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Meeting moved

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education meeting set for Tuesday has been moved to the gymnasium at Pioneer Middle School to accommodate a larger audience. The meeting takes place 7 p.m.

District officials expect a crowd, since a new school boundary map is part of the agenda. The new map was made necessary when the board voted to close Fiegel Elementary School last week. The latest map had been drawn using the possibility the board would close two elementaries (Gallimore being the other). Administrators have been working on redrawing the map since Tuesday's decision.

Pioneer Middle School is located at 46081 Ann Arbor Road, west of Sheldon in Plymouth Township.



Canton's Lisa Hemmie was crowned Mrs. Michigan America last week.

Mrs. Michigan

Lisa Hemmie, of Canton, was crowned Mrs. Michigan America 2012 last week in Grandville.

Hemmie, who served in the U.S. Marines, is the director of Premier Athletics/Michigan Xtreme Cheer and Dance in Plymouth Township, where she channels her passion for teaching young people the importance of team work, good health, values and





PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Teachers Jen Lipson and Ginny Jeffres battle it out to illustrate Newton's Law of Force = Mass x Acceleration.

Laws in motion Show teaches Newton in interactive way

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

Eighth-graders at Central Middle School are preparing for a test this week that will include questions about Sir Isaac Newton's three laws of motion.

After watching an interactive, hip-hop demonstration of all three laws Thursday, they should be more than ready.

Eighth-graders from all five Plymouth-Canton Middle Schools attended an assembly featuring FMA Live ing show sponsored by NASA and the Honeywell Corporation. The show aims to teach Newton's laws in an interactive fashion featuring music, dancing, video and participation from teachers and students. FMA Live! is designed to demonstrate the science kids encounter in everyday life. It supports the learning objectives of the National Science Education Standards for grades 5-8 For Plymouth-Canton eighthgraders, FMA Live! fits the curriculum almost perfectly, according to Anthony Ruela, the principal at Central Middle School who hosted the event.



District begins IB process

Interactive garage sale map

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By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials have taken the first step toward becoming an International Baccalaureate district.

Following approval of the Board of Education Tuesday, district administrators finished the application process to beat a Sunday deadline to apply to the International Baccalaureate program, headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.

The application begins a twoyear process of establishing the international program for Plymouth-Canton students. Assuming the district is accepted into the IB program — and administrators are confident it will be — IB preparation classes would begin with ninth-grade students in September.

The first students who would be eligible for IB diplomas would be the Class of 2016.

"Those classes would prepare (students) for the rigors of an IB program," said Tim Schoenherr, the district's director of innovative programs. "And it is a rigorous program."

According to Schoenherr, during the two-year candidacy period, the district would start sending teachers to training and make whatever adjustments are necessary in terms of curriculum and infrastructure. The candidacy period would include a site visit

work ethic.

At the state pageant Hemmie competed for the title as Mrs. Eastern Michigan and said being Mrs. Michigan will allow her to implement the program "Today's Youth; building courage, self-esteem and strength." She also received the Community Service award, Interview award, Physical Fitness award, and a prize package valued at more than \$24,000, including an expense paid trip to compete for the title of Mrs. America in May.

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"It ties very specifically with the science (units) the kids are

Eric Olson and Christy Nicholle see that eighth-grader Chris Walls doesn't have enough mass to move the giant soccer ball.

studying," said Ruela, in his fourth year as Central principal. "They give very detailed descriptions of the three laws of motion in kid-friendly language. They accompany that with visual lessons the kids and teachers participate in."

The hour-long program took students through the three laws — objects in motion or at rest stay that way unless acted upon by an outside force; force equals mass times acceleration; and for every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction — using a variety of props. The pieces included a Velcro® wall, a huge soccer ball and a couple of dragsters, along with several students and even a few teachers.

Discovery Middle School eighth-graders Kiev Goodwin and Zhanae Spratt said they weren't afraid to get up on stage in front of hundreds of her peers, then proved it by driving the dragsters in a demonstration of action/reaction.

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by IB officials.

Among decisions to be made are leadership of the program, who will teach and which school likely one of the district's three high schools — would be designated the IB diploma facility. That decision, Schoenherr said, has not been made.

The board's decision to approve the application allowed administrators to meet the April 1 deadline to apply for the 2012/13 school year. Administrators had urged the board to approve the application — and it's \$4,000 cost — so as not to wait an additional year to apply.

The actual establishment of the International Baccalaure-

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Couple challenges three-pooch rule

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

Jennie and Alexander Yee didn't realize Canton had a three-dog limit when they moved here late last year with their 5month-old son, Jacob, and the family's four pet pooches.

That's right, one dog too many. They learned the hard way after an anonymous complaint prompted an ordinance officer to visit their home and meet four friendly cockaliers — a mix of cocker spaniel and cavalier King Charles spaniel named after cars. There's Bentley, 4, Shelby, 3, and Beamer and Edge, both 2. "Edge as in Ford," Jennie Yee said.

Yee can't imagine choosing to part with one of the dogs she described as cuddly pets. She said they mostly play quietly when they're in the family's fenced-in yard.

Pooch patrol

She took her case Tuesday to the Canton Township Board of Trustees, imploring elected leaders to consider amending the ordinance. She brought pictures that made some officials smile.





Jennie Yee and son Jacob with the four beloved dogs Yee says are part of the family.

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"We'll certainly review it and keep you posted," Supervisor Phil LaJoy said.

Yee could keep her dogs if she sought a kennel's license and had over two acres of land, which she doesn't. Her house borders Eriksson Elementary School, southwest of Ford and Haggerty, though Yee said her dogs are friendly and have never bothered students. Some children "do love to run back and forth on the fence line and play with them," she said.

Eriksson has reported no problems involving the dogs.

Yee has collected supportive signatures from several neighbors who don't mind the four dogs. "They're everything to

us," Yee told the township



Little Jacob Yee gets a little attention from a family pet.

board. "They're our family." She offered to build a privacy fence, pay extra fees, comply with periodic inspections, keep nobark collars on the dogs and limit their time outside when children are outdoors.

"I was just outside with them (Wednesday) for three hours, and they didn't bark once," Yee told the Observer.

Bentley, Shelby, Beamer and Edge all weigh 20 pounds or less. Yee said she could understand an ordinance not allowing four — or even three large dogs.

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"You make a lot of good points," LaJoy told Yee during Tuesday's board meeting. Yee said all the dogs are

licensed and have their shots, and she cleans up after them. The family got Bentley and Shelby from a rescue organization, and while the pair spawned Beamer and Edge, it can't happen again.

somebody had three

(or four) small dogs."

Great Danes next door to vou?" she asked. "That

would be absurd. There's

a big difference between

three huge dogs and three

Yet an ordinance is on

officials plan to review it.

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"They've been fixed," she said.

Yee suggested the township should allow four dogs if they weigh under 25 pounds or so. She said Canton also might consider a grandfather clause for new families who already have four dogs when they move here.

Trustee Pat Williams said some neighborhood covenants and restrictions are, in some cases, more restrictive than the township's rules. However, Yee said one of the people who signed her pro-pet papers is the subdivision president. One day after she

appealed to the township board, Yee received a telephone call from Canton police advising her that the complaint will not be pursued as local officials weigh possible changes to the ordinance. Yee said she felt encouraged.

What happens, however, if Canton doesn't change the rules? What happens if Yee is forced to decide which dog or dogs have to go?

"I'll cry," she said. "I don't want to think about that."

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AROUND CANTON

"Around Canton" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.com

WOMEN'S CONNECTION

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

Location: Canton Coney Island, 8533 N. Lilley

Details: Kathleen Ripley Leo, author and researcher and a member of the Mayflower Society, Daughters of the American Colonies, Daughters of the American Revolution and Daughters of the War of 1812, will be the guest speaker at the Canton Women's Connection meeting. She will talk about her journey to discovering these ancestors. RSVP by April 6.

Contact: June Nicholas at (313) 610-2561 or e-mail junenicholas@comcast.net

SLAVENS COFFEE

Date/Time: April 2 and April 16, 5-6 p.m. both days Location: Daydream Cafe, 47192 Michigan Ave., Canton

Details: State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, invites residents to join her for a cup of coffee and conversation at one of her upcoming coffee hours. Slavens hosts regular coffee hours and town hall meetings throughout Canton Township, Belleville and Van Buren Township.

Contact: Call toll free at (888) 347-8021 or send an e-mail to DianSlavens@house.mi.gov with any questions or concerns.

PROM DRESS SALE

Date/Time: Saturday, April 21, 9 a.m. to noon. Location: Plymouth High School

Details: The second annual Prom Dress Sale is looking for donations of long or short formal dresses, shoes, jewelry and purses. Any items to be donated can be dropped off in the general office at Plymouth High School, 8400 Beck Road, Canton. Last year, more than 100 girls went home with a dress.

Contact: Lisa Bernages, (734) 582-5553

GIVING HOPE EVENT

Date/Time: April 18, 6:30 p.m.

Location: Courthouse Grille, 41661 Plymouth Road in Plymouth

Details: Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle hosts its spring educational meeting, featuring Dr. Debra Hollander, medical director of behavioral medicine services for St. John Providence Health System, talking about "The Impact of Stress on Our Bodies and Finding Our Inner Wisdom." Cost is \$10 per ticket (free to anyone under 21). Light refreshments and wine will be served.

Contact: RSVP to (734) 495-1200 or e-mail givinghopewgc@gmail.com

GRIEF SUPPORT

Date/Time: Third Saturday of the month, 10-11:30 a.m.

Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Canton Details: Compassionate Care Hospice announces a new grief support group, "Compassionate Words," providing emotional support to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one. The group will focus on the various stages of grief, and incorporate basic journal writing as a way to express feelings. The program is free of charge.

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



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Canton Relay still seeks teams

By Darrell Clem Observer Staff Writer

With the Canton Relay for Life just weeks away, organizers still are looking for fundraising teams to help the cancer-battling effort reach its \$275,000 goal.

In all, 67 teams have signed up.

"We're still trying to get some more teams," American Cancer Society staff partner Rachael Cook said. "Our goal is 77 teams.'

Another team captain meeting has been set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, at Summit on the Park. Cook said anyone who wants to learn more about Relay for Life may attend.

'We still need team captains," she said.

That said, Cook said the Canton Relay for Life appears destined for yet another success as one of southeastern Michigan's most successful events.

"Things are going wonderfully," she said. "We've got some really great new teams on board, as well as returning teams that are in their 10th or 11th year.'

Cook has said Canton



RELAY FOR LIFE OF CANTON

Tim LaGrow and Good Things Come in Small Packages share their Team Captain experience during the kickoff rally for the 2012 Canton Relay for Life.

"sets the bar high" and provides "an example of what other Relays want to strive to be like."

This year's 24-hour Relay marks Canton's 14th event. It starts at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 19, in Heritage Park. Canton raised nearly \$273,000 last year. Local fundraising efforts earned Canton an All-American Award from the American Cancer Society - an honor accepted in late February by Supervisor Phil LaJoy. "Canton is a very caring

community," LaJoy said

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ate program must still be approved by the board. It is expected to consider the plan at the April 17 meeting.

The potential inclusion of an IB program was met with applause from parents in the audience, who pointed to the existence of such programs in districts such as Troy, Clarkston, Utica and Livonia, as indications

they were a popular idea. There was also a feeling among parents the district needed to enhance its educational offerings to keep pace with a burgeoning number of charter schools in the area. National Heritage Academies is opening two more charter schools - one in Plymouth Township, the other in Ypsilanti - in September.

'As a former educator, I understand rolling these programs out for September seems like an aggrestine Cummings of Plymouth. "However, our competition is moving even more quickly than that. It's not only imperative we keep pace with the competition, but it's also very possible all will be very happy with the end product, given the obvious dedication of leadership and staff, as well as the interest and support of parents and students."

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Friday.

Much like Canton residents, township employees also have mounted fundraising efforts for Relay for Life. Moreover, LaJoy said Heritage Park provides a perfect, picturesque location for the 24-hour fundraiser.

"It's beautiful," he said.

Relay is an overnight community celebration where teams camp out, picnic, dance, play games and take turns circling a relay-style track to raise funds and fight cancer. It opens with a survivor's lap around the track, followed at sunset by hundreds of luminaria lighting the area in a silent, emotional ceremony.

Each luminary bag represents a loved one who has beaten cancer or who lost a battle. Relay also is meant to show support for those who still face cancer, in hopes the disease will one day be eliminated.

For more information on the event, go to www. relayforlife.org/cantonmi. Cook also may be reached by sending an e-mail to rachael.cook@ cancer.org or by calling (248) 663-3430.

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Area's largest churchbased blood drive returns

By Darrell Clem **Observer Staff Writer**

After needing blood while giving birth to her 6-month-old daughter Audrey, Canton resident Jennifer Minchin has a personal reason to urge donors to roll up their sleeves to help the American Red Cross during the largest church-based blood drive in southeast Michigan.

Minchin almost needed blood when she gave birth to son Michael, 4, though she had no problems when her first child, 7-yearold Grace, was born. "I needed blood

when I had Audrey," she said. "I didn't have a choice."

Though she's thankful she got the help she needed, Minchin can't return the gift because she has low hemoglobin levels. However, her husband Michael is among the donors helping out during a Good Friday blood drive at Canton's St. Thomas a'Becket Church, sponsored every year with St. John Neumann Catholic Church. "It's the largest church drive in southeastern Michigan, maybe even in the state," Diane Risko, American Red Cross

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sentative, said. Minchin is encouraging donors to sign up. She only wishes she could.

donor services repre-

"I think it's something easy for peo-ple to do," she said. "They're giving a short period of their time, it's free to do it, and they're giving something back to the community.

And they're saving lives

Risko said the goal is to collect 400 pints of blood at St. Thomas a'Becket, 555 S. Lilley, south of Cherry Hill. She still needs to fill appointments from 11:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Good Friday, April 6.

Risko said anyone who wants to donate may call her at (313) 549-7052 or send an email to Diane.Risko@ redcross.org.

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Guests drive reading point home

By Brad Kadrich Observer Staff Writer

When U.S. Army Spec. Nicholas Wojcik planned a surprise two-week leave home to visit his family (without telling his mother, no less), a trip to his old elementary school wasn't on the itinerary.

But when Hulsing Elementary School literacy interventionist Meghan Riedl, who used to work with Wojcik's mom, called and asked the soldier to read as part of the school's March is Reading Month effort, he could scarcely say no.

So there was Wojcik, an Army mechanic home on leave from Qatar, in the Alissa Linton's firstgrade classroom, reading from Dr. Seuss and other children's favorites as the students listened with rapt attention.

"What am I going to say, I can't say 'No' when (Riedl) calls," Wojcik said with a smile. "(Reading) opens up their minds to the possibilities, lets them use their imaginations."

Wojcik was one of many readers who took to the classrooms at Hulsing Friday. All 16 elementary schools in the public school district - as well as the charter and private schools - spent the month celebrating the importance of reading to youngsters. Among them were radio personalities such as WYCD's Dr. Don Carpenter and WDVD's Blaine Fowler, state Legislators Dian Slavens, Kurt Heise and Pat Colbeck, and a variety of former teachers, school board members and others.

Riedl said hearing the message from outside



U.S. Army Spec. Nicholas Wojcik read several books to first-graders at Hulsing Elementary School Friday as part of the school's March is Reading month program. Wojcik was on a two-week leave from his station in Qatar.



'Dr. Don' Carpenter, from WYCD's morning show, reads to children at Achieve Charter Academy. In addition to being a radio personality, Carpenter is a syndicated writer.

sources benefits students, who learn that even "celebrities" benefit from reading throughout their lives. "It's neat to bring in



State Sen. Patrick Colbeck reads to Cheryl Zuzo's first-graders at Bentley Elementary School. Colbeck read the children a biography about Neil Armstrong and talked about one of his teachers, Buzz Aldrin.

people from the community our kids admire," Riedl said. "Bringing in outside readers shows children reading is a lifelong pleasure." Carpenter, best known for his "Dr. Don" morning show on WYCD, remembers sitting in a similar classroom as a youngster and having a guest speaker urge him to "learn to write." He took the advice to heart and today, in addition to his radio gig, Carpenter is a syndicated writer "getting paid for doing what I love to do."

Now, Carpenter does his best to pass that message along to as many classrooms as he can get into.

"We try to hit as many schools as we can," said Carpenter, who spoke Thursday at Achieve Charter Academy in Canton. "The younger ones, we focus on the reading, but by the time they get to fourth or fifth grade, (writing) is a pretty important lesson."

Achieve Charter Academy Parent Ambassador Stephanie Abughannam said she wanted Carpenter to speak at the school's opening ceremony this year, but the radio star couldn't make it. She checked back with him for March is Reading month, and he was available.

"To have somebody like this, with a little celebrity status, they get excited," Abughannam said.

At Bentley Elementary School, Colbeck read to first-graders in Cheryl Zuzo's classroom, then answered all kinds of questions. Colbeck, an aerophysics engineer, read about Neil Armstrong and told students one of his teachers was astronaut Buzz Aldrin. Zuzo said Colbeck "even danced the 'freeze dance' with our class."

"The children truly enjoyed his visit," Zuzo said.

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Nearly all of Plymouth-Canton's 1,400 eighth-graders got a hip-hop lesson about Newton's laws of motion during Thursday's FMA Live! presentation.

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"I learn by doing things," Spratt said. "The experience I had (on stage) was awesome.'

