

Look inside for
**MONEY
SAVING
Coupons**



**SEWING FOR
CHARITY, B6**

**EXPERTS
SAY THE
END IS
NOT NEAR**
USA WEEKEND



TAG time

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is now accepting nominations for students who wish to enroll in its TAG program for the 2013-14 school year. To apply for admission, a student must reside in Wayne County and currently be in grades 2-7. Nomination forms are available online at <http://tag.pccs.k12.mi.us>. All nominations must be submitted via completion of the online form by 3:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14.

Honoring success

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education meets Tuesday with plenty on the agenda under "Celebrating Success." The board will recognize its partnership with the Robert Bosch Corp., along with honoring the state champion Plymouth-Canton marching band and the Plymouth girls golf team, which also captured a state title, the first in school history. The meeting starts 7 p.m. in the E.J. McClelland Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, in Plymouth.

Wings ringers

Hockey fans miss their Detroit Red Wings get a couple of chances Tuesday, Dec. 11, to see at least a few of their favorites when the Detroit Red Wings continue a seven-year tradition of friendly competition ringing bells for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign. General Manager Ken Holland, Coach Mike Babcock and Maj. Mark Andersson, commander of the Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division, will ring 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Northville Hiller's Market, 425 N. Center. Former Red Wings goalies Manny Legace and Chris Osgood, a Plymouth resident, will ring 5-7 p.m. at the Plymouth Kroger, 44525 Ann Arbor Road.

Holiday photo contest

Enter your favorite holiday photo in a contest for a chance to win a \$20 gift card to a department store. Upload a picture of your house in lights, a visit with Santa or anything related to the holidays. Share the link with friends and see if you come out on top! You and your Facebook friends are allowed one vote per day. To find the contest, go to our website, hometownlife.com and look on the right-hand side in our Don't Miss module. Clicking on the photo of the Christmas presents will take you to the contest page. The voting ends Dec. 30. Good luck!

INDEX

- Community Life B6
- Crossword Puzzle C3
- Education A4
- Health B5
- Homes C2
- Jobs C1
- Obituaries B10
- Services C3
- Sports B1
- Wheels C3

© The Observer & Economist
Volume 38 • Number 49
Home Delivery
(844) 887-2737
Return Address:
41304 Concept Dr
Plymouth MI 48170

**CANTON
OBSERVER**
A GANNETT COMPANY

PRICE: \$1 • SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2012 • hometownlife.com



Sisters Breanna and Gabryelle Bouyer enjoy a visit with Santa after his arrival for Canton's tree-lighting ceremony Wednesday.

PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN

**Let there be lights
Santa drops in to light Canton tree**

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

A snowless night over Canton forced Santa Claus to switch out his sleigh and reindeer for a siren-wailing fire truck, but it didn't matter to the children who swarmed him Wednesday evening after he arrived at Summit on the Park to usher in the holiday season. The jolly man in red took the stage next to Supervisor Phil LaJoy and led a countdown from 10 that ended with a crowd yelling "Merry Christmas!" in unison as multicolored lights suddenly illuminated a tall holiday tree that became a centerpiece of the Summit's decorated grounds.

Canton's 34th annual tree-lighting ceremony didn't disappoint generations of families who enjoyed Santa's visit, caroling by the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Chamber Singers, cookie-decorating, performances by Dancin' Feet and Spotlight on Youth, a holiday marketplace,



Six-year-old Canton resident Peyton Fuller gets her face painted like one of her favorite reindeer, Rudolph.

face-painting and numerous other season activities. "I want to eat hot dogs and have fun," said Myles Washington, 8, of Canton.

He and 12-year-old sister Sydne, who performed with Dancin' Feet, made their rounds inside the Summit with their mother, Staci Washington,

and their grandparents, Calvin and Frances Washington. The three generations soaked up the holiday spirit during what has become a tradition.

"We come every year," Staci Washington said. "It's just a great family event."

Please see **LIGHTS, A3**



The Plymouth Canton Community Schools Chamber choir performs as the crowd waits for Santa's arrival at the 34th annual tree-lighting ceremony in Canton Wednesday.

By Brad Kadrick
Observer Staff Writer

State Sen. Pat Colbeck has been banging the right-to-work drum for the state of Michigan for a long time, even back when Gov. Rick Snyder was saying he'd stay away from it because the issue was "too divisive." On Thursday, though, Snyder grabbed one of Colbeck's drumsticks and began beating the drum along with Colbeck and other House and Senate Republicans deter-



Snyder

mined to push right to work legislation through in the lame-duck session. Snyder said during a Thursday press conference Legislators will proceed with right-to-work legislation for public and private employees — excluding police officers and firefighters — and that the bills will be introduced during the lame-duck session.

Legislators did more than introduce them. Both the House and Senate passed bills as part of a package that will, once Snyder signs them, make Michigan the nation's 24th right-to-work state. The legislation means that, while unions would still have a right to form and to negotiate, workers could decline to join or pay dues to them. Snyder said he plans to sign the bills when they reach his desk, which could happen as early as Tuesday. Colbeck, R-Canton,

DIA fee rankles Canton trustee

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

A new voter-approved 0.2-mill tax increase to support the Detroit Institute of Arts is drawing fire in Canton after already sparking a lawsuit by a group of Macomb County residents who say the museum didn't keep its word of free admission by charging a fee for a special Fabergé exhibition.

Canton Township Trustee John Anthony said he may consult with other local officials about firing off a letter to complain about the DIA charging admission fees for special exhibits. "I'm very upset about that," Anthony said Friday. "We need to have (the DIA) to be free all the time, not just for non-special events. I don't like that at all."

Winter tax bills that started hitting Canton mailboxes this December contain the DIA tax, along with a new 1-percent administrative tax fee imposed by Canton officials to partially offset the cost of collecting and distributing property tax levies and handling appeals on taxable values.

No intention

DIA officials have said the 0.2-mill tax is expected to generate as much as \$23 million annually for 10 years after voters in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties approved it in August. Moreover, they have indicated the free admission was never intended to cover special exhibits.

DIA officials say the tax campaign made it known that programs such as Branch with Bach, Films at the Detroit Film Theater and special exhibitions still would require an admission cost, though critics disagree.

Canton Township Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said a Canton house with a \$174,000 taxable value will pay \$34.74 a year for the DIA tax, touted by museum officials as critical to support the renowned facility.

The Macomb County lawsuit claims the DIA denied a group free admission to the Fabergé exhibition in violation, it contends, of promises made prior to the August vote.

Meanwhile, Canton winter tax bills also include the new 1-percent administrative tax fee after the Canton Township Board of Trustees approved it in November to recoup a portion of certain assessment costs such as collect-

Please see **DIA FEE, A2**

Party lines divide local legislators on right to work

thinks it's the right thing to do. "Michigan is the only state to lose population in the last census," said Colbeck, whose 7th District includes Plymouth and Canton and Plymouth townships. "By a wide margin, people are going to right-to-work states, because that's where the jobs are."

Other state results

Like Snyder did in his news conference, Colbeck pointed to

Please see **WORK, A2**

DIA FEE

Continued from page A1

ing and distributing property taxes and handling appeals on taxable values.

"We've had some questions about it," McLaughlin said. "We haven't had any serious discontent. It's not very much."

Below projection

Local officials had estimated that a typical residential taxpayer would face a \$25 administrative fee, but McLaughlin said even that estimate proved high after Canton leaders learned the township's police and fire millages were exempt from the fee.

"That took a huge hunk of the sting," she said.

It also means Canton won't quite generate the \$1.1 million a year that had been projected.

Canton imposed the administrative tax fee after Supervisor Phil LaJoy said 38 of Wayne County's 43 municipalities already had placed

it on tax bills. He called the fee necessary to help recoup expenses, especially after Canton lost \$2.7 million in tax revenues since property values began a steep decline in 2008.

Canton bears the cost of handling tax bills even though other taxing jurisdictions, such as school districts and Wayne County, reap their share of tax revenues.

Anthony, who supported the fee along with other trustees, pointed to a state law indicating municipalities "shall" charge the fee to recover costs, though Canton had never done so.

"I've had no negative feedback on that," Anthony said. "When it does come up and I explain it, people seem to understand that we were (among only a few communities) not collecting it. It's not a lot of money. It's something we should have been doing years ago."

cdlem@hometownlife.com
(313) 222-2238

Abuse suspect faces new trial date

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Christmas Day will mark 14 months since accused child molester Robert Carl Kahler, 57, was charged after he turned himself over to Canton police amid sexual allegations involving a neighbor girl who police say was a victim when she was 7 to 10 years old.

Still, the case hasn't been resolved. Kahler failed to appear for an August trial, has been in and out of jail, switched defense attorneys and has been ruled competent to



Kahler

stand trial. Free on bond, Kahler now faces a new trial date of Feb. 25, set Friday by Wayne County Circuit Judge Cynthia Gray Hathaway. The defendant could face penalties ranging up to life in prison if he is convicted of three counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and one count of second-degree CSC. Statements made during Kahler's initial

arraignment in 35th District Court indicated the incidents occurred between 2007 and early 2011 while the girl lived in Kahler's neighborhood. Now-retired Canton Detective Tim Wright has said the girl and her relatives had known the defendant.

Judge James Plakas, in arraighing Kahler, had called the allegations "very disturbing charges" but acknowledged that "these are only allegations."

Authorities said the girl gave compelling testimony when she appeared for a subsequent preliminary

examination that ended with Kahler being ordered to stand trial. The girl testified during a closed-door hearing that Kahler molested her, prompting 35th District Judge Michael Garou to order him to stand trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Local authorities have said the girl's family has grown weary of waiting for Kahler to answer to the charges in court. Now, with the new trial date being set, there's renewed hope the case can be resolved.

cdlem@hometownlife.com
(313) 222-2238

WORK

Continued from page A1

Indiana, which enacted similar legislation earlier this year. In the first six months, Colbeck said, more than 70 new companies had expressed interest in setting up shop in Indiana.

"That's 74 new companies saying they want to invest in Indiana, and that's just in six months," Colbeck said. "That needs to happen here."

As expected, Democrats are fighting back. In a statement released by the House Democratic Caucus, Democrats said they were "disappointed in the tactics that the House Republicans are employing at this time with access to the floor. The House Dems are standing firm when it comes to protecting the middle class families in Michigan. Governor Snyder and Legislative

Republicans would rather cave into special interests and institute Washington, D.C.-style politics by pushing the toxic and divisive partisan wish list of the extremists within their own party than create jobs or fight for fair wages and benefits for all residents."

State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, said studies show states with right-to-work laws have lower incomes and fewer benefits than states without such laws.

"I think this is really going to hurt not only the state, but middle-class families," Slavens said. "It's going to take away collective bargaining rights ... (Unions) have taken so many concessions just to keep their health care, their dental. They're willing to talk about anything through collective bargaining. It's a slap in their face."

State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, disagrees with Slavens. Heise, who said his position has followed Sny-

der's right down the line, said the legislation makes Michigan more competitive for job creation and empowers workers,

"This is the 21st century ... Workers are more mobile, sophisticated and educated and they should have the freedom to choose," Heise said. "It's also important for unions to be responsive to their members. This will force them to be more transparent and more accountable."

"Most polls have shown employees are willing to stay as a dues-paying union," he added.

"These empowers individual members to decide whether or not this is a good fit for them."

'Lame' approach

While Slavens joined other Democrats in opposing the bill, she was equally dismayed by the tactics Republicans used to pass the bills.

"It's especially shameful to do this in lame-duck," Slavens said. "They're doing all of this bad legislation (cuts

to the personal property tax, changes in public education, etc.) in the last three weeks. It's wrong for the state. There are so many big issues that need weeks and months to your time, and they're doing it in two weeks."

"They have the votes, and they're doing what they can," she added.

"When you rush legislation through without taking your time, there are a lot of unintended consequences, and our state cannot afford that."

Colbeck, though, echoed what other Republicans said. The issue has been on the table for a long time and legislators have had plenty of time to educate themselves.

"I've been studying it for more than a year myself," Colbeck said. "I don't look at it as a traditional lame-duck. The chambers didn't really change all that much, so it's more just an extension of the current session."

bkadrich@hometownlife.com
(313) 222-8899

OBSERVER NEWSPAPERS
WHERE HOMETOWN STORIES UNFOLD
GANNETT

HOW TO REACH US

Home Delivery/Customer Service.....1-866-88-PAFEE (866-887-2737)
Newsroom.....(313) 222-2223 Fax.....(313) 223-3318
Classified Advertising.....1-800-579-SELL (800-579-7359)
Display Advertising.....(734) 582-8363

visit us online at hometownlife.com
615 West Lafayette, Detroit, MI 48226

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER
@hometownlife

Let it grow.
Let it grow.
Let it grow.
SuperSmart Savings

1.10% 6-MONTH INTEREST RATE¹
0.80% ANNUAL PERCENTAGE YIELD²

What's with these savings accounts that earn you next to nothing? Try a smarter option — a 1.10% savings account from Flagstar Bank.

- On balances up to \$10 million
- No checking account required

Open an account today.
(800) 642-0039
flagstar.com/SuperSmart

Flagstar Bank

¹1.10% interest rate is accurate as of 12/1/2012. Funds currently deposited in accounts at Flagstar Bank are not eligible for promotional interest rate. The 1.10% interest rate is guaranteed for the first 6 months. The rate after 6 months is a variable interest rate and is subject to change. Limit one account per customer. Not available for public units. Fees could reduce earnings. Offer subject to change or cancellation at any time without notice. No minimum deposit to open at a branch; \$1 to open online.
²Annual Percentage Yield (APY) is accurate as of 12/1/2012. See branch for details.

Member FDIC

ST. MARY MERCY HOSPITAL

DISCOVER REMARKABLE

Experience the New St. Mary Mercy

Inspired by you. Created for you.

At St. Mary Mercy Livonia, we're re-inventing the way you and your family experience a hospital stay with our new three-story addition that boasts a state-of-the-art Emergency Center and two floors of 80 total private patient rooms.

Our spacious patient rooms incorporate natural healing elements, while allowing for technological advancements and plenty of room to accommodate visitors, and even overnight guests.

We've doubled the size of our Emergency Center with over 50 specialized treatment rooms that are separated by walls - not curtains - so our patients will experience more privacy, in addition to less wait time.

We're transforming the future of healthcare by combining medical excellence with the latest technology and unparalleled compassion. And soon after the opening of the new addition to our south wing, we are renovating our north wing patient rooms to private.

Experience the new St. Mary Mercy.
stmarymercy.org

DISCOVER REMARKABLE



Dancers from the Dancin' Feet Studio in Canton entertain the crowd as part of many events held at the Summit in Canton.

PHOTOS BY TOM BEAUDOIN

LIGHTS

Continued from page A1

Near a holiday marketplace where vendors sold items such as mittens, candles, jewelry, dolls and wreaths, Canton mother LeAnna Christiensen waited while her 7-year-old daughter, Julianna, got a blue dolphin painted on her face by artists from D&M Art Studio. Her son Carl, 9, already had gotten a yellow smiley face on his right cheek, and daughters Catherine, 12, and Christine, 14, performed with Dancin' Feet.

"I came to see my sisters dance," Julianna said. "I want to do the crafts and decorate my own cookie," Carl said. LeAnna Christiensen couldn't remember how many tree-lighting ceremonies the family had attended.

"It's fun for the start of the holiday season," she said. "We get to see friends and neighbors. It's just a fun thing to do."

Though turnout can be difficult to gauge, Canton Leisure Services recreation supervisor Jon LaFever said tree-lighting crowds tend to range from 3,000 to



Santa gets dropped off by the Canton Fire Department due to a lack of snow. With Santa is Canton Events Coordinator Jen Provenzano.

5,000 as families come and go for nearly three hours, arriving early and often staying to the end.

A women's chorus, Voices in Harmony, performed in the Summit gymnasium where Santa eventually made his way, followed by small children who yelled "Santa!" and waited their turn to tell him their wish lists.

Yang Wang and son Brendan, 12, attended for the first time.

"I came to meet some friends and have fun," Brendan said, while his

father had a different thought.

"I like the decorations, the environment, the lights and the Christmas songs," Yang Wang said.

Throughout the evening, the crowds shared smiles, laughs and the holiday spirit. It seemed a fitting mood for a December night when generations of families — the young, the young at heart — enjoyed the season, even if it was a snowless night over Canton.

cdemhometownlife.com
(313) 222-2238

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.

COOKIE WALK

Date/Time: Saturday, Dec. 15, 9 a.m. to noon
Location: Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 36375 Joy, east of Newburgh, in Westland.

Details: Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church will hold a cookie walk/bake sale. Holiday cookies, spinach pies, sweet Greek bread and Greek pastries will be available.

COLORING CONTEST

Date/Time: Now through Dec. 15, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday and Thursday, 8:30-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, or 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Location: Lou LaRiche Chevrolet, 40875 Plymouth Road

Details: Lou LaRiche Chevrolet will be holding a coloring contest. The age groups are 0-3, 4-6 and 7-9. The winner from each age group will be awarded a \$50 Toys R Us gift card. One entry permitted per child. While you are here, take a picture with Nick from the Chevrolet commercials.

Contact: Call 734-453-4600 for more information.

WCGH REUNION

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11
Location: Cafe Marquette in the William D. Ford Technical Center, 36455 Marquette, west of Wayne Road, Westland

Details: Wayne County General Hospital employees will gather for their 28th annual holiday reunion. A luncheon buffet will be served starting at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$16 and includes beverage, dessert and tip. You can pay at the door.

Contact: For more information contact Kay Shafi at (734) 427-3437 or e-mail ckhlnt@videopwrest.com, Dennis Abraham at (734) 271-2917 or e-mail fightingirish316@gmail.com or Pat Ibbotson at (734) 331-9291 or e-mail pibbotson@aol.com.

HOSPICE SUPPORT

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

Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Canton

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts a grief support group, "Compassionate Words," providing emotional support to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one. The group focuses on the various stages of grief, and incorporates 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 email achristensen@cchnet.net.



Jazy exhibit

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is set to exhibit the artwork of Kathy Kosins through Dec. 31, bringing together a collection of abstract works inspired by the music of jazz greats, including strains from Miles Davis's trumpet, Charlie Parker's sax and Bud Powell's piano riffs translated into color and texture. Kosins, a renowned singer and songwriter for the past 30 years, has been painting in the abstract since the late 1980s. This latest art exhibit at the Gallery@VT can be viewed Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; during public performances at the theater; and by appointment by calling (734) 394-5308. The gallery is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

MOPS MEETINGS

Date/Time: First third Fridays, 9:15-11:30 a.m.

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

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

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

SEWING GUILD

Date/Time: First Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church, Plymouth

Details: Meetings are open to sewists of all levels. The Nov. 1 meeting features "Purse/Tote challenge" judging and holiday gift ideas. The Dec. 6 meeting features "Holiday potluck luncheon."

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

She wants you to make her sleigh bells ring.

Are you listenin'?

Plymouth Jewelry & Gifts

620 Starkweather • Old Village • Plymouth
734-453-1860
The Area's Most Trusted Custom Jeweler
www.plymouthjewelry.com

AT-068791628

Open 7 Days
10 am - 8 pm

oleman's Farm Markets

734-483-1783

10 Varieties of Premium Christmas Trees

\$1900

From

A little better tree...
lot
for a little less money!

Many Wreaths & Roping

Corner of Holmes & Ridge Rd.
(1 blk. North of E. Michigan Ave.)

DICK SCOTT CHRYSLER • JEEP • RAM

BIG FINISH 2012 BEST SHOT DEALS

Dick Scott
CHRYSLER DODGE JEEP RAM

www.DickScott.com

<p>2013 DODGE JOURNEY SXT STK# 013J006 SALE PRICE \$17,867</p> <p>BUY FOR \$206 LEASE FOR \$224 /MO. 24 Mos.</p>	<p>2013 CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY STK# C13025 SALE PRICE \$28,588</p> <p>BUY FOR \$298 LEASE FOR \$297 /MO. 24 Mos.</p>
<p>2013 DODGE CHARGER R/T STK# 013006 SALE PRICE \$25,747</p> <p>BUY FOR \$264 LEASE FOR \$199 /MO. 24 Mos.</p>	<p>2013 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE AWD STK# J136C077 SALE PRICE \$27,502</p> <p>BUY FOR \$285 LEASE FOR \$282 /MO. 24 Mos.</p>
<p>2013 CHRYSLER 200 LIMITED STK# C132047 SALE PRICE \$19,503</p> <p>BUY FOR \$232 LEASE FOR \$182 /MO. 24 Mos.</p>	<p>2013 RAM 1500 4X4 CREW CAB STK# R137008 SALE PRICE \$29,178</p> <p>BUY FOR \$305 LEASE FOR \$240 /MO. 24 Mos.</p>

Dick Scott Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep-Ram

We Service All Makes & Models

684 W. Ann Arbor Rd.
Plymouth, MI 48170
Open Mon. 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Tues. 9 a.m.-6 p.m.,
Wed. 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Thurs. 9 a.m.-9 p.m.,
Fri. 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

1-877-350-4633 • www.DickScott.com

DICK SCOTT CHRYSLER • JEEP • RAM



'Mr. Peace' Kevin Szawala speaks to Hulsing Elementary School students about diversity during an assembly Wednesday.

