1/2-inch cubes. Combine mayonnaise, mustard, spicy steak seasoning, celery, onions and eggs in a large bowl. Add potatoes to mayonnaise mixture; stir to coat. Cover and chill for 6 to 24 hours.

Recipe note: New red pótatoes may be substituted for russet potatoes. Add more Spicy Steak seasoning to your taste, or for a mild version, replace with Spice Islands Steak Seasoning.

Hibachi Beef Kabobs

1-1/4 pounds boneless beef top sirloin steak, 1-

2 small colored bell peppers, cut into 1-1/2-inch

2 small yellow squash, cut into 1/2-inch thick slices

4 ounces mushrooms

4 green onions, cut in 2-inch pieces

2 teaspoons sesame seeds Marinade:

1/4 cup corn oil

2 tablespoons frozen orange juice concentrate,

2 tablespoons soy sauce 1 teaspoon onion powder

1/4 teaspoon Chinese five spice

1/4 teaspoon pepper, black medium grind

Trim fat from steak; cut into 1 to 1-1/2-inch pieces. Combine marinade ingredients in resealable plastic bag; add beef, turning to coat. Marinate in refrigerator 2 to 24 hours, turning occasionally. Remove beef from marinade; discard marinade. Alternately thread beef and vegetables onto four 12-inch skewers or eight 8-inch skewers. Grill over medium coals 8 to 11 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness. Sprinkle with sesame seed before serving.

Recipe note: To broil, place kabobs on rack in broiler pan so kabobs are 3 to 4 inches from heat. Broil 8 to 10 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness.

Fresh springtime sautés

Spring brings warming weather, more sunshine - and juicy vegetables. It's the perfect time of year to incorporate garden-fresh favorites into your mealtime repertoire. Whether it's peppers, onions, mushrooms or tomatoes that suit your springtime fancy, try combining them with your favorite protein, like pork, in a sizzling, simple sauté. Because pork chops are so easy to work with, they're the perfect companions for fresh vegetables. You can cut and cook them up fresh, or repurpose leftover chops in many delicious sautés.

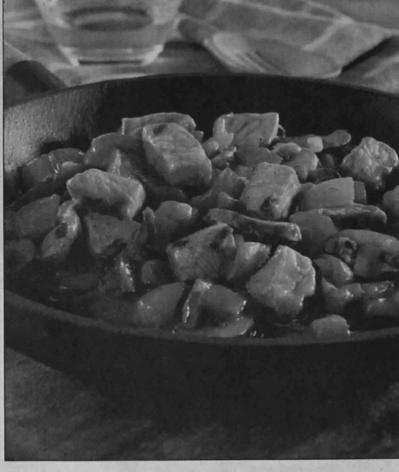
If you're looking to spice up your sauté skills, follow these · Keep It Uniform: The high

heat of a sauté pan causes meats and vegetables to cook quickly. In order for items to cook evenly, it is important to cut and slice items in a uniform

 Keep It Juicy: Use tongs or a spatula instead of a fork when placing pieces in the pan or when turning. Piercing meat with a fork allows juices to escape.

· Keep It Uncovered: Cook in an uncovered skillet over medium-high heat, turning occasion-

For more inspiration, tips and sizzling chop recipes to enjoy all year long, visit www.Pork-BeInspired.com, "Like" the National Pork Board on www. Facebook.com/PorkBeInspired, follow them on Twitter @allaboutpork, and "Circle" them on Google+.



Italian Pork and Vegetable Sauté Makes: 4 servings Prep Time: 10 minutes

2 tablespoons olive oil, divided 1 large red bell pepper, cored and cut into ½-inch dice 10 ounces cremini mushrooms, sliced 3 scallions, white and green parts, thinly sliced 1 pound boneless pork sirloin chops, cut into 1-inch cubes

Freshly ground black pepper 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour

Cook Time: 12 minutes

½ cup dry white wine, such as Pinot Grigio, or non-alcoholic varietal grape juice, such as

cup water

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in large ovenproof skillet over medium-high heat. Add red pepper and cook, stirring often, until beginning to soften, about 1 minute. Add mushrooms and cook, stirring often, until juices evaporate, about 5 minutes. Stir in scallions and cook until wilted, about 1 minute. Transfer to a

Season pork with 1/2 teaspoon salt and 4 teaspoon pepper. Add remaining 1 tablespoon oil to skillet and heat. Add pork and cook, turning occasionally, until browned and meat is slightly pink when pierced to the center with tip of sharp knife, about 5 minutes. Sprinkle with flour and stir with wooden spoon to coat

Add wine and ½ cup water; and bring to a boil, scraping up browned bits in pan with wooden spoon. Return vegetables to pan and cook until sauce is nicely thickened, about 1 minute. Season with salt and pepper. Serve hot.