Spanish teacher Jennifer Lipson climbed into a heavily padded sumowrestler outfit to demonstrate force. Although she lost the "force" battle with fellow teacher Ginny Jeffres, she said she enjoyed helping teach in a fashion not relegated simply to classroom learning.

"I think when kids are able to see lessons acted out it makes a lot more sense to them than just seeing it on paper," Lipson said.

Eric Olson agrees. The co-host of FMA Live! said



Student Nick Ochoa is just hanging around, being interviewed by John "J.J" James.

the troupe is doing a pair of 10-week tours (spring and fall) which total some 40 performances. Since 2004, he said, FMA Live! has been seen in 800 middle schools and by some 300,000 students.

Olson, who has been with the program since its inception, said he consistently hears teachers say the curriculum surrounding Newton's laws is "tough to drive home" in a classroom setting.



Teacher Nick Brandon got an air-powered ride to a big cream pie.

"When they see it performed with their teachers and classmates, they're going to remember it," Olson said. "These things relate, and they can understand it." Olson remembers the student who told him

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once if the FMA stage was his classroom all the time, "science would be my best subject."

"I love the reactions of the kids ... it's different every time," Olson said. "Those reactions are what make it worth it for us."

Cleanup group needs volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help a cleanup effort along Geddes Road between Sheldon and Beck and along Beck between Geddes and Michigan Avenue.

The cleanup is set for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 21.

One of the organizers, Greg Greene, said picking up trash and debris from roadways and ditches not only makes Canton look better, it also cuts down on pollution of the soil and water that occurs during rainwater runoff into the Rouge watershed system.

Wayne County reflective vests and trash bags will be provided. Just look for green plastic tubs in five places along the routes at these locations:

 Beck Road and Michigan Avenue, the northeast corner by the sign

· Beck and Geddes, the southwest corner by the sign.

 Geddes and River Meadow Boulevard, at the east entrance to River Meadow subdivision.

· Geddes and Sarah Ann Drive, the east entrance to Kimberly Meadows subdivision.

Geddes and Sheldon, by the PNC Bank lawn sign.

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Police arrest pair in recent break-ins

By Matt Jachman Observer Staff Writer

A 9-1-1 call from a witness and a quick police response early Wednesday resulted in two arrests in connection with recent break-ins and larcenies in south-central Plymouth Township.

Police arrested 29-yearold Steven Fisher and another man shortly after midnight Wednesday after a witness reported seeing two people who were carrying lawn equipment running in the area of Corrinne and Mayville, in the Green Meadows subdivision, said Plymouth Township detective Sgt. David Hayes. Hayes said responding officers were aware of previous incidents in the neighborhood and quickly set up a perimeter.

Fisher, a township resident, was found disheveled and short of breath on Northern, Hayes said, and eventually admitted to breaking into a shed at a house on Ball Street. Fisher and the second man were arrested. In the area of Ball and May-

ville, police had found a riding

mower and two lawn-edgers, and a canvass of the neighborhood revealed the shed breakin, Hayes said. A lock had been cut off the shed, he said.

Later Wednesday, police executed a search warrant at Fisher's home and found items reported stolen in other thefts in the same neighborhood, including a Tuesday break-in at a house on Corrinne, Hayes said.

The home break-in on Corrinne occurred during the day on Tuesday; the burglar or burglars broke a window to get into the house, Hayes said. Two video game units, a bicycle and a BB rifle were reported stolen.

In addition to the shed breakin and the home break-in, Fisher was also charged in connection with a Monday garage burglary.

He was arraigned Friday in 35th District Court on two counts of breaking and entering, two counts of receiving and concealing stolen property and one count of second-degree home invasion. Judge Michael Gerou set a \$50,000 bond, and Fisher was still in police custody on Friday. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for Friday, April 13, in district court.

The second suspect was taken to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia for observation after trying to hurt himself shortly after being arrested, Hayes said. The suspect has not been arraigned and was not seriously hurt, he said, and is expected to he charged later.

Hayes said police are continuing to investigate the suspects' possible connection to other area larcenies.

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House passes autism insurance bill

On Thursday, with the support of State Representative Dian Slavens, D-Canton, the House passed Senate Bills 414, 415 and 981, which require insurance companies to cover evidencebased treatments of autism spectrum disorders and establish a fund to help reimburse part of the cost.

The governor's bud-. get recommends spending \$34.1 million — \$10.1 million from the General Fund — on autism services, with \$20.1 million helping to reimburse private insurers and the \$13.5 million providing this care for children who are on Medicaid or MIChild programs.

"This legislation has been years in the making and I am proud to support this important measure that awaits Governor Snyder's signature," said Slavens. "While this package is a wonderful achievement for Michigan's children, we must now work towards covering treatment for all mental health disorders in Michigan."

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State Rep. Dian Slavens, here reading to Hulsing Elementary Schools to promote March is Reading month, called the autism insurance bills "a wonderful achievement for Michigan's children, (but) we must now work toward covering treatment for all mental health disorders in Michigan."

in every 150 individuals is diagnosed with autism, making it more common than pediatric cancer and diabetes combined. It occurs in all racial, ethnic, and social groups and is four times more likely to strike boys than girls.

According to the Michigan Department of Education, an estimated 13,839 children in Michigan had some form of autism in 2008. Most health insurance companies cover only autism screenings, leaving families to pay \$50,000 or more each year for treatment. If untreated, it can cost approximately \$3.4 million to provide care for an individual with autism over his or her lifetime.

"This legislation will help the families and many children with autism become independent and successful in school and life," Slavens said. "I am honored to be able to be the voice of so many Michigan families dealing with autism and do something tangible to help them."

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Pam Slezak finds a book she's interested in at Bookstock, southeast Michigan's largest used book and media sale. The sale is returning to Laurel Park Place mall April 22-29.

Players bring Sondheim to stage

Spotlight Players presents the Broadway smash "Into the Woods," with music and lyrics by the legendary Stephen Sondheim, April 20-29.

Directed by Shannon McNutt, this charming musical brings your favorite fairy tales to life in the state-of-the-art Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

"Into The Woods" intertwines the plots of several Brothers' Grimm fairy tales with an original story of a childless baker and his wife, who set the plot in motion by attempting to reverse a curse on their family in order to have a child.

Written by James Lapine and Stephen Sondheim, the musical begins innocently as a simple wish for each of the characters in "Into the Woods" that sends them on a journey that changes them forever. The characters do not all find a "happily ever after" ending ... or at least not the one they imagined they would have at the start of the story.

"Who doesn't like a good fairy tale?" asked Christine Kapusky Moore of Plymouth, who plays the baker's wife. "The story is absolutely captivating in the way that all of these familiar Grimm's Fairy Tales are woven together and jumbled up to create a wild new super fairy tale. As all fairy tales do, this one has a lesson to take away about our responsibility to our community - our actions, no matter how small, have an effect on those around us in some way that may or may not be immediately known to us."

The play shows Friday, April 20, and April 27 at 8 p.m.,, Saturday, April 21 and April 28, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sunday, April 22 and April 29, at 2 p.m., at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

Tickets are available by phone at the Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or (734) 394-5460 or online at www. spotlightplayersmi.org. Cost is \$18 for adults and \$16 for seniors and students under 19.

Annual Bookstock returns to Livonia

Bookstock is back, celebrating 10 years of supporting the need to read. Metro Detroit's largest used book and media sale, where all proceeds benefit literacy and education projects in metropolitan Detroit, will be held April 22-29 at Livonia's Laurel Park Place.

Bookstock's Pre-Sale will kick off at 8:15 a.m. Sunday, April 22, with a performance by the Wayne State University Gospel Chorale. There is a \$10 admission charge for the Pre-Sale only, which runs through 11 a.m. and offers savvy shoppers and collectors first crack at Bookstock's treasure trove of bargains.

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books on tape, magazines and records for sale at bargain basement prices. The sale will continue through Sunday, April 29, running Sundays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Books will be sold for half price on Sunday, April 29, the last day of the sale.

Bookstock has generated more than \$655,000 for literacy and education programs throughout Oakland County and Detroit over the past nine years. More than 700 volunteers work together throughout the year to organize and staff the weeklong Bookstock sale. Bookstock has also established the Bookstock Scholar Awards, which are given to outstanding library science students

at Wayne State University. In 2011, Bookstock joined with corporate partners Gardner White Furniture and Wallside windows to present the first three \$2,000 awards.

Bookstock is sponsored by the Oakland Literacy Council, Detroit Jewish News, Hour Detroit Magazine, Schostak Brothers and Company, the Jewish Community Relations Council, and a consortium of Jewish communal nonprofit organizations that support education and literacy projects throughout metro Detroit. For more information about Bookstook, call the Bookstock hotline (248) 645-7840, ext. 365, or visit www.bookstock.info. Laurel Park Place is on Six Mile Road east of I-275 in Livonia.





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LOCAL NEWS

Best bet? Transfer money from 401 (k) to IRA

By Rick Bloom **Guest Columnist**

Q: Dear Rick: My employer has just sold his business to a competitor. Like my old company (where I worked for 20 years), the new company has a 401(k) plan. The new employer says we can either transfer the money in our existing 401(k) plan into its plan or we can close out the current 401(k) plan. I am about 10 years away from retirement and I'm not sure what option would be better for me. The new 401(k) plan is not nearly as good as the old plan. I am concerned about taxes. If I take the money, it would cost me a lot in taxes. What do you recommend?

A: Let me first address the tax issue. If you have money in your old 401(k)



Rick Bloom

means that the money goes directly from the old 401(k) plan into an IRA. This is a relatively simple transaction to accomplish. Any custodian such as a Vanguard, Fidelity or TD Ameritrade can do it for you.

transfer

In analyzing your options, I recommend the direct transfer into an IRA because you will have complete control of your investments. Unlike your new 401(k) plan, which has limited options, with an IRA, you virtually have unlimited investment choices. Therefore, it is much easier for you to establish a balanced and diversified portfolio. In addition, you don't have to worry if, down the road, your employer changes the plan or the investment options.

Whether someone retires from a company or their company is sold, as in this case, 99 percent of the time I recommend directly transferring 401(k) money into an IRA. I'm always a believer that people should maintain as much flexibility as possible with

their money and an IRA offers that flexibility. The downside of the IRA vs. the 401(k) plan is you can borrow money from your 401(k). You cannot borrow from your IRA. However, when it comes to investment options, the IRA gives much greater flexibility than a 401(k) plan.

There are many reasons why I am not a fan of borrowing money from a 401(k) plan. First, the adverse tax consequences. When you borrow money from a 401(k), you are paying interest that is not tax-deductible. I recognize that the interest you pay is generally going into your retirement account, however, when that money comes out, you will be taxed. Therefore, you're really paying double taxes

on the money that you're paying in interest.

Another reason I'm against borrowing from 401(k) plans is because in many plans you cannot contribute new money if you have an outstanding balance. Particularly for those who take advantage of a company match, this can be a severe penalty.

Lastly, I believe retirement money is sacred and that you should avoid borrowing against it at all costs.

A key factor to successfully moving money from your old 401(k) plan into an IRA is to make sure that you're dealing with the right company. Too many times when people retire or change employers, they end up paying excessive fees on the money that they invest. As an example, I

recently met with someone who transferred their 401(k) money, which was in a 401(k) Roth, into a variable annuity within a Roth IRA. This transaction benefitted one person only - the person who sold the variable annuity. For the client, it meant excessive fees and limited investment options. Therefore, when you do move money from a 401(k) into an IRA, be careful of unscrupulous salespeople who will attempt to advantage of you.

Good luck!

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



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS **BUILDING DEMOLITION AND SITE RESTORATION**

The Charter Township of Plymouth, Plymouth, Michigan is requesting Sealed Bids for the Building Demolition and Site Restoration associated with structures located at 42350 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI as specified in the Request for Proposal A mandatory prebid meeting for this project will be conducted on site at 42350 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI at 11:00 a.m. on April 9, 2012.

The Township Clerk will receive Sealed Bids at the Township Offices located at 9955 Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, Michigan 48170 until 3:00 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 2012 at which time and place all Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud.

All bids will be received only on the Bid Form furnished and at the above address. All bids must be sealed and clearly marked "BUILDING DEMOLITION AND SITE RESTORATION."

Exceptions to the specifications must be clearly identified and explained. Prices are to be inclusive of taxes and other charges.

The Charter Township of Plymouth reserves the right to reject any and all Bids.

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Merriman Road Church presents Easter drama

By Sue Mason **Observer Staff Writer**

Members of Merriman Road Baptist Church are transforming the sanctuary into ancient Jerusalem as they get ready for next weekend's presentation of the Easter musical drama, More than a Man.

More than 120 church members are involved in the production which will be staged at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 6-7, at the church on Merriman Road in Garden City.

"We're moving along pretty good, we've had to build more because we changed the set," said Pastor Wayne Parker. "Most of the scenes take place in the temple.' The musical drama pres-

ents the passion of Jesus as viewed by three characters - Joseph of Arimathea, Nicodemus and the high priest Caiaphas.

"It starts with Jesus as a young child in the temple when these men are deciding their future and then jumps 20 years ahead and you see them develop their view of Christ," said Parker. "We're always looking for different perspectives to view the passion of Christ. This play brings it right down to each man making a choice of accepting or rejecting Christ. We believe it's a decision we all have to make, the message seems clear to us."

Russell Weathers of



Jesus, played by Christopher Babb (center) of Canton, appears before the high priest Caiaphas, played by Mark Byars (from left) of Garden City and the Sanhedrin Council -Russ Weathers of Livonia, Dave Oswalt, Scott Lefler of Westland, Terry Crouson of Livonia and Jeff Buchholz, pastor of students.

Livonia, Roy Dray of Westland, and John Rowe of Redford are sharing the directorial duties. Weathers also plays a member of the Sanhedrin Council, while Rowe plays one of the guards.

Joining Weathers as a member of the council is Scott Lefler of Westland. Fresh off of playing Willie in a production of Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory two months ago, is joining Weathers as a member of the Sanhedrin Council. "Willie Wonka was a fund-raiser for the teen group, this is more community outreach

"Russ asked me to be in the play," said the Westland resident.

'Russ asked'

It's a comment heard from many of the people involved in the production.

"I volunteer everyone else," said Weathers who admits the hardest part is getting everyone together at the same time to get a full rehearsal.

'We've been rehearsing for about six weeks, this week we'll be here everyday," he said. "The teens did their fund-raiser and as soon as that was over we started this."

Weathers has been involved in directing for five or six years, but this is Dray's first time with the church production

although he's done it elsewhere. Like Weathers, he also appears in the play, he plays Jesus' father Joseph and appears in only the first scene.

"It's hard getting everyone here for practice, so I fill in," he said.

For the second year in a row, Chris Babb of Canton will play Jesus. The hardest part of the production for Babb, a sophomore studying history at Eastern Michigan University, is hanging on the cross that towers more than 13 feet above the stage. He has a narrow strip of wood to put his feet on, and nails have been bent to give the

appearance of being driven through his hands.

This year, the production will incorporate video. In between the time he is taken from Pilate and is hung on the cross, a video will run, showing him being beaten and carrying the cross up the hill to where he's crucified.

"It's totally different," said Rowe. "Normally, he comes in from the back of the church, carrying the cross. With the video, when it's done he'll be on the cross. Everyone will be looking at the temple when we show the video. That's when we'll move scenery to show the tomb."

"This is a good way to reach out to people," said Babb. "Being school age, I'm able to invite my friends to church. I hope a lot of my friends come."

Rowe will have the job of removing Babb from the cross. A balcony that covers his tomb has been reinforced to carry the weight of five to six people.

"Most everything you see, we've had to make," said Rowe. "We had to create columns to make it look like a temple and extended it across the stage."

A 'gift'

Rowe has been involved in the Easter dramas for seven years because "I see this as a gift given to me when I became a Christian.'

EASTER DRAMA

What: More Than a Man, a free Easter drama Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 6-7 Location: Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, south of Ford Road, Garden City Details: The musical

drama depicts the life of Christ from his early childhood through his crucifixion and resurrection. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The production is free to the public with open seating on a first come, first served basis. Contact: For more information, call (734) 421-0472.

"When I was asked to play Peter, it was my first role and I had to cry, I practiced and practiced," he said. "I found when I put myself into the role, I cried and cried. I've never done theater before, that's why I believe it's a gift.'

Playing the high priest Caiaphas is retired Garden City police officer Mark Byars. A veteran of productions by the Dearborn players, Byars will miss out singing in the choir this year.

'It's a different role, but I enjoy being involved," he said.



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LOCAL NEWS

Kroger employee celebrates 60th year with grocer

By Sue Mason Observer Staff Writer

Marion Lozen needed a refrigerator, and her husband didn't believe in buying one on credit, so she went out and got a job with Kroger.

Four refrigerators and 60 years later, the Wayne resident is still working and has no plans of retiring anytime soon.

"Retirement's not what it's cracked up to be, at least not for me," Lozen said. "I enjoy working. I don't want to retire. I enjoy the managers, the other employees and the customers."

The 85-year-old Lozen celebrated her 60th anniversary with the grocery chain at a celebration Thursday at the Kroger Training Center in Westland, with her family, friends, colleagues and Kroger officials on hand.

She was hired March 29, 1952, by Kroger and said the best day of those 60 years "was the day they hired me."