Speaker focuses on diversity

By Brad Kadrich
Observer Staff Writer

When Kevin Szawala asked the Hulsing Elementary School students gathered Wednesday how many of them would like a nice, clean \$20 bill, hands shot up all over the room.

After sneezing on it, dropping it and stomping it up and asked again how many would want it. Hands remained raised.

It's just one of many demonstrations used by Szawala, 27, a motivational speaker, author, poet and radio show host who made the first of six monthly appearances at Hulsing to help students further learn about the six "pillars" of the district's Character Counts initiative.

Wednesday's assembly focused on diversity, getting children to accept each other regardless of race, ethnic origin or other differences between them.

"The point is, sometimes if people aren't as talented as us in a sport, or they don't dress the same way, we choose to separate from them," said Szawala, who also goes by "Mr. Peace." "We don't think they're worth as much. But when it's something like money, everyone is still right there."

Szawala hopes to help students learn to appreciate others for their individual characteristics, be they race, clothing or ethnic.

"There's diversity, as well, within ourselves," said Szawala, founder of Being Who I Want 2 Be, LLC. "It comes down to seeing somebody's heart

first. Then you accept them from there."

Szawala has done his program in the district before, and Hulsing Elementary principal Jim Johnson was happy to have him come back, and to schedule him for the next five months, as well.

Johnson pointed out Szawala emphasizes the same components, or pillars, of the Character Counts program, then elaborates on them.

"It's a terrific thing," Johnson said. "He uses a lot of good visuals to make his points. He does a terrific job of connecting with the kids."

The school's Building Equity Leadership Team (BELT) will now continue discussions with students about what they learned in the assembly, holding mini-discussions

with each grade level to see what students got out of the assembly.

"We don't want it to be like they just went to assembly and then didn't do anything with it," Johnson said. "We're making a solid attempt to extend that and do something with it."

Szawala returns Jan. 14 with his "Doing Your Best" program, which parallels the district's "Responsibility" pillar. Subsequent programs (with their pillars in parentheses) include Truthfulness (Fairness), Feb. 11, Kindness and Empathy (Caring) March 11, Can I Trust You? (Trustworthiness) April 15 and Anti-Bullying (Respect) May 13.

bkadrich@hometownlife.com
(313) 222-8899

ON CAMPUS

Northern Michigan

Brett Lampron of Plymouth has earned his bachelor's degree in Media Production and New Tech from Northern Michigan University.

Hope College

Hannah Mielke of Canton, a senior at Hope College, served as a play coach for the 78th annual Nykerk Cup competition.

The Nykerk Cup competition, an annual Hope College tradition since 1935, involves freshman and sophomore women competing in the areas of song, oration and drama. Participants practice for 3½ weeks before the competition. The freshman and sophomore teams are coached by juniors and seniors respectively. Moralers, men of the same graduating class as the women, encourage the teams in their efforts.

This year the freshman class of 2016 won the competition. Mielke, the daughter of Bruce and Jennifer Mielke, is a graduate of Lutheran High School Westland.

Bucknell University

Kathryn M. Janda of Plymouth has been honored as a Homecoming Hostess at Bucknell University.

A senior majoring in Spanish, Janda is the daughter of Elizabeth and David Janda of Plymouth and a 2009 graduate of Salem High School.

Janda has served as a member of the Bucknell Brigade to Nicaragua, a campus tour guide and InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.

Janda is one of eight seniors, chosen for their commitment to service, academics, leadership and extracurricular involvement, and for their loyalty to Bucknell, selected by the student body. They were honored at and attended various events throughout the recent Homecoming Weekend.

The Homecoming Host and Hostess program, established 43 years ago, has been expanded to create engagement opportunities for students to participate in every aspect of Homecoming. They will serve as ambassadors to their peers, alumni and other constituents throughout the remainder of their senior year and post-graduation as they transition to alumni.



Abigail Vidmer (standing, from left), Tricia Sherrard, Grace Ragold and Katie Janda (of Plymouth) and (seated, from left) Nick Stetz, Theodore Mottola, Zack Beltran and Nick Pistone were honored by Bucknell University.

Checking with Ease!

PLUS
\$50
FOR YOU!

Own Your Money.

Open a new checking account, with a VISA Check (Debit) Card and we'll give you \$50 cash!*

Easy Access:

- ~FREE e-Alerts
- ~FREE e-Statements
- ~FREE Internet Banking & Bill Pay
- ~FREE ATMs – over 28,000 nationwide

Everyone Welcome!



COMMUNITY ALLIANCE
CREDIT UNION
EST. 1966
Your Guide To Financial Success

Main Office:
1 Auto Club Drive
Dearborn, MI 48126
313.336.1534

Livonia Branch:
37401 Plymouth Road
Livonia, MI 48150
734.464.8079



800.287.0046 • communityalliancecu.org



*Offer available to individuals without a CACU checking account. Must qualify through CheckSystems, be creditworthy and at least 18 years of age. \$50 initial deposit required for opening a new checking. Cash will be deposited into your checking account within 60 days after account opening when at least one activity (direct deposit, two debit card transactions, or two checks) clear your account. Offer subject to change. Offer ends 12/31/12.

"The New" GIULIO'S

ITALIAN RESTAURANT & BAR

HAPPY HOUR

Monday – Saturday 4:00pm – 7:00pm

MONDAY – Half Off Pasta

TUESDAY – \$ 5 Martinis All Day All Night

WEDNESDAY – Half Off Bottles of Wine

THURSDAY – Girls Night Out
2 for 1 Appetizers

\$ 4 House Wine \$ 5 Martinis \$ 4 Cocktails

KIDS EAT FREE – Every Sunday All Day

IN&OUT LUNCHES \$6-\$8

MONDAY - FRIDAY 11AM - 2PM

BUY ONE ENTREE
GET ONE FREE*

With the purchase of 2 beverages

*Of equal or lesser value up to \$12.95. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Expires 12-30-12.

NEW YEARS EVE

Great Food Specials – Live Entertainment
Champagne and Wine Specials
Complimentary Champagne Toast at Midnight
Monday December 31st – Open 5pm – 2am or later

NOW BOOKING HOLIDAY PARTIES
Call Today To Reserve Your Date

31735 PLYMOUTH ROAD | LIVONIA, MI 48150
734-427-9500

Newly Remodeled | RESERVATIONS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
www.giuliositalian.com

For further information or questions, Contact Bill: 734-306-0580 willis26311@yahoo.com

Former publisher to sign copies of his new book

When W. Edward Wendover was the publisher of the *Community Crier* back in the day, he was known at least partly for picking on the city of Plymouth and its police department.

Now, his fictional newspaper staff beats the Plymouth Police to the punch in Wendover's new book, *Murder at the Penman Deli*, for which he'll make a book-signing appearance this week.

Wendover said the book, which uses more than 500 Plymouth-Canton-Northville people in re-creating old Plymouth, is a story about "the Plymouth newspaper staff that solves a string of murders 'half-a-deadline' ahead of the Plymouth Police."

In a press release Wendover called the book "A 'histor-

ical fiction' murder mystery that romps deliciously through Plymouth."

He said the "satirical story names real names while the staff of the newspaper races to solve the mystery half-a-deadline ahead of the Plymouth Police."

Although it uses actual names and places in Plymouth, Wendover said in his release, "this yarn is all fiction, and mysterious fun, except to the victims, of course."

Wendover will sign copies of his book, *Murder at the Penman Deli*, during his appearance 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, at E.G. Nick's restaurant, on Forest in downtown Plymouth.

Wendover said the book, being published by Blink Twice of Livonia, also features 35 recipes.

Canton teen arrested for resisting police in Plymouth

By Matt Jachman
Observer Staff Writer

A Canton Township man faces two charges of attempting to resist police in an incident that stemmed from an encounter with Plymouth officers during the Plymouth Community Fall Festival in September.

Mark Makara, 18, was arrested in Canton on Nov. 11 and arraigned two days later by Judge Mike Geyer in 35th District Court on two counts of attempting to assault, resist or obstruct police. The charges are high misdemeanors each punishable by up to one year imprisonment.

Makara is free on a \$100,000 personal bond and

is due back in district court for a hearing on Monday, Dec. 17.

Plymouth Lt. Jamie Grabowski said Fall Festival incident began when two officers approached a male in the downtown parking deck. He was smoking and appeared to be under 18, Grabowski said.

The male provided identification, and when officers found there were warrants for him, he ran, and several officers providing security at the festival chased him, the lieutenant said.

One officer found the male in the back yard of a house in the area of Maple and Jenner streets, Grabowski said, and gave chase and then fell on top of him as the two

climbed a fence. The male then kicked the officer several times, tearing equipment from his belt, an associate said. The officer was not injured.

Having identified a suspect, police obtained two warrants for Makara, and the Western Wayne Community Response Team, a surveillance and fugitive apprehension unit made up of officers from several jurisdictions, tracked his movements over a weekend, Grabowski said, and arrested him at his mother's house. The CRT is led by Sgt. Todd Sienepko, a Plymouth Township officer.

mjachman@hometownlife.com
(313) 222-2405

Think long term when investing

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: All this talk about the fiscal cliff has made me very nervous and, as a result, I have liquidated my entire portfolio. I am now 100 percent in cash. Before I get back in the market I want to see if and how this is resolved. In liquidating my accounts I made a couple of mistakes and I need your advice. I had a few investments that I sold that had gains but I held the stock for less than a year. Is there any way I can avoid paying taxes at my ordinary income bracket as opposed to the capital gain rate? I held the investments for a little over 11 months. When I liquidated my investments I had my broker send me a check which I have put into the bank. I put the money into a one-month CD. The problem is some of that money was IRA money and I did not use an IRA CD. Is there anything I can do to avoid paying the taxes on the IRA money?

A: There is nothing that you can do with regards to the capital gain situation. The holding period in order to receive the favorable capital gain rate is one year. Unfortunately, there are no exceptions to that rule. Therefore, there is nothing that you can do to avoid the tax consequences. However, if you have losses on your other investments you may be able to offset the gains with your losses.

It is always more preferable to pay tax at your capital gain rate vs. ordinary income. Currently, the maximum capital gain rate is 15 percent, while the tax rate on investments that you hold less than a year, in most

cases is nearly double. With regards to your IRA, you do have an option. Under the law, if you withdraw money from an IRA you have 60 days from the time that you withdraw the money to roll it back into an IRA. Go to the bank that you purchased the CD at and have the money transferred into an IRA. As long as you're within the 60-day period there'll be no tax consequences. That doesn't mean that you don't have to report the transaction on your tax return, because you do. However, there is no tax liability.

I recognize many people are concerned about the approaching fiscal cliff. There certainly have been enough articles and news stories about the potential consequences. Most of the articles have talked about the doom and gloom that would happen if we reached the fiscal cliff. There have also been articles written that take the opposite view — that it wouldn't be so bad if we went over the financial cliff.

I fall somewhere in between. If there is no deal I believe there will be a negative reaction in the market. However, I don't see it having long-term implications. I see it more as short-term volatility. Keep in mind that one of the consequences of reaching a fiscal cliff is that there would be a substantial reduction in federal spending. We all know the government spends too much money and that politicians have a very difficult time in cutting expenditures. If a compromise is not reached and government spending is reduced is not such a bad thing. The negative effects of going over the fiscal cliff is that 90 percent Americans would end up paying higher taxes. This is somewhat offset by the fact that spending by the federal government would be reduced.

It would be nice if we could avoid risk but, unfortunately, that is not possible. Every investment strategy has risks associated with it and the problem with focusing too much on the short run is it ends up costing you in the long run.

Therefore, don't make any rash moves and don't focus on the short run. Think long term. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial advisor. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like Bloom to respond to your questions, please email him at rck@bloomassetmanagement.com.



Only
2 UNITS
Remaining!

Come Share The Holidays With Your New Marycrest Heights Family

Marycrest Heights is a newly constructed retirement community, with a commitment to quality construction, safety, and maintaining a faith-based community atmosphere. With Marycrest skilled nursing and rehabilitation services in your backyard, heated underground parking, and a range of community events and activities, Marycrest Heights provides independence, safety, and convenience.

Let us take care of the maintenance while you enjoy the greatest years of your life in our faith-based retirement community.



A Vacation Resort You'll Never Have to Leave!

(734) 838-6240

Marycrest Heights
15495 Middlebelt
Livonia, MI

MarycrestHeights.org

Community Amenities:

- Chapel
- Beauty Salon/ Barber Shop
- Resident Activities
- Media Room
- Lounge
- Fitness Center
- Heated Underground Parking
- Community Garden
- Walking Paths
- Emergency Call System

CANTON CINEMA
Theater Room & Theater
734-844-2456

QUALITY THEATERS
CANTON CINEMA
\$5.00 BARGAIN THEATRE
DAILY 4:00-6:00 PM

SHOWTIMES: 12:17 - 12:13 (Q) no preview
TITLES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE
LIVE! OPEN! UN BULLO IN MASCHERA
EVE SAT. 12:18-12:50 PM

THE CLASH PRESENTS
MON. 12:18-5:00 & 7:00 PM
AFTER NIGHTS CONDUCTED BY THE GENERAL
PRESIDENT NUMBER OF THE MONKEYS, THE
MUSIC OF THE MONKEYS, THE MONKEYS
OF THE FOUR TEXAS PIPER HIGHLAND FARM
CONCERTS FROM THE USA

THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY
TUE. 12:18-12:50 PM

Q PLAYING FOR KEEPS (PG-13)
11:50, 2:20, 4:45, 7:10, 9:20
FRISAT 1:11-1:19

Q KILLING THEM SOFTLY (R)
FRISAT/TUE. TH 12:05, 2:45, 5:00,
7:25, 9:40, FRISAT 1:11-1:50
SAT 7:25, 9:40, MON 12:05, 2:45, 5:00,
7:25, 9:40

Q 3D RISE OF THE GUARDIANS (PG)
AT 20 PERMAN PER 20 FRISAT 9:40, 11:00,
11:40, 2:10, 4:35

TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN
PART 2 (PG-13) 11:15, 1:45, 4:30,
7:05, 9:30, FRISAT 5:30-7:00
D-BOX ADDS MOTION SEATING
MAGIC TO MOVIES - D-BOX LIMITED
SEATING AVAILABLE - 11:15, 1:45,
4:30, 7:05, 9:30, FRISAT 12:00
WED. 12:18-12:50 PM
9:30, FRISAT 1:11-1:29

Q 3D RISE OF THE GUARDIANS (PG)
4:20, 6:50, 9:10, FRISAT 1:11-1:30

MOVIE GIFT CARDS
FREE 1ST CONCESSION
CASH ON HAND
With every \$10
purchase

Vendors flocking to home expo

By Darrell Clem
Observer Staff Writer

Dozens of home-improvement companies already have signed up for a Canton effort to link them to area residents pondering home projects ranging from extreme makeovers to minor repairs.

As many as 40 vendors already have committed to Canton's 12th annual Home Improvement Expo, though the number is expected to swell to 125 as landscapers, roofers, energy-saving companies, plumbers and others beat a mid-January deadline to register.

The latest Home Improvement Expo happens 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 2, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 3, at Summit on the Park, on Summit Parkway west of Canton Center.

"We're starting to get some momentum going," Canton Building Official John Weyer said Thursday. Canton Chamber of Commerce President Thomas Paden said the event offers one-stop shopping for local residents and companies who might pair up for home-improvement projects.

"It's definitely a benefit for the Canton residents to see those vendors, and many of them are from the Canton community," he said. "It's a good way for the township along with the chamber to showcase the goods and the services that are right here in the local community."

It's free to visitors, though Weyer said vendors pay a \$150 fee to participate. Applications already are online at www.canton-mi.org, and more information also is available by calling (734) 394-5200. The event is sponsored by Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division, the Chamber of Commerce and the Observer

& Eccentric Newspapers.

Weyer said visitors can find new ideas for numerous home-improvement projects such as replacing windows, changing lighting, altering outdoor landscaping or saving money through energy-efficient products.

"It's just kind of a wealth of information we can share with the public, and we have experts on hand to do workshops," he said. "It's good for anyone who owns a property, whether it's a condo or a single-family home."

Moreover, people ready to take the plunge into do-it-yourself home repairs can learn about the municipal codes and permits that govern such work.

Among the highlights of this year's Home Improvement Expo:

- How-to workshops. Host of "Your Home with Murray Gula" on WDFN-AM (1130).
- Joe Gagnon "The Appliance Doctor" from WAAM-AM (1600).
- How-to workshops.
- Live wood-carving demonstrations.
- A hands-on children's project center.
- Multiple raffles, including wood projects made by Canton Construction along with the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters.
- A free Expo advertisement booklet available at a welcome station. It's filled with vendor coupons, a map of the show, workshop schedules and several home-improvement tips.
- Attendees receive a free, reusable canvas bag. Those who attend last year's event are encouraged to reuse the bag they received. The first 100 people to reuse last year's bag get a free one-day pass to Canton's Summit on the Park.

For more information, call (734) 394-5200.

darrell.clem@hometownlife.com
(313) 222-2238

Researcher's work could result in sharper MRIs

Diagnoses of cancer, heart disease, stroke and rheumatoid arthritis could happen faster with technology being developed by a Wayne State University researcher.

Plymouth resident Matthew Allen, Ph.D., assistant professor of chemistry in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, is seeking to commercialize a class of contrast agents that can enhance the effectiveness of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scans.

Contrast agents are injectable "drugs" containing a paramagnetic element that creates temporary magnetic differences between similar tissues, enabling



Allen

them to appear differently in an MRI scan. Of about 60 million annual MRI scans worldwide, 40 to 50 percent currently use contrast agents; the rest can show tissue differences without them.

Current technology uses a class of contrast agents based on the element gadolinium, but it fails at higher magnetic field strengths. As a result, scientists cannot take advantage of hardware advances that could shorten scan times and produce higher-reso-

lution images using higher field strengths.

Allen pointed to a recent study that found 93 percent of cortical brain lesions in samples from multiple sclerosis patients with a high-field magnet, compared to just 30 percent with a lower-field magnet.

One of his projects, "Evaluation of the Toxicity of New Contrast Agents for Ultra-High Field Strength Magnetic Resonance Imaging," focuses on the rare earth element europium as a basis for contrast agents. Like gadolinium, however, europium by itself is toxic to humans and therefore must be chemically "caged" before being injected.

Allen's research team will try to do that in laboratory tests during the first portion of the project before testing the new contrast agents.

The property Allen is most interested in is making those cages tumble more slowly within a solution, allowing more time for magnets to conduct scans.

Allen's team is working to address an unintended consequence of adding a biphenyl group to side of HSA—the displacement of a water molecule—which complicates the scanning process.

Allen's research is supported in part by a grant from the Michigan Initiative for Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

ATTENTION: FREE DROP OFF!

Electronic Waste, TVs, Computers, Phones, etc.

A.W. Lee Recycling
39711 Warren Rd. • Canton
East of I-275 at Railroad Tracks
M-F 8:30 - 4:30
734.981.6016

Funerals Only Have to Look Expensive

\$3,450⁰⁰
Complete

Including: Funeral Director, Staff, Embalming, Cosmetology, Full Preparation, 2 Day/4 Hour Use of Facilities, All Transportation, Hearse, Fine Metal Casket, Registry Book, Acknowledgement Cards, All Necessary Documentation, Death Certificates (3) and Chapel use with Organ.

"Free Use of Banquet Room for Wake"

Roger Husband/Director
Husband Family Funeral Home
2401 S. Wayne Road • Westland, MI 48116
734-331-3349
Stop In for a Tour of Our Facility

SHARE MORE HOLIDAY FACE-TO-FACE TIME WITH A VERIZON SMARTPHONE.

With shareable data on America's Largest 4G LTE Network, your family can share the joy of the season with video chat.