Serving Suggestions: Serve sauté spooned over cooked orzo or corkscrew pasta tossed with green peas and freshly grated Parmesan cheese.

Nutrition per serving (pork and sauté): Calories: 230; fat: 11g; saturated fat: 2g; cholesterol: 55mg; sodium: 55mg; carbohydrate: 8g; protein: 20g

- Family Features

CITY BITES Vegetarian seminar

PLYMOUTH - Better Living Seminars presents Vegetarian Nutrition and Cooking school 2-5 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at Metropolitan Adventist Academy, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile, in Plymouth. Participants will learn the latest scientific discoveries from the field of nutrition, how a plant-based diet can reduce risk of diseases, techniques for preparing quick and easy, healthful and nutritionally-balanced meals and why vegetarian eating can make the best waistlinefriendly diet. In addition to cooking demonstrations with recipes and other handouts, cookbooks will be available for purchase. The event includes a vegetarian buffet. Suggested donation is \$15 for individuals and \$20 for couples, payable at the door. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 531-2179 to register.

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French wines from the Eric Solomon portfolio, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 29, at d.vine fine wines, 17386 Haggerty. Cost is \$20 per person; \$15 for Wine Club members. Call (734) 432-3800 for reservations.

Local nonprofits make cut in 'Aprons in Action'

Jewish Family Service's Project Build! program, winner of the January Aprons in Action contest, The Home Depot Foundation's yearlong Facebook voting program, will compete against 10 other monthly winners for \$250,000 in the final round of the contest. Voting began March 1 and runs through March 31 at www.facebook.com/homedepotfoundation. The organization with the most votes at the end of the month will win the \$250,000 grand prize. Organizations with the second and third most votes will receive \$150,000 and \$100,000 from The Home Depot Foundation, respectively.

During the Aprons in Action Contest, which began in April 2011, The Home Depot Foundation's Facebook fans have already helped 11 nonprofit organizations win \$25,000 each to better their communities. In the March 2012 round of the competition, Jewish Family Service is competing against 10 other monthly winners from across the country. Competing finalists include:

· April 2011: Great Falls Children's Receiving Home (Great Falls, Mont.)

· May 2011: Ronald McDonald House of Detroit (Detroit)

• June 2011: Jerusalem House (Atlanta, Ga.)

• July 2011: New Orleans Area Habitat for Humanity (New Orleans, La.)

 August 2011: Northwest Hospital Fdn. (Seattle, Wash.)
• September 2011: Taylor

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· October 2011: Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans (Wheaton, Ill.)

 November 2011: Utah State Veterans Home (Salt Lake City,

• December 2011: Lifebuilders of Detroit (Detroit)

· January 2012: Jewish Fam-

ily Service of Metropolitan Detroit (West Bloomfield)

 February 2012: Veterans Guest House (Reno, Nev.)

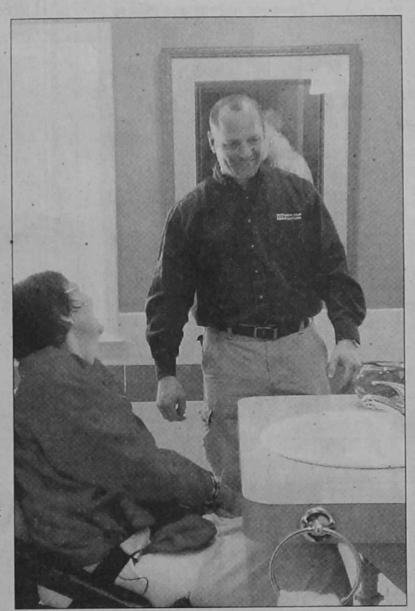
"Winning \$25,000 from The Home Depot during the first round of Aprons in Action was such an honor, and we are so thankful for the recognition," said Perry Ohren, CEO of Jew-ish Family Service. "If we actually win the grand prize of \$250,000, we would be able to grow this essential program and help hundreds of people in Southeast Michigan live in safe and functional homes for many years to come. So we encourage everyone to go to Facebook and vote for us.'

Working together, Jewish Family Service's Project Build!, The Home Depot Foundation and the local The Home Depot Commerce Township store recently teamed up to complete an extensive home repair. It took seven days over a period of three weeks to replace rotted flooring, paint all of the walls, replace the lighting and oven, and repair the gutters outside. In the end, JFS's Project Build! and The Home Depot turned the client's house into a home.