"She's one in a million," said former Kroger employee Donna Bossio of Westland, who's known Lozen for more than 20 years. "She never called



Marion Lozen was surprised to see signs inside and outside the Kroger training Center, announcing her accomplishment.

in sick. She even worked with a sprained ankle."

Three stores

Lozen started at the Kroger store at Michigan Avenue and Venoy and worked there until it closed. She then moved to the Kroger at Merriman and Warren Road, where she worked until it, too, closed. She's been at the store on Michigan Avenue west of Wayne Road since it opened in 1972. "I stayed at Kroger all these years because I enjoy the people," said Lozen, who serves as lead clerk. "I also enjoy what I do."

"You always hear about her," said Jeff Dean, who heads up produce at the Wayne store. "The first time I saw and watched the two generations after her, she was running circles around them.

"She has an impeccable record, she's always on time, never tardy, never calls in and always punches in from her break on time," Dean added. "She's old school."

Lozen has spent her entire career working in the fresh meat department. She currently works 48 hours a week, placing orders for Kroger lunch meats, stocking meat cases and waiting on customers. She said one of her favorite tasks is helping older customers make product selections.

"Many of them need help," she said. "I also like to educate younger people and new customers about the lunch meats we offer. Everyone in the meat department helps our customers however they can."

"Marion's our lunch meat champion," store manager Michele Maletta said. "Even before I came to this store more than a year ago, I heard about Marion. Everyone loves her — the associates, customers and managers. I receive customer compliments about her a couple times each week."

Family ties

Lozen's daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Mike Hurley, granddaughter Jennifer Chambers and several of her great-grandchildren were on hand for the celebration.

Judy Hurley was in first grade when her mother went to work. She remembers going to the neighbor's after school to wait for her mother and father to get home. And if her mother worked Saturday, she spent the day with her father.

Lozen has lived in Wayne since she and her husband moved there after he got out of the service in 1946. She still lives in the second home they moved to in 1958.

"At first I think she thought about retiring, but after dad passed away in 1989, she didn't," Judy Hurley said. "If this is what makes her happy ... but my husband and I are retired."

"I had to get married on a Friday, her day off. I wanted to make sure she'd be there," added Chambers, principal at Wayne-Westland's Hoover Elementary in Wayne.

"She's amazing, absolutely amazing. I really look up to her," she added. "When I'm making that decision to call in, I think about what grandma would do. She's a loving, hard-working person who would do anything for anyone."

Lozen has witnessed many changes at Kroger and within her department — although she says many of the processes for handling lunch meat remain the same. She appreciates the automatic scales the most because they are quick and easy to use and she can easily teach new associates how to operate them.

"She's an angel. I call her that everyday," Mary Kowalczyk said. "If I work an hour in her department, I'm dying. She's done it for 60 years and her body's not hurting. She has a lot left after working in the cold for eight hours. It's the worst job in the store." Lozon's secret to such

stamina? "I eat a banana a day

for the potassium," she said.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BROWNFIELD PLAN OF THE PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, the 17th day of April, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time in the Township Hall located at 9955 Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan, to consider the adoption of a resolution approving the Brownfield Plan for the Plymouth Township Brownfield Redevelopment Authority pursuant to Act 381 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1996, as amended.

The property to which the proposed Brownfield Plan applies is the property located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, including the former Township Hall property, in Plymouth Township.

Copies of the proposed Brownfield Plan are on file at the office of the Township Clerk for inspection during regular business hours.

At the public hearing, all interested persons desiring to address the Township Board shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the Brownfield Plan for the Plymouth Township Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. All aspects of the Brownfield Plan will be open for discussion at the public hearing.

FURTHER INFORMATION may be obtained from the Township Clerk.

This notice is given by order of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth, Michigan.



Joe Bridgman Township Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

 PROPOSED ACTION:
 Request Approval of a Preliminary Condominium Subdivision Plan

 DATE OF HEARING:
 Wednesday, April 18, 2012

 TIME OF HEARING:
 7:00 pm

 PLACE OF HEARING:
 Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Plymouth Charter Township has received an application to consider a PRELIMINARY CONDOMINIUM SUBDIVISION PLAN for the property located north of North Territorial Road, east of Ridge Road, south of M-14, and west of Beck Road, on a portion of Tax ID Nos. R-78-038-99-0001-701; R-78-038-99-0002-000. The site is zoned R-1-E (Single Family Residential) on the west, and R-1-H (Single Family Residential) on the east.

Application: 2076/0312

Applicant: Leo Soave Developments, LLC



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: for parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No.(s): R-78-038-99-0001-701; R-78-038-99-0002-000.

The application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-414-1453. The meeting will be held in the meeting room at Township Hall which is located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth MI 48170.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth MI 48170. Phone 734-354-3201. TDD users: 800-849-3777 (Michigan Relay Service)

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

"GUYS & DOLLS" Time/date: 3 p.m. Sunday, April 1

Location: Kresge Hall, Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia Details: Madonna University's Lyric Theatre presents "Guys & Dolls" by Frank Loesser. Set in Damon Runyon's mythical New York City, this oddball romantic comedy soars with the spirit of Broadway as it introduces a cast of vivid characters. Tickets sold at the door for \$12 or \$10 for seniors or students.

"WAR ON IRAN? VIEWS FROM IRAN, ISRAEL & U.S."

Time/date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 10

Location: Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia

Details: Long-time local peace activist Rudy Simons will give a talk on a possible war with Iran at the Citizens for Peace meeting. The title of his talk is "War on Iran? Views from Iran, Israel & U.S." Attendees will hear three views from Simons, as he speaks from the perspective of an Iranian, an Israeli and an American as they consider the prospect of war with Iran. A group discussion will follow his talk. The public is invited to this free presentation. Contact: (734) 425-0079; www.citizensforpeace11.blogspot.com

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER/SILENT AUCTION

Time/date: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 4 Location: Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia

Details: Presented annually by The Murder Mystery Co., this year's theme is "Totally '80s - Totally Murder." You and your friends are eating a delicious meal when suddenly the waiter keels over! He's dead! It'll be your table's job to solve the crime and clear your good name. Proceeds benefit the Anna **Bonde Memorial Scholarship** Fund for graduating seniors who have been involved in Livonia Public Schools' Creative and Performing Arts program. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and college students, and \$15 for high school students. A full meal is included. Reservations are required Contact: (888) 643-2583

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WOMEN Time/date: 5 p.m. Wednes-

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Mackinac Bridge, Madonna Light It Blue

In April, the Mackinac Bridge will be lit with blue lights at night as part of the autism awareness campaign, Light It Blue Michigan. It's the first time the Mackinac Bridge has ever taken up a cause.

Bridge participation in the campaign is the result of efforts by Madonna University graduate students and Corner Pieces, a non-profit in the Upper Peninsula.

Working in groups, members of the marketing class identified and worked with four unique non-profit organizations to create marketing plans. The Madonna students then voted and awarded a monetary gift to each non-profit based on the strength of their plan.

"I got a phone call, out

of the blue, from a student at Madonna. They said they needed to work with a non-profit on a project, and since we had just started our organization the previous May, we were excited about the help," said Ben Duff, founder of Corner Pieces, a Sault Ste. Marie-based non-profit dedicated to helping children and families living with Autism spectrum disorder.

The students who selected Corner Pieces quickly decided to help Duff with a project he had hoped to undertake, but didn't have the time or resources – to get Michigan landmarks to participate in the national Light it Up Blue campaign led by Autism Speaks, www.lightitupblue.org.

"Michigan had the low-

est participation in this national campaign," Duff said. "And we wanted to really make a statement by going after the one thing that everyone in Michigan knows by sight, the Mackinac Bridge." The marketing plan

The marketing plan the group drafted helped raise \$7,500, which was needed to pay for the cost of changing the light bulbs on the iconic fivemile long bridge, currently the third longest suspension bridge in the world.

Working with Duff's organization, the group also secured participation in the Light It Blue Michigan campaign by the GM Renaissance Center, Motor City Casino, the DTE Energy Building and Madonna University.

"Without the students' involvement, this would never have happened," Duff said.

There will be a lighting ceremony at the bridge on Monday with Michigan's Lieutenant Governor Brian Calley, who has a 4-year-old autistic daughter, and has been an outspoken advocate of expanding Michigan's health care coverage for children affected by the disability.

"This project was a wonderful opportunity for me and my classmates to go beyond the classroom, develop a relationship with a real business, and hopefully have a positive impact," said Scott Draper of Canton, a graduate student in the class.

The class, led by professor Betty Jean Hebel, voted to award Corner Pieces \$500.



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'No' feeling like it

Staples tosses no-hitter for Spring Arbor

By Tim Smith

Observer Staff Writer

Dane Staples already knew the feeling of pitching a no-hitter kind of.

The 2009 Canton grad threw one for the Chiefs against South Lyon East, but that was a fiveinning job against the then-third year team.

"We were expected to win that game," said Staples last week. 'A couple of my friends actually threw one-hitters or no-hitters against them.'

But on March 16, the 21-year-old Staples hurled a completegame no-hitter for Spring Arbor University against Mt. Marty College down in Lakeland, Fla. The righthander walked four and struck out five as the Cougars won 2-0 in the second game of a doubleheader.

What made his recent gem sparkle even more was that his grandfather, Chuck Staples of Westland, traveled down just for that game, which was the Cougars' final contest in their annual Florida trip.

While warming up before that game, Dane Staples said he thought he might not have his best stuff. He's been dealing with some arm soreness lately.

"Before the game I was just praying that I could do well, and that everything would be all right," Staples recalled, during

a phone interview from Spring Arbor, a Christian college about 50 miles from Canton. "I actually have a little bit of tendinitis in my triceps which kind of affects me at some points. It actually flares up, (but) this was a game I was glad it settled down.'

Able to locate his fastball, slider and changeup, Staples started mowing down opposing batters.

Extra for grandpa

And with his grandpa in the stands - not to mention Dane's dad, Bob - he had even more adrenaline flowing to get him through any rough patches. His mom, Laurie, had to return to Michigan and missed the game, however.

"I'd say so, I know my dad just loves seeing me play and I know my grandpa's the same way as my dad," Dane continued. "I don't want to go out there and just throw a couple innings and do all right.

"I really wanted to go out there and do well, just so he could see it because I know he's not going to be able to go to a lot of games this year. For that game that he came to I thought it'd really be nice if I could really do something extra."

He followed up that game with a victory on March 24 against Bethel College. He gave up one

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Rocks climbing? Senior Wildcats geared to lead teammates Salem boys have both depth, big-time potential

By Tim Smith **Observer Staff Writer**

Kyle Meteyer is still finding out about his Salem varsity boys track and field team as the regular season approaches.



By Tim Smith Observer Staff Writer

There is a leader board beyond the north end of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park varsity turf field that several Plymouth Wildcats want to get their names on this spring. As the 2012 sea SOIL O for the Plymouth varsity girls track and field team (3:30 Tuesday against Canton), seniors are eager to make sure they make their mark, coach Ricky Styes said.



McGee makes **Team Michigan**

Salem senior Mark McGee was named one of the 12 forwards

on Team Michigan, a team composed of elite high school hockey



players who will

McGee

compete at a tournament in Minnesota. Rocks head coach

Ryan Ossenmacher called McGee's selection "an extremely impressive accomplishment."

Tin Cup time

The inaugural "Train with Tami Tin Cup" is planned for Saturday, April 28 at Hickory Creek Golf Club. Formerly known as the Tin Cup since its debut in 1999, the 2012 tournament is scheduled for an 8 a.m. shotgun start.

PGA pro Tami Bealert, working out of Hickory Creek GC, has agreed to sponsor the Tin Cup starting in 2012 — thus the name change. The tournament is an 18-hole, stroke-play, net-score event for Mulligan Tour members that have a handicap established.

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Guests are welcomed and are encouraged to register to play in the tournament in the same way as tour members. They can mail in the entry fee or use the PayPal option on the tour's website (www. themulligantour.com), where they can also learn about the tour's origins and purpose. The entry fee is \$45 and includes a cart. The deadline to sign up is April 19.

Also in the works is a pre-tournament party at the Greenside Tavern (the restaurant inside Hickory Creek) on Friday, April 27. **Hickory Creek Golf** Club is located just west of Canton at 3625 Napier Road in Superior Township. Call (734) 731-0238 for more information.

Canton native Dane Staples of Spring Arbor University fires a pitch toward home plate during his no-hitter on March 16. He also threw a nohitter while at Canton High School.

The seventh-year head coach doesn't yet know all of the answers. But he sees plenty of potential and depth, with more than 120 athletes out for the squad.

"This season, despite missing a single 'all-star' athlete on our team, I actually think we'll have more depth in both the sprints and distance squads," Meteyer said. "The jury is still out on our field events, as there are a lot of young guys in the jumps and throws who have yet to compete in an official meet.

"But we scrimmaged Dearborn Heights Robichaud last night (Tuesday) and we competed well in every single event. It was an unscored scrimmage, but we won all but four or five events, including three of four relays."

In 2011, led by state finisher Dan Martin (University of Michigan) and Dion Walker (EMU), the Rocks were third in their division (3-2) and placed fifth in the region.

This year's team could match or exceed those levels, but Meteyer and his coaching staff (Kurt Britnell, Steve Aspinall, Brad Waidmann, Jim Crabill, Geoff Baker) will be more interested in helping kids reach their potential during a season that officially begins Tuesday against BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Joe Amado, shown competing last season in the 110-meter hurdles, is one of the team's returnees with state meet experience.

Livonia Stevenson at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Hidden gems

"The size of our team lends us strength in terms of depth," Meteyer continued. "But running a practice efficiently or creating a meet lineup with that many athletes can also be daunting.

"Our challenge this season is to make sure that all 120-plus athletes are training to their full potential, and that we discover all the possible hidden gems within our ranks."

The Rocks already know what they have in seniors Joe Amado and Thom Crawford, both reaching the state meet last year.

Amado made it in the 110- and 300-meter hurdles and "Joe has

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"We have a lot of great seniors that want to leave a lasting legacy on the girls track team at

Plymouth," Styes said. And if they do, not only will their be individual accomplishments to highlight on the board, the Wildcats will be contenders in the KLAA South Division, conference and at the Division 1 regional meet. In 2011, Plymouth finished 3-1-1 in dual meets and fourth at regionals.

Seniors to set tone

Those seniors, who also are excellent team leaders, are led by: distance runners Nicole Traitses (800-meter, mile, twomile runs), Sophie Roberts (mile, two-mile), Elyse Gryniewicz (mile, two-mile); sprinters Becka Knox (200-, 400-meter dashes), Rachel Burnard (100, 200), Rachael Hille (400, 800) and field-event contributors Reagan Engstrom (pole vault) and Chyna Williams (shot, discus). Knox also chips in on the long jump. "We have a team with great team leadership with a number

Brianna Lax (left) of Plymouth's varsity girls track and field team takes a relay handoff from Kyra Neumann during the 2011 season. Both return for this year's team.

of girls that have a lot of great meet experience," Styes noted. "Nearly all of the girls that went to the state meet last year are back, which will be a great motivator for these girls to exceed the accomplishments of last year.

"We feel that we are deep in the middle distance areas, which will give us the opportunity to move lineups around as needed."

Some of the seniors help comprise the team's projected relay squads.

In the 3,200-meter relay will

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Hole in ones

Fox Hills Golf & **Banquet** Center in Plymouth already is announcing that several hole-in-ones have been registered.

 The first came on March 16, when Reggie Mock of Bloomfield aced the 198-yard No. 12 hole at the Golden course.

Mock, 46, used a 5-iron and Titleist and went on to score 81 for the round.

• On March 21, Livonia's Bob Johnson used a 7-iron and Nike golf ball to shoot a hole-inone on the 114-yard No. 14 hole, also at the Golden course.

Johnson, 74, shot a 97 for the round.



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power play with 14 min-

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the night's scoring, with

a pair of goals three min-

utes apart against Guelph

netminder Garret Sparks

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Farmington Hills prod-

control in the third,

in the frame.

Led by forward Alex Aleardi's two goals, the Plymouth Whalers Thursday squared up their first-round OHL Western Conference playoff series with Guelph, skating into Sleeman Centre and winning 5-2.

With the win, the best 4-of-7 series is tied at 2-2 entering Saturday's Game 5 at Compuware Arena.

Plymouth, which lost the first two games of the series, got out to a 1-0 lead at 9:55 of the first period when forward Tom Wilson (PCEP) scored. The Storm tied the contest just before the end of the first on a goal by winger Zack Mitchell.

Both teams traded goals again early in the second, with Plymouth's

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The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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run and three hits over five innings as the Cougars won 13-3.

According to Staples. it is gratifying to contribute to a team that so far is tearing it up in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. The Cougars are 23-2 and ranked No. 10 in the weekly NAIA coaches poll.

And since he was redshirted as a freshman in 2010 due to a slight tear in his shoulder, he has the 2013 and 2014 seasons to build on what he's accomplished so far.

Canton connection

Staples also keeps tabs on his former Canton teammates and coaches, such as head coach Mark Blomshield, who was a college pitcher himself at Western Michigan University.

During the holiday break in December, Blomshield made sure the Canton High School gym was open and available for Staples to get in some throwing and running.

"Over the winter I sort of reconnect with him," Dane added. "... He's always there to kind of help me. It's a huge help for me."

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Wildcats crank up offense

By Tim Smith **Observer Staff Writer**

The Plymouth varsity girls soccer team blanked Walled Lake Central 5-0 on Thursday, giving the squad a boost entering Wednesday's matchup against always-tough Northville.