SHAREEverythingSM Plan

Unlimited TALK
Unlimited TEXT
Shareable DATA on up to 10 devices

4G LTE BUY 1 RAZR M BY MOTOROLA \$4999
\$99.99 2-yr. price - \$50 mail-in rebate debit card

GET 1 DROID RAZR BY MOTOROLA in Cranberry FREE
\$50 2-yr. price - \$50 mail-in rebate debit card

4G LTE DROID INCREDIBLE 4G LTE by HTC Exclusively at Verizon
Android™ 4.0 with instant-on camera
OUR LOWEST PRICE EVER!
\$4999
\$99.99 2-yr. price - \$50 mail-in rebate debit card.

All phones require a new 2-yr. activation. While supplies last.

GET MORE 4G LTE COVERAGE THAN ALL OTHER NETWORKS COMBINED.

1.800.256.4646 • VERIZONWIRELESS.COM/HOLIDAY • VZW.COM/STORELOCATOR

Activation/upgrade fee line: Up to \$35.
IMPORTANT CONSUMER INFORMATION: Subject to Cust. Agmt., Calling Plan, rebate form & credit approval. Up to \$350 early termination fee/line. Unlimited calling for directly dialed, live calls between individuals. Offers & coverage, varying by svc, not available everywhere; see vzw.com. Limited-time offer. Restocking fee may apply. Rebate debit card takes up to 8 wks & expires in 12 months. LTE is a trademark of ETSI. 4G LTE is available in more than 400 markets in the U.S. DROID is a trademark of Lcaafm Ltd and its related companies. Used under license. © 2012 Verizon Wireless. MREVB

New SC trustees plan to make a difference

By Jill Halpin
Correspondent

Although the three newest members of the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees come from different backgrounds, they all agree on one thing: the tremendous value that the community college provides for residents in surrounding communities as well as the



Gilligan

state of Michigan. "We are so fortunate to have this fantastic resource right in our own backyards," new Trustee Gretchen Alaniz said. Livonia residents Alaniz and Eric Stempien, an incumbent since June 2012, were both recently elected to serve a six-year term on the board. Terry Gilligan, also of Livonia, was elected to serve a partial term ending December 2014, filling the vacancy left by the retirement of long-time Trustee Mary Breen.

The Schoolcraft College District includes the school districts of Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville and Plymouth-Canton. The trio brings a broad spectrum of career experience that mirrors the diversity of the district's residents: Alaniz has had a long career in manufacturing, while Stempien is an attorney with experience in both private and corporate practice. Gilligan, who holds a position with the Pipefitters Union Local 636, has a background in skilled trades.

It is a mix that has



Gretchen Alaniz of Livonia was elected last month to a six-year term to the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees.

many positive implications for the college and its surrounding area, Gilligan said. "I am hopeful that we can continue to develop some strong programs that result in putting people to work in good positions that pay a fair wage," he said.

Career preparation

"Schoolcraft does a great job of preparing students for transfer to a four-year university. However, let's face it — a four-year degree is not necessarily for everyone. People need to know that there are career opportunities in skilled trades that allow you to make a nice living," he said.

Gilligan, married to wife Barb, is the father of two children, Alysson, 19, and Joe, 21, both of whom attended schools in the Livonia School District. His son is currently pursuing a degree in culinary

arts at Schoolcraft. After growing up in Dearborn, Gilligan moved to Livonia with his wife in 1993. He has been a journeyman pipefitter for the past 24 years and has worked in various capacities for the pipefitters union, most currently as a business agent, which includes acting as a career facilitator for high school students. "Many students have no idea that these types of career opportunities exist, so we are trying to raise awareness among those who may not be interested in a four-year degree. You can complete a certification or a two-year degree and still have the chance to make a good wage," he said. Gilligan said that he is looking forward to the opportunity to become involved with the welding program and set up a program to identify quality students in order

for them to qualify for apprenticeship programs that can enable them to earn a wage while still learning. He is also hoping to work with Schoolcraft instructors to develop a curriculum for a Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration program.

First-time candidate

While this is the first time that Gilligan has run for public office, he said that it was his experience working with the college that provided the impetus to seek election to the board. He has had experience serving on committees and boards such as the joint apprenticeship training committee, as well as serving as the chairman on the political action committee. He has also served in various trusteeship capacities in the past, and currently serves as a trustee of the Insurance Trust Fund. Gilligan also said that

Stempien follows in parents' path

By Jill Halpin
Correspondent



Stempien

Newly elected Schoolcraft College Trustee Eric Stempien believes that a having a top-notch community college is a significant asset for area residents.

"Schoolcraft provides so much for so many in the community," he said, from degree and certification-granting programs to community education and affordable classes for those on a path to a four-year degree. "We are very fortunate to have Schoolcraft in our community."

Growing up in Northville, one of the college's feeder districts, "It seems like I've always had a connection to Schoolcraft. When the position became available, I did not hesitate. It is important for me to continue to have that connection," he said.

Family service

Stempien's connection, however, goes deeper than community ties. The Stempien name is well-known in service to the Schoolcraft community. Eric's parents, Gregory, an attorney in Northville, and Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Jeanne Stempien, both served as trustees and as chairpersons of the college board.

Eric Stempien was appointed to the board in June 2012 to complete the final year of a six-year term of board member Patricia Watson, who retired.

An attorney for Superior Ambulance Service in Warren, Stempien is a graduate of the Uni-

versity of Michigan and Wayne State University Law School. Serving on the board of Schoolcraft was a natural fit, said the married father of two daughters, ages 5 and 6.

"Now my own children are able to take advantage of the great classes that Schoolcraft offers through their community education programs," he said. He said he looks forward to being a part of the budget process.

Tuition

"I want to focus on holding down tuition," he said. Explaining that of the college's three sources of revenue — money from the state, property taxes and tuition — student-paid tuition is the only factor that within control of the board.

"And there is no way that we can balance the budget on the backs the students," he said. "We need to be there for the community — that is why it is called a community college, after all — so we have to find some way to hold down tuition."

Serving the community, he said, means not pricing classes out of reach for community members. "This has got to be our short-term focus," he said.

Regarding long-term focus areas, Stempien points to increases in state-of-the-art technol-

Please see TRUSTEES, A9

Please see STEMPIEN, A9



LET CENTURION BEAUTIFY YOUR HOME

 <p>TILE & GROUT CLEANING</p> <p>\$25.00 OFF</p>	 <p>CARPET CLEANING</p> <p>ONLY \$24.95</p>	 <p>UPHOLSTERY CLEANING</p> <p>10% OFF</p>
<p>If Cleaning 400^{sq} ft or More. One time, suite take residential in the porous surfaces of your tile and grout. Let us remove them with our safe and effective cleaning process. Call for details.</p>	<p>Per Room (2 Room Minimum) Why wait. Let us pre-treat spots and traffic areas, then steam with truck-mounted extraction equipment for the very best results. \$5.00 fee service charge apply. Call for details.</p>	<p>No Minimum Requirement Enjoy 10% off your upholstery cleaning by Centurion. Any and all fabrics, leather, all of your fine furniture, cleaned and restored. Call for details.</p>

SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY!



centurion services inc.



Must mention this ad. Call for details.
800.722.8855
www.CenturionServices.com

scan to have these specials on your phone.






SAME-DAY APPOINTMENTS

FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY, NOW IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

HENRY FORD MEDICAL CENTER
Plymouth

14300 Beck Road
(corner of M-14 and Beck Road)
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 453-5600
hennryford.com/sameday

WE ACCEPT MOST INSURANCE PLANS INCLUDING:



Wayne Chamber honors Plymouth's Franks

By Sue Mason
Observer Staff Writer

As a businessman, Wayne Mayor Al Haidous thought he was "the most loved man" in the city. Thursday, he acknowledged that it wasn't the case. That honor goes to Paul Franks, owner of William C. Franks Furniture.

"It's a great honor to stand here with such a great man," said Haidous who joined the Wayne Chamber of Commerce in presenting Franks with a Lifetime Achievement Award. "I wish I could find something stronger to say than thank you. This doesn't realize your commitment to this city." The award was one of



STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Paul Franks of William C. Franks Furniture (left) and Wayne Chamber board member John Rhaesa listen as Wayne Mayor Pro Tem Pamela Dobrowski talks about her house full of Franks furniture at the chamber's annual Holiday Luncheon.

three presented Thursday by the chamber at its annual Holiday luncheon. Richard Smith,

an independent agent with Estate Preservation Insurance, was honored as the Business of

the Year and the chamber's Ambassador of the Year. "Thank you for being

a pillar of the community," said chamber board member John Rhaesa in announcing the award.

"What a great, stable business you have been for the community!"

"I was completely surprised," said Franks, who at the end of the month will close the store founded by his parents, William and Betty Franks, in 1963. The closing comes two years after the furniture store was leveled by a natural gas explosion.

Two employees were killed and Franks was injured in the blast. Since then, the business has operated out of its warehouse.

Franks admitted that the decision was a difficult one, but the closing

doesn't mean he will be rising off into the sunset. "I'll still be around the community," said Franks.

"I think I have a house full of your furniture," said Wayne Mayor Pro Tem Pamela Dobrowski in presenting a proclamation on behalf of Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara. "We're going to miss you. We wish you the best."

She added that McNamara will formally present the proclamation, approved by the Wayne County Commission, when Franks is honored at the Tuesday, Dec. 18, Wayne City Council meeting.

smason@hometowmlife.com
(313) 222-6751

Retiree takes his time with 129-year-old grandfather clock

By Cal Stone
Staff Writer

Harry Burt has restored 25 grandfather clocks, but the one that he's currently working on is special — there are only two in the world.

The 82-year-old resident of Novi's Fox Run is putting the finishing touches on a two-weighted, 129-year-old American clock built in Rhode Island by Walter H. Durfee.

"It's coming along pretty good," said Burt recently after a day in the retirement community's hobby shop.

Burt said he's cleaning it up and overhauling the movement. He doesn't strip the mahogany finish at all; he only hand rubs it and removes the grime from the metal parts.

"His clocks were so well finished when they were made," said Burt.

"They look like they just came out of the factory today."

He's restoring the clock to its original condition, including a functioning pendulum to sound each hour.

So what makes this particular clock, which Burt purchased in September from a California owner, so unique?

"The American grandfather clock industry came to a screeching halt in 1815, and only the wealthy could afford them at that time," explained Burt. "In the 1880s, Durfee made the Rolls Royce at that time — even up to today, actually — with high quality, style, design and now historical value."

For nearly 50 years, Burt and his wife, Jo, have been collecting clocks. He learned of the Durfee through its



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi Fox Run resident Harry Burt, 82, has spent a lot of time in the last three months restoring to good working condition this 1885 Walter Durfee grandfather clock. The clock, made in Providence, R.I., was found by Burt in California, and the lifelong Michigan resident plans on giving it to a grandson after it displayed at Fox Run for a while.

membership in the National Association of Watch and Clock Collec-

tors. The Burts are particularly fond of clocks from the E.N. Welch Manufacturing Company,

which made clocks in the 1860-1895 period, but he won't reveal how many clocks are in his collec-

tion overall. "Collectors don't tell," he said. "Now we're limited by space, and the major collection I have given to my grandson, who is 30. I restore them for him."

The Burts moved to Fox Run in August 2011 from Rochester. Jo doesn't work on the restorations, but Burt spends time in the hobby shop along with about 55 other men who belong to the community's hobby club.

"After I moved in, I was looking for something to keep me occupied," said Burt. "I asked if I could restore a grandfather clock here. I heard about the Durfee, purchased it and had it shipped."

A former auto parts supplier to Detroit's Big Three automakers, the Redford native has published articles about his Durfee, who made clocks for around 20 years.

EXPERT HEATING & COOLING

Happy Holidays!

Be Warm This Holiday Season!

Heating Maintenance \$89
\$99 Value

Canton Location
7320 Haggerty Rd.
Canton, MI
734-459-3971
Register on our Website for Coupon Savings!
www.expertheatcool.com

EXPERT COUPON
HEATING & COOLING

\$25 Off
Service Repair

Must present coupon at time of service. Cannot be combined with any other offer.

EXPERT COUPON
HEATING & COOLING

\$10 Off
Signature Service Plan
New or Renewal

Must present coupon at time of service. Cannot be combined with any other offer.

Carrier
turn to the experts

SOCIAL SECURITY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bleske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. Their Livonia office is on 5th Mile Road just west of I-275. Their Novi office is located on Haggerty Road just north of 12 Mile Road. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

www.ssd4fighter.com

Local Horologist Repairs Hard-to-Fix Timepieces

BILL MILLER OF TRIPLE CROWN WATCH COMPANY is an expert watchmaker who can repair your watch or clock.

Have a watch, clock or timepiece you treasure and just can't figure out how to fix? Well, you're not alone. When many of the Detroit Area's jewelry stores can't seem to make a watch tick, they're out source more complicated repair cases to Troy's own certified horologist (that's an expert watchmaker) Bill Miller of Triple Crown Watch Company.

Miller has over 28 years experience with watches and timepieces, and received his degree in horology at Houston Technical College before relocating to southeast Michigan.

Over his expansive career, Miller has seen his share of unique cases. "One of the most interesting cases I worked on was an English Grandfather clock from the 1590's. The owner wanted it restored to working order, and rewired for battery operation," said Miller.

"Another difficult request was hand-cutting a triangular crystal for a special-edition Masonic pocketwatch by Rolex," Miller continued. There's good reason over 172 jewelers in the arc only on Triple Crown and Miller for those hard-to-fix assignments. "I enjoy the challenge of restoring unique timepieces to their original functioning state. It is as much an artform as it is pure mechanics, and it is extremely rewarding to see these old pieces correctly keeping time again."

Triple Crown is located at 1940 E. Maple Rd. (at John R.) in Troy. In addition to repairing watches, straps, batteries and winding boxes, Triple Crown has a large amount of battery operated and wind up pocket watches.

For more information, stop by Triple Crown at 1940 E. Maple (15 Miles) just west of John R., visit www.triplecrownwatchcompany.com or give them a call at 248-582-2777. They will make sure you stay on time in 2012!

Advertiser

ST. MARY MERCY LIVONIA
SAINT JOSEPH MERCY HEALTH SYSTEM

The Center for Joint Replacement

Re-Discover Freedom

Learn more at our **FREE Education Seminar**
6 to 8 p.m.
St. Mary Mercy Livonia
Wednesday, January 23, Classroom 10
To register call 734-655-2345
stmarymercy.org

Are you living in pain?
Now is the time to
Rediscover your mobility.

The Center for Joint Replacement at St. Mary Mercy Hospital has a comprehensive team approach which results in shorter hospital stays, better pain management and faster recovery.



Trainer Emily Cilibraine works with husband David Cilibraine, doing pushups and her father, Glenn Kaatz.



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Trainer Emily Cilibraine works with Ana Quintana and Meghan Parnell.

YMCA Boot Camp gets, keeps participants in shape all year long

Some people are being proactive about burning off those extra calories from eggnog and Christmas cookies.

Instead of waiting until after the holidays to get in shape, they are working out now.

A group of six to 10 men and women participate in a weekly Boot Camp at 10 a.m. every Saturday at the Livonia Family YMCA.

"People come and go," said Eric Farquhar, membership and marketing director.

"As it gets colder, the group grows and it will continue to grow especially after the first of the year when everyone has health and fitness on their mind."

The group exercise



John Stewart and Glenn Kaatz work with medicine balls during the workout.

class, taught by personal trainer Emily Cilibraine, has been meeting for about two years. Parti-

pants range in age from about 20 to over 60.

Plymouth attorney John Stewart, who is in his early 60s, is one of the class members who have consistently attended since last Christmas.

He said he has lost 17 pounds and has gained mobility and flexibility. "I can stand up in church now, I stand up in court now as an attorney and not look like an old man."

He said it has also given him a more positive attitude, as mental and emotional health go hand-in-hand with physical health.

The class is for members, and the fee depends on the level of participation, Farquhar said.

For more information, call the Y at (734) 261-2161.

Interested in a career as a Pharmacy Technician?

- 18% Expected national growth rate
 - Payment plan available
 - 14 week class
- Learn more at our Free Information Session

Tuesday, December 11th
6:00-7:30 p.m.
Schoolcraft College
VisiTech Center, room 445

Meet instructors, review class offerings, course curriculum and certification requirements



www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd/pharmacy

Continuing Education and Professional Development | 734.462.4448



MIDWEST AUCTION GALLERIES

Fine and Decorative Art Auction

To be held December 15th 2012 ~ Starting at 10:00am EST
At Our New Location 925 N. Lapeer Road, Oxford MI 48371

Over 700 lots to include fine works of art from such artist as Marc Chagall, William Mason Brown, Stephen Chizmarik, Andre Dunoyer de Segonzac, Joan Miro, Victor Vasarely, Tom Dorr, Alexander Dzigurski and many more not listed. A scare Al Loving geometric work on canvas titled "Cube No. 2", Bronze works including an important pair of Paul Manship bronze sculptures (two other known examples are displayed in the Smithsonian and White House collections). A 122 piece white sterling flatware set, Fine jewelry including a 2.06 carat GIA certified diamond, jade and gold mounted jewelry, Georg Jensen sterling & labradorite 3 piece suite, 18K gold ladies diamond and sapphire necklace. Folk art and Native American art including a Lewis B. DeTurk chip carved box dated 1931, an 18th century miniature New England tavern table, a pair of finely beaded Native American child's moccasins, early Navajo sterling belt and cuff bracelet of the highest quality, and an 18th/19th century Chippewa child's doll and cradle formally in a museum collection, Chinese and Japanese jades, porcelains and ivories, a nice grouping of coral mounted jewelry.

A sale you won't want to miss.

Preview Times:

Wednesday, December 12th from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday, December 13th from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Friday, December 14th from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday, December 15th from 9:00am-Auction Start

As always lunch and cocktails are on us!!!!

Telephone: (248)236-8100

Toll-free: (877)236-8181 • Fax: (248)236-8396

For complete descriptions and additional photographs view at:
www.midwestauctioninc.com

Live bidding available at
www.liveauctioneers.com
www.auctionzip.com
www.artfact.com
www.invaluable.com
www.proxibid.com

Buyer's Premium 18% for in-house buyers, phone & absentee bidding
Buyer's Premium 21% for all on-line bidding

Now Accepting Consignments



Marc Chagall Lithograph in Color on Wave Paper Titled "Day In May" Lot #100



William Mason Brown Oil Painting On Canvas Lot #101



Georg Jensen Sterling & Labradorite 3 Piece Suite Lot #102



A Philip & Kelvin Laverne Bronze Occasional Table Lot #103



A Rare Tiffany Lava Glass And Sterling Mounted Vase Lot #105



Lalique "Miroir Cygnes" Clear And Frosted Glass Swan Center Piece Lot #104



2.06 CT GIA Certified Diamond, Lot #108



Important Pair Of Paul Manship Bronze Statues Lot #106

Restoring a legacy

Wayne County Parks reviving 'specimen' trees in historic Bennett Arboretum

By Kurt Kuban
Staff Writer

Back in October, Elizabeth Iszler walked along a trail in Bennett Arboretum and marveled at autumn's glory amid towering trees and rolling hills.

"This is a beautiful place," said Iszler, who was hired back in April as the landscape architect and design manager for Wayne County Parks.

Under Iszler's leadership, the county is taking a fresh look at Bennett Arboretum, which is located in the northwest portion of Edward Hines Park in Northville Township. In addition to its rolling topography and green vistas, Bennett Arboretum contains more than a hundred trees planted back in the 1930s when the park was a major destination for Wayne County families. It also contains an interpretive trail system, wetlands and plenty of wildlife.

Over the years, nature has taken its course in the arboretum and many non-native plants and trees have sprouted up, and in many cases have now overrun the "specimen" trees planted decades ago.

According to Wayne County Parks Naturalist Carol Clements, those trees were brought in from all over the world. In fact, Clements said more than 400 trees were planted during Bennett Arboretum's heyday. Some were native to Michigan and America, but many were imported from Europe and even



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Elizabeth Iszler walks through Bennett Arboretum in Hines Park back in October. Iszler, with Wayne County Parks, is working to preserve and restore the remaining "specimen" trees dating back to the 1930s. The arboretum is located in Northville Township.

China.

"We still have 104 of those original trees, including a beautiful fern-leaf beech and an acanthopanax tree from Asia," Clements said. "We've lost a lot of trees, but we still have some great collections left, including beech, maple and oaks collections." She also mentioned a very rare Manchurian maple, which she was told are almost impossible to get these days.