Everyone at work tells me how happy and healthy I look these days," said the client. "I tell them that every day I walk into a new home. I'm not worried about things anymore.'

Across the country, The Home Depot Associates give back to their communities by volunteering their time and talents with local nonprofit organizations, like Jewish Family Service. The Aprons in Action Program recognizes these successful partnerships and gives each of the featured nonprofits the opportunity to do additional work with Team Depot volunteers to better their communities.

"Aprons in Action is our \$1 million effort to support the most active and engaged nonprofit organizations across the country," said Kelly Caffarelli, president of The Home Depot Foundation.



Jewish Family Service recently renovated a Huntington Woods home. The agency is involved in an effort to win \$250,000 from The Home Depot Foundation, to support its Project Build! program providing home repairs for those in need.

"Through Aprons in Action, we have already distributed \$440,000 to 44 deserving organizations from across the nationwide Team Depot network, allowing them to continue their great work serving our communities."

Voting runs through March 31 at noon ET. Aprons in Action is on Facebook at www.facebook.com/homede-

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pot or www.facebook.com/ homedepotfoundation.

The final percentages of votes for each nonprofit will be posted on The Home Depot and The Home Depot Foundation's Facebook pages.

For more information and to view the program rules, visit The Home Depot on Facebook or go to www. homedepotfoundation.org.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE These are the area residential real estate-closings recorded the week of Dec. 5-9, 2011, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses,

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43838 Applewood Rd	\$126,000
43860 Arlington Rd	\$167,000
427 Belvedere Ct N	\$325,000
2184 Cameo Ct	\$390,000
1836 Century Ct	\$140,000
41760 Creston Ct	\$85,000
41770 Creston Ct	\$113,000
39718 Deepwood St	\$80,000
39649 Dorchester Cir	\$200,000
44820 Geddes Rd	\$125,000
50070 Grant St	\$161,000
49135 lvybridge Way	\$313,000
418 Merrimac Rd	\$100,000
48138 Picadilly Ct	-\$332,000
46470 Polo Dr	\$267,000

274 Shana St GARDEN CITY	\$130,000
28945 Birchlawn St	\$26,000
32118 Block St	\$58,000
291 Brandt St	\$16,000
29020 Cambridge St	\$38,000
414 Lathers St	\$83,000
6303 Lathers St	\$55,000
6948 Venoy Rd	\$100,000
LIVONIA	100
36780 Six Mile Rd	\$66,000
14315 Auburndale St	\$140,000
14575 Bainbridge St	\$110,000
36265 Dardanella St	\$235,000
36332 Fairway Dr	\$30,000
18091 Floral St	\$59,000
34672 Grove Dr	\$180,000
32612 Lyndon St	\$153,000
32940 Lyndon St	\$176,000
36017 Lyndon St	\$149,000
20235 Maplewood St	\$35,000
9351 Merriman Rd	\$70,000
34966 Munger St	\$200,000
37486 N Laurel Park Dr	\$105,000 \$148,000
37677 Newburgh Park Cir	\$ 140,000

37003 Flymouti Nu	\$155,000
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16743 Carriage Way	\$110,000
18717 Clover Hill Ct	\$465,000
16696 Dover Dr	\$118,000
39726 Muirfield Ln	\$245,000
725 Randolph St	\$70,000
43762 Wabeek Ln	\$535,000
PLYMOUTH	
242 Elizabeth St	\$100,000
47578 Katherine Ct	\$445,000
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5908 N Berry St	
7895 N Hix Rd	\$145,000
8614 N Hubbard St	\$65,000
6200 N Newburgh Rd	\$58,000
32263 Parkwood St	\$56,000
7820 Randy Dr	\$70,000
7820 Randy Dr	\$73,000
1455 S Norma St	\$92,000
27664 Trailbrooke Cir	\$39,000
2355 Treadwell St	\$74,000
1667 Westchester St	\$58,000