"That's going to be a huge test," Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich said, about the Mustangs. "They're a flat-out strong team.

The Wildcats will host Northville at 7 p.m. Wednesday, on the varsity turf field.

But Thursday's victory on the road wasn't a bad way to prepare for that contest.

"We played really strong last night," Neschich said. "We had consistent pressure on them and give credit to Walled Lake Central. They worked hard and defended hard the whole night."

Plymouth (1-0-1) opened up with two goals by Madi Lewis in the first half to go up 2-0 at halftime.

"She just got open for a shot 20 yards out on the second one," Neschich said. "On the first one she beat a player and got oneon-one on the goalie.'

The Wildcats kept the offensive heat turned up in the second half. Maria Farmer, Zoe Foster and Abby Livingston each found the back of the Vikings cage.

"We just took it over, we had constant pressure," Neschich said.

Earning the shutout was Kylie Robb, although she did not have a lot of chances to handle.

GIRLS SOCCER

After playing Northville, the Wildcats will go on spring break and return April 17 at Westland John Glenn in their **KLAA** South Division opener.

SALEM 1, WLN 0: The Rocks played their third game in four nights at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park on Thursday, and made it 2-0-1 in those games with these KLAA crossover victory.

Making eight stops to record her second consecutive shutout was Ali Eggenberger.

Salem's lone goal was scored in the 28th minute by Emily Lundh, off a slick pass from Emma Camp.

"It was a nice effort with our forwards working together as we've been trying to do," Salem head coach Joe Nora said. "Emily then put a perfect shot in the far corner of the goal."

Nora said Eggenberger made some crucial stops, but Salem played strong defense in front of her. He cited the work of Olivia Kaye, Gusty Kummer, Maddy Kummer, Sarah Martin and Katelynn Krause for "closing down their forwards, pressuring their midfield and blocking shots.'

The coach added that the Knights did play "organized and direct, they are very well coached and their girls play very hard."

The Rocks are now idle until April 17 against Northville.

SALEM 0, CHURCHILL 0: On Wednesday, Eggenberger and Livonia Churchill goalkeeper Ashley Elliott held the fort in a scoreless match at PCEP.

Nora said strong wind made it difficult for the teams to control the play, resulting in most of the action taking place in the middle third of the pitch.

Krause and Lundh had strong outings for the Rocks

CANTON 1, NOVI 1: Ally Krause buried a 20yard shot off a crossing feed from Alex Bryden as visiting Canton played to a draw.

Chiefs head coach Jeannine Reddy cited Krause and Bryden for playing solid games up top and listed key defenders as Gabby Epelman, Robyn Mack, Rachel Winters and Natalie Schmidt.

Canton also played to a 1-1 tie in the season opener, Tuesday at Saline.

LADYWOOD 4, REGI-NA 0: Four different players tallied goals Thursday as Livonia Ladywood (2-0, 1-0) opened Catholic League Central Division play with a victory at Warren Regina (0-2, 0-2).

The Blazers, who outshot Regina 24-0, scored three times in the opening half on goals by DeYana Walker from Paige Brennan (10th minute); Domenique Sarnecky from Emily Huddleston (12th minute); and Erin Cronyn from Jenna Urso (16th minute).

Brennan made it 4-0 just two minutes into the second half off an assist from Sarnecky to complete the scoring.

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Shown from last season, Canton's Ryan Jones remains a cog on the Chiefs as the 2012 season opens Tuesday.

Plenty of options for Canton

TRACK PREVIEW

By Tim Smith **Observer Staff Writer**

In his three decades as a Canton track and field coach, Bob Richardson has been around the block quite a few times.

He's also seen a lot of stellar athletes zip around the running track at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

And Richardson, starting his 24th season at the helm of the Canton boys program (he coached the girls the previous six years), has so many speedsters on the 2012 roster that he doesn't exactly know how he'll fill out the lineup card for sprint relays.

"I think when we put it all together we're going to have fast relays," Richardson said. "We'll have to draw straws to see who gets it, because there's so many fast guys.

For starters, there are seniors Ryan Jones, Kevin Buford and Demetre

ian Evans and sophomore Anthony Tillman as candidates for the open sprint events and relays.

Canton's distance events also feature outstanding athletes such as: seniors Miles Felton, Bradon Conley, Jeff Molchan, Jackson Lytle, Zach Cox, Alex Krul, Tyler Winningham; junior Josh Joy, sophomores Tom Walkinshaw, Evan Dunklee and freshman Billy Toth.

The Chiefs, who finished second in the KLAA South Division (4-1) and D1 regional and 16th at the state finals, also have experience in the field events.

"We're pretty solid in most areas," Richardson said.

Seniors Steve Schacht (Matt's twin), Dev Sandhu and Devante Watkins will be Canton's throwers.

Slated for the long jump are Smilo, Tillman and sophomore Jamal Dixon latt Scha ht, Sm

athletes expected to compete both in the 110- and 300-meter hurdles. Those include Hildreth, seniors Mitch Pepper, Shean Krolicki, Kurt Kowalski and junior Drake Hogan.

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Keys to success

Richardson said a big reason for the program's success is the cumulative coaching acumen of assistants Matti Kiltelainen, Mike Stitz, Clint Allen, Eric Thornton and Will Hundley.

"We have a fantastic coaching staff that helps lead all these young men," he noted.

Another is senior leadership. This year's group of co-captains includes Winningham, Jones, Cox, Krolicki, Nickert and Matt Schacht.

Following Tuesday's 3:30 p.m. season-opening meet against Plymouth at the PCEP JV football stadium, the Chiefs are idle until after the spring break. Canton will ivonia Churchill on Tuesday, April 17. "That's when you get better and better and better and you can actually train to get ready," said Richardson, about the extended hiatus from KLAA competition.

The Plymouth Wildcats varsity girls tennis team celebrates following its first-place finish at the recent March Madness indoor tournament.

Hill's seven goals lifts 'Cats

A seven-goal night by Katie Hill catapulted Plymouth's varsity girls lacrosse team to a 14-1 victory Wednesday over North Farmington/Harrison's combined squad.

The Wildcats won for the first time this season.

Also pacing the Plymouth attack was Haley Swanson, who netted four goals and chipped in with two helpers.

Augmenting Hill and Swanson were Clare Cox, Grace Stover and Shannon Lubin, each scoring once and assisting on two others.

"Our offense was clicking great tonight but I really like how our



Plymouth's Amanda Kne (No. 8, right) shoots on the North Farmington/Harrison goalie Wednesday night.

defense played," Plymouth coach Bob Hill said. "I thought Jordyn Burdick and Jamie Dottavio played a solid game back in our end and great

defense always leads to offensive opportunities." Plymouth next squares off 8 p.m. Wednesday against Canton at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Crusader homers batter Albion

The Madonna University softball team played a little home run derby in its doubleheader sweep of Albion College Wednesday afternoon.

Fueled by round-trippers from Kiley Thornton and Gina Sykes, the Crusaders (16-9) rolled to 10-5 and 12-0 victories against the host Britons,

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who slipped to 6-16.

Reliever Bree Crampton picked up the gameone win after replacing starter Hallie Minch (Garden City) in the third.

The big blow for the winners was delivered by Sykes, who rocked a grand-slam in the top of the third to extend her team's lead to 6-1. MU, which pounded out 14 hits, iced the game with a four-run fifth.

Ariele Cox and Caitlyn Keuvelaar both contributed two hits and two RBI for the Crusaders.

Jackie Barley, Erin Mayes and Minch also laced a pair of hits.

Lopez, who an competed in the 2011 Division 1 state finals.

And he also listed seniors Zach Smilo, Matt Schacht, juniors Colby Morris, Ryan Darish, Billy Nicholson, Charlie Steslick, junior Dar-

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high expectations for every meet this season," Meteyer noted. "Joe's extremely smooth over the hurdles with the best hurdling form of any hurdler I've coached."

Amado also will compete in the long jump and sprint events.

Crawford qualified for states in the long jump and 1,600-meter relay and is exceptional in any sprint meet under 400 meters.

"He'll be a big part of the sprint relays and his commitment to track in the off-season is already paying off this season," the coach said.

Another returnee who qualified for the state meet is senior Chase Minshew, who emerged out

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be Traitses, sophomores Jada Woody, Marina DeBiasi and Hille.

Filling the lineup for the 1,600 relay will be Hille, Woody, DeBiasi and Knox.

The quartet of freshman Paige Slominski, Burnard, freshman Anna Lukens and sophomore Katie Salanga are set for the 800 relay. Meanwhile, Traitses

winne lo and Dixon will compete in the high jump.

Senior Mitch Nickert, junior James Hildreth and sophomore Kyle Zander will be Canton's pole vaulters.

The Chiefs have five

of the JV in 2011 and improved all season, "whittling his 400 time down to state-meet caliber. Chase was a member of our state meet 4-by-400 team and will run the 200. 400 and 800 this season."

In the running

Leading Salem's distance group is junior Steven McEvilly, "a dedicat-ed leader who shows as much leadership as any of our seniors," Meteyer said.

"Steve trained all winter and has already started the season way ahead of where he was last year," he added. McEvilly is slated to run in the 800, 1,600 and 3,200-meter races.

Also in distance events are juniors Jeremy Drouillard and Riley Doxtader, like McEvilly part of the varsity boys

cross country team.

In field events, senior Dan Carrigan will throw shot put and discus. He is on a mission to excel, having attended several offseason collegiate camps to get stronger and sharper in his technique.

In the high jump will be senior Josh Peterson and junior Chris Dierker, both part of Salem's KLAA champion boys basketball team. "Chris and Josh have already one-upped their personal records from last season, giving us a solid high jump relay.

Other field events will feature seniors Thom Crawford (long jump), Kyle Dulapa (pole vault) and versatile Doxtader, also in the pole vault.

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are Puckett, Dembny, is the anchor of the 400 relay, following junior Stark and Salanga. Natalie Puckett, junior Showing versatility, Hannah Dembny and Woody will compete in the high jump in addition to relays. Rounding out the field-event lineup will be: juniors Jess Bihn (discus), Jane McCurry

(pole vault), Taylor Rieckhoff (pole vault, high jump); freshmen Emily Freiburger (high jump) and Lauren Clemons (high jump).

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Burnard. Styes said his top hurdlers include Puckett and sophomore Holly Stark, both slated for duty in the 100 and 300.

Joining Traitses, Roberts and Gryniewicz in distance events will be Woody, DeBiasi, junior Kyra Neumann and sophomore Brianna Lax; complementing Knox, Burnard and Hille in sprints

All-Observer gymnasts rank among state's best

DIVISION 1 Alvssa Bresso, Sr., Farmington: Bresso

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placed sixth in the Division 1 all-around at the state meet with a 37.275 score. She also was allstate on vault (seventh), bars (sixth) and floor (fourth). Bresso averaged a nine-plus score in évery event this season and a 36.963 in the all-around. At the regional, she was second on vault, third on floor, fifth on bars and beam.

"Alyssa has been a huge reason for our success over the last four years," coach Jeff Dwyer said. "I was glad she went out on top (at the state meet) as she deserved the recognition for all of her hard work over the years.

"She is so talented that you take it for granted that she can always throw a quality routine. Fortunately, she did exactly that on a consistent basis for four years.'

Ayana Lewis, Sr., Canton: The senior's brilliant high school career had a wonderful final chapter, culminating with D1 allstate medals on vault and bars. Lewis placed sixth on vault (9.4), seventh on bars (9.250) and just missed being all-state in all-around with an 11th place score of 36.350.

At regionals, she captured championships on vault (9.675) and beam (9.525). She also set three Canton school records (bars, 9.9; beam, 9.75; allaround, 38.275)

"This has been the breakout year for Ayana," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "... Memorable and remarkable.'

Lewis, an Elite All American Gymnast and D2 state champion on vault in 2011, was chosen as the Chiefs' Most Valuable Gymnast.

And she was named "Senior State Gymnast of the Year" by the Michigan High School Gymnastics Coaches and Judges Association

Nicole Lasecki, Jr., Canton: Lasecki's junior season for the Chiefs featured top-20 finishes in two events plus alllighted by second-place finishes on vault, bars, floor and all-around. For her season-long

excellence, she won the team award for most consistent gymnast.

"Her consistent high scores were a prime reason for Canton's spectacular season," Cunningham said.

Jocelyn Moraw, Fr., Canton: The freshman burst onto the scene in a big way, helping the Chiefs reload after losing a number of key gymnasts to graduation such as Robyn Piwowar and Kali Pierce.

For her efforts, the Elite All American Gymnast won the team's award for top rookie. One of her season's highlights was registering a 9.7 mark on bars to briefly hold the Canton school record.

Moraw competed with the poise of a junior or senior, capturing D1 all-state medals in four events. She took sixth on floor with a 9.45 tally, placed eighth in allaround (36.9), tied for ninth with teammate Green on bars (8.975) and placed ninth on beam (9.325)

At regionals, she was champion on bars (9.6), floor (9.525) and allaround (37.650).

Cunningham said Moraw was a "huge surprise," contributing in a major way to the team's outstanding season.

"With huge shoes to fill missing from last year, Jocelyn calmly became one of our team leaders," Cunningham noted.

DIVISION 2 Amanda Lumley, Sr., Farmington: Lumley is the Division 2 state champion on floor for the second time in her high school career, winning the title with a 9.625 score this year. She was all-state on bars (sixth) and as an all-arounder, finishing fifth with a 36.45 total. Lumley was a regional champion on floor with a 9.875, and her season average was an impressive 9.633. She won the state title in that event two years ago and was the runner-up last year. "Since her freshman year, Mandy become stronger and stronger on what were once her weaker events (bars and beam)," coach Dwyer said. "For that reason, I think it is quite an honor to place fifth in the allaround, which is the hardest event in which to earn all-state honors. "It's remarkable that she did this with a bad back. She is such a tough kid. No one does floor better than Mandy. She is so awesome to watch, because she makes everything look so effortless.' Meredith Jonik, Soph., Farmington: A repeat member of the all-area team like Bresso and Lumley, Jonik is an allstater in the all-around, finishing eighth with a 36.30 score. She is allstate on beam (sixth) and floor (third), too. Jonik averaged 9.143 and 9.25 in those events, respectively, and her all-around average was 35.90. At the



Alyssa Bresso Farmington U.



A. Lumley Farmington U.



Shannon Diaz Livonia Red

regional, Jonik shared first place on beam with Lumley, and she also was second on vault, fourth on bars and seventh on floor.

"What an accomplishment for a sophomore,' coach Dwyer said. "I remember Meredith joining the team last year and proving to be quite the competitor. She has continued to gain even more difficult tricks and has become a gymnast who

gets the job done. "I love how she competes. She has the ability to block out the pressure of the environment and just go after her routines. She is also able to forget about mistakes and move forward."

Erica Lucas, Soph., Canton: The sophomore epitomized perfection on vault, going undefeated and ultimately winning the D2 championship with a score of 9.550

She finished 11th in the all-around at Kenowa Hills (35.675), just missing all-state honors. During the season,

Lucas won vault in every dual meet, invitational and tournament, including a 9.7 to claim the regional championship.



Ayana Lewis Canton



Nicole Lasecki Canton





Plymouth

Andrea Merlotti,

Salem

excelled in her first season with the Rocks. Overcoming an illness

leading up to regionals, Merlotti earned all-state honors on bars, finishing ninth with a 8.925 mark.

At regionals, she tied for third on bars (8.900) and took third on beam (9.225) while taking sixth in all-around (35.325).

'She was a great addition to our squad," coach Dana Driscoll said. "Andrea is a very dedicated and hard-working gymnast. ... I am excited to see what she brings to our team next year.

Shannon Diaz, Soph., Livonia Red: The sophomore earned all-state honors on bars with an 8.9 and a 10th-place finish. She qualified for the

state finals with a thirdplace finish at the regional (also with an 8.9)

At the KLAA meet, Diaz took second on bars (8.95) and beam (9.4) to go along with a ninth on floor (9.05).

"Shannon is competitive, she's aggressive and her talents are increasing," Livonia Red coach Kelly Grodzicki said. "She's highly talented and is also involved in competitive cheer. She had an amazing season. The coaches are very excited to see what Shannon will offer next year.' Jane McCurry, Jr., Plymouth: The junior was all-state on floor exercise, with her 9.375 mark good for a seventhplace tie.



Jocelyn Moraw

Canton

A. Merlotti

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Melissa Green Canton



Alex Kitz **Livonia Blue**



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Farmington United: Karen Johnson Rachel Ewald, Kristina Franchi, Megan Campbell, Marissa Schuh; Canton: Pla Simon: Salem: Maddie Burt, Paulette Martino, Nora Askaou, Brooke Allgeyer; Plymouth: Brenna

all-around for the D2 state meet, placing 13th on vault (9.125) and 20th in all-around (33.825). At regionals, she tied for third in all-around with a tally of 35.975. She also finished with a share of third on bars (8.90).

"Brittany has an amazing amount of potential which she demonstrated this year," Driscoll said. "We look forward to seeing what the next few years will bring.

Julia Matherly, Sr., Harrison: Matherly was a state qualifier in the all-around, earning fifth place at the regional with a 35.525 score. She also competed for individual honors on vault, beam and floor at the state meet. At the regional, she scored 8.85, 9.075 and 9.5 in those events, respectively.