The problem in many cases is finding them.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bennett Arboretum, located in Northville Township, features acres of fields and unique trees, and is popular with walkers, birders and area high schools' cross country teams.



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Under Elizabeth Iszler, Wayne County Parks is restoring the specimen trees in Bennett Arboretum, which were planted in the 1930s.

With brushy invasives like buckthorn and honeysuckle growing in thick stands, some of the trees have become hidden to those using the park.

With her landscape architecture background, Iszler brings a new perspective to Wayne County Parks. She was immediately struck by the uniqueness of the arboretum area, and hopes to shine a new light on its legacy.

"There aren't a lot, if any, county arborettums in the state. It's a big part

BENNETT ARBORETUM FACTS

- Established in 1930s by J. Merle (J.M.) Bennett, who worked for Wayne County Road Commission as director of Wayne County Parks and Forestry
- Located in the northwest portion of Edward Hines Park, in Northville Township
- Michigan's oldest public arboretum
- 104 of the original 470 or so specimen trees from the 1930s still remain

of the history of Hines Park," said Iszler, a Novi resident. "The fact that it is here offers a great opportunity. I would really love for people to get out and experience it."

Iszler has initiated a restoration plan that will help people do just that.

People who frequent the park or who drive Edward Hines Drive will begin to see that plan go into effect as early as January when the ground freezes. That's when a contractor will begin going out to the arboretum to remove the invasive plants and trees. The work should continue into the spring, when workers will also prune the specimen trees and bring them back to health. There are also plans to add more signage that will explain both the history and natural features of the arboretum.

"People will really

Please see **BENNETT, A13**

**MOVE TO
WALTONWOOD
BY DECEMBER 31ST
AND WE'LL FREEZE
YOUR RENT AT
2012 RATES!**

Don't Get Left Out in the Cold this Winter

Move to Waltonwood, Where the Only Thing Freezing is Our Rates!

Waltonwood offers carefree senior living with endless opportunities outside your door. With friendly neighbors, convenient amenities, personal staff and caregivers on-site, you're free to choose how you spend the day.

Spacious apartments • Housekeeping & maintenance • Delicious, home-cooked meals • Activities and scheduled transportation
Pet friendly community • Personalized care services available

Two locations in Canton. Call and schedule your personal tour today.

W
WALTONWOOD

Redefining Retirement Living®

CARRIAGE PARK

Independent Living & Licensed Assisted Living

(734) 335-0947

2000 N Canton Center Road

SINGL

CHERRY HILL

Independent Living, Licensed Assisted Living & Memory Care

(734) 335-1459

42600 Cherry Hill

*Rate freeze offer applies only to Independent Living move-ins by December 31, 2012. See community for complete details.

www.Waltonwood.com



BENNETT

Continued from page A12

notice the changes by summer," Iszler said.

Bennett Arboretum was the brainchild of J. Merle Bennett, a visionary who joined the Wayne County Road Commission in 1922 at a time the county was starting to develop its roadside plans. Bennett became nationally recognized as a pioneer in roadside development, writing several books on the subject and even getting the state of Michigan to enact the "Roadside Tree Protection Act." He was fascinated by forestry, and was personally responsible for the planting of thousands of trees across the county, and especially along the Middle Rouge Parkway, which we now know as Hines Park. It was Bennett's idea to create an arboretum featuring unique trees from around the world. According to Clements, back in Bennett's day, Hines Park was a major attraction for Detroiters. The arboretum was the site of popular horse trails for horseback riders, as well as tobogganing and skiing. Annual Soap Box Derbies were also held on the steep roadway next to the arboretum.

"This was the place to be in the '30s and '40s. It was kind of like going up north is today," Clements said.

While Wayne County Parks has done a couple of recent surveys of the arboretum with the help of University of Michigan students, Iszler and Clements believe they will know even more after the invasive plants are removed.

In addition to restoring the specimen trees, the master plan calls for creating wetland and prairie ecosystems that weren't part of the original plan.



Bennett Arboretum's bridle trails were a popular attraction for years after being established in the 1930s.



This photo from the 1940s shows how popular Bennett Arboretum was in its heyday when many Wayne County residents used the area's bridle trails and tobogganing hill across the street at Cass Benton.

New trees will also be planted to supplement the various collections, though the focus will be on adding native trees. Iszler said she is excited about the future of Bennett Arboretum. Her goal is that more people discover what a jewel the county has, even though it hasn't always been treated as such.

"Hopefully this is just

the beginning," Iszler said. "My hope is to add to the educational component of the arboretum. I think this would be a great place to bring school kids to learn about nature."

"Perhaps the best part of the arboretum is that it's free, and it's open to the public."

kkuban@hometownlife.com
(248) 437-2011, ext. 245



Workers plant some of the specimen trees in Bennett Arboretum in the 1930s.

PAINTING

A GREAT WAY TO FRESHEN UP A ROOM!

PAINT A GREAT ROOM \$699.00

Greater Detroit Painting Co. will PAINT a Great Room up to 20' x 20' with 18' high ceilings for \$699.00! Call today!

Customer to supply the paint. Walls only. Ceilings, halls, doors and trim are extra.

Offer expires December 5th 2012. Deposit of 50% to schedule, balance at completion.

313.358.4900
www.greaterdetroitpainting.com



Rub here for good grades



Take a campus tour and get answers to all of your Schoolcraft questions, such as

How many majors do we offer? **70**

What is the average class size? **24**

Is the food really that good? **YES**

Will rubbing the mascot's nose bring me good luck?

ABSOLUTELY!

Campus tours are offered Tuesdays and Thursdays. Schedule yours at www.schoolcraft.edu/recruit or by phone at 734-462-4683.



Schoolcraft College



Women's Services



WOMEN AND PELVIC HEALTH

The Inn at St. John's, Plymouth
• Wednesday, Dec. 12
6-8 p.m.

REGISTER NOW!
Registration is required.
Please call 734-655-1980.

Refreshments and giveaways.

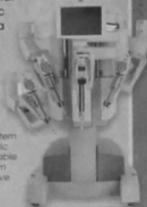


stmarymercy.org



Featured Speaker:
Paul R. Makela, MD
Medical Director
Gynecological
Robotic Surgery,
St. Mary Mercy Hospital

Approximately one-third of U.S. women will have a pelvic health problem by age 60. This includes stress urinary incontinence, pelvic organ prolapse, abnormally heavy menstrual periods and uterine fibroids. These conditions become more common with age. Pregnancy, childbirth or being overweight can stretch and weaken muscles that support your pelvic organs. Dr. Makela will discuss pelvic health, symptoms, diagnosis and treatment options.



The da Vinci® Surgical System is a sophisticated robotic platform designed to enable our surgeons to perform precise minimally-invasive procedures.



REMARKABLE MEDICINE. REMARKABLE CARE.

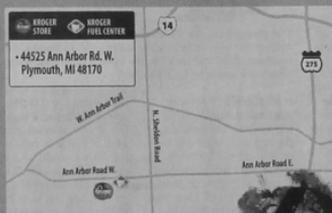
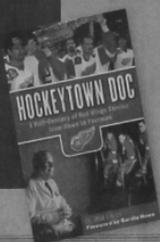


WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Kroger is having a PLYMOUTH Celebration

Join us for our grand re-opening celebration on Wednesday, December 12.
Come see what's new at Kroger and enjoy special prices throughout the store.

Don't miss former Detroit Red Wings physician Dr. John Finley, December 12 from 4 – 7 p.m. He will be on hand to sign copies of his new book, *Hockeytown Doc: A Half-Century of Red Wings Stories from Howe to Yzerman*.



The first **300 customers** to join us at 6 am for the grand re-opening will receive a **FREE reusable grocery bag** and a **\$10 Gift Card**.



**USDA Choice Boneless
Whole Beef Tenderloin**
Beef Loin, Limit 1

7⁹⁹ lb.
With Card



Driscoll's Raspberries **4\$5**
6 oz. for
With Card



Organic Broccoli
or Celery or Mini Peeled Carrots,
16 oz.

2\$3
for
With Card

organics
Come in and experience our expanded variety of fresh organic produce. Our Plymouth store offers the largest organic fresh fruits and vegetables selection in Kroger Michigan.

Prices effective 7am Monday, December 10 thru Midnight, Sunday, December 16, 2012

SPORTS

Salem holds on in opener

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Fans settling into the bleachers at Salem High School a little late Friday night might have thought the Rocks were on their way to a mercy win over Wayne Memorial.

It was 13-3 Salem following a driving bank shot by 6-4 senior center Ahmad Khalid and the Rocks were up 17-5 after one quarter. But the season opener for Salem's defending KLAAs champions turned into more of a white-knuckle affair as the Zebras roared back with their pressure game all over the floor.

Wayne cut the lead to six points in the fourth, and threatened to get closer several times. Yet the Rocks hung on for a 67-56 boys basketball victory.

"It was never settled, they were in the game the whole time," Salem head coach Bob Brodie said. "They played hard, they weren't going to lay down."

"But that's the way it's going to be this year, you know? Teams are going to battle like heck to beat us."

Leading the Rocks with 21 points, 13 rebounds and three steals was 6-7 senior forward Chris Dierker. Leading Wayne with 20 points was Josh Lowry.

Providing a spark

Dierker sparked Salem down the stretch, keeping the Zebras at bay with strong moves to the basket.



BILL BRESLER STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

It was a frenetic pace Friday night, as demonstrated here as Salem's Chris Dierker (No. 23) hangs on to the ball despite the efforts of several Wayne Memorial players.

Heldmeyer tops at Siena

Beth Heldmeyer, a 2009 Plymouth grad and senior at Siena Heights University, was named the team's most outstanding cross country runner for the second year in a row.

During her career, she was a four-time NIAA national qualifier, all conference, academic all conference and WHAC Senior Champion of Character Award. She will graduate in the spring with a degree in nursing.

K of C free throw contest

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship for boys and girls ages 9-14 will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, at St. Thomas a Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton.

Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. with all age-group contestants recognized for their participation in the event, which will progress through local, district and state competition.

Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent.

For more information, call Dave Lengel at (734) 516-4930, or e-mail dlengel2@aahoo.com.



Priebe's return lifts Wildcats to road victory

By Ed Wright
Observer Staff Writer

It doesn't take an expensive x-ray to prove Plymouth senior guard Josh Priebe's recently-injured left shoulder is fine and dandy.

The final stat sheet from Friday night's 66-34 Wildcat victory over Redford Union will work just fine.

With only four practices under his belt and just a couple weeks removed from separating his non-shooting shoulder during tryouts, Priebe put a hurting on the Panthers, scoring 24 points

on 9-of-11 shooting.

The impressive road triumph evened the Wildcats' record at 1-1. The game was the season opener for RU.

"I felt good during warm-ups tonight, I got a good practice in yesterday and my shots were falling tonight," said Priebe, who poured in 28 points in Plymouth's season-opening loss to Walled Lake Western on Tuesday. "My teammates were getting me open shots. The screens were good and they were getting me the ball in transition. Without them, I wouldn't have done as well as I did."

What made Priebe's performance even more impressive was that he came off the bench.

"It was different, but I don't mind it because you get to watch and see how the game is going," Priebe said of his reserve role. "It takes a little bit of the pressure off."

Early run

Harassed by the Wildcats' in-your-face style of defense, the Panthers turned the ball over 21 times and never found an offensive groove.

RU led 4-2 two minutes into the contest before Plymouth reeled

off a 9-0 run to seize the momentum for good.

"Everybody played hard, but nobody played particularly well, except in a few spurts," said RU head coach Randall Taylor. "We have a lot of inexperienced and new guys on the team, so there is still a lot of teaching to do."

RU was led by senior guard DeAngelis Rodgers' 13 points.

Junior Jacob McKiddie added nine—all in the first half.

"I really liked our defensive effort tonight," said Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup. "We

Please see VICTORY, B3

Rocks finally get room to call their own

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

Music blared inside one end of Plymouth Cultural Center following Salem's recent comeback win over Canton.

Happy hockey players also milled around in bright, spiffy, improved quarters made possible by a \$740,000 renovation to their locker room—which transformed it from ordinary into something they're proud to say is theirs.

Hines Park Lincoln in Plymouth sponsored the majority of the project.

"It's awesome, we can come here and stay as long as we want," Rocks' senior defenseman and captain Kyle Downey said. "Before, we kind of got rushed out by the next team. Now, we can stay around and watch extra film."

"Or just chill in the

'It's really a family-like environment and it really helps more than people realize. It creates bonding time for the players.'

ALEK ZULTOWSKI,
Salem hockey player

locker room, listening to music or playing X-box or something."

'Family' room

Also smiling and thrilled to come to the rink thanks to the team's royal blue-and-improved confines is senior forward and co-captain Alek Zultowski, who scored the tying goal against Canton in that hard-fought contest on Nov. 24.

"The locker room is awesome," Zultowski said. "We owe so much credit to the coaches for really taking initiative and getting it for us."

"It's really a family-like

environment and it really helps more than people realize. It creates bonding time for the players."

With a nod, he added with emphasis "That's our room."

An assist for that welcome change goes to Salem head coach Ryan Ossensmacher, who pushed for his team to get what Canton and Plymouth (and the PCS Penguins girls team) already have at Arctic Edge Arena.

Ossensmacher and his coaching staff also gave up their office space in

Please see LOCKER, B4

Jeff Jones pitcher clinic

Detroit Tigers pitching coach, along with the Livonia Stevenson baseball program, will stage two sessions of pitching clinics on Sunday, Jan. 20, at the high school fieldhouse. Session 1 (ages 9-12) will be from 10 a.m. until noon followed by Session 2 (13-18) from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Former pro pitcher Dave Marcon, a member of the Stevenson coaching staff and owner/scout for Indy Pro Showcase, will also assist Jones in covering the proper throwing mechanics, fielding, warm-up and drills for pitchers.

The cost is \$40 person.

For more information, call Stevenson head baseball coach Rick Berryman at (734) 455-8623; or e-mail Berry3724@aol.com.



Proudly standing in front of the entrance to their renovated locker room at Plymouth Cultural Center are Salem hockey players (from left) Colin Pietron, Jason Newel and Noah Saad.

Holiday Loans
make shopping easier

Rates as low as **4.74%** APR*

PLYMOUTH CANTON NORTHVILLE NOVI



COMMUNITY FINANCIAL

right here right for you

www.cfcu.org

(877) 937-2328

*Subject to credit application and approval. Annual Percentage Rate (APR) may vary and is dependent on individual credit history and other factors. Stated rate includes 25% discount when payments are automatically deducted from your Community Financial checking account. Not available for refinancing of existing Community Financial loan, offer expires 12/31/2012. Federally insured by NCUA. Equal Housing Lender. ©2012 Community Financial

Young Chargers log miles, championships

The Park has quite a winning feeder system in cross country. Central Middle School's seventh and eighth grade boys and girls cross country teams won respective Plymouth-Canton Middle School League championships at Cass Benton in late October.

And with that success, stressed Chargers' coach Ryan Ballard, an impressive combined group of more than 100 seventh- and eighth-grade hikers found out how rewarding it is to set team goals and go out and achieve them.

"Before we school was out for the summer, we held a team meeting," Ballard noted. "We talked about how much work you have to put in the off-season if you want to be a league champion and if this was something they really wanted to set their focus on."

"The student-athletes agreed that they would do whatever it took to become a champion."

Every Sunday during the summer, a parent set up a voluntary run at Fiegel Elementary. Those runs were very well-attended.

Each runner kept tabs on how they were doing by logging the number of miles they were completing each week.

"Top runners were asked to run 15-20 miles a week," Ballard continued. "I had one athlete who ran 20-plus a week and (he) ended up getting injured."

That runner, eighth grade captain, Peter Bushaw, missed most of the season as he recovered from the injury and got back into shape. But did he ever, finishing fifth in the league meet.

Something to cherish

Ballard, who is head coach along with Bob Dinan and assisted by Kristie Eagles and Lauren Medley, said the youngsters dumped water over him



Central Middle School boys cross country runners, shown competing against Pioneer this fall, only lost one meet all season and won the league championship.



Central Middle School runners Luke Kurili (left) and Nick Socha were the top two runners all season for the championship boys team of seventh and eighth graders.



Members of Central Middle School's girls cross country team compete this fall against Pioneer Middle School. The Central Chargers won the league title.

in the aftermath of their ultimate victory.

"It was great to see how excited they were and that their hard work paid off," he explained. "There were a lot of hugs and pictures taken to celebrate the moment."

The next

day at Central, "there was a definite sense of excitement in the air" and morning announcements touted the championships.

Ballard emphasized that the kids "understand that winning a championship does not happen too often, so they defi-

nately took time to cherish the moment."

The coach said the youngsters' positive attitude provided a winning intangible, too.

Humor helps

"On the way to Cass Benton our busses passed the hill

on Five Mile that we always trained at," he recalled. "I told the kids to thank the hill because that was one of the main reasons we would win the league championship."

At that point, Peter Bushaw muttered "I have a love-hate relationship with that hill," cracking up the rest of the team.

"The whole bus started to laugh," Ballard continued. "And at that point, I was pretty confident we would win the championship."

Top runners of the Chargers' boys team were Bushaw, Nick Socha, Luke Kurili, Mikey Schwartz, Julian Thornton, Alex Kroll and Tezman Armstead.

Top girls were Courtney White, Katie Rocker, Rachel White, Rachel McCally, Abby Rhoades, Claire Curvin and Makayla Helmer.

The future is bright, too. Sixth graders Braden Heimbaugh and Casey McCord finished 1-2 in every sixth-grade race and had respective personal bests of 9:23 and 9:25.

There are five schools in the Plymouth-Canton Middle School League. In addition to Central, other schools include Pioneer, Discovery, East and West.

Titans sign Thompson for women's golf team

The University of Detroit-Mercy women's golf team won three tournaments in the fall and next season could be even better as head coach Terri Anthony-Ryan announced that All-State golfer Sarah Thompson of Canton has signed a National Letter of Intent with the Titans.

"She is a winner," said Ryan about the Plymouth High School senior. "She was a very good high school player and she will come here looking to compete for a spot immediately." Thompson earned All-State honors in 2011 and 2012, helping lead the Wildcats to a Division 1 state championship. She tallied an 80.1 average as a junior and a 76.6 as a senior to end her prep career.

She was a four-time All-KLAA performer as well as a three-time all-scholar athlete. She set Plymouth's school record with a 3-under

68 to win the Next Tee Invitational at the Knollwood Country Club and was also medalist at the 2012 Kensington Lakes Activities Association Tournament, carding a 73.

At the 2012 regional at Pine View Golf Course, she posted a 78 earning runner-up at the event.

"She is just a great fit for the program and she is only going to get better," Ryan added.

Detroit ended its fall season with three victories in four tournaments and will now get ready for the 2012 spring campaign.

Plymouth varsity girls golf coach Dan Young was elated about Thompson's UDM opportunity.

"Sarah is an outstanding golfer and even better person," Young noted. "She has been one of the area's best golfers for years and will be a great addition to the University of Detroit squad."



Plymouth senior Sarah Thompson (seated) recently signs her national letter of intent to go to University of Detroit-Mercy, where she will play for the women's golf team. Standing behind her are (from left) Plymouth girls golf coach Dan Young, Carol Thompson (mom), Mark Thompson (brother) and Tom Thompson (dad).

Family
HEATING, COOLING & ELECTRICAL INC.
 Serving the entire metropolitan area.
 North Oakland: North Woodward: Detroit:
 248-886-8626 248-548-9566 313-792-0770
 East: Downriver: West:
 586-274-1155 • 734-281-3024 • 734-422-8080

FULL ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT
MASTERS ELECTRICIANS!

- Service changes & upgrades
- Outlets added • Generators
- Installation of fixtures, ceiling fans, hot water heaters, garages, pools, & outdoor lighting

FURNACE CLEAN & CHECK SPECIAL
 REG. \$89.95
\$69.95
 SAVE \$20.00...NOW ONLY!
With this ad. Not valid with any other offers. Expires 12-31-12

We Sell, Service and Install All Brands

SAT/PSAT & ACT PREP
HIGHER SCORES MEAN MORE COLLEGE OPTIONS.

Huntington's one-to-one test prep programs can help. Choose from three great options:

- **Premier Program:** Personalized around student's strengths and weaknesses
- **28-hour Program:** A concentrated boost in all key subject areas
- **10-hour Program:** Effective help in one subject area

SAVE \$100 Premier Program Special; ends 12/31/2012

Huntington
 Your Tutoring Solution
 1 800 CAN LEARN® • HuntingtonHelps.com
 44630 Ford Road • Canton, MI 48187
 (734) 207-7930

CHRISTMAS PISTOL SALE
...That AIMS To Please!