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND 40587 Lenox Park Dr

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Nov. 28 to Dec. 2, 2011, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BIRMINGHAM	
16947 Kinross Ave	\$155,000
22166 Valley Oaks Dr	\$415,000
18451 Warwick St	\$225,000
507 Lewis St	\$195,000
1661 Maryland Blvd	\$350,000
635 N Old Woodward A	Ave \$221,000
1890 Oak Ave	\$869,000
655 Pilgrim Ave	\$695,000
505 W Frank St	\$790,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	
1963 Cragin Dr	\$285,000
1904 Pine Ridge Ct	\$270,000
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21761 Middlebelt Rd	\$27,000	
31807 Middlebelt Rd	\$75,000	
30863 N Wendybrook Ct	\$175,000	
29440 Pendleton Club Dr	\$42,000	
21493 Riverwalk Ct	\$199,000	
27971 Rollcrest Rd	\$30,000	
25718 Skye Ct	\$160,000	
24789 Springbrook Dr	\$190,000	
35157 Valley Forge Dr	\$158,000	
22026 W Brandon St	\$82,000	
FRANKLIN '		
30550 Woodside Dr	\$1,100,000	
MILFORD		
990 Hickory Ridge Cir	\$83,000	
891 Panorama Dr	\$95,000	
974 Panorama Dr	\$100,000	
127 Ravineside Dr	\$245,000	
400 Riverbend St	\$230,000	
488 Rowe Rd	\$160,000	
3450 W Buno Rd	\$190,000	
2145 W Commerce Rd	\$95,000	
NOVI		
123 Charlotte Dr	\$60,000	
1667 Harbor Cv	\$150,000	
27504 Harrington Way	\$218,000	
25678 Island Lake Dr	\$430,000	

21937 Meridian Ln	\$208,000
31130 Seneca Ln	\$125,000
41709 Steinbeck Gln	\$80,000
SOUTH LYON	
440 Second St	\$110,000
23511 Spy Glass HI N	\$289,000
SOUTHFIELD	
21001 Andover Rd	\$80,000
18519 Autumn Ln -	\$145,000
20405 Brookshire St	\$99,000
26717 Franklin Pointe Dr	\$44,000
23337 Grayson Dr	\$26,000
27730 Larkmoor St	\$75,000
16256 Mayfair Dr	\$41,000
28715 Monterey Dr	\$101,000
21944 Murray Crescent Dr	\$100,000
16400 N Park Dr # 302	\$29,000
30543 Shoreham St	\$126,000
18454 Westover Ave	\$20,000
WHITE LAKE	
9387 Gale Rd	\$160,000
1919 Howland Blvd	\$170,000
588 Rumson Ct	\$310,000
8446 Strada Ct	\$135,000
315 Woodsedge Ln	\$225,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

New location, good works

RE/MAX Classic of Canton office has made the move to its new location at 42078 Ford Road from the previous longterm home at 43435 Joy Road. The new space has allowed the Classic office to expand their Realtor staff and the location is accommodating with close access directly from the I-275

\$130,000

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'We are up, running and settled in and continue to actively sponsor the Cell Phones for Soldiers program," said Carol Boji, broker/owner. As a supporter for the Cell Phones for Soldiers program, area residents and businesses can now drop off and donate their unused cell phones and accessories at the new Ford Road location Monday through Friday until 6 p.m.

and Saturdays until 5 p.m. "Calling cards are also available to those who have service personnel stationed overseas or in the states upon request," said Boji.

Families with friends or family n the military can visit RE/ MAX Classic in Canton or visit www.detroitmetrorealestate.

Website roomies raises issues

By Robert Meisner

Q: Can you tell me whether the Fair Housing Act applies to roommates picked through a website organization which is becoming an ever-increasing set of circumstances?

A: At least based upon a



recent decision from the United States Court of Appeals Ninth Circuit, the anti-

discrimination provisions of the Federal Fair Housing Act do not extend to the selection of roommates. The case at hand involved a website that was operated to help roommates find each other. Two local fair housing organizations sued the website alleging that the website violated the Fair Housing Act by requiring users to disclose their sex, sexual orientation, and familial status and then matching users based on those characteristics. In that case, the court found that their activities did not violate the Fair Housing Act in that finding same would interfere with the constitutional privacy rights of those that share living quarters. The court specifically said that it did not find it unlawful to discriminate in selecting a roommate.

Q: I understand that they take American money in Ecuador and I am wondering whether or not there are opportunities to live there cheaper, particularly in Quito, than in other places such as Mexico?

A: In discussing the residential environment in Ouito, Ecuador, I am advised that there are many Americans who are moving there because it is relatively cheap and because of the problems in Mexico. Quito is one of the most Americanized cities in South America and the currency is actually the dollar. Since it is about 9,000 feet above sea level, and surrounded by mountains, the temperature is much cooler than other places in Ecuador and many parts of South America. The city is relatively clean and the people take pride in maintaining it as such. You can buy a good condominium in a high end area of Quito, say a two or three bedroom, for around \$300,000 to \$450,000. Again, you are advised to consult with a real estate professional and attorney in the local area, but you may well also be advised to have an attorney from the States overseeing the transaction.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition, available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping/handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping/handling. Call (248) 644-4433 or visit breisner@ meisner-associates.com.

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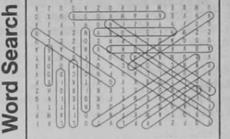
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