"Julia has come very far in her career," Dwyer said. "Her dream was to qualify on at least one event for the state meet. She had the meet of her life at the regionals, posting career highs on vault, beam, floor and allaround.

"It was quite an accomplishment. Julia worked hard every day and put herself in a position to advance. I was glad to see her efforts pay off."

COACH OF YEAR

John Cunningham, Canton: One-upsmanship proved quite sweet for the longtime Canton coach and back-to-back Observer Coach of the Year.

In 2011-12, Cunningham presided over a team that narrow

ly exceeded the remarkable run enjoyed in 2010-11. Both



years result-Cunningham ed in the Canton coach Chiefs

finishing second in the state to Grand Ledge. In 2010-11, the Chiefs

did lose once during the regular season. This time around, the team never tasted defeat in



Canton

Erica Lucas

Meredith Jonik Farmington U.

Nicole Jacobs

Salem



around at the D1 state meet.

She took 16th on vault (9.050) and 17th on floor (8.975)

An All American Gymnast in five events and a KLAA Scholar Athlete, she also won the KLAA Kensington Division championship on floor.

At regionals, held at Plymouth High School, Lasecki earned medals for finishing in the topfive in three events.

"Nicole had a very strong year as a result of a lot of hard work," Cun-ningham said. "... She will be a strong team leader next year.'

Melissa Green, Soph., Canton: The smooth and steady performer earned D1 all-state honors in four of five events.

An Elite All American Gymnast, Green took eighth on floor (9.375) and finished in a ninthplace tie on bars (8.975), along with 10th-place showings on beam (9.3) and all-around (36.600).

Green also won five regional medals, high-

"Erica works harder than anyone else on the team, every day and weekends besides," Cunningham said. "For her, 'One more try' means 10 at least.'

Alex Kitz, Sr., Livonia Blue: The senior captain earned all-state honors in two events after placing fifth on the uneven bars (8.975) and a tie for ninth on vault (9.225.

Kitz also took 14th in the all-around (35.325) in Grand Rapids.

She was the regional champion in the allaround (37.3), including a first on bars (9.4); seconds on floor (9.525) and beam (9.25); and a third on vault (9.125)

She was also KLAA champ on bars (9.4) and third in the all-around (35.8).

"Alex is a great leader and teammate," Livonia Blue coach Lisa Broomfield said. "She was always trying new skills and working hard. She has the drive to success."

She took third in that event at regionals with a 9.5, setting a new school record for the Wildcats.

"Jane is a dedicated hard-working team player setting a great example for her teammates," coach Pam Yockey said. "She has managed, in three years with no gymnastics background, to set the school record on floor.

'She is a joy to coach and a great team leader."

Nicole Jacobs, Sr., Salem: The senior's fourth season with the Rocks proved to be very special as she bounced back from a serious knee injury sustained in the

Uhlian; Livonia Blue: Sarah Hogan, Jillian Zafarana; Livonia Red: Maggie McGowan, Mallory Dorton, Jackie Dziurgot.

2011 state meet.

Jacobs persevered and took part in the 2012 meet, too, the fourth straight year she qualified. She tied for 17th on vault (9.050), tied for 14th on floor (9.075) and placed 16th in all-around (35.125)

At regionals, she was second in all-around with a 35.975 and was champion on floor with a 9.600 score.

"Nicole was a captain for the past two years and has been an outstanding leader," Driscoll said. ... This year was exceptionally special because last year at the state meet Nicole suffered a torn ACL.

"She was able to work hard in her recovery and compete at the same high level as she always has.'

Brittany Ramirez, Fr., Salem: Making quite an impact as a freshman, Ramirez qualified as an dual meets and rolled through regionals to earn a return trip to the team finals.

Canton (6-0 overall, 4-0 in the Kensington Division) racked up titles in the division and overall KLAA, followed with the regional championship.

At the team finals, the Chiefs registered 148.575 points - just shy of Grand Ledge's winning tally of 149.400.

Canton also set a new team record with 149.1 points, eclipsing the former standard by two points.

"This year's team was shockingly good, both in its weekly improvement and its final consistent success," Cunning-ham noted. "I have never coached a better team."

This year's team had plenty of individual talent, obviously. Leading the way were four D1 all-staters and D2 vault champion Erica Lucas.

The emergence of freshman all-stater Jocelyn Moraw also bodes well for Canton's continued success.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

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 Tshirts

 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 her at (313) 300-1173. All checks must be made payable to the Canton Chiefs Football Boosters Club.

Play GCYBSA ball

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

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

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

YMCA spring leagues

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

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

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

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Easter Worship Directory



2012 Holy Week Worship Opportunities
 Palm Sunday
 April 1st
 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

 Maundy Thursday
 April 5th
 6:30 p.m.

 Good Friday Afternoon
 April 6th
 1:15 p.m.
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10:30 High Mass

Maundy Thursday 4/5 7:00 pm

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Nursery rhymes are a visual treat at exhibit in Canton

By Sharon Dargay O&E Staff Writer

Walk into the lobby at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton and you might find yourself looking for pews.

"It's just like a church," said Tom Newton, who placed stained glass art in the venue last week.

The exhibit, coinciding with Michigan Glass Month, runs April 1-29, and includes a variety of stained glass pieces, in addition to tools and sketches that show the designing, glass making and assembling process. Prominent in the collection is a series of 10 panels depicting nursery rhymes that originally were installed in the kindergarten room at the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center, in Farmington Hills.

"We were able to hang in sunlight. Sunlight is very important to stained glass. It's dynamic and changing from morning until night," said Newton, who maintains a studio at the Glass Academy in Dearborn. "That was one of the motivators when I was asked to do this exhibit. They have a beautiful lobby. I said this is absolutely perfect for stained glass, especially during the day."

Last year when the Academy exhibited glass



Tom Newton hangs a pieces in the front window of the theater. The exhibit also includes a series of nursery rhymes in stained glass from the former St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center in Farmington Hills.

at the theater, Newton offered to loan a few nursery rhyme panels to the display for "extra zip."

zip." "I took four out there and we hung them and moved them away from the wall so light could get behind them. It was really well received. When the gallery asked me if I was interested in doing it this year. It was an easy decision."

He brought all 10 nursery rhyme windows to the theater, along with other stained glass and the drawings, called "car-



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Glass artist Tom Newton unloads a maquette, a drawing that can serve as a design plan for a finished glass work.

toons" that formed the basis of the Mother Goose art. Former orphanage

Newton, a Dearborn resident has become the informal keeper of the nursery rhyme glass for the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center, which relocated to Detroit in 2006 after state funding for residential foster care programs dried up. Today, the nonprofit organization primarily runs tutoring programs for adults and children.

The Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent DePaul originally founded the Center as a kindergarten for orphans in the mid-1800s in what is now the 12 Mile-Inkster Road area of Farmington Hills. The nuns' St. Vincent Academy evolved into a full orphanage, but was destroyed by fire in 1928. Charles T. Fisher of Fisher Body and

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This photo shows the kindergarten room at the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center in Farmington Hills with original stained glass nursery rhyme windows.

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his wife, Sarah, donated funds for a new orphanage which opened in 1929. The stained glass for the kindergarten room was made that same year.

Made in Detroit

Newton likes the quality of the glass windows and their secular theme.

"They are simplistic,' he said, referring to the design. "And very attractive. The colors are rich and the subject is every day.'

The Detroit Stained Glass Works originally crafted a 40 nursery rhyme windows for the Center. Some were destroyed and others damaged when the windows were moved to a gymnasium in the building.

Local artists began restoring them in 1986. The Center owns 10 of the original pieces. A few others are located at Providence Hospital and the Daughters of Charity retained a few.

Newton bought the original sketches for the nursery rhymes, along with other glass piec-



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This piece has several different styles combined. It may have been used as a sample piece by a glass studio.

es and items from the **Detroit Stained Glass** Works when it closed in



This window hung in the St. Vincent Sarah Fisher Home.

1970. He had no information about the whimsical windows.

"I had these wonderful drawings of nursery rhymes and did a display with them for Michigan Glass Month. I asked if anyone had information on the drawings, I'd like to know.'

He received a call and invitation to view the corresponding stained glass pieces from the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center.

"They showed me the original windows. It was neat," he recalled.

New mission

Diane Renaud, CEO and director of The Education Experience at the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center in Detroit, said the stained glass exhibit is a "window of opportunity" to raise awareness of the 168-year-old organization. Now nonprofit run by a board of trustees,



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This stained glass mosaic is by Margaret Bouchez Cavanaugh. The late artist produced contemporary designs for Detroit Stained Glass Works and designed the windows for the chapel at st. John's Seminary in Plymouth Township.

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of time in our ongoing evolution," Renaud said. "We've always evolved to meet the needs of the community. I understand that the audience that saw it (last year) was excited to know what our latest incarnation had become. ' The exhibit is open 10

a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, by appointment and during public performances at the theater, which is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton; ((734) 395-5300 or (734) 394-5460.

The nursery rhyme windows are included in the Michigan Stained Glass Census at www. michiganstainedglass. org. For more about Michigan Glass Month, visit For more about Michigan Glass Month, visit www.michiganglass. org. For more about St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center, visit www.svsfcenter.org.



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April

AUCTION

Time/Date: 6-10 p.m. Saturday, April 21

Location: St. Mary Parish Activity Center and School, 34516 Michigan Avenue, Wayne

Details: St. Mary 1st Annual Auction A Night on the Town will include a silent auction, live auction and more. All proceeds benefit the St. Mary Parish and School. Tickets are \$25 and include a strolling buffet, dessert and two beverages. Pre-registration is a must Contact: auction@stmarywayne.org

BLOOD DRIVE

Time/Date: 1-7 p.m. Friday, April 20

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland Details: Walk-ins are

welcome Contact: (734) 722-1735

EASTER SERVICE

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., Sunday, April 8

Location: Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, Livonia

Details: "The Thorn Easter Experience" worship service features realistic videos of the Easter story, live drama and inspiring music Contact: 248) 476-8222; www.kenwoodchurch.org

EASTER SERVICE

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 6 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, April 8

Location: New Life Church, 33111 Ford Road, Garden City

Details: Worship, communion and the "Silent Praise" sign team on Friday; worship, music and "Silent Praise" sign team on Sunday Contact: (734) 326-7000; www.newlifegardencity.org

EGG HUNT

Time/Date: 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 7

Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman, Livonia **Details:** Includes the Easter story, crafts and an egg hunt, with prizes and treats. Youngsters should bring a basket to collect their eggs.

The church encourages parents to join in on the fun with their children Contact: Pastor Roger at (313) 682-7491

EGGSTRAVAGANZA Time/Date: 10:30 a.m.,

Saturday, April 7 Location: First Church of

the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of 8 Mile, east of Haggerty, Northville

Details: Youngsters in age groups 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, and 9-11, will hunt for more than 12,000 eggs at this Easter event. Ben Spitzer will entertain and the Easter Bunny will be on hand to pose for photos. Includes games, prizes and gifts for anyone who brings a friend, hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks. Bring your own Easter basket. Pre-registration is required at www.dfcnazarene.org. Registration closes after 600 children have signed up or on April 4, whichever comes first Contact: (248) 348-7600

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, beginning April 18 Location: Emmanuel Lu-

theran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: "From Grief to New Hope," is a free, eightweek workshop open to the community. Each session will begin with a talk about one aspect of grief followed by small-group participation led by trained facilitators. Each person will be placed in a group with others who have had similar losses. For registration information, call (248).442-8822

Contact: New Hope Center for Grief Support, (248) 348-0115 or visit www.newhopecenter.net

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. April 16, 23, 30, May 7 and 9 Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth

Details: Deacon Bob Irvin, the Rev. John Riccardo, as well as John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a local Catholic bereavement organization, will present "Grieving with Great Hope." Registration forms are online at www.goodmourningministry.net or call the church Contact: (734) 453-0326; olgcparish.net

LENTEN WORSHIP

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m.

Prayer breakfast set for May 3

Dr. Paul L. Maier, professor emeritus at Western Michigan University, guest lecturer, and author will be the featured speaker at the 38th annual event Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, May 3.

The annual event is planned for 7 a.m. in Burton Manor, 2777 Schoolcraft, between Middlebelt and Inkster Road. Doors open at 6:15 a.m.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and include a full breakfast and program. Tables of 10 also are available. Ticket orders and information on tables and sponsors are available by calling Sally Butler at (248) 476-9427. Tickets must be purchased by April 13.

Wednesdays, through Lent Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road in Farmington Hills

Details: Soup supper starts at 6 p.m., followed by the worship service

Contact: (248) 553-3380 **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Time/Date: 8 a.m. Friday,

April 6 Location: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

Details: 37th Annual Men's Good Friday Breakfast features Lomas Brown, former Detroit Lion and seven- time all-pro offensive lineman, as guest speaker. Tickets are \$6 for men and \$3 for boys, 10 and under

Contact: (734) 459-3333 POMEGRANATE GUILD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday, April 22

Location: In the community room of the Prentis Apartments located on 10 Mile, east of Greenfield Road in Oak Park

Details: The group will lead a community-wide needlecraft workshop teaching the techniques of cross stitch, needlepoint and huck embroidery. \$5 materials fee Contact: Judy Galperin at (248) 661-5337

PARENTING SERIES

Time/Date: Dinner, 5:30 p.m., followed by the series, 7 p.m., Wednesdays, April 18-May 23

Location: First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville



The former WMU history professor is widely known outside the university setting for his lectures, writings, television appearances and news-

paper and radio interviews. Maier retired in April 2011 after 50 years as one of the most popular professors and experts in ancient history and early Christianity at WMU

He is a graduate of Harvard University and Concordia Seminary. He holds a doctor of phi-

Details: "Have a New Kid by Friday!" is the new parenting series by Kevin Leman. Cost for dinner is \$5 Contact: (248) 348-7600

RETREAT

Time/Date: April 20-21 Location: Embassy Suites, 19525 Victor Parkway,

a women's retreat. Guest

RUMMAGE SALE DO-NATIONS

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. weekdays

Location: Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, at Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Gently-used, clean, still-in-good-condition items are being accepted for the church's rummage sale on April 21. Tax receipts are available

Contact: (734) 464-0990 VESPERS

Time/Date: 6 p.m., Sunday, April 1

Location: St. Paul Cathedral, 700 N. Beech Daly, **Dearborn Heights**

Details: Rev. Roman Star will officiate. The Rev. John Wehling, rector of Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, Livonia, will be the homilist. The Orthodox Choir of Metropolitan Detroit will sing during the service. Refreshments will

be served after the service. Contact: Subdeacon Robert A. Mitchell, at (313) 204-5103 or rmitc02@ameritech.net.

VIRTUAL DEMENTIA TOUR

Time/Date: 10-11:30 a.m. and noon to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28

Location: Riverside Park Church of God & Adult Day Ministry, 11771 Newburgh, at Plymouth Road, Livonia Details: Audra Fyre, marketing director of Arden Courts of Livonia presents the tour, which is an effective way to put yourself in the shoes of a person suffering with dementia. No charge, although donations may be made to Adult Day Ministry. RSVP by April 13 Contact: (734) 855-4056

WHY BE CATHOLIC? Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, April 16

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

Details: Deb Kinast, who was baptized Catholic and tried several faiths before becoming a devout Baptist as an adult, is the guest speaker. When Kinast learned that Steve Ray, a former devout Baptist, was Why Be Catholic's kick-off speaker in 2010, she attended the meeting. She was determined to convince Ray how foolhardy his conversion had been, but ended up returning to her Catholic faith.

Contact: (734) 261-1455 Ext. 2000, or www.livoniast-

losophy degree and also pursued post-graduate studies as a Fulbright scholar at the Universities of Heidelberg, Germany and Basel, Switzerland.

He is the recipient of numerous awards and honorary degrees and his insights and expertise on current events are widely sought after. His message will be "How We Got the Bible."

The program also features the Tyndale Artists Ensemble under the direction of Dr. Jerry Smith. Scripture readings by local clergy and local leaders along with audience responsive prayer are part of the annual event which is patterned after the National Prayer Breakfast held annually in Washington, D.C.

michael.org

WIDOWED FRIENDS Time/Date: 5 p.m. social hour, 6 p.m. dinner, Wednesday, April 11 Location: Corsi's Italian Restaurant, 27910 W. Seven Mile, west of Inkster Road, in Livonia

Details: The event, sponsored by Widowed Friends, is aimed at widowed individuals of all ages. Cost is \$14 and includes buffet, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay at the door with cash only. Cards, games and conversation after until 9:30 p.m. Must RSVP by April 4. Widowed Friends is a support group offered through the Archdiocese of Detroit

Contact: Cookie at (248) 357-2183, Pat at (248) 545-8348 or Carol at (248) 946-0300

May

GRIEF SUPPORT

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 23

Location: Holy Family Parish, 24505 Meadowbrook, Novi Details: Grieving with Great Hope, a four-week grief support series for individuals who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Presenters will include The Rev. Bob La Croix as well John and Sandy O'Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a Catholic bereavement organization. Register by calling the church or visiting Good Mourning Ministry's Web site.

Contact: (248) 349-8847; www.holyfamilynovi.org

speaker is Suann Dibble. Cost is \$85 per person Contact: Barb Karowich at (734) 480-1644 or visit www.christoursavior.org

Livonia Details: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church presents

DINNER PROGRAM

The Zonta Club of Northwest Wayne County presents a "Get to Know Us" dinner, 6-8:30 p.m., April 23 in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia.