SMITH & WESSON #380 Body Guard Great Pistol Reg. \$399 NOW \$374 SAVE \$25 OFF	SPRINGFIELD ARMY All In-stock Models XD-M's \$30 OFF
---	---

SPRINGFIELD ARMY "RANGE OFFICER"
 1911 45 cal Great Target Pistol
 Reg. \$775 **Now \$725 \$50 OFF**

SHOOTING RANGE PASSBOOKS

4, 30-minute range passes with 1 FREE gun rental.....	\$39
6, 30-minute range passes with 2 FREE gun rentals.....	\$59

FIRING LINE
 INDOOR GUN RANGE AND GUN SHOP

33000 Ford Road • Westland
 734-326-7320
 Open Mon.-Fri. 10am-9pm, Sat. 9am-7pm, Sun. 9am-4pm
 www.firinglineguns.com

SALEM

Continued from page B1

"He got into a little bit of foul trouble in the first half," he said to him so," Brodie said. "He was fresh and had a chance to observe what was going on out there (and) he took control the way he should in a game. "It was tough for them to stop him as he was going to the rack."

"According to Zebras head coach Mike Schutte, whose team dropped to 0-2, the first-quarter struggles (including 0-for-6 from the free-throw line) were largely due to having players unaccustomed to Friday night lights.

"I've got a very young team," Schutte said. "I think I have just one player that played last year (Jwan Snipes) and one player who played minimally last year.

"They're still getting used to the tempo, the intensity of the other team and what we have to do to keep up with it." Schutte liked the way his team fought back, outscoring Salem 30-25 over the middle two quarters to trail 42-35 after three quarters in the second half, "our intensity on the defense and rebounding was so much better than the first half," he said. "It is a learning process."

Both teams had plenty of turnovers and were off-



BILL BRESLER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Eyeing the rim Friday night is Salem's Cam Werner (No. 22), being guarded by Wayne Memorial's Brian Williams (No. 25).

target in shots around the basket — with the speed and intensity forcing some of those miscues.

Helping the cause Salem hit 25-of-52 field goal attempts (48 percent), while Wayne made 21-of-62 attempts (31 percent).

"Early on it was a track meet. Part of that is our team likes to run, but it was also first-game jitters," Brodie said. "There were a lot of turnovers, fumbled passes. We kind of rushed things."

Dierker and Kharlin, eight points, 12 rebounds) were strong on the boards, as Salem held a 47-31 rebounding edge. All players on Salem's squad saw action. Other players making solid contributions to the

win included senior guard Austin Whitted (eight points), senior forward Cam Werner (eight points) and junior forward Brady Cole (six points).

Tallying 10 points for the Zebras was Brian Williams, while Jackie Muhammad and Rafael Parkers scored six and four, respectively.

"It was their second timeout, they had a little more savvy than us at times," Brodie added. "But I was proud of the kids for keeping their composure and finishing it off at the end."

"It could have gotten close and scary." Salem will visit Ann Arbor Skyline on Tuesday.

tmh@hometownlife.com (734) 469-4128

Chiefs open with solid win

Canton opened the varsity boys basketball season in grand style Wednesday, with a 79-70 victory over Detroit Renaissance.

A balanced attack — with five players scoring in double figures — sparked the Chiefs. They built a 39-21 halftime lead, largely by being able to ward off full-court pressure from the Public School League opponent.

"Our ability to handle their full-court pressure early allowed us to get some easy shots," Chiefs head coach Jimmy Reddy said. "We continued to shoot the ball well all game." The Phoenix tried to

rally in the fourth quarter, outscoring the Chiefs 31-20 thanks to a number of Canton fouls.

"Defensively we have to do a better job of defending without fouling," Reddy continued. "Their 40 free throw attempts kept them in the game."

Reddy said the victory also indicated the Chiefs can hold their own against tough non-league teams.

"I'm very pleased with the win in the first game especially since first games are difficult," he noted. "I loved the way we competed and didn't back down. We definitely showed some toughness."

Leading Canton with 19 points was point guard Josh Mayberry, who also tallied five assists.

Contributing 15 points was 6-5 junior forward Davon Taylor. Jordan Nobles, a 6-8 junior forward, chipped in with 14 points, six rebounds and five assists. Also in double figures were sophomore guard Greg Williams (13 points) and senior guard Ryan Planey (10 points).

Senior wing guard/forward Scott Gring led the Chiefs with 10 rebounds and added six points.

Canton connected on 24 of 37 (64 percent) in two-point field goals along with 25 percent (4-6) from beyond the arc.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

VICTORY

Continued from page B1

were getting in the passing lanes and making life difficult for them. We made it like playing in

a hornets' nest — they were getting buzzed from all different directions." In terms of the game's standouts, the stat sheet didn't tell the entire story, according to Soukup, who praised the effort of Deji Adchigi.

"He didn't score, but he got his hands on a lot of balls," Soukup said. "He does things that don't necessarily show up in the scorebook, but the coaches notice them. He contributed in a lot of ways, especially defensively."

Wildcats edged in overtime

Plymouth's varsity girls basketball team lost 66-60 in overtime Friday to host North Farmington, despite 21 points from guard Kylie Robb.

The Wildcats (0-3) led 21-20 at halftime as both teams had difficulty finding the range.

Things heated up in the second half, however, with Plymouth building a seventh-point lead late in the fourth quarter.

North Farmington tied the game on a three-ball with 10 seconds remaining and outscored Plymouth 10-4 in overtime for the win.

Plymouth head coach Bob De Bear said a key foul during the stretch was Robb fouling out. She "was electric in the

second half." Sophomore Leah Klizinczk stepped up with 13 points, 11 in the second half, along with five rebounds. Thonee Johnson led the Wildcats with seven boards.

HURON 55, SALEM 24: A tough first quarter, where Salem managed just two points, set the tone Friday night at Ann Arbor. It was 24-12 at halftime and the River Rats took complete control in the third, outscoring the visiting Rocks 19-6.

"We had trouble scoring in the first quarter," Salem coach Fred Thornham said. "We had three or four shots at the rim that we couldn't make." Leading Salem (0-2) in scoring was Jarmya Wilson, with seven points. Shara Long added six while Brei Beaver led in rebounds with seven.

The Rocks will host Dearborn Divine Child on Tuesday.

MARIAN 44, CANTON 30: The host Chiefs (1-1) had trouble getting anything started Thursday night against Belleville Hills Marian.

Canton fell behind 14-7 after one frame and stayed relatively close until being outscored 11-4 in the third, which gave the Mustangs a 36-22 edge.

"To the kids credit they hung in there and kept fighting all night," Chiefs coach Brian Samuiski said. "We just couldn't get anything going. We didn't handle their pressure well, our passing, catching, and cutting wasn't sharp."

Paige Arevalo led Canton with 17 points, while Rachel Winters and Alanna Brown contributed six and five points, respectively. For Marian, Kilyn Bulluck tallied 13 points and Kamry Pease chipped in with 10.

Another tough challenge awaits the Chiefs Tuesday, as they visit Grove Pointe South (ranked No. 1) by the Detroit News.

Prep pucks for Gleaners

Plymouth's and Salem's prep boys hockey teams (JV level) are teaming up to help fight hunger.

They will be facing each other 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21, in a "Black vs. Blue Hockey Night" at Plymouth Cultural Center, culminating the first annual Gleaners Food Drive.

Admission will be the donation of five canned goods, which will be sent on to the Gleaners Food Bank. Game two (7 p.m.) will feature the Plymouth and Salem alumni teams.

At approximately 8:30 p.m. will be a third Plymouth-Salem game, pitching the current varsity teams. An admission fee will be required for the varsity contest.

Plymouth's prep hockey program is spearheading the Gleaners Food Drive (Salem and Canton are involved in similar endeavors for the holidays). Leading up to Dec. 21, Wildcat players will be canvassing neighborhoods to collect cans. A goal of 1,000 cans for Gleaners is the team's ultimate goal.

For more information, contact Rick Covault at (313) 319-3606.

Beldhemyer tops at Siena

Held Beldhemyer, a 2009 Plymouth grad and senior at Siena Heights University, was named the team's most outstanding current runner for the 2012-13 season in a row.

During her career she was a four-time NAIA national qualifier, all conference, academic all conference and WHAC Senior Champion of Character Award. She will graduate in the spring with a degree in nursing.

Mira named All-America

Grand Valley State University senior Alyssia Mira was recently named to a pair of All-America squads in women's soccer.

For the second time, Mira garnered a spot on the Daktronics NCAA Division II third-team after leading the Lakers with nine assists to go along with three goals.

Mira, a midfielder, was also named to the NSCAA/Continental Tire All-America Division II team for the first time after helping the Lakers, an NCAA Final Four team, to 18 shutouts.

'Rocks, 'Cats go 1-1 at quad

Salem's varsity wrestling team went 1-1 Wednesday at the Plymouth-hosted quad meet.

The Rocks edged Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 39-35, but dropped a 45-27 decision to Belleville.

According to Salem head coach Pete Israel, it was a good team experience despite having key wrestlers Mitchell Marshall (140), Hamed Adams (155) and Connor Thornbury (152) unable to take part.

"Our younger guys fought well and our seniors Alex Arble, Tyler Gross, Riley Daxtdor and Tony Agostini really stepped up," Israel noted. "I was also happy with James Upshaw's performance (1-1 at 160)."

After losing the first five flights against Crestwood, the Rocks bounced back to win the next five.

Victories were registered by Daxtdor at 152 (fall, 1-48), Upshaw at 160 (fall, 3-24), Gross at 171 (fall, 2-39), Mitchell Gross at 189 (2-39), Mitchell and Tony Agostini at 215 (fall, 38 seconds).

The teams traded victories the rest of the way with Salem prevailing at 103 (Drew Lindsey, fall, 4-42)

WRESTLING

and 119, where Alex Arble won by a fall in 2:34.

Against Belleville, Salem victories were collected by Caleb McCabe at 135 (fall, 1:39), Tyler Gross at 171 (fall, 1:15), Mitchell Gross at 189 (6-2 decision), Agostini at 215 (10-0 decision), Lindsey at 103 (fall, 4:42) and Alex Arble at 119 (fall, 2:34).

Wildcats split

Also going 1-1 at the Plymouth quad were the host Wildcats.

Plymouth dropped a 37-33 decision to Belleville and routed Crestwood, 50-23.

Jon Conn, Alec Breckenridge, Hussian Yousef and Joey Shaver defeated opponents in each match.

Although Mohamed Yousef, Jeff Harris and Trevon Berry also collected two wins, those included several byes.

CANTON 53, KETERING 21:

Visiting Canton started the season Wednesday with this non-league victory at Waterloo Kettering. Chiefs led via falls including Ben Woolley (285), all-starater Ben Griffin (125), Marc Przybylski (140), Jacob Arnesen (152) and Dylan DeCoo (160). All-starater Alec Pantaleo won on a technical fall, 24-9.

DUAL MATCH RESULTS

BELLEVILLE 37

PLYMOUTH 33

Dec. 5 at Plymouth
125: Joshua Vandeyar (B) pinned Daniel Adams, 1:15; 130: Jamony Houze (B) injury default over Andrew Kallil; 135: Brandon Bellant (B) major decision over Berler Mena, 14-4; 140: Jon Conn (P), Hunter Manka, 3:36; 145: Hussian Yousef (P) maj. dec. over Michael Morris, 13-0; 152: Alec Breckenridge (P) won by; 160: Joshua Woolen (B) p. Samuel Campbell; 204: 173: William Herring (B) p. Terek Tamimi (P), 3:31; 189: Joseph Shaver (P) dec. Brandon Underwood, 6:5; 215: Kyle Rodgers (B) p. Mario Gutierrez, 1:07; 285: Austin Tracy (B) vs. Adam Dulong, 6-4; 103: Mohamed Yousef (P) won by; 112: Jeff Harris (P) won by; 119: Trevon Berry (P) dec. Austin Koehler, 9-7.

PLYMOUTH 50

CRESTWOOD 23

Dec. 5 at Plymouth
130: Spencer Schiffr (P) pinned Justin Slovick, 1:14; 135: Sejad Al-Hussaini (C) technical fall over Berler Mena, 5-4; 140: Jon Conn (P) p. all byes; 145: 103: Mohamed Yousef (P) p. Terek Bazzi, 2:36; 152: Hussian Yousef (P) dec. Mohamed Salameh, 2-0; 160: Terek Tamimi (P) dec. Essam Albayaz, 10-5; 171: Ahmed El-Sayed (C) won by; 189: Joseph Shaver (P) p. Mario Gutierrez, 3:16; 285: Adam Dulong (P) p. all byes; 2-21; 103: Mohamed Yousef (P) p. Zohfark Bazzi, 1:55; 112: Jeff Harris (P) won by; 119: Trevon Berry (P) tech. fall over Aly El-Kalouby, 2:34; 125: Hussein (C) p. Daniel Adams, 2-0.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Dec. 11

Salem at Skyline, 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 14

Northville at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

Canton at Salem, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Monday, Dec. 10

Ladywood at O.L. Lakes, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 11

Divine Child at Salem, 7 p.m.

Canton at Grose Pte. S., 7:30 p.m.

PCA at Our Lady of Lakes, 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 14

Canton at Salem, 6 p.m.

Grosse Ile at Lady, 7:30 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Monday, Dec. 10

Ladywood at Uggitt, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 11

PCS Penguins vs. Grose Pte. S. at City Arena, 7 p.m.

Stevenson vs. Salem at Edgar Arena, 8 p.m.

6 & 8 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 14

Ladywood vs. Port Huron at McMoran Arena, 7:15 p.m.

South Lyon vs. Salem at Ply. Cultural Center, 8:30 p.m.

Churchill vs. Canton at Ardie Edge, 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 12

at Farm. Hills Harrison, 9 a.m.

Waukegan County Tourney at HYPE Recreation, 9 a.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

Thursday, Dec. 13

Tecumseh vs. Plymouth at Canton, 6:30 p.m.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Tuesday, Dec. 11

Liv. Blue at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 12

Salem at Canton, 6:30 p.m.

PREP BOWLING

Monday, Dec. 10

Ladywood vs. Regina at Woodland Lanes, 3:45 p.m.

COMPETITIVE CHEER

Wednesday, Dec. 12

Brighton Quad, 6 p.m.

Millford Quad, 6 p.m.

Howell Quad, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 15

CCCA at Northville, TBA.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

Wednesday, Dec. 12

MU at Davenport, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 14

(Crusader Classic at MU) Johnson-Wales vs. Roch., 5:30.

Madonna vs. Grace, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 15

(Crusader Classic at MU) Rochester vs. Grace, 3 p.m.

MU vs. Johnson-Wales, 3:15 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

Saturday, Dec. 15

MU at Davenport, 1 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Wednesday, Dec. 12

Ply. Whalers at Sudbury, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 14

Ply. Whalers at Soo, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 15

Ply. Whalers at Barrie, 7:30 p.m.

TBA — time to be announced.

Penguins can't rally in time

Inconsistency hurt the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins in Tuesday's 4-1 loss to the Walled Lake Wild at Arctic Edge Arena.

"The girls did not play to their potential on Tuesday," PCS head coach Mary Beth Trainor noted. "It becomes frustrating for the coaching staff when you know the team isn't playing the way you know they can play."

"We have seen it in spurts but we need to figure out how to get them

to play three complete periods. Once we do that, we will start winning hockey games more consistently."

The Penguins fell behind 3-0 after two periods of the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 2 contest before closing the gap to 3-1 on a third-period tally by forward Morgan Custumano with 14:19 to play in the game. Assisting were Amanda Hoehn and Cortny McAdoe.

But Walled Lake's Kylie Armstrong scored her second goal of the night, chipping a shot past PCS netminder Becky Lough, who Trainor praised for her play.

Trainor said the 4-1 score "was not a reflection of how Becky played. She was left out to dry many times and came up with some big saves for us."

It didn't help matters that the Penguins (1-3 overall) hit the post several times.



Inside the renovated locker room are individual stalls complete with name plates as well as colorful team memorabilia displayed on the walls.

LOCKER

Continued from page B1

the process. Meanwhile, players now don't have to wait for the locker room to clear out or rush after a game to leave before the next scheduled group arrived.

Downey noted another plus to the room, which workers finished over the summer.

"We don't have to worry about carrying our bags home," said Downey, pointing to individual stalls where gloves, pads and other gear can be stowed away.

Extra incentive

He said there isn't any one aspect of the locker room that he liked the most.

"I can't really pinpoint one thing. I think the whole thing is great," Downey added. "I'm thankful because the coaches gave a lot, they gave up their office space, basically, just so we could have our own

locker room."

Whether or not the locker room results in more wins remains to be seen.

But Ossemmacher already likes it that his players are gravitating to PCC earlier than ever for practices and games. Some begin arriving around 4:30 p.m. for a 7 p.m. contest.

"We've got 15 guys who went from not having a room at all to having a room," Ossemmacher said. "I think that added to the excitement of it. I don't think it will wear off, either. The locker room in hockey is a special place."

And the coach emphasized that Salem's special place wouldn't have been possible without the sponsorship of Hines Park Lincoln.

"They are a very strong supporter of all three (Plymouth-Canton Educational Park boys) hockey teams and are a tremendous part of the Plymouth community," he said.

tsmith@hometownlife.com
(734) 469-4128



'Razor' sharp icers

The Plymouth-Canton Squire Razor Sharks from the Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association recently won the PCHA recently went 4-0 to capture the Thanksgiving 2012 Motown Cup. They defeated the Livingston Lightning 3-1 in the championship game. Members of the team are as follows: (front row, from left) Joshua Picciano, Quinn Hodges, Mitchell Patrick, Jack Fawcett, Aiden Powers, Dante Riehl who goalie Dylan Buckley stretched out on the ice with the trophy; (middle row, from left) James Monteith, Vinnie Marroni, Devon Hoehn, Jason Stults, Garrett Cygan, Brandon Trella, Sam Williams, Eliot Luchinsky, Christopher Hagan, Andre Grabowski; (back row, from left) assistant coach Mark Williams, head coach Chris Hoehn, assistant coaches Gene Grabowski and Marc Picciano. Not pictured is Nick Schoen.

Whalers fall 3-2 to Saginaw in OT

The Plymouth Whalers pummeled Saginaw goalie and Detroit Red Wings prospect Jake Paterson with 46 shots Friday night before 2,990 at Compuware Arena.

But Paterson stymied the Whalers time and time again, giving up just two goals as the Spirit won 3-2 in overtime. Plymouth's record dropped to 14-8-4-3, good for second in the OHL West Division behind Sarnia.

The shots were 34-21 Plymouth

after two frames, but the Whalers only nursed a 2-1 lead entering the third. Scoring for the home team were Tom Wilson in the first period (from Alex Peters and Matt Mistle) and Ryan Hartman to snap a 1-1 tie with 8:14 left in the second.

Assisting on Hartman's power play goal were Wilson and Gianluca Curcuruto.

Saginaw (13-15-2-2) finally netted the equalizer with 1:57 to go in the third when Justin Kea scored

his second of the night, sending the puck past Plymouth netminder Matt Mahalak (30 saves).

Then, just eight seconds from a shootout, the Spirit won the OHL contest on a marker by Nick Moutrey (from Eric Lookie and Jason Shaw).

Plymouth lost 3-2 in a shootout Wednesday at Owen Sound. Scoring for the Whalers were Cody Payne and Simon Karlsson.



During the summer, workers such as this one helped turn a nondescript locker room into one that Salem players happily call their hockey home.

Canton edges Franklin, 4-3

In a KLAASouth Division game Friday at Arctic Edge, host Canton won for the first time this season with a 4-3 victory over Livonia Franklin.

Matt Taliaferro, Kurt Snow, Charlie Steslick and Cooper Rice scored for Canton (1-6, 1-5), which led 1-0 after one period and 4-1 after 34 minutes.

Franklin (2-3-1, 1-1) began its comeback on Richie Wiczorek's second-period goal from Dylan Smith followed

BOYS HOCKEY

by Jacob Decina's third-period goal from C.J. Cromie and Mike Diaz.

The Patriots cut it to one on Justin Makowski's goal from Ryan Pace and Diaz with 6:50 remaining, but couldn't score the equalizer.

Franklin sophomore goalie Matt Moneno-done had 34 saves, while Isaac Salinas had 21 stops for the Chiefs.

STEVENSON 3, CANTON 1: Sophomore goalie Andrew Rozenbaum,

came through in his first varsity start turning away 21-of-22 shots giving Livonia Stevenson (6-1, 2-0) the Kensington Conference cross-over victory Wednesday at Edgar Arena over the visiting Chiefs (0-6, 0-5).

"We got an outstanding effort from our sophomore goaltender," said Stevenson assistant coach Jay Thompson said. "Special teams, the power play and penalty killing were the difference in the game."

After a scoreless open-

ing period, Stevenson led 2-0 after two thanks to Devin Kelly's power play goal from Travis Harvey and Dominic Lutz at 8:21 followed by Tyler Irvine's short-handed goal from Lutz and Jake Kierdorf at 13:23.

Lutz made it 3-0 at 2:27 of the third before Canton's Matt Cox spoiled Rozenbaum's shutout bid on a goal from Dillon Schiampff with 10:52 remaining.

Canton goalie Isaac Salinas made 19 saves.

A MOTOWN TRADITION SINCE 1997

Wednesday

December 26

7:30 PM Kickoff

Ford Field

littlecaesarspizzabowl.com

Western Kentucky University Hilltoppers
featuring
Antonio Andrews
National Leader All Purpose Yards
Sun Belt Conference

Central Michigan University Chippewas
featuring
Zurlon Tipton
MAC Second Leading Overall Scorer

TICKETS: CLUB LEVEL \$60, LOWER LEVEL \$45, END ZONE \$30

Purchase tickets in person by visiting the Ford Field ticket office
To order tickets by phone call Ticketmaster 800-745-3000
www.ticketmaster.com or visit littlecaesarspizzabowl.com/tickets

Remember your loved ones that you've lost by placing a special holiday remembrance tribute for the holidays.

The Observer and Eccentric/Hometown Weekly Newspapers will be publishing a special "In Remembrance" page for the holidays. Here's the perfect opportunity to honor the memory and celebrate the life of loved ones who hold a special place in your heart.

In Loving Memory

..... at the Holidays

Prices start at \$22.50
*1x3 remembrance ad
(Larger remembrance may be purchased)

Publications
Sunday, December 23rd
Observer & Eccentric Newspapers

Thursday, December 20th
Hometown Weekly Newspapers:
(Milford, Northville, Novi and South Lyon)

Deadline
Monday, December 17th
For all publications

Call: 800-579-7355
Fax: 313-496-4968
Email: ceads@hometownlife.com

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC
HOMETOWN LIFE MEDIA
A GARNETT COMPANY

TREAT YOURSELF TO AN EARLY HOLIDAY GIFT

Bottomless Toy Chest delights young cancer patients

Santa's helpers at The Bottomless Toy Chest gave approximately 100 toys to young cancer patients Friday, Dec. 7, at Beaumont Hospital's Rose Cancer Center in Royal Oak.

The organization also will deliver toys to Children's Hospital of Michigan on Tuesday, Dec. 11 and to C.S. Mott Hospital in Ann Arbor on Wednesday, Dec. 12.

"Something as simple as a new toy will make the ordeal these brave children face every day just a little easier and can give them the will and strength the fight back," said Mickey Guisewite, founder and executive director of The Bottomless Toy Chest. "It is also my hope and prayer that these new toys will also make the holiday season a bit brighter for these children and their families."

Each new toy donated to The Bottomless Toy Chest is gift-wrapped in cellophane and ribbon by a volunteer. The cellophane gift-wrap keeps the items clean for children with weakened immune systems. The clear wrap also allows kids to select from an array of choices, giving them a sense of control in a hospital environment.



Chelsea Aperku, 5, from Farmington Hills, who is currently undergoing cancer treatment at Royal Oak's Beaumont Hospital, carefully selects a brand new toy delivered from The Bottomless Toy Chest.



Maggie Cobb, 5, who is currently undergoing cancer treatment at Royal Oak's Beaumont Hospital, shows Mickey Guisewite, founder and executive director of The Bottomless Toy Chest, her new doll.

Beyond that, the gift-wrapping gives children who are under a great deal of physical and emotional distress, the happy experience of opening a

present. The Bottomless Toy Chest is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization devoted to delivering art projects, crafts and

interactive toys to hospitalized pediatric cancer patients.

For more information visit www.bottomlesstoychest.org.



Safe Kids offers tips for infant sleep time

Safe Kids Huron Valley recommends that parents and caregivers keep newborns and infants safe while sleeping, especially when visiting family and friends during the holidays.

Accidental infant suffocation has increased almost 30 percent over the past 10 years. In Michigan alone, 150 infant sleep-related deaths are reported each year. Tragically, babies have suffocated from sleeping in adult beds, on furniture, and with pillows, cushions, and blankets.

"These numbers reflect suffocation incidents that could have been prevented," stated Amber Kroeker, Safe Kids Huron Valley coordinator and injury prevention health educator for Mott Children's Hospital. "It's important to make sure your baby always has a safe place to sleep at night and during naptime even as you travel or visit others during the holiday."

Safe Kids Huron Valley recommends the ABC's of Infant Safe Sleep:

- **Always alone.** Your baby should sleep alone in a crib, bassinet, or portable crib. No bed-sharing with adults, other babies, or children.

- **Always on their back.** Your baby should sleep on his or her back. Babies can suffocate if placed face down on his/her belly.

- **Always in a safe crib.** The safest place for your baby to sleep is in a crib, bassinet, or portable crib that meets current safety standards. Use a firm mattress and tightly-fitted sheet in the crib, bassinet or portable crib. Take out all pillows, blankets, comforters, bumper pads, stuffed toys and other soft items. Use a sleep sack, which is a wearable blanket, instead of a blanket. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), recommends no blankets for infants, up to 12 months because blankets can suffocate them. When in doubt, take a portable crib with you if you're not sure one will be available.

For more information on infant safe sleep, visit www.michigan.gov/safesleep.

Wayne County Community College District Announces Exciting New Career Opportunities for the Spring 2013 Semester!

WCCCD provides a clear path to rewarding careers in exciting fields.

At WCCCD, you'll find real-world training and education with opportunities for employment after graduation. Your new career begins at WCCCD, with all the tools you need to transition to new technologies and better employment opportunities.



So why wait? REGISTER NOW!

Don't miss out on the opportunity to prepare yourself for jobs for today and jobs for the future! For more information call (313) 496-2600 or visit our website at www.wcccd.edu

WCCCD Downriver Campus
21000 Northline Road
Taylor, MI 48180
Phone: 734-374-3228

WCCCD Downtown Campus
1001 W. Fort St.
Detroit, MI 48226
Phone: (313) 496-2358 x2063

WCCCD Eastern Campus
5901 Conner
Detroit, Michigan 48213
Phone: 313-579-6904

WCCCD University Center
19305 Vernier Road
Harper Woods, MI 48225
Phone: 313-889-2425

WCCCD Northwest Campus
8200 West Outer Drive
Detroit, Michigan 48219
Phone: 313-943-4497

WCCCD Western Campus
9555 Haggerty Road
Belleville, MI 48111
Phone: 734-699-7008 x 5560



WCCCD.EDU

Great employment opportunities exist for graduates in such areas as:

Skilled Trades

- Welding
- Artistic Welding
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Electrical and Electronics

Health Sciences

- Nursing
- Certified Nursing Assistant
- Emergency Medical Technology
- Pharmacy Technology
- Dental Hygiene
- Veterinary Technology
- Surgical Technology

Green Technology

- Renewable Energy
- Sustainable Buildings and Sites
- Water Environmental Technology

Computer Technology

- Computer Information Systems
- Video Game Design

Transportation

- Logistics (Supply Chain Management)
- Automotive Technology

Public Safety

- Homeland Security
- Criminal Justice: Law Enforcement
- Criminal Justice: Corrections

Sewing for charity

Church, community group aid Hurricane Sandy victims

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Timothy Lutheran Church in Livonia and the Plymouth-Westland Grange #389 will send 40 handmade totebags filled with comforting items to victims of Hurricane Sandy this month.

"We started out making 20 and we ended up with 40," said Sharon Strebbling, Grange president. "We had four Grange members working on it and one is a family that gets their kids involved. The four came to the church to work and we also had three more working out of their homes."

Jean Coleman, a church member, said eight women from Timothy Lutheran also worked on the project at sewing sessions offered three times weekly for a month.

The church and Grange volunteers created blankets, quilts, totes and pillows. Each tote also will include a hat, gloves, a scarf and a plastic bag filled with toiletry items.

Sewing for charity is nothing new for church and Grange members. Volunteers at the church created quilts earlier this year for Lutheran World Relief and will continue that effort beginning next

month.

The Grange "has always been involved in community service," Strebbling said. "The Grange was teaching classes out of Maxwell's (Art & Treasures) the last four years, teaching people how to sew by making (charity) items, making quilts for veterans, the school for the blind."

When Maxwell's closed its doors in Garden City a few months ago, the Plymouth-Westland Grange lost its meeting place and scrambled to find a new home and location to store its fabric.

"We had to find a place to put it all or get rid of it. I couldn't see it go into the trash, so we ended up helping four churches and this was one of them," she said, referring to Timothy Lutheran Church.

The church used the donated fabric to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief and then turned its attention to the Grange's project for victims of Hurricane Sandy.

"I do a lot of Facebooking because of Grange," said Strebbling, explaining how the Hurricane Sandy project began.

"Someone (on Facebook) picked up that there is a need out there and they (hurricane victims) were



Sharon Strebbling (foreground), Debbie Foley and Jean Coleman work on quilts for victims of Hurricane Sandy. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Saturday morning is a busy day for church volunteers Gerry Rowden (left), Debbie Foley and Jean Coleman.



Kaaryn Falardeau scallops the edge of the material.

not getting what they needed. When I heard that, I made a connection

in Michigan." Sam Corrado of Westland, a friend of the

The project wrapped up Saturday, Dec. 8 at the church.

Grange members get together to work on handmade items for the community during workshops from 6:30-9 p.m. Thursdays at Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road. The organization's next regular meeting is 6:30 p.m. Jan. 7 at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland.

For more information about the Plymouth-Westland Grange, call Strebbling at (734) 748-0569. Visit the National Grange website at www.national-grange.org. Visit Timothy Lutheran Church's website at www.timothy-lutheranchurch.com.



MJR® DIGITAL CINEMAS GIFT CARD



www.MJRTHEATRES.com

GIFT CARD

FAMILY, FRIENDS & ALL YOUR ACQUAINTANCES!
THIS YEAR ENTERTAIN THEM!

NO EXPIRATION DATES OR FEES! EVER!
MJR® GIFT CARDS ARE SOLD IN INCREMENTS OF \$10 TO \$100, AVAILABLE ONLINE AT MJRTHEATRES.COM OR AT ANY MJR® DIGITAL CINEMA BOX OFFICE

With **8 LOCATIONS** to serve you, there's always an **MJR® DIGITAL CINEMA** near YOU!

ADRIAN DIGITAL CINEMA 10
3150 N. Adrian Hwy. | Adrian, MI 49221
517.265.3077

BRIGHTON TOWNE SQUARE DIGITAL CINEMA 20
8200 Murphy Drive | Brighton, MI 48116
810.227.6327

CHESTERFIELD CROSSING DIGITAL CINEMA 16
48075 Gratiot Avenue | Chesterfield, MI 48031
586.598.2505

MARKETPLACE DIGITAL CINEMA 20
35400 Van Dyke Ave | Sterling Heights, MI 48312
586.264.1533

PARTRIDGE CREEK DIGITAL CINEMA 14
17400 Hill Road | Canton, MI 48106
586.263.0059

SOUTHGATE DIGITAL CINEMA 20
15651 Trenton Road | Southgate, MI 48195
734.284.8083

WATERFORD DIGITAL CINEMA 16
7501 Highland Road | Waterford, MI 48327
248.666.7908

WESTLAND GRAND DIGITAL CINEMA 16
6800 N. Wayne Road | Westland, MI 48185
734.298.2668



www.MJRTHEATRES.com

Find us on Facebook

A MICHIGAN COMPANY
Locally Owned & Operated

Hanukkah traditions mark rededication, freedom

By Sharon Dargay
O&E Staff Writer

Forget what you know about your favorite Hanukkah traditions.

Melissa Ser may surprise you with a few new "little known facts" about the holiday.

"Hanukkah is coming and I thought let's do a workshop — one hour and offer it twice — and go beyond what people might know," said Ser, director of congregational learning at Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills. "Sort of get into everything you wish you would have learned when you didn't. And now you don't even know where to begin asking."

Hanukkah celebrates the victory of a small band of Jews, "the Maccabees" over the Syrian Greek army in 165 BCE. It also marks the rededication of the Jewish Temple that the Greeks had occupied before they were vanquished. According to tradition, a miracle also occurred when the Jews lit the lamps in the reclaimed Temple — there was just enough oil for one day and yet it lasted for eight days.

The holiday began at sundown Saturday, Dec. 8 and runs through Dec. 16. During the eight-day festival, individuals give gifts, make special foods, and light menorah candles.

Ser led the "Little Known Facts About



Chanukkah" workshop on two consecutive Wednesdays at Adat Shalom. She started the final session last week with hip, pop Hanukkah music videos by the Maccabees and Ein Prat Fountainhead, remarking "It's not dreidel, dreidel dreidel, is it?" She distributed a "typical" explanation of Hanukkah, along with recipes, and then took a closer look at a few traditions, including the dreidel, a spinning top game played at the holiday. Each side of the top bears a Hebrew letter that helps direct how the game is played. Letters represent the words nothing,

all, half and put in.

19th century game

Ser said the traditional story about dreidel's origin places it in ancient times, when the conquered Jewish people were forbidden to study the Torah. They studied it anyway, but kept the game on hand to fool the Greeks or Romans into thinking they were simply gambling.

"No, I hate to tell you this, but that story is an elaborate explanation of a non-Jewish game that Jews adopted," Ser said. "The game was played around Christmas time in Europe — tottem or tea tottem. By 1801

there were four letters on this spinning top and they represented four words in English. Our Eastern European game of dreidel is directly based on the German equivalent of the tottem game.

"Does it matter? No, it's still a nice game and we play it."

Hanukkah gifts

Gift-giving for Hanukkah likely started in Europe, she said.

"It probably came from Christmas and other customs, such as giving money for good luck. But it really took off with the commercialization of Christmas."

Ser used passages

Ser said the traditional story about dreidel's origin places it in ancient times, when the conquered Jewish people were forbidden to study the Torah. They studied it anyway, but kept the game on hand to fool the Greeks or Romans into thinking they were simply gambling.

referring to Hanukkah from the Talmud — the book of Jewish laws — along with sections from the books of Maccabees, to suggest that the story about oil lasting eight days helped "connect all the pieces," from stories about the first destruction and rededication of the Temple, to the second rededication in the Maccabees' time.

"What this story is about more than anything else is continuity," she said, adding that it served as a "connection that people could grasp."

"People like miracles. There was a miracle but I don't think it was the oil. The miracle is not that a small band of Jews was able to defeat the army. The miracle to me is that they decided it was important enough and they valued their traditions enough to rise up against certain defeat and win," she said.

"My challenge to you is, now that you have all this background, how are you going to make it relevant for your Hanukkah?"

Good deeds

She suggested incorporating "something

positive," such as good works into Hanukkah celebrations. Ser, her husband, and their sons "co-adopted" a family through Jewish Family Services for the holiday this year. Other good deeds for Hanukkah might include a donation to a food bank or volunteering at a feeding program, such as a soup kitchen or Meals on Wheels, on Christmas day, freeing up Christians volunteers to spend the time at home with their families.

"These are things we can do that add meaning to our Hanukkah celebration," she said. "There is nothing wrong with perpetuating the story of the miracle of the oil and making latkes and giving gifts and spinning the dreidel. But it's important to know that the message of Hanukkah is that it was so important for our people to keep their customs alive, that they fought in a battle that they were sure to lose and they were willing to lose it all in order to try to succeed."

Visit Adat Shalom's website at adatshalom.org. Listen to the pop Hanukkah songs at www.maccabees.com and www.jfoheads.com.

Care & Love are the greatest things we provide

STATE LICENSED

Full Assistance with Bathing, Dressing & Hygiene in a Small Home-like Setting

for Active/Alert, Memory Impaired, Frail/Recovering & Alzheimer's residents

- Highly Competitive Inclusive Rates
- 24 Hour Professional Staffing
- Private/Semi-Private/Barrier-Free
- 3 Home-Cooked Meals a Day
- On-Call Nurse Practitioner
- Medication Management
- Daily Housekeeping & Laundry
- Beauty & Barber Shop
- Wander Secured/Enclosed Courtyard

Crystal Creek Assisted Living

8121 Lilley Road
Canton, Michigan 48187
(Located between Joy & Warren Roads)

(734) 453-3203
www.CrystalCreekAssistedLiving.com

Don't miss Irving Berlin's classic holiday movie

REDFORD THEATRE

WHITE CHRISTMAS

Dec. 14 - 8 p.m.
Dec. 15 - 2 & 8 p.m.

Tickets: \$4.00

FREE pictures with Santa!
Enjoy our 1928 Barton Theatre Organ played 30 minutes before each show!

Collection & Raffle

Starring Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye and Rosemary Clooney

To Benefit St. Christine's Soup Kitchen
At all three shows!

Don't miss! Donate food or personal hygiene items & receive a raffle ticket. The more you donate, the more chances you have to win!

www.redfordtheatre.com

Park in one of our FREE supervised parking lots!

Located at 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit, MI 48219.
The theatre is on the east side of Lahser, just north of Grand River.
24-hour information phone number: (313) 537-2560

2012 CHRISTMAS TREE GUIDE

U-CUT-FIR, PINE AND SPRUCE
Open 7 days, 10AM 'til Dusk
CLOSED THANKSGIVING DAY

HOLT CHRISTMAS TREE PLANTATION
65th Year
9381 Day Road, Monroe, MI 48162
2 miles SW of Maybree,
about 13 miles west of Monroe

734-687-3858
Hires for higher callings (no 20' & tall)

SPECIALS & GIFTS
Directions: South on US-24 to exit 25.
Right on Frank, 7 miles to Day Rd. Turn left 3 miles to home 71622 East. 1947

Mutch's HIDDEN PINES LLC 303 W. Newpark Rd. Lapeer (1/2 mile east of M-24)

Featuring: Fraser, Canaan, and Blue Spruce

- Visit our 150 year old barn for gifts, wreaths, hot chocolate and more!
- Wagon rides • Visit with Santa from 10am to 4pm Sat. & Sun. only

Business Hours:
Friday, November 23 9am-5pm
Friday, November 30, December 7, 14 & 21 12pm-5pm
Saturday's & Sunday's, November 24 - December 23 9am-5pm

Free Shaking, Baking and Grilling
No use restaurant accepted

810-667-2711 www.mutchshiddenpines.com

10% OFF WITH AD!
Bring in your stand we will fresh cut, prune & tie your tree to your stand!

7500 N Wayne Rd • Westland
N of Warren, west to McDowd
(734) 576-7058
Open 7 days a week

WALDOCK TREE FARM
We Grow: Caanan, Concolor, Corkbark, Fraser & Korean Fir, Black Hills, Blue & Norway.

All trees shaken, wrapped and drilled for free!

LARGE TREES UP TO 18 FT. • WREATHS

Open Fri. Sat. & Sun
9am till Dark

3090 Dutcher Road - Howell

Take I-76 (at I-48 exit 217) South to Coon Lake Road, west to Dutcher Road, follow the signs.

(317) 546-3900 For more information and a more look! WaldockTrees.com

Find your perfect tree by visiting one of these fine businesses!

Consumer advocacy needed now more than ever

By Joe Gagnon
Guest Columnist

In my many years of writing this column and my almost 30 years of doing a radio show I have seldom been



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon
said who could clean our air ducts for a special price. We were taken by their phone call and committed to having them do the job. They came to our home and quoted a price of \$800 to do the job and after I explained

that it was too costly, they did the work for \$600. After they were finished, we have been seeing moths flying all around the different rooms. It appears that we have been scammed by a very unethical air duct cleaning company and can you help us?"

He went on to tell me that he is 90 years old and suffered a stroke some months ago. His wife is 88 and they live in a modest home of 1,200 square feet. Suddenly he burst out crying while talking to me and that is all it took to get me in the same frame of mind. Now, isn't this enough to give you a picture of what happened to this good man and his wife?"