A guest speaker from the Yankee Air Ladies will talk about women in aviation. There will be information on Zonta Club, about how it has helped women in the community, and about its new scholarships and upcoming events.

The dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. To assure adequate seating and food, reservations are required. Call Barbara by April 12 at (734) 464-0450 to make a reservation.

The Club is offering two \$500 scholarships to assist women in reaching their educational goals. The scholarships will be awarded to women who are pursuing a career in

culinary arts or an associate's degree in aviation management. Classes must be taken at Schoolcraft College and all money will be handled through the Schoolcraft College Foundation office.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens and reside in the Schoolcraft College District which is Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Redford, Wayne, Garden City, Westland, Northville Township and the Wayne County portion of Northville. These scholarships are open to all women without regard to race, ethnic origin, disability or age.

To request an application, e-mail rsrand521@ sbcglobal.net. Applications must be returned by mail and postmarked by June 1. Scholarships will be awarded by July 30 and money available for the fall 2012 semester.





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For the doctor caring for that patient, arthritis may be more a burden than becoming another item on the list of medical conditions to follow. For example: I care for a patient with gout who also has cancer of the stomach and who recently finished a combination of surgery and chemotherapy for the cancer. He sees me for an acute attack of gout of his foot.

He cannot take colchicine or medications such as Indocin or meloxicam because he has no stomach to absorb oral medicine and the gastrointestinal tract below the stomach is likely to be sensitive from the chemotherapy. Oral medicine is at risk to cause a bleeding ulcer. The only way to treat the patient is by steroid injection. All other therapies listed in textbooks are precluded by his other medical problem. If a patient with gout also has diabetes, then the doctor must

think twice before giving cortisone by mouth of injection, a treat-ment that almost always successfully stops a gout attack. However, cortisone raises blood sugar, and in a diabetic the rise may be dramatic. In this instance, other medicine such as colchi-cine is the first choice, except if it is contraindicated by the patient having stomach or intestinal conditions.

If a patient has both arthritis and kidney failure then the doctor faces a dilemma as non-steroidal medications can harm kidney function.

In short, treating the patient is often much different than what the Internet advises.

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Blocked pipe can lead to a smelly sink

By Lon Grossman **Guest Columnist**

Q: Can you help me with a problem with my bathroom sink? I notice an awful odor coming from the drain. A: Many



Lon Grossman of roofing

shingles obstructing the vent stack opening. I've also found birds, wasps, leaves and other nests in or on the vent.

But first, pour bleach into the overflow pipe and scrub with a baby bottlebrush. If the odor persists and you can safely go up on the roof, look down the vent stack. You should see nothing but a clean, unobstructed pipe. Oftentimes, the pipe will go down a few feet and narrow

to a smaller pipe, but it should be clear. If there is an obstruction, you may be able to snag it with a wire from a coat hanger. Don't push what you find down farther. It should be removed. If everything looks good, you may be able to blow out a minor obstruction using your garden hose. If all else fails, call a plumber. That's why they get the big bucks.

By the way you can install hardware cloth screening on top of the vent to keep out debris and nests.

Q: I plan on carpeting my basement. Is there is a way to retard humidity through the concrete and also insulate the floor?

A: One product is a subfloor system from DRIcore. It consists of engineered wood panels. The underside is bonded to polyethylene with raised "cleats." The cleats provide an air space between the cold concrete and the wood sub-floor. It also is a moisture barrier. Contact them at 1-888-7676374.

Another product is called Enviro-Cushion. It is a carpet pad for concrete floors. According to the manufacturer it has an Rfactor of 4.5 yet it is only 3/8-inch thick. The padding is available locally at Fair-Way Tile & Carpet. You can call them at (248) 588-4431.

Q: I have discovered mold on some couch cushions that I stored in a second floor hall closet in my house. How do I go about correcting this problem on a very medium income?

A: There are literally thousands of different types of mold. Not all are hazardous and some certainly are beneficial. Just because you have mold on a few cushions, is not a reason to panic.

To have mold you need three things: Air, a food source for the mold (in your case it's those cushions) and moisture. You cannot eliminate air from the equation, but you can get rid of the moisture.

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Begin by asking yourself these questions: Why were the cushions wet? Did the moisture come from a pet, plant, roof or plumbing leak from above? Once you have answered those questions and corrected the problem, it's time to clean and restore those cushions. They might be able to be cleaned using Concrobium Mold Control, which is effective against mold and mildew organisms on both hard and fabric surfaces. It comes in a onequart, ready-to-use spray bottle.

Always test a product first in an inconspicuous corner or edge before ruing the entire cushion. Concrobium can be purchased at Home Depot for about \$9 for a one quart spray bottle.

You can also call a local dry cleaning establishment and ask if they can clean and restore those items. They probably can. Put them in plastic garbage bags and take them to the cleaners.

When you get them back, lay back and enjoy your fresh, comfortable couch.

Q: We have lived in our house for nine years and recently noticed one side of our yard and the front lawn are constantly wet. I suspect either tree roots or poor drainage due to our lot position. Who would be the best person to determine what might be causing the problem?

A: If you have a sprinkler system, there could be an underground leak. If your lot is the lowest in the area, it could be the immediate neighbors yards are draining to yours. If the water is not sitting next to the house you can wait. You'll need to call a landscaping company to install a french drain or a dry well to help with that problem.

Lon Grossman of Bloomfield Hills is president of Technihouse Inspections Inc., a southeast Michigan residential and commercial inspection company. E-mail your questions to him at drdiy@comcast. net. Call (248) 855-5566. Visit his website www.technihouse.com.

Livonia Garden Club

Pat Krueger of the Birmingham Orchid Society will talk about caring for these exotic plants, 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, at the Livonia Senior Center, located at Five Mile and Farmington Road, Livonia. Visitors are welcome; www.orgsites. com/mi/livoniagardenclub/

Butterflies

"Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association (SEMBA) meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. The meeting topic is "Butterfly Garden Enhancements." Participants will learn how to create and install accessories and enhancements for their butterfly gardens. Admission for non-members is \$3. Questions? Call (734) 326-0578 or visit www. sembabutterfly.com.

English Gardens

Kick off spring with at look at what's new for the garden at the annual Garden Party Weekend, Sunday, April 1. The event includes free presentations, refreshments, door prizes and a showcase of new gardening products. Featured presentations are:

· Eight Months of Continuous Color with Janet Macunovich, Advanced Master Gardener, noon, in Royal Oak, Macunovich will talk about extending color in the garden.

• Top 10 tips for A Successful Garden with Detroit News garden columnist Nancy Szerlag, noon, in Dearborn Heights.

 Top 10 tips for Lawn Care with Ashton Ritchie of Scotts. He'll share his 40 years of experience and answer questions about weeds, bare spots and more, noon, in Ann Arbor and 3 p.m. in Dearborn Heights.

 All About Hydrangeas, 3 p.m. in West Bloomfield. • The Thrills & Spills of Container Gardening with Proven Winners representatives, 1:30 p.m. in Royal Oak.

den: Stop Deer & Rabbits from Devouring Your Garden, 3 p.m. in Ann Arbor. Julia Hofley will teach the techniques to keep plants from getting eaten from

neighborhood rabbits and deer.

• The Grass Can Be Greener will focus on what vou need to keep your lawn looking its best, 1:30 p.m. in West Bloomfield.

· How to Arrange Fresh Flowers Like a Pro, 1:30 p.m. in Dearborn Heights and 3 p.m. in Royal Oak. Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900; 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield; (248) 851-7506. For information, log onto www.EnglishGardens.com.

Garden seminar

Professional gardener, author, educator and speaker, Janet Macunovich, will lead a free seminar on creating an allergy-friendly garden, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, in Botsford Hospital's Community Room, at the A&E Center, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. She'll offer gardening suggestions and strategies to minimize allergic reactions. Reservations required. Call (877) 477-3621.



 Perennials: Gardening with Color, noon, in West Bloomfield.

. The Basics of Organic Gardening with Greg Brackett, 1:30 p.m. in Ann Arbor.

· Take Back Your Gar-

Milestones

Bruce-Lechner

Holly Rose Bruce and Aaron Nicholas Lechner, both of Clawson, announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Stephen and Carol Ann Bruce of Farmington Hills, is a 2003 graduate of Farmington High School. She earned a BS degree in brain behavior and cognitive science in 2007 from the University of Michigan and a B.S. degree in nursing in 2008 from Lovola University in Chicago, Ill. She is employed as a registered nurse at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Her fiancé, son of Daryl and Marie Lechner of Chesaning, is a 2002 grad-

Blake-Duncan

Lyneah Rose Blake and Justin Evan Duncan announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Mary (Doherty) Blake of Plymouth, was raised in Ojai, Calif., and moved with her family to Plymouth in 1988. She met Justin in 2002 during their freshman year of college. Lyneah received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Madonna University in 2007 and plans to graduate with a master's degree in counseling psychology in May. She works at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia

Her fiancé, son of John and Catherine Duncan

Kylee Marie Geiser

Kylee Marie Geiser was born Feb. 17, 2012, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Proud parents are Josh and Tracey Geiser of Plymouth.



degree in mechanical engineering in 2008 from Kettering University. He is employed as an engineer at Meritor.

A September 2012 wedding is planned in Clawson.



of Garden City, attended Wayne State University for both his undergraduate and graduate degrees. He has a degree in geography, and plans to graduate in 2013 with a master's degree in urban planning.

A September 2012 wedding is planned at St. **Thomas Apostle Catholic** Church in Ann Arbor.

REUNIONS

DEARBORN HEIGHTS ANNAPOLIS **CLASS OF 1982**

For information about the 30-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Fr. Patrick O'Kelley Knights of Columbus in Dearborn, visit the "AHS Class of 82" page on Facebook, or contact Diane Goodreau at dianeschofield@ sbcglobal.net or (313) 363-0523; Jim Linaras at godofouzo@ yahoo.com; or John Zadikian at zman6754@aol.com. DETROIT CODY

CLASS OF 1962

Looking for Classmates from January and June graduations for 50th reunion, 6 p.m. Sept. 29, at the Holiday Inn, 17123 Laurel Park Dr. North, Livonia. Call Neal and Barb Gehring at (248) 568-2254; NGBG@comcast. net

DETROIT MACKENZIE **CLASS OF 1962**

50th reunion, Friday, June 1 For more information e-mail mackenzie1962@gmail.com or phone Mavis (Higgins) Farrand at (734) 675-5675 or Sandy (Turnbull) Dillaha at (734) 281-

FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL **CLASS OF 1967**

Organizers of the 45th reunion on July 21 are looking for classmates. Send your e-mail address to Susan (Himmelspach) Whittaker at S_whittaker@comcast. net or Fred Gregg at fredge1@ comcast.net to receive a reunion packet

GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL EAST

CLASSES OF 1968-1973

Reunion Sept. 22. Looking for classmates. Check out the "Garden City High School (East) Reunion 2012" on facebook. Or e-mail to Cindy Eads Frens at irish4200@hotmail.com, Debi Cassidy Haller at debi.haller@ gmail.com, Doris Fugaban Williams at doris1226@wowway.com, Lee A Gilligan at ee.gilligan@att.net, Sue Cook at stasselmyer@charter.net, SuzieWright Rogiero at suziero giero@yahoo.com, Jackie Kalifut at jackieideson@gmail.com or Jeff Fordell at jeffreyfordell@

50-year reunion for January and June graduates is set for 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Marriott Hotel, located at Six Mile and I-275 in Livonia. For more information or to RSVP e-mail Jean Badoud-Riddell at fictionweaver@sbc-global.net, Marilyn Roy Snyder at Marilyn@MarilynJSnyder.com, or Carol Jehle at jehlecarol@ waboo com

NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1971-75

The classes are joining together to celebrate with a reunion on Aug. 4. Reunion organizers are searching for classmates from those years. Send your name, address, phone and e-mail to nhs40yearreunion@gmail.com. The organizers will send more details after receiving your information.

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BROWN, FRANCES M.

Age 80 of Farmington Hills. Beloved wife of Jim for 60 years. Dear mother of Norman (Brenda), Tom (Kathy) and Vera (Doug) Williams. Cherished grandmother of Angela, Candace, Amy, James Alex and Jake. Sister of Elizabeth Bandon and the late Robert Rauhauser. Memorial service will be on Thursday, March 29th 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington 26165 Farmington Rd., Farmington Hills, MI Memorials may be to the Alzheimer's made Association or First Presbyterian Church of Farmington

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ASLAUG (OZZIE)

March 27, 2012, at the age of 88. Beloved wife of the late Forrest Clayton Chaffee. Dear mother of Forrest (Pam) and Kimberly (Chris) Congdon. Grandmother of Kelly Vandeginste and Dana Minton. Great-grandmother of Loren Jo. Sister of Oddlaug Marshall. Visitation at Manns Ferguson Funeral Home, 17000 Middlebelt (S. of 6 Mile), Sunday, April 1, from 1-8 pm. Service will be held at the funeral home on Monday, April 2 at 11 am. Memorials may be made to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, New Smyrna Beach, FL or International Doodle Owners Group (IDOG). Please refer to web site for donation addresses: www. mannsfuneralhome.com



DEKIERE, JAMES E.

March 23, 2012, age 63. Beloved husband of Phyllis. Dear father of Jon (Joli) DeKiere. Grandfather of Ella & Nicholas. Brother of Janice (Thomas) Neal. Services were held today at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Share your special thoughts and memo-



Age 85, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, on Monday, March 26, 2012, in Livonia, Michigan. Joyce was born on February 25, 1927 in Cincinnati, Ohio, the daughter of Esta Alice (Marie) and James Stephens. She graduated from Western High School in Detroit,

and worked at Detroit Edison until her marriage. On May 14, 1949, she married Chester G. Moore in Detroit, Michigan. After her retirement from Michigan National Bank, and Chester's retirement from Metro Agency, Joyce and Chester divided their time between their homes in Michigan and Naples, Florida. Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, James Lawrence Stephens, USN, and her grandson, Andrew Moore. Joyce is survived by her loving husband, Chester, five children, Carol (Fred) Baker of Naperville, Illinois, Peggy (Samuel) Townshend of Enon, Ohio, Roger (Rochelle) Moore of Livonia, Patrick (Karen Braun) Moore of Franklin, Michigan, and Kimberly Moore of Lamar, Colorado. She was the beloved grandmother to 14 grandchildren, David Baker, Anne Baker Mareachen, Laura Baker Starzec, Lisa Baker Guererro, Steven Townshend, Amy Townshend Jaster, Elizabeth Townshend Volesky, Jennifer Townshend, Aaron Moore, Corey Moore, Adam Moore, Daniel Moore, USMC, Brian Moore, the late Andrew Moore, and 13 great-grandchildren. A celebration of her life will be held in Franklin, Michigan on Saturday, March 31 from 1-4pm. For details, contact Metro Agency 800-522-4030 In lieu of flowers, memorial con-

tributions may be sent to: Livonia Rotary Foundation, c/o Metro Agency, 32646 Five Mile Rd., Livonia, Michigan 48154

MOORE, HENRY E.

Of Canton, passed away February 27, 2012. Born September 6, 1936, he is survived by his wife of 54 years, Audrey A. Moore and brother, David Moore, sisters Rachel Moore and Kristin Hay, and mother, Rev. Viola Moore. On March 31, 2012, a Memorial Service for Henry will be held at 11 AM from the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, 42600 Ford Rd., Caster Memorial withthe will Canton. Memorial visitation will be held prior at 10:00 AM at the same location. Memorial gifts may be sent to Michigan Eye Bank, The National Cancer Society or St. Joseph Mercy Hospice





ROTTER, BETTY

March 26, 2012, age 90, of Plymouth. Beloved wife of Felix for 70 1/2 years. Dear mother of Carol (Albert) Sabatini, Susan (Michael) Kalis, and Fred. Proud grandmother of Jeffery (Kristin) Sabatini, Gregory (Trudi) Sabatini, Darren (Sarah) Kalis, and Ryan Kalis. Great grand-mother of Serafina and Gabe abatini. Dear sister of Frank (Marilyn) Brown. Betty was an avid artist and volunteered for over 25 years for the Detroit Area Council of Camp Fire, where she served in several capacities including Council President. She was also the president of the PTA at Horger School in Lincoln Park, and was a member of the Lincoln Park Choraleers. - Her loving ways, kindness, politeness, sense of humor, and witty comments will be dearly missed by her family, and assisted living caregivers. Memorial service Thursday 10:30 AM at Vermeulen Fundral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Road (btwn Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. Memorial was held Wednesday. Memorials may be made to UofM Brain Bank, Michigan Alzheimers Disease Center, 2101 Commonwealth, Ste. D, Ann Arbor, MI 48105. To share a memory, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com





WARD, (NEE: WHITE) HELEN BLANCHE

Of Farmington Hills and formerly of Livonia and Novi. Cherished Wife of the late Robert G. for over 65 years. Loving Mother of Thomas (Frances FitzGerald) of Farmington Hills, Bill of Laurium, MI, Nancy Mininger of Christoval, TX and Betty (Ron) Rainville of Westborough, MA. Proud Grandpa of Wesley, Keely, Andrew, Scott, Ward and Yulia, and Great-Grandpa of Clinton and Trevor. Also survived by many other loving family and friends. Helen was preceded in death by her parents Thomas and Dorothy White. Helen will be laid to rest at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI. with her husband Robert. Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army and/or The Gleaners Food Bank. The family would like to extend their special thanks to the staff of St. John's Hospital and Hospice and the great many fam-ily and friends for their kindness, care and concern. A Celebration of Helen's Life will be held at a later date. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel Livonia, MI.