I have written in the past about crooked air duct cleaners and how it is a national concern and how all consumers should be aware of whom the bad guys are. Here is a typical story that is not going to end until I get myself involved. I have already

made arrangements for a reputable company to go to the doctor's home and give me a detailed report on the quality of the work performed by the bad guy. Once I get this report I am going to visit Dr. Sase and take him to his district court and help him file a small claims case so he can get his money back.

As you can tell, I haven't mentioned this bad guy's company name and all I know right now is that he is located in Livonia. It might be possible that he reads this column and I want him to know that I'm coming after him. Once I prove in a court of law that he ripped off this particular consumer and senior citizen I am going to write the second chapter of this story. I am also going to contact some friends in the television industry and don't be surprised if you learn more about this company from watching the nightly news.

Now let me give you a refresher course on my past. Today I am a senior citizen, retired on fixed income but I used to be one hell of a consumer advocate. I used to work for Esther Shapiro, the retired director of Detroit Consumer Affairs and she was about as tough as they come when it comes to dealing with unethical business dealings. I spent years working as a fraud investigator with Attorney Generals Frank Kelley and Jennifer Granholm and I helped put some nasty people on hold. The television industry used me many times to help them set up sting operations which helped consumers become more aware and educated on how some services are too good to be true.

In this State of Michigan, consumer protection is almost a thing of the past. There are no more consum-

er protection agencies that help people with problems like the one described above. You have to fend for yourself and God help you if you happen to be old and not as sharp as you once were. In the old days it wouldn't take this long to solve a problem like a rip-off company so described. I would just pick up the consumer and drive over to the crook's business office, explain what the problem was, introduce myself and get the distraught homeowners money returned on the spot. Maybe the guy who is now in trouble is reading this column and if so, he can send a check for \$600 to Dr. Sase in Ann Arbor. He can do it now or do it later. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appld@twnr.com

Therapy choir offers free concert

The Therapy Choirs of Michigan (TCM) will hold its annual holiday concert, 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the Sanctuary of Villa Maria, 15131 Newburgh, Livonia.

The TCM is an a capella therapy singing group comprised of individuals who are challenged by traumatic brain injuries, developmental disabilities and related special needs. The group has given free concerts throughout Michigan for more than a decade. It has been featured in five PBS television specials and it performs annual at the Capitol in Lansing. It was awarded a legislative proclamation denoting the first week of March as "Choir Therapy Awareness Week."

The upcoming concert will feature a sample of the TCM choir membership and volunteer voices. Visit www.therapychoirs.org for more information.

Send garden and nature information and photos to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com

Craft workshop

Stop by the Nature Center in Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills and create your own natural wreath and holiday gifts using materials found in nature. Create a holiday wreath using grapevine and greens, make a nature ornament and then decorate a cookie to take home. Kids' crafts will also be available. The Nature Holiday Craft Workshop will be held 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15 and is designed for all ages. Children must be supervised by an adult. Pre-registration is at <https://recreg.fhgov>.

GARDEN & NATURE

Participants also can drop in throughout the morning and pay at the door. However, space is limited. The fee is \$8 per person or \$25 per family. All materials will be provided; (248) 477-1135 or e-mail asimons@fhgouv.

Hill and Dale Garden Club

Sally Oullette will guide participants in making their own wreath centerpiece, 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 13 at the Spicer House, located in Heritage Park, off Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Visit hillanddalegc.org for more information.

Master Gardener

MSU Extension is accepting

applications for the next Master Gardener classes. Beginning in January 2013, this 12-week course teaches the student basic horticultural principles and environmentally-sound gardening practices. Course topics include introduction and volunteerism, plant science, soils for plant growth, flower gardening, woody ornamentals, turf/lawn care, vegetable culture, small fruit culture, tree fruit culture, plant health care, indoor plants and household pests. Cost is \$300, along with a \$25 registration fee. For more information and/or to download application visit: <http://www.mgwww.org/Pages/MSUExtensionOffice.aspx> or call Anita Callender at (734) 729-3632 Ext. 103.

Guide to Employment

To place your ad here contact us at careers@hometownlife.com or call 1-800-574-7355

Help Wanted - General

CUSTOMER SERVICE
Ideal for anyone who can't get out to work. Work from home. PT, schedule pick-ups for Purple Heart. Call Mon-Fri 9-5. 734-729-4372 or email customerservice@hometownlife.com

Help Wanted - General

TELLER
Familiarization credit union is seeking a part-time teller. Candidate must have exceptional communication skills, sales abilities and be able to perform various letter duties. Email current resume/binary to resumesub@creditunion.com

Help Wanted - Medical

RN LPN MA
For growing, emergency practice for clinical & clinical position. Excellent pay & benefits. Full Time. Flexible hours. Pay commensurate with exp. Email or Fax Resume to: ad@hometownlife.com (734) 906-8757

Help Wanted - Office Clerical

RN
Taylor Non-Profit has a full-time opening for a Registered Nurse. Fax resume to The Information Center at 734-287-7661

Help Wanted - Office Clerical

CLERICAL, FULL-TIME
General Office & Support. Mon-Fri, 8-5. Starts at 7:45hr. Apply at: 807 Manufacturers Dr. Westland. For directions: 734-729-4372

Help Wanted - Office Clerical

CLERICAL - Part Time
Professional firm in Northville is seeking an individual with 2-5 years experience in administrative clerical to work 20 hours per week. Some duties include copying and scanning documents, mailing, filing, data entry and various office projects as needed. Microsoft Office required, proficiency in Excel a must. Please email resume to careers@hometownlife.com

Help Wanted - Medical

Physician (Pulmonary/Critical Care)
Wayne State University Physician Group has one (1) position available for a Physician (Pulmonary/Critical Care) in Detroit, Michigan to examine and diagnose disorders and diseases of the lungs; monitor critical care patients; consult with patients; to determine appropriate course of treatment; Any Application letter referenced in this position may apply to the following individual for consideration:
Janice Martin, MD Generalist
Wayne State University
Physician Group
1400 Stephenson Hwy
4th Floor
Troy, MI 48063
jmartin@med.wayne.edu

Help Wanted - General

LEGAL SECRETARY/LEGAL ASST.
Downtown Detroit defense law office seeking an energetic individual with superb organizational, multi-tasking and computer skills. Minimum of 4 yrs. legal experience required. Please send resume to Office Manager at thang@tdlaw.com
dawson-clark.com
or fax (313) 256-8813.

Help Wanted - General

MAINTENANCE
Full-time maintenance person needed for retirement community in Westland. Requires general knowledge of preventive maintenance and repair requests, including plumbing, electrical and HVAC. Fax resume to 734-729-9840, EOE

Help Wanted - General

Mech/Plg Michigan Inc. seeks Manager, Radio Frequency (RF) Engineering for Livonia, Michigan. Send resume to: hr@mechplg.com, 28605 Schooncraft, Bldg 6, Livonia, MI 48150, EOE.

Help Wanted - General

ROUTE DRIVER, Exp'd. Clean record in service locations in the Detroit Metro area. Call 1-800-579-SHELL (7355)

Help Wanted - General

Call to place your ad at 1-800-579-SHELL (7355)



Thumbs Up!
If you're looking to buy or sell, the Observer & Eccentric Classifieds is the place to start.
That's all there is to it!
OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC NEWSPAPERS
1-800-574-7355
www.hometownlife.com

It's the foundation upon which all our ideals are built. It drives us to do our very best at everything we do. Most importantly, it's the defining characteristic of every member of the Air Force Reserve. Air Force Reserve. Above & Beyond.
AIR FORCE RESERVE ABOVE & BEYOND
800-257-1212 * www.afreserve.com

Annual ball raises funds to help fight kidney disease

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan (NKFMI) drew its largest audience ever — nearly 800 attendees — to the 8th Annual Kidney Ball: Motown Magic on Saturday, Dec. 1, at the MGM Grand Detroit. The event raised more than \$618,000.

The Motown-inspired evening included a cocktail hour with an expansive silent auction, dinner, an exciting live auction, and live entertainment by the Jerry Ross Band. The silent auction raised more than \$55,000 from more than 250 items that were sold. The live auction raised more than \$70,000.

Blanche Mack from Meijer and Myra Moreland, president of Revstone, co-chaired the event. Many local celebrities were in attendance such as R&B soul singer/songwriter KEM, former Detroit Lions offensive tackle, Lomas Brown, as well as special guest, Chef Aaron McCargo, Jr. who hosts the show *Big Daddy's House* on the Food Network. He was on hand courtesy of Fresenius Medical Care North America.

"We have been told that the Kidney Ball is the most fun gala in the region," said Dan Carney, president and CEO of the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan. "We strive to provide our guests with an unforgettable experience while keeping in mind that the Kidney Ball is an important fundraiser for our organization and for spreading awareness about kidney disease throughout Michigan. From the efforts of our event chairs, to our dedicated committee, and wonderful volunteers, the NKFMI is lucky to have so many friends and supporters."

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan is the largest affiliate of the National Kidney Foundation in the United States.



Matt and Kelly Gerlach of Plymouth



Jason and Sheila Jackson of Livonia



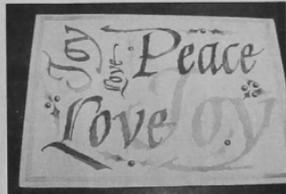
Blanche and James Mack of Canton

For more information about the NKFMI's programs and services throughout Michigan, visit www.nkfmi.org or call (800) 482-1455. NKFMI is also on Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube at @KidneyMI.



The Brandon family of Farmington visits with Santa at the annual Kidney Ball. Family members are parents James and Debi, daughter Katie, and their son, Tommy. The Brandons also are active in National Kidney Foundation of Michigan walks.

Holiday greetings



Wig4Kids is selling greeting cards that feature a universal message of peace, joy and love. They are packaged in a reusable red tulle bag sealed with a gingerbread ornament and cost \$10. Save on two packs of cards at \$15. The Wig4Kids program provides wigs and support services at no cost to Michigan children experiencing hair loss from medical disorders and treatment. For more information visit wig4kids.org.

MUSIC SHOWCASE BENEFITS NEEDY CHILDREN

Students from Axis Music Academy's three locations, Southfield, Canton and Birmingham, will take the stage to raise money and awareness for the Axis Music Foundation at the school's student showcase and fundraiser, 2.5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at the Majestic Theater's Magic Stick, 4120 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

Tickets are available in advance at any Axis Music location or at the showcase. Cost is \$5.

Axis Music Foundation is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization, established earlier this year to help raise money, resources and awareness of the importance of music education for students of all ages, levels and backgrounds.

A portion of the proceeds from the event will fund students in an innovative pilot program that teaches music to underprivileged children.

"Many of these students find it severely challenging to get up and perform in front of an audience," stated Andrea Antone, director of marketing and events coordinator for Axis Music Academy. "The idea of this program is to tap into their creative ability in a focused and productive manner and build their confidence through the creative process."

Students learn to write music, record, produce and perform at Axis Music Academy. For more information visit axismusic.com.

At Cranbrook



JULIE YOLLES

Farmington Hills residents Kerry and Susan Feiten, Cranbrook Schools Board of Trustee, attend the "New (and then Again)" benefit for the Cranbrook Art Museum, at the Museum in Bloomfield Hills. That's Gregory Wittkopp, (right) director of Cranbrook Art Museum and Cranbrook Center for Collections and Research with the Feitens. He recently was awarded the 2012 President's Award at the annual Michigan Museums Association Conference in Muskegon.

ONLINE PHOTO GALLERIES



hometownlife.com

Arthritis Today

JOSEPH J. WEISS, M.D.
RHEUMATOLOGY
18829 Farmington Road
Livonia, Michigan 48152
Phone: (248) 478-7860



STARTING AND STOPPING MEDICINES

A common problem for a physician is giving instructions to a patient who started a drug then stopped the medicine, and now wants to return to it. This situation occurs when a person on a medicine, say methotrexate, needs an operation such as a knee replacement. Surgeons want patients off their rheumatoid arthritis medications, because these drugs interfere with healing and place the patient at risk for infection.

In such instances the question arises of how long before the operation to stop the arthritis drug and how long after can the patient restart the drug?

No good rules exist. If a patient has taken methotrexate or a anti-TNF medicine for 6 months to a year or more, the likelihood is that the body has stores of the drug so that stopping the medicine for a week or two would not change the risks the medication to surgery. However, stopping the drug a month or 6 weeks before surgery brings on the chance of an arthritis flare which would lead to impairment and decreased activity. It means the patient would not be in maximum good condition to withstand the stress of operation. In certain instances resuming a medicine after temporary cessation is not simply a matter of a return to the same schedule as before the interruption. For example, Arava, a medicine used to treat rheumatoid arthritis, needs a loading dose of 6 tabs/day x 3 days before going to a single dose daily. No rules exist to guide a physician on the length of time off drug is needed before restarting with or without a loading dose.

The question of what drug regimen to use is easy to ask, but difficult to answer.

HIGH SPEED INTERNET available EVERYWHERE!

• Get speeds as FAST as 12Mbps

• Up to 200x Faster than dial-up!

• Starting at \$49.99/mo

• Available EVERYWHERE!

CALL NOW and GO FAST!

1-866-979-9513

Mon - Fri 8am - 11pm • Sat 9am - 8pm • Sun 10am - 6pm EST

Call toll-free: 1-888-347-6032

Are You Still Paying Too Much For Your Medications?

You can save up to 95% when you fill your prescriptions at our Canadian and International Pharmacies.

Lipitor®
\$579.81

Normal 10 mg brand name, generic equivalent by Amgen®

Atorvastatin®
\$349.99

Generic equivalent of Lipitor®. Generic drug being manufactured by generic manufacturers.

Get An Extra \$10 Off & Free Shipping On Your 1st Order!

Call for further details and make an additional \$10 offer gift from shipping on 1st prescription order with Canada Drug Centre. Expires Dec. 31, 2012. Offer is valid for prescriptions ordered online and can't be used in conjunction with any other offer.

Order Now! Call Toll-Free: 1-888-347-6032

Use code: 10FF10 to receive this special offer.

Please note that we do not carry controlled substances and a valid prescription is required for all prescription medication orders shipped to the U.S. Some restrictions may apply. See our website for more details.

Call Toll-Free: 1-888-347-6032

OMAHA STEAKS

Save 65% on the Family Value Combo

45606CEN

- 2 (5 oz.) Filet Mignons
- 2 (5 oz.) Top Sirloins
- 4 (4 oz.) Omaha Steaks Burgers
- 4 (3 oz.) Gourmet Jumbo Franks
- 4 Boneless Chicken Breasts (1 lb.)
- 4 Stuffed Baked Potatoes

Reg. \$144.99! Now Only \$49.99

Save 30.41!

3 Free Gifts for every shipping package!

1 FREE Omaha Steaks Thermos, 1 FREE Omega Cooler Bag, and 1 FREE Cutting Board.

Lowest of 2 packages. Free Gifts included per shipment. Offer expires 11/31/12. Standard shipping and handling will be applied per address.

To order: www.OmahaSteaks.com/fover08 or call 1-877-576-6497

©2012 O.G. OmahaSteaks.com Inc. 44214

ATTEND COLLEGE ONLINE FROM HOME

*Medical, *Business, *Criminal Justice, *Hospitality. Job placement assistance. Computer authorized. Financial Aid if qualified. SCHEV authorized.

Call 877-895-1828

www.CenturaOnline.com

Centura COLLEGE

Balloon Ride Gift Certificates!

THE ULTIMATE GIFT

BUY ONE, GET THE SECOND 1/2 OFF!

Purchased by December 11th, 2012

GRAND TRAVERSE

BALLOONS
est. 1987

(231) 947-7433 | grandtraverseballoons.com

Gift certificates purchased now are valid for the 2013 summer flying season in Traverse City.

AIRLINE CAREERS BEGIN HERE

AM

Become an Aviation Maintenance Tech. FAA approved training. Financial aid if qualified — Housing available. Job placement assistance.

CALL Aviation Institute of Maintenance **877-891-2281**

HOLISTIC • SELF-HELP • COGNITIVE • INDIGENOUS • FAITH BASED

Losing a Loved One to Drugs or Alcohol?

Call for a free confidential assessment

- Customized Treatment Plans
- Result Based Programs
- Insurance accepted • Financing available

- One Year Aftercare
- Multi Approach
- Job Referral Training

Save a Life Today, Call: 1 (866) 451-9872

www.bestdrugrehabilitation.com

Living with Macular Degeneration or other vision limiting condition?

• Low vision aids

• Large print materials

• Braille

• Computer software

• Orientation and mobility training

• Driver training

• Job training

• Support groups

• Family support

• Eye care services

• Vision rehabilitation

• Psychological support

Low Vision Services are provided by the National Center for Low Vision Services, Inc. For more information, please contact us at 1-800-243-2842.

Find out if special microscopic or telescopic glasses can help you see better. Even if you have been told nothing can be done you owe it to yourself to seek a second opinion.

Call today for a FREE phone consultation with

Dr. Sheldon Smith
Toll Free: 877-677-2020
www.LowVisionOfMichigan.com

MPA

MICHIGAN PRESS ASSOCIATION

Milestones



Fondow-Havens

Robert and Cathy Fondow of Livonia are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jordyn Marie, to Preston Matthew Havens, son of Kathy Havens of Holt.

The couple plan to live in the Washington, D.C. area after the wedding, which is planned for September 2013.

View Online www.hometownlife.com

Messages

How to reach us: 1-800-579-7555 • fax 513-496-4988 • ecobits@hometownlifc.com

Deadlines: Friday, 8:15 p.m. for Sunday paper • Wednesday, 9:45 a.m. for Thursday paper

BASS, CLARENCE EDGAR
Clarence, Michigan, Age 97, died Friday, November 30, 2012 at Chelsea Retirement Community.

BOVD, HUBERT J.
Dec. 8, 2012, age 85 of Livonia. Beloved husband of the late Lois. Dear father of Danny (Maureen), Norcie (Michael) Harslett, the late Kathleen Mary & Keith Allen. Brother of Francis & the late Claude Gravel.

CHAPIN, GORDON CLARK,
Age 91 of Plymouth, December 8, 2012. Beloved husband of Elizabeth (Dink) Chapin. Dear father to Anna (Bruce) Cavender of Northville and Clark (Karen) Chapin of Plymouth.

BERTSCH SMALLIDGE BROWN JOAN
7/7/1929-12/7/2012
(83) was born to Ralph E. Smallidge and Grace E. (Hampshire) on July 7, 1929 in Detroit, Michigan.

CLARK, JERRY ROBERT
63 of Redford, December 5, 2012. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Louise Lemka, sons, Jerome William Victor and Anthony Joseph Lemka, sister, Jerome Lemka, step daughters, Saasha Shantae Brown and Chandra, nephews and grandchildren: Nicklas and Alyssa, step grandchildren, Aubrey, Austin and Chase. Sadly, Jerry was preceded in death by his mother, Helen Lemka.

MARKEY, DOROTHY M. M.D.
December 5, 2012, age 87. Beloved wife of the late Dr. Frank R. for 53 years. Dear mother of Tanya Gold (Gary), Christine Parcels (Jeff), Michelle, Martin, Michael and the late Peter and Steven. Grandmother of Rebecca Mellem (Adam), Natalie Dossel (Jordan), Elliott Parcels and Graham Parcels.

CLARK, KRYVA N.
Age 87, November 30, 2012. Loving mother of Dennis (Penny) Clark, Lynne (Ron) Adams, Karen (Fred) Layton and the late Brandon Clark. Dear grandmother of Angie, Arianna, Bonnie, Debra, Anne, Jayme, Elyse, Andrew, Laura and Lisa. Dear great-grandmother of 10. Sister of Larry, David, Mabel, Sharon and Andy. Funeral Services were held for Treva on December 3, 2012 at the R.C. & H. Harris Funeral Home in Livonia.

CLARK, JERRY ROBERT
63 of Redford, December 5, 2012. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Louise Lemka, sons, Jerome William Victor and Anthony Joseph Lemka, sister, Jerome Lemka, step daughters, Saasha Shantae Brown and Chandra, nephews and grandchildren: Nicklas and Alyssa, step grandchildren, Aubrey, Austin and Chase. Sadly, Jerry was preceded in death by his mother, Helen Lemka.

CLARK, KRYVA N.
Age 87, November 30, 2012. Loving mother of Dennis (Penny) Clark, Lynne (Ron) Adams, Karen (Fred) Layton and the late Brandon Clark. Dear grandmother of Angie, Arianna, Bonnie, Debra, Anne, Jayme, Elyse, Andrew, Laura and Lisa. Dear great-grandmother of 10. Sister of Larry, David, Mabel, Sharon and Andy. Funeral Services were held for Treva on December 3, 2012 at the R.C. & H. Harris Funeral Home in Livonia.