Mason Thomas Wittersheim

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Mason Thomas Wittersheim was born March 4, 2012, at Providence Park Hospital in Novi.

Proud parents are Kate Howe and Nick Wittersheim of Farmington Hills.





nia and Mark and Sheryl Long of Atlanta.

Looking for classmates for reunion on Sept. 8. Contact: nikkiwestberg@yahoo.com or Sue (Hughes) Morman at (734) 414-9941 for more information. WAYNE MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

ALL CLASSES

Wayne High Schools Alumni Association 28th All Class Re union Banquet will be held 5-10 p.m. Friday, May 18 at Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born, Wayne. Dinner served at 6 p.m. The organization will honor the class of 1962. For more information call Wanda Boice at (734) 326-777 or www.waynehighalumni@aol.com

Learn about rabbits in Westland

Intelligent, curious and affectionate, rabbits can make wonderful pets. But too often, rabbits adopted on the spur-of-the-moment during the Easter season end up being returned to humane organizations - or worse, abandoned - when the novelty wears off and the responsibilities pile up.

The Michigan Humane Society (MHS) will hold a rabbit education and adoption event 10 a.m.4 p.m. Saturday, April 7 at the MHS Berman Center for Animal Care, 900 N. Newburgh, in Westland, to help more rabbits find permanent and responsible homes.

"This is the time of year that people are thinking about rabbits, and while they can make fantastic pets, we want to make sure that people are adopting them for the right reasons," stated Linda Reider, MHS director of animal welfare. "We will have rabbit experts on-hand for the event to explain the specialized lifetime care requirements of rabbits, as well as the wonderful things that a rabbit can bring to your home. And of course, we



will have many wonderful spayed and neutered rabbits available for adoption."

Two of the many rabbits up for adoption are siblings Laverne and Shirley, who have been in the care of the Michigan Humane Society for nearly six months. They are 1 1/2-year-old New Zealand white rabbits, seeking a home together. They will join approximately a dozen other rabbits up for adoption at the event, including Dwarfs, Flemish Giants, and other varieties. The rabbits have been

spayed or neutered. Adoption fees are \$20 for an individual rabbit and \$30 for a pair and include a chewable basket, which contains food, treats, rabbit bedding, and a rabbit care book.

MHS recommends that the entire family attend the event to meet any potential new furry friends, for the best possible matchmaking.

For more information, call (866) MHUMANE or visit www.michiganhumane.org.

ries at: www.schrader-howell.com

GREVE, BRUCE ROY

Of Grand Blanc, formally of Westland, age 85, died Saturday, March 24, 2012. www.swartzfuneralhomeinc.com

JOHNSON, **BEVERLY ANN**

March 21 1961 - March 25, 2012 Beloved wife to Barry Hodges, daughter to Jean and David Johnson, step-daughter to Max Pokryfky. Wonderful mother to April, Tom, and Mitchell, B.J. Hodges and Ashley. Sister to David, Lillian and Colin, Nana to Monique, Crystal, Autumn, Grøylan, Chelsie, Colin and his new sibling on the way. Dearest aunt to many nieces and nephews. Beverly lost her fight with cancer, and passed after a remarkable life and last moments with all caring family gathered around.

MCGLINNEN, HELEN MARILYN

February 19, 1924 - March 27, 2012. Helen Marilyn McGlinnen passed away peacefully on March 2012 in Farmington Hills, Michigan, surrounded by her loving family. Helen was born in Detroit. She and her family moved to Farmington (Hills) in 1960. She graduated from Wayne State University with a BS in science and went on to receive her Master's In Education from the University of Michigan. She taught in the early elementary grades in the Clarenceville School District for 25 years. She was an active member of Delta Kappa Gamma, an international honorary education society. Helen was married for 53 years to Frederick McGlinnen, who preceded her in death in 1996. Helen is survived by three children: Paul (Elizabeth), Darby Duke (Lawrence), and Kathleen Kreidler (Charles); granddaugh-ters: Amanda Becker, Sarah Sullivan, Kristen McGlinnen, Suzanne Duke-Mancall, and Catherine Ricker; great-grand-children: Zephan, Mack, Katelyn, Ashley and Jack. Helen enjoyed music, theater and reading. She was a wonderful entertainer and cook and loved to host fun parties for her friends and family in her lovely home. She and Fred loved to travel and enjoyed trips to Europe, Ireland, the Holy Land and California. She was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church. A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 31, 2012 at 11:00 am at the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington.

PUDNEY, HOLLY (HARRINGTON)

Age 54, of Plymouth, passed away on March 28, 2012. Loving wife of 18 years to Richard. Proud other of Ian. Dear sister of Rick (Debbie) Sparks, Dana Sparks, and Kevin. Beloved daughter-inlaw of Margarete Pudney. She is preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Bonnie Sparks. Holly became a devoted volunteer at the Plymouth Salem High School Library and the Plymouth Canton Robotics Club. Holly had a love of cooking, both from her kitchen at home and teaching cooking to others at the Dearborn Heights Montessori Center - Holly could always be found in the kitchen. Friends may visit the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth, on Tuesday from 3-9pm. A memori-al service will be held on Wednesday at 1:00pm from the funeral home. It was Holly's wish to see her beloved son Ian go to college, so donations are being accepted for Ian's College Education in her memory.

Please make checks payable to Iap Pudney. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com

SCHAFFER, PAULINE

March 29, 2012 Age 97 of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late Charles D. Loving mother of Roy (the late Winifred) Arnaut, LaVonne Schaffer, Dawn (Phil) Acosta and Paula (Tom) Jackson. Proud grandmother of 11 and great-grandmother of 14. Visitation Sun 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Hoñne, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. In state Mon 9:30 AM until the 10 AM Funéral Service at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Rd., Livonia. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Humane Society or the American Diabetes Association. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.



WYLIE, JERRY A.

Age 63, of Canton, MI, formerly of Fairfield, IL, died March 27, 2012 in Coldwater, MI. Jerry was born August 12, 1948, in Fairfield, IL, to Dellos and Opal (Wagner) Wylie. He married Elaine McGrew on November 19, 1982 in Flora, IL. Jerry worked for Keller Williams Realty in Plymouth, MI and had been a Fairfield area Real Estate Agent/Broker and businessman for many years prior to moving to Michigan. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving in the Vietnam War: He was a member of North Ridge Church in Plymouth, MI. Survivors include his wife: Elaine Wylie of Capton, MI; two sons: Scott Wylie of Bryan, TX, and Ben (Sara) Wylie of West Frankfort, IL; a granddaughter: Ella Grace Wylie of West Frankfort, IL; two sisters: Kathryn (Kenneth) Moore of Fairfield, IL and Janet (Bill) Kosky of East Falmouth, MA; two brothers: Charles T. (Alex) Wylie of Arlington, TX, and Leo (Brenda) Wylie of Ocala, FL; as well as several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents. The funeral service for Jerry A. Wylie will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 1, 2012 at Frank & Bright Funeral Home in Flora, IL. Burial will follow in Elmwood Cemetery, Flora, with military honors. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting memorial donations be made to the American Heart Association. An online guest book is available at: www.frankandbright.com.

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Easter basket cupcakes add a special touch

Go beyond store-bought marshmallow chicks and chocolate rabbits this year. Perfect for some-bunny special - or as a dessert to brighten any holiday table - A Tisket, A Tasket, A Cupcake Easter Basket cupcakes prove that it can be a good idea to put all your eggs in one basket.

"These cupcakes look impressive," says Nancy Siler, vice president of consumer affairs at Wilton, "yet they require just a few easy steps. Simply bake cupcakes and use your favorite cake mix to help speed up prep time. Cool completely, place into Picket Fence Cupcake Wraps or Basket Cupcake Wraps and pipe with green-tinted icing to create grass. If piping isn't possible, simply spatula ice the cupcakes; either way, they will impress.'

Wilton has a basketful of ideas for finishing these little cakes. Perch miniature nest decorations filled with jelly beans on the icing grass for a playful take on a robin's springtime roost. Or, top cupcakes with pre-made icing flowers to echo the cheery hues of spring's first blossoms. These treats will be the perfect end to any Easter hop-pening.

For more Easter or other holiday recipes and ideas, or to order decorating supplies, visit www.wilton.com.

A Tisket, A Tasket, A Cupcake Easter Basket

Yield: Each cupcake serves 1

White Standard Baking Cups

1 package (about 18 ounces) cake mix, any flavor Water, vegetable oil and eggs to prepare cake mix

Picket Fence Cupcake Wraps or Basket Cupcake Wraps

- 1 can (16 ounces) White Decorator Icing
- Leaf Green Icing Color

Royal Icing Nests with Jelly Beans, Pink and Purple Posies or Multi-Colored Flower Icing Decorations

Preheat oven to 350°F. Place baking cups in standard muffin pan.

Prepare cake mix following package instructions; place batter in prepared pan.

Bake 18-20 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean; cool completely. Insert cooled cupcakes into cupcake wraps. Tint icing green; pipe tip 233 "grass" over tops of cooled cupcakes. Arrange icing decorations on icing.

- Family Features



Celebrate Easter with a brunch or buffet

If you want to spend more time with family - and less in the kitchen - on Easter Sunday, April 8, make a reservation now and plan to eat out.

Many offer brunch or lunch and dinner buffets on the holiday. Here's a sampling: Courtyard Grille, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth: The restaurant will serve plated brunch creations from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., including such items as "Design Your Personal Frittata," \$12; Eggs Benedict, \$12; Crab Cake Melt, \$14; and White Chocolate Strawberry Waffles, \$10. Dinner entrees will be served from 3-7 p.m. (734) 453-2002 Fiamma Grille, 380 S. Main, Plymouth: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The four-course meal includes an entree choice of Marinated Flat Iron Steak, Panko Encrusted Alaskan Halibut, Baked Lamb Strudel or Roasted Chicken and Mac & Cheese. \$28, adults; \$10 for children, 9 and under; (734) 416-9340 Sive Restaurant at The Inn at St. John, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth: 5ive Restaurant offers a prix fixe menu from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost is \$47 for adults and \$14 for children, ages 5-12. The four-course meal includes a choice of two entrees. Entree selections include Rotisserie-style Chicken, Quick-Smoked Salmon, Braised Short Ribs, Shrimp Stir Fry, Seafood Crepe, Pork Tournedos, or Tomato-Zucchini-Chevre Clafoutis, and Mediterranean Omelet, Pork Belly Omelet, Green Eggs & Ham, Earl Grey Benedict, Bananas Foster Waffle or Lemon Pound cake French toast. Call (734) 357-5700 for reservations. Flemming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar, 17400 Haggerty, Livonia: 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. \$34.95 for adults; \$16.95 for children, 12 and under. Adult menu includes an appetizer; a choice of entrees, including



Filet Mignon Benedict, New Orleans-Style French Toast, Fleming's Frittata, Steakhouse Filet Mignon Cobb, and Prime Rib of Beef; Potatoes O'Brien; a choice of desserts. The children's menu includes a fresh fruit salad, French toast, cheese omelet, chicken strips and fries, steak and fries and dessert; (734) 542-9463.

· George Murphy's at The Creek, 36000 Seven Mile, Livonia: Two seatings, 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. are available. \$19.95 for adults; \$8.95 for children, 4-10; free for children under 4. The buffet includes such items as English roast, spiral ham, roast turkey, mashed potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, breakfast favorites, salads, assorted breakfast breads, desserts. (248) 473-1300

 Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier, just north of Ford Road, Ypsilanti: Seatings at 10:30 a.m., noon, 1:15 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Features prime rib, honeyglazed ham, walleye, mac and cheese, roasted chicken, red skin potatoes, vegetables, salads, fresh fruit, pasta, appetizers, desserts. \$21.95 for adults, \$9.95 for children, ages 5-10; free for children, 4 and under. Reservations at (734) 454-1850.

. The Inn at St. John, 44045 Five Mile, Plymouth: The Inn at St. John will serve a buffet in the Atrium. The buffet will include a cheese and bread table, salad table, seafood table, stir-fry table, breakfast favorites, omelet and egg station, entree station, children's station and desserts. \$45, adults; \$38, seniors, 62 and up; \$12 children, 5-12; and free for children, 4 and under. Call (734) 357-5700 for reservations.

 The Longacre House, 24705 Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills: 1 p.m. Reservation deadline is March 31. Cost is \$30 for adults, \$20 for children under 12, and free for 3 and under. For reservations or for more information, call (248) 477-8404.

• 1 Under Bar and Grill, 35780 Five Mile, Livonia: Brunch buffet with seatings at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. \$21 adults; \$15.99 seniors; \$7.99 kids, 10 and under; free for age 6 and under. Buffet includes beef tenderloin, oven-roasted turkey, honey-baked ham, herbroasted chicken, Parmesan-breaded whitefish, mashed potatoes, roasted potatoes, pasta, mac & cheese, chicken salad, chicken fingers and Tater Tots for youngsters, vege-

• Panache 447, 447 Forest, Plymouth: The restaurant will begin serving a plated Sunday brunch, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. April 1. Look for items such as an oversized baked pancake topped with drunken berries, candied pecans and whipped cream, spinach and goat cheese fritatta; and stuffed French toast. The restaurant is open to requests from its guests, too. Call (734) 386-8447 for

• Station 885, 885 Starkweather, Plymouth: Offers brunch from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and dinner from 2-6 p.m. Both are buffets. \$21.99 for adults and \$10.99 for children, 3-10. The brunch buffet includes breakfast favorites, made-to-order omelets, salads, a carving station and chocolate fountain and desserts. The dinner buffet features a carving station, pasta, salads, sides, other dinner items and a chocolate fountain and desserts. Call (734) 459-0885 for reservations.

· Sweet Lorraine's, located in the Livonia Marriot Hotel, 17100 N. Laurel Park Dr., Livonia: 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. \$32.95 for adults; \$9.95 for children, 12 and under; free, children 5 and under. Buffet includes soup, carving station with Herb Roasted Prime Rib and Slow Baked Dearborn Ham, omelet and waffle stations, salads and sides, main course with such entrees as Oven Roasted Atlantic Cod Piccata, Butternut Squash Ravioli Farmhouse Quiche and more, desserts and child's mini buffet; (734) 953-7480.

- Compiled by Sharon Dargay

Is it time ADVENTURE? for an

www.especially women of the Baby Boomer generation. If you've felt the urge to see different places and experience a new adventure, you're not alone. The Travel Industry Association estimates that 32 million single American women traveled at least once last year — and a lot of them were Boomers.

"I'm in my early sixties, and in the last year, I traveled thousands of miles with my husband and children, with girlfriends and alone," says Harriet Lewis, Vice Chairman of Grand Circle Corporation. The company specializes in international travel and adventure for Americans aged 50 or older.

Lewis says that travel can make a difference in our lives as individuals, and in the lives of those we come in contact with.

"During a recent trip to Egypt, I climbed Mount Sinai late at night in order to see the sunrise. The experience changed my life," says Lewis. "The Middle East was an area of the world I had explored before, but not in such depth, and spending time with people in Syria, Jordan, Israel and the Sudan in the past year has shifted my worldview. Travel changes us. It makes us more curious, more thoughtful, more tuned in to our world."

Lewis advises other women who are considering traveling to ask themselves some questions as part of their preparation:

• What do you want to gain from your travel experience: Adventure? Culture? Relaxation? Inspiration?

• Which destinations, countries or regions interest you most? Make a list, put them in order, and outline the steps you need to take to make your "bucket list" a reality. Do you need to schedule vacation time or start saving?

• Do you want to travel with friends, family, or go it alone? Do want to make your own travel plans or go with a tour operator that will handle the planning for you?

• If you choose a tour operator, consider the size of the groups (the smaller the better), your cost per day and what you are getting for your dollar. Are the guides local, knowledgeable, and able to connect you with local homes, schools and communities so that you get a real taste of local life?

• If you are traveling with a tour as a solo traveler (popular among women these days regardless of marital status), ask what the company offers solo travelers in terms of making them feel comfortable. Will they help match you with a roommate of the same gender? How will they break the ice? What do they do when it comes to meal times to ensure that solos have partners or friends to eat with?

• How can you get the best value for your dollar? Compare what a tour operator can offer you vs. what you can find on your own. Can you use your airline miles to save costs? If you choose a tour, are the single supplement fees free or reasonable? Are there certain times of the year where costs are lower based on seasonality?

Lewis believes that taking the time to ask these key questions will ultimately give you a much more fulfilling experience.

"Travel is the best way I know to enhance your life," she says. "I really believe what Mary Anne Radmacher said about travel is true for women: 'I am not the same having seen the moon shine on the other side of the world.""



Traveling in small groups allows you to take center stage, like at this community dance in Nepal.



Visiting iconic sites like the Sydney Opera House is on many travelers' bucket lists. Make a list of the places you'd like to go.

DREAM DESTINATIONS

The style of travel you choose is just as important as your destination.

• River and small ship cruises currently top many travelers' wish lists. They allow you to unpack once and enjoy a leisurely pace, while your small ship can access ports that larger ships cannot, opening up small cities, towns, and villages for you to explore. Most popular for 2012 are river cruises in Europe and Russia, and small ship Mediterranean cruises.

• Meeting local people and experiencing local cultures are very important to travelers, especially women. Connecting with people in their homes, schools and communities is much easier to do when traveling in small groups, which is why small group adventures are another extremely popular way for women to travel today. Top destinations include Burma, Botswana, India, Turkey, Kenya, Tanzania, Peru and Costa Rica.

To learn more and start planning, please visit www.gct.com and www.oattravel.com.



Friends enjoying la dolce vita at an open air market in Italy.

TIPS FOR THE SAVVY FEMALE TRAVELER

Lewis has compiled a host of travel tips gleaned from her lifetime of travel and from the many women who have taken trips with Grand Circle over the years. "Women with a passion for travel are resourceful — I'm always amazed by their expertise and ingenuity."

To share this wealth of knowledge, she put together the book "101 Tips for Women Travelers," which is full of practical advice on making the most of your journey. Here are five key tips: • Prepare two essential lists — for packing and for medical emergencies. Make an itemized list of everything in your checked luggage. Carry it in your purse. If your luggage gets lost, you can quickly reconstruct the information for the airline and insurance company. The other list should cite all your medications, what they're for, the name and phone number of your doctor, and prescription numbers.

• Minimize what you pack. A good rule of thumb is to pack one outfit for every three days of travel. If you're not planning on wearing something at least three times, leave it out.

• Stay healthy with sleep and hydration. You can bring an inflatable or down pillow to give you added comfort for sleeping. If tap water is unsafe, try a portable water filter or a collapsible water bottle that can be refilled from a clean source.

• Bring gear that serves more than one function. Dental floss can be used to repair jewelry or hang laundry. Duct tape holds suitcases together, repairs eyeglasses or cameras, and can serve as a bandage in an emergency. Wrap duct tape around a pencil to a one quarter inch diameter, so you don't have to bring a whole roll.

• Carry a purse, not a satchel. Some museums have size restrictions on purses allowed, so make sure yours is no larger than 8 x 11 inches. To get your free copy of "101 Tips for Women Travelers," call 1-800-248-3737, or visit www.gct.com/tips.

- Courtesy Family Features

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Clinical trial treats heart failure

DMC Cardiovascular Institute has become the first hospital in Michigan to participate in the INOVATE-HF (INcrease Of VAgal TonE Heart Failure) clinical trial.

INOVATE-HF is a global clinical study to determine the safety and efficacy of the CardioFitO system, an investigational implantable device designed to stimulate the vagus nerve in the neck, which may lessen the workload on the heart, alleviating failure symptoms. The study will explore the system's ability to reduce heart failure morbidity and mortality and will also investigate whether combined treatment with CardioFit and medical therapy is more effective than medical therapy alone.

"We're obviously very pleased to be the first health care provider in Michigan to participate in this clinical trial," stated Dr. Randy Lieberman, principal investigator



Lieberman

of the INOVATE-HF clinical trial at DMC Cardiovascular Institute.

Heart failure is a serious condition in which the heart is unable to provide adequate blood flow to the body. Affecting approximately 23 million people worldwide, heart failure is the leading cause of hospitalization in people over 65.1 It is also the most rapidly growing cardiovascular disorder in the United States.

Heart failure is caused by a variety of factors that result in a damaged heart muscle. The most common are coronary artery dis-ease, prolonged high blood pressure, alcohol or drug abuse, and heart valve disorders.

In patients with heart failure, the nervous system is out of balance, and this imbalance increases workload on the heart. The CardioFit system is intended to restore this imbalance by stimulating the vagus nerve in the neck to treat a specific part of the nervous system that is not treatable with current medical therapies. The CardioFit system consists of a stimulator, a sensor lead and a stimulation lead, which are implanted under the skin of the chest. Once activated, the stimulator's electrical pulses are transferred via the stimulation lead to the vagus nerve in the neck. Like a pacemaker, the CardioFit System can be programmed on and off

via external wireless communication with the device.

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Patients who may be eligible for enrollment in INOVATE-HF include those who are 18 and over, have been diagnosed with heart failure and are being treated with a combination of medicines, but who continue to have symptoms such as shortness of breath and fatigue.

Developed by medical device company BioControl Medical, CardioFit was first implanted in patients in 2005. Results of a European pilot clinical study suggest there may be a therapeutic role for vagus nerve stimulation in the treatment of heart failure symptoms in patients already on standard medical therapies.

For more information on BioControl Medical and the INOVATE-HF trial at DMC Cardiovascular Institute, contact INOVATEHF@Bio-Control-Medical.com or call (877) 494-8770.



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NEW FACES

At St. Mary Mercy

Dr. Anthony J. Oddo is a new medical staff member at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Oddo received his D.O. degree from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, Erie, Pa. He completed a physical medicine and rehabilitation residency and pain management fellowship at Detroit Medical Center, Detroit. He specializes in pain management.

At two hospitals

Dr. William K. Johnston has joined the medical staffs at both St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia and Botsford Hospital in Farmington.

Johnston holds an M.D. degree and specializes in urology. He received his degree from Albany Medical College, Albany, N.Y. and completed his residency at University of California Davis, Davis, Calif. He completed his fellowship at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Johnston sees patients at three locations of the Michigan Institute of Urology, including in Livonia. He specializes in adrenal, kidney and prostate cancer and disorders. He has a U.S. patent on a new surgical instrument used for kidney cancer and has developed two iPhone applications. Kidney Stone App and Uroflow, that can be downloaded to help patients keep track of their fluid intake and to help patients assess problems that may be caused by an enlarged prostate.

April

BALANCING HOR-MONES

Dr. William Civello will hold a free workshop, "Balancing Women's Hormones Naturally," at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 12, at 34441 Eight Mile, Suite 116, Livonia. Learn about the five major culprits of hormone chaos and what you can do naturally to feel and look better.

Seating is limited. Call (734) 525-9588 for reservations; www.drcivello.com.

MENTAL HEALTH

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Metro family support group will meet from 7-9 p.m. April 10 at the Providence Hospital Heart Institute, located at 47601 Grand River Ave., in Novi. The meetings are free and open to the public. Family support group meetings are held the second

Tuesday and Thursday of the month.

MICHIGAN BARIATRIC INSTITUTE

The Michigan Bariatric Institute offers a free educational seminar, from 6-7:30 p.m., April 5 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, located at 36475 Five Mile in Livonia. For more information call (877) 949-9344. Sinus relief Dr. Warren L. Brandes, D.O., will present a free com-

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

munity lecture on breakthrough technology that helps those suffering from chronic sinus symptoms, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 17 at Botsford Hospital's Administration & Education Center Community Room, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. The presentation will include information on balloon sinuplasty. Call (877) 477-3621 and select option 1 for more information or to

register for the event.

THYROID FUNCTION Dr. William Civello offers a free workshop, "How to Get Your Thyroid Functioning" at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at 34441 Eight Mile, Suite 116, Livonia. Learn what you can do naturally to feel your best again. Reservations at (734) 525-9588;

www.drcivello.com WALK WITH A DOC Annie House, registered dietitian and certified diabetes educator at Botsford Hospital, will lead the discussion and will provide helpful nutrition tips at this free wellness event, noon, Thursday, April 19, at the Heritage Park Nature Center, on the west side of Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. For more information or to register, call (877) 477-3621 and select option 1.



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15.99 All long-sleeved woven tops for boys 4-7. Orig. \$32.

All Chaps sportswear for boys 4-20, girls 4-16, toddlers and infants. Sale \$10-\$20, orig. \$20-\$40.





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All SONOMA life + style[®] fashion tops and bottoms for boys 4-7, girls 4-6x, toddlers and infants. Sale 9.99-20.40, orig. \$18-\$34.

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All Urban Pipeline® apparel for boys 8-20. Sale 5.99-19.99, orig. \$14-\$40.



19.99 All belted messenger shorts for boys 8-20. Orig. \$40.



Graphic tees for boys 8-20. Orig. \$18. Select styles.





All Lee® Dungarees shorts for

boys 8-20. Orig. \$40.

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All sleepwear for boys 4-20, girls 4-16, infants and newborns. Sale \$14-\$28, orig. \$20-\$40.



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girls 4-16. Orig. \$14.

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3-DAY BONUS BUYS SUN., APRIL 1-TUES., APRIL 3

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All dress & casual shoes and sandals for women & juniors. Sale 19.99-59.99, orig. 39.99-79.99. Excludes High-Performance footwear.



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Visit the Kohl's Special Days Gift Registry in store or online at Kohls.com to create your wish list today.



ELLE", LC Lauren Conrad, Simply Vera Vera Wang & Jennifer Lopez collection apparel for misses & petites. Sale 21.60-42.00, orig. \$36-\$70. Select styles.

3-DAY BONUS BUYS SUN., APRIL 1-TUES., APRIL 3

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Apt. 9°

swim bikini separates

for misses.

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All swim separates for her. Sale 18.20-63.70, orig. \$28-\$98.

Orig. \$40

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All fine jewelry & sterling silver jewelry

Sale 7.99-3999.99, reg. 20.00-9999.99. Excludes Sirena® Collection. Jewelry may be enlarged to show detail. Diamond weights are approximate. Diamond Total Weights may vary between .01 and .08 ct. Some diamonds consist of fewer than 17 facets.

9.99-19.99 ea. Individuality beads. Sterling silver. Reg. \$25-\$50 ea. Select styles.

plus, save on all other individuality beads. Sale 21.99-83.99 ea., reg. \$55-\$210 ea.



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Handbags & wallets for her. Sale 12.00-89.40, orig. \$20-\$149. Select styles.



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Relic[®] Natalie double shoulder bag. Orig. \$68.

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All cosmetic sets from The Color Institute" & Madame Milly. Sale 5.50-33.00, reg. \$10-\$60. plus, save 30-45% on other bath & body. Sale 2.10-17.50, reg. \$3-\$25. Select styles.



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All tops & bottoms for juniors Sale 5.99-27.99, orig. \$14-\$48. Excludes Soffe[®].

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1499 Eyelash ruffle tank tops. Orig. \$26

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Mudd[®] bermudas. Orig. \$36



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1999 Tank tops. Orig. \$34. Select styles.





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All Candie's® apparel for juniors. Sale 17.99-39.99, orig. \$30-\$68.

all collections, dresses and skirts

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15999 Chaps & Apt. 9° suit separates for men. Sale 49.99-110.00, reg. \$100-

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All Croft & Barrow dress shirts for men. Sale 12.99-32.50, reg. \$36-\$65.

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tops for toddler girls

All playwear from Oshkosh B'gosh® and Carter's® for toddlers, girls 4-6x and boys 4-7. Sale 7.99-17.00, orig. \$16-\$34. Playwear not intended as sleepwear.

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1499 All Carter's® 3-pc. sleep sets for girls

4-16.

Orig. \$34.





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All knit tops, sport shirts and performance golf apparel for men. Sale 13.20-32.99, orig. \$24-\$60. Excludes Columbia Sportswear Company®, collections & athletic.

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3999 All Levi's 505* Regular Fit, 517* Bootcut, 550 Relaxed Fit, 559* Relaxed Straight and 560** Loose Fit jeans for men. Reg \$58.

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All sleepwear for girls 4-16, boys 4-20, toddlers and infants. Sale \$10-\$20, orig. \$20-\$40.

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All seasonal toys. Sale 1.99-19.99, orig. 3.99-39.99. Plus, save 10-50% on all other toys. Sale 3.59-116.99, reg. 3.99-129.99 Toys dept.

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3999 Your choice woven metal wall décor or

metal dome mirror.





50-55% off All large framed art & metal wall décor.

All large framed art & metal wall decor. Sale 14.99-99.99, reg. 29.99-199.99.



20-50% off Athletic shoes for the family. Sale 23.99-51.99, orig. 29.99-64.99 Select styles.





55-60% All Easter décor and candles Sale 4.49-17.99, orig. 9.99-39.99.



All candles & décor. Sale 4.99-64.99, orig. 9.99-129.99. Excludes Yankee Candle®.



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All frames and albums. Sale 1.09-49.99, reg. 2.19-99.99. Excludes digital frames.



All SONOMA life + style[®] bar stools and ottomans. Sale 47.99-263.99, reg. 79.99-439.99.





All sandals for the family from SONOMA life + style[®], SO[®], Apt. 9[®] and Croft & Barrow[®]. Sale 14.99-35.00, orig. 29.99-70.00.



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Personal care. Sale 12.99-125.99, reg. 14.99-139.99. Select styles.

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50% All beach towels. Sale 14.99-19.99 orig. 29.99-37.99 orig. 29.99-37.99 total to the second secon

Jumping Beans® beach towels. Orig. 29.99.



All accent, area & kitchen rugs and doormats. Sale 5.99-224.99, reg. 11.99-449.99.



All Croft & Barrow[®] and SONOMA life + style[®] sportswear for misses, petites & women. Sale 8.99-44.20, orig. \$15-\$68.



All Chaps, Dana Buchman, Sag Harbor, Cathy Daniels & 212 Collection apparel for misses, petites & women. Sale \$14-\$98, orig. \$20-\$140. women 34.99 SONOMA life + style* printed maxi

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All women's sportswear from SONOMA life + style[®], Chaps, Apt. 9[®], daisy fuentes[®], Sag Harbor, Croft & Barrow[®] & Cathy Daniels. Sizes 1X-3X & 16W-24W. Sale 11.70-74.75, orig. \$18-\$115.



All LC Lauren Conrad & ELLE[™] collection apparel for misses. Sale 14.00-53.20, orig. \$20-\$76.

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All Apt. 9[®], AB Studio & daisy fuentes[®] sportswear for misses, petites & women. Sale 11.99-62.40, orig. \$20-\$96.



Your choice Lee® shorts or bermudas for misses & petites. Orig. \$44-\$48. Plus, save on select capris, bermudas, shorts, denim jeans or twill pants for misses & women.





for misses. Sale 8.99-29.99, orig. \$16-\$44. Select styles.



adidas® tech tee for misses. Orig. \$25.

Nike graphic tee for misses. Orig. \$25.

FILA SPORT[®] 3-tone tank top for misses. Orig. \$36.

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apparel for young men. Sale 13.20-28.80, orig. \$22-\$48.



All Urban Pipeline® tops and denim jeans for young men. Sale 8.99-29.99, orig. \$16-\$52.







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All Croft & Barrow[®] underwear. Reg. \$24-\$34.



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All Equipo underwear. Reg. \$22-\$24.



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All Croft & Barrow® easy care dress shirts for men. Reg. \$45.

All Van Heusen dress shirts for men. Reg. \$45.



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5 Ways to get the job you want in any economy

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With all the bleak economic news and reports of massive lavoffs, it's easy to lose sight of an exciting fact of work: There have never been more opportunities and possibilities for talented people than exist today. The rate of new business formation in the United States has passed more than 1 million new companies per year. Employers everywhere are looking for bright, resourceful and committed people to help their businesses grow. The best way to help the best companies find you is to become a self-directed job searcher.

Regardless of your employment experience, your target industry or the economic climate, you can get a job – a great job – if you are willing to work hard and know how to work smart. Here are some of the very best ideas, strategies and methods for putting your career back on the fast track.

1. Take control of your career

The average person starting work today will have 11 fulltime jobs and as many as five different careers over the course of his or her lifetime. To weather the storms of lifelong career change, you must be proactive, not reactive.

Begin by seeing yourself as self-employed. See yourself as the president of a company with one employee: you. See yourself as having one product to sell in a competitive marketplace: your personal services. You are completely responsible for research and



development. No matter who signs your paycheck, you are always on your own payroll. This attitude is the starting point for getting the job you want for the rest of your career.

2. Take stock of yourself

Before you go out and look for a job, do some self-reflection. Make a list of all the things you can do for which someone would be willing to pay. What have you done especially well at your previous jobs? What sort of activities in your work and your personal life do you most enjoy? The good news is that you will always do the very best at something that makes you the happiest. To help yourself follow the right career track, describe your ideal job. The greater clarity you have about exactly what it is you want to do and how much you want to earn, the easier it is for someone to hire you.

3. Understand the job market

All labor, including your own, is subject to the economic law of supply and demand. The only way to ensure you get a rewarding job is by doing something important for which there is a demand in the marketplace and in which you are difficult to replace. A change in technology, consumer preferences or the economy can make a particular talent or specialty obsolete almost overnight. You must continually upgrade your knowledge and skills and adjust your efforts so that they

conform to the needs of the current job market. In a free society such as ours, everybody works on commission.

4. Don't mistake unemployment for a vacation

Look at your job search as a full-time job, taking 40 to 50 hours a week. Get up and get dressed each weekday morning as if you were going to work, eat a light, high-energy breakfast and then get going. Looking good and staying productive not only improves your attitude, but also impresses other people, both those inside your own house and those on the outside. Remember, you should never see yourself as unemployed. You are a fully employed

person in a temporary state of transition.

5. Sow seeds everywhere

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Most of the jobs available are not advertised. They are hidden and waiting for you to discover them. Along with regularly surfing Internet job sites, be sure to list your qualifications and interests on every site that might attract employers seeking someone like you. Visit community job fairs and talk to exhibitors. Keep an eye out for news of new product releases and then seek out key people in the company. A business expansion represents job opportunities. Gather information about a prominent individual in an organization you would like to work for. Ask that person, by phone, by e-mail or in a letter, to grant you a 10-minute informational interview. Almost invariably, your interest, knowledge and gratitude will pay off in a job offer.

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