CLARK, KRYVA N.
Age 87, November 30, 2012. Loving mother of Dennis (Penny) Clark, Lynne (Ron) Adams, Karen (Fred) Layton and the late Brandon Clark. Dear grandmother of Angie, Arianna, Bonnie, Debra, Anne, Jayme, Elyse, Andrew, Laura and Lisa. Dear great-grandmother of 10. Sister of Larry, David, Mabel, Sharon and Andy. Funeral Services were held for Treva on December 3, 2012 at the R.C. & H. Harris Funeral Home in Livonia.

CLARK, KRYVA N.
Age 87, November 30, 2012. Loving mother of Dennis (Penny) Clark, Lynne (Ron) Adams, Karen (Fred) Layton and the late Brandon Clark. Dear grandmother of Angie, Arianna, Bonnie, Debra, Anne, Jayme, Elyse, Andrew, Laura and Lisa. Dear great-grandmother of 10. Sister of Larry, David, Mabel, Sharon and Andy. Funeral Services were held for Treva on December 3, 2012 at the R.C. & H. Harris Funeral Home in Livonia.

CLARK, KRYVA N.
Age 87, November 30, 2012. Loving mother of Dennis (Penny) Clark, Lynne (Ron) Adams, Karen (Fred) Layton and the late Brandon Clark. Dear grandmother of Angie, Arianna, Bonnie, Debra, Anne, Jayme, Elyse, Andrew, Laura and Lisa. Dear great-grandmother of 10. Sister of Larry, David, Mabel, Sharon and Andy. Funeral Services were held for Treva on December 3, 2012 at the R.C. & H. Harris Funeral Home in Livonia.

CLARK, KRYVA N.
Age 87, November 30, 2012. Loving mother of Dennis (Penny) Clark, Lynne (Ron) Adams, Karen (Fred) Layton and the late Brandon Clark. Dear grandmother of Angie, Arianna, Bonnie, Debra, Anne, Jayme, Elyse, Andrew, Laura and Lisa. Dear great-grandmother of 10. Sister of Larry, David, Mabel, Sharon and Andy. Funeral Services were held for Treva on December 3, 2012 at the R.C. & H. Harris Funeral Home in Livonia.

SLUCIM WILLIAM R.

Age 89 of Birmingham, passed away November 19, 2012. Beloved husband of the late Barbara Loving father of Gail (Keith) Longdon and G. Scott Slucim. Dear brother of John (Mary) Slucim and the late Robert. Proud grandfather of Molly and Kelley. There was a memorial service 10:30 AM Saturday, December 15 at Greenfield Presbyterian Church, 2313 Greenfield Road, Berkeley (1 Mile S. of Catalpa). Share your memories at www.sawyerfuller.com

SMALLEY, KENNETH E.

Age 59, of Garden City formerly of Farmington Hills, passed away after a three year battle with cancer November 15, 2012. Husband of Gail, brother of Nancy (John) Rambow, uncle to Christopher (Lora) and Sandra Rambow, cousin to Brooke Rambow. Son of the late Edward and Mildred (Brown) Smalley. A memorial service is scheduled for December 15, 2012 at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 10000 Greenfield Rd., Garden City at 11:00 a.m.

LEMA, JERRY ROBERT

63 of Redford, December 5, 2012. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Louise Lemka, sons, Jerome William Victor and Anthony Joseph Lemka, sister, Jerome Lemka, step daughters, Saasha Shantae Brown and Chandra, nephews and grandchildren: Nicklas and Alyssa, step grandchildren, Aubrey, Austin and Chase. Sadly, Jerry was preceded in death by his mother, Helen Lemka.

TAIT, JOHN FINLEY

Age 86, of Dearborn MI, died on November 29, 2012 in Dearborn. John was born August 31, 1926 to George H. and Anna L. (MacDonald) Tait in Birmingham, Michigan. Along with his father and brother Ron, John worked for the Detroit News for 25 years, as a hymn journey man pressman, then production manager for the News and Free Press. In 1978 he moved to Stone-Consolidated Corp. in Chicago and retired in 1995. Mr. Tait was a graduate of Holio Central, Wayne State University in Detroit, and Illinois Benedictine in La Jolie. John married Ruth Elizabeth Parkilla April 1, 1948 at Sacred Heart Church in Dearborn. Mr. Tait passed away in May 2009. They raised their ten children in Dearborn, Bloomfield Hills, MI, Downers Grove, Ill. and Ocoosa, MI. Green Valley AZ, Indianapolis, IN. He was Commodore of the Green Valley Yacht Club, a hymn journey man pressman to Boston Mass. Mr. Tait is survived by daughters, Anne Elizabeth, Barbara Joyce, Steven (Mark) Cataldo, sons, George, John, Douglas, (Jayme), Robert, David, (John) Kevin, Steven (Mary) Tait, Michael (Susan), 13 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild, Marisa Anne Tait. He was preceded in death by wife Ruth; sisters Barbara Tait and George Tait. Interment at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Ocoosa, MI.

IN MEMORIAM

SUMMERS, TONY R.
June 2, 1962 - Dec. 8, 2007
Five years later, dead, too few words can express how much you are still missed and loved.

SADOWSKI, ANTHONY F.

Age 64, December 1, 2012. Resident of Westland. www.edwardmorganfuneralhome.com

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF YOUR LOVED ONE

RELIGION CALENDAR

Send items for the religion calendar to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlifc.com.
December
ADVENT SERMONS
Time/Date: 10:15 a.m. - Sundays throughout the month.
Location: St. Paul's Presbytery Lutheran Church, located on Five Mile, one block west of Inkster Road, Livonia
Details: Rev. Paul Stunkel will focus on "Why? The Prophecy, The Stable, a Virgin," Dec. 9; "Why? Shepherds and Wise Men," Dec. 16; and "Why? Jesus, Mary, Joseph, Family, and featuring a live nativity, Dec. 23.
Contact: (734) 422-1470
ADVENT SERVICES
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12 and 19
Location: Lora Park Lutheran Church, 14754 Kinloch, Redford
Details: The meditation theme is the beatitudes of the Gospel of St. Matthew, St. Luke and Revelation
Contact: (734) 968-3523
ADVENT SERVICES
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 12 and 19
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market in Farmington Hills
Details: A pre-service meal will be served at 6 p.m.
Contact: (248) 553-3380
BELL CONCERT
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9
Location: St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30905 Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia
Details: Classical Bell performances, with the Boychoir of Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door
Contact: www.seatourseverybizmattheshvlivonia.org; (734) 422-6038
BLUE CHRISTMAS
Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19
Location: St. Paul's Presbytery Lutheran Church, located on Five Mile, west of Inkster Road, Livonia
Details: This service is designed for individuals who struggle with the holidays. It is for those who may be grieving, for those who are dealing with the loss of a loved one, the loss of a job, or just struggling with the holidays in general. A coffee reception with care ministers will follow the service
Contact: (734) 422-1470
BLUE CHRISTMAS
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19
Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28850 Cherry Hill Rd. in Garden City
Details: The service, held near the shortest day of the year, the winter solstice, is geared toward those grieving for the loss of a loved one, a failed relationship, job loss, or loneliness and depression. The service offers an opportunity to recognize challenging situations and receive words of hope for the coming year. This service of hope will include prayer, readings, and special music along with lighting of candles
Contact: (734) 427-3660
BREAKFAST
Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 16
Location: St. Theodore Social Hall, 820 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: All-you-can-eat pancake and French toast breakfast will include ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, apple sauce, coffee, tea, juice and milk. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, 2-10. The St. Theodore Men's Club is sponsoring the breakfast.
Contact: (734) 425-4421
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14 and 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 16
Location: First Baptist Church of Canton, 44500 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
Details: "One Quiet Night" is a dramatic musical, written by Tony Wood and Heidi Petak and arranged and orchestrated by Richard Kingsmore. It's directed by Ron Newsome. Admission is free
Contact: (734) 981-6600
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 23
Location: First Baptist Church of Detroit, 21100 Southfield Road, Southfield
Details: Annual Christmas pageant will include the Christmas story, special music and the Praise Dance Team. Light refreshments will be served after the service
Contact: (248) 569-2972 or e-mail: firstbaptist@fbc-detroit.org
CLOTHING BANK
Time/Date: 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12 and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22
Location: Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank, 41920 Joy, between Lilley and Haggerty, Canton
Details: Free clothing and shoes. Donations in person: (734) 404-2480 or (734) 927-6686
CONCERT
Time/Date: 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9
Location: Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville
Details: Listen to the chancel choir, orchestra, handbells, ensembles and soloists from Ward's music department and sing along on selected songs. No ticket required for this Christmas concert
Contact: (248) 374-7400
CONCERT
Time/Date: 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9
Location: St. Aidan, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia
Details: 31st annual concert featuring the St. Aidan Adult and Children's Choirs, and the St. Aidan Contemporary Ensemble. Minimum donation is \$5, along with two non-perishable food items. All proceeds will go toward food baskets for the needy
Contact: (734) 425-5950
CONCERT
Time/Date: 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9
Location: Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia
Details: Jan Krist will perform. The church is partnering with the Detroit Area Food Bank for the performance and is encouraging guests to bring infant or adult diapers to the concert for donation to the Bank. Admission suggested \$10 donation at the door
Contact: (734) 424-2800; www.trinitychurchoflivonia.org
CONCERT
Time/Date: 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 16
Location: First Baptist Church of Detroit, 21100 Southfield Road, located on northbound Southfield service drive just north of Eight Mile, Southfield
Details: The church's Chancel Choir and quest choist, handbell, cellists and singers present the cantata, "The Advent of Hope, The Birth of Peace." Light refreshments will be served after the service
Contact: (248) 569-2972 or e-mail: firstbaptist@fbc-detroit.org
COOKIE WALK
Time/Date: Doors open 8 a.m., sale starts 9 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 15
Location: Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 Seven Mile, between Ford and Oakton, and Newburgh, Livonia
Details: Come early for coffee and conversation. There will be a large quantity of European cookies, nut, pound, seed and apricot rolls, pierogies, sweet bread and stuffed cabbage available for purchase
Contact: (248) 476-3432
COOKIE WALK
Time/Date: Doors open at 10 a.m. with an early bird sale starting at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 15
Location: Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, between Joy and Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia
Details: 6th annual cookie walk will offer cookies at \$2.50 per pound, along with other baked goods. Early bird admission is \$2
Contact: (734) 427-2290



Thank You!

Thanks to all of you who submitted a toy during Scoop's Toy Drive. All of the gifts were given to Methodist Children's Home Society in Redford and Orchards Children's Services in Southfield.

Holiday Season Photo CONTEST

Send Scoop a photo along with a short note of how you spent your Holiday Season. If selected you could win \$25 Gift Card to Toys R Us!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Boy or Girl: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

*Parent's Printed Name: _____

*Parent's Signature: _____

Join Scoop's Birthday Club!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Boy or Girl: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

*Parent's Printed Name: _____

*Parent's Signature: _____

Fill out the form and have your parents fill in their name and signature. Clip and mail, it's that easy!

* Required for Birthday Club

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Kamar Taylor Inkster 12/9
 Antonio Biggs Livonia 12/22
 Michael Brooks Detroit 12/25
 Damien Dallide Canton 12/27

Wanted!

Do you write, draw, make crafts, take photographs, or do something else that you would like others to know about? Share your talent with us. We may share your extraordinary talent in an upcoming Scoop's Hound Dog Highlight.

Visit Us on Facebook

facebook.com/ScoopTheNewshound

Coordinator/Contributing Writers
 Choya Jordan, Marketing Manager
 Design/Layout:
 Randall Masters, Graphic Artist

Interested in becoming a sponsor of Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights or have general questions?
 Email: cbjordan@hometownlife.com

Follow Scoop on Facebook

Deadline for submissions:

Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights



Celebrating the Holiday Season

Share your holiday photos with Scoop. You could win a \$25 Gift Card to Toys R Us!

12 Days of Christmas

SONG
 TWELVE PARTRIDGE
 PEAR TREE
 TURTLE DOVES
 FRENCH HENS
 CALLING BIRDS
 RINGS
 GEESE
 LAYING SWANS
 SWIMMING MAIDS
 MILKING LADIES
 DANCING LORDS
 LEAPING PIPERS
 PIPING DRUM
 HOLIDAY

C	L	O	R	D	S	P	Q	A	X	C	D	L	R
A	T	U	R	T	L	E	D	O	V	E	S	E	V
L	B	W	D	R	D	A	N	S	I	N	G	A	L
L	P	G	E	V	X	R	Y	F	G	J	E	P	A
I	A	J	L	K	T	U	I	N	H	E	I	D	
N	P	Y	R	G	V	R	N	M	O	S	N	I	
G	E	N	N	T	L	E	U	C	G	G	E	G	E
B	R	O	W	F	R	E	N	C	H	E	N	S	
I	S	W	I	M	M	I	N	G	T	N	S	W	E
R	P	W	F	F	A	I	D	A	I	L	O	N	Y
D	I	O	A	B	I	E	L	G	T	P	L	O	W
S	P	O	O	N	D	I	P	K	E	O	R	R	F
R	I	N	G	S	S	M	N	N	I	I	W	L	Q
W	N	D	D	E	O	E	S	F	O	N	E	O	S
O	G	F	H	O	L	I	D	A	Y	X	G	Z	A



Did You Know?

THIRTY-FOUR TO THIRTY-SIX MILLION CHRISTMAS TREES ARE PRODUCED FOR THE HOLIDAY EACH YEAR.



Courtesy of Metro Creative

What's the Difference?

There are five things different between picture A and picture B. Can you find all of them?

A



B



Answers: 1. missing arm 2. bigger hat 3. no mouth on middle snowman 4. extra buttons on left snowman 5. snow is falling

Courtesy of Metro Creative

Lucky November Winners!

What are you thankful for?

I'm thankful for life, liberty, and to be all that I can be in this big world we live in. I thankful to have two loving parent that love me unconditionally. We may not have everything that we want, but we have each other. And that is a blessing. Love you Scoop.



Khalil Ali
Detroit, Age 13

What are you thankful for?

I'm thankful for my family because my family takes very good care of me and they also give me a lot of a love and care.



Damien Dallide
Canton, Age 9

Mail all entry forms to: Scoop the Newshound, 41304 Concept Drive Plymouth, MI 48170
 All entries need to be received at the Observer & Eccentric Media by close of the business day on December 28th.
 or email your form to: cbjordan@hometownlife.com Winners to be announced in a future Scoop's Hound Dog Highlights.



SHEN YUN

A PRODUCTION NOTHING SHORT OF A MIRACLE.

Inspiration drawn from 5,000 years of Chinese culture
Exquisite costumes from ancient dynasties & peoples
Stunning, animated backdrops

SHEN YUN—it's a grand production. Every year we start fresh. Every detail matters. Our goal? Not just another show. We take our craft beyond the boundaries of performing arts as you know it.

A Shen Yun show is a fusion of classical arts with modern appeal. As one audience member put it, "It's like a fashion show, opera, concert, and dance performance all rolled into one." Difficult? Yes. Impossible?

No. Our passion motivates us to bring it all together into one extraordinary experience.

Classical Chinese dance lies at the heart of our performances. The dancers—with what some have called "limitless bodies"—turn an intensely difficult art form into something beautiful and effortless. China's 5,000 years of civilization provide an endless source of inspiration. The choreographers work

closely with the composers to recreate ancient stories and legends, or convey an aspect of the culture, through short pieces that last no more than a few minutes. Our graphic artists, meanwhile, use advanced digital technology to produce stunning animated backdrops that correspond precisely to each dance.

After seeing the show, one audience member marveled, "This production... is nothing short of a miracle."

NOT MADE IN CHINA

Based in New York, Shen Yun Performing Arts was founded with the mission to restore 5,000 years of divinely inspired Chinese culture, which has been mostly destroyed in China under communist rule. In fact, a show like Shen Yun can no longer be found in China today.

5,000 YEARS OF DIVINELY INSPIRED CULTURE

THE SHOW THAT'S LEAVING MILLIONS IN AWE...

"The ancient Chinese wisdom

it conveyed will not only benefit the Chinese people, but also the whole world."

—*Ted Kavanau, founding Senior Producer of CNN Headline News*

★★★★★

"Mind blowing. I've seen enough shows and none can compare to what I saw tonight... Go back and see it six times!"

—*Richard Connema, renowned Broadway critic*

"Really out of this world!

There is no word to describe it... if I had to, the words might be 'divine,' 'reborn' and 'hope.' You have to see it to believe it."

—*Christine Walevska, cello virtuoso*

"If heaven is the way we saw it tonight, count me in!"

—*Nathaniel Khan, Academy Award-nominated, filmmaker*

"A beautiful show... fantastic!"

—*Joy Behar, Co-host of ABC's The View*

"It lived up to its promise
Extraordinary visual impact!"

—*Canberra Review*

SHEN YUN
神韻晚會
2013

EXPERIENCE THE WORLD'S
PREMIER CLASSICAL
CHINESE DANCE COMPANY.

REVIVING 5,000 YEARS
OF CIVILIZATION.



DETROIT OPERA HOUSE
January 24 - 27

LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE.
BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Hotline: 877-328-7469 | ShenYun2013.org

ORDER TICKETS TODAY

VENUE

Detroit Opera House
1526 Broadway, Detroit, MI 48226

PRICE

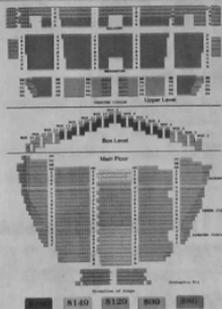
\$180, \$149, \$129, \$99, \$80

DATES & TIMES

Thu	Jan 24,	7:30pm
Fri	Jan 25,	7:30pm
Sat	Jan 26,	2:30pm
Sat	Jan 26,	7:30pm
Sun	Jan 27,	2:00pm

ORDERING

Hotline: (877) 328-7469
www.Ticketingbox.com
www.Shenyun.com



also inside...
Homes • Wheels • Pets • Services

JOBS

careerbuilder.com
A GANNETT COMPANY

No Degree? Seven ways to sell your experience

Rachel Zupek
CareerBuilder.com writer

Becky Blanton, 53, has worked for five media companies, been an assistant advertising director for a Fortune 500 company and owned her own newspaper. She's also currently writing a book called "Staying Hungry: The Official Guide for Never Settling for What Life Puts on Your Plate," about grit, determination and perseverance.

Though she has some college education under her belt, Blanton doesn't have her college degree. She does everything she can to gain experience by attending conferences, workshops, seminars and job training classes and shadowing friends at work.

Blanton is not alone in lacking a college degree. In 2007, 46.6 percent of the labor force had less than a high school diploma and 69.9 percent had no college degree, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. While getting an education is certainly important, many people argue that it's not the degree that's important; it's what you learn and how you apply it.

"There are many myths about what a degree can do for you," says John Murphy, author of "Success Without a College Degree." "Too many college grads depend on the promise that their degree is a 'golden ticket.' Employers know that vague degrees, such as English literature, humanities, sociology and liberal arts have little to do with the practical world. The things that get jobs have more to do with attitude, first impressions and experience than a diploma."

Blanton agrees that a diploma

is not the most important thing to an employer. She says that not having her degree has never been a disadvantage.

"I have only been turned down from one job because of a lack of a degree and that was teaching journalism at a college," Blanton says. "Experience, not education levels, is what employers are after. They want to know you can do the job. I had to work a little harder, learn a little more and go the extra mile to show employers I could do the job. I learned the people skills, attitude and job skills to succeed and didn't rest on my 'I have a degree' laurels that so many people do."

If you don't have a degree and you're looking for ways to land a job in spite of it, here are some tips on how you can sell your experience, regardless of your education.

1. Be a problem solver

"Millions graduate with vague degrees that only attest to one's ability to read books and take tests, but not necessarily solve problems," Murphy says. "Industry experience conveys that you can solve problems for an employer right away or with little learning curve. Examine your experience and spell out how you helped solve problems, any problems. Competitors with degrees won't be able to compare."

2. Tell your 'Rocky' story

"Not having an impressive academic pedigree — or any degree at all — can be a plus if you find a way to succeed to this point without it," says Sean O'Neil, principal of One to One Leadership, a sales and man-

agement training and recruitment company. "The more you can demonstrate your success relative to more pedigreed peers the better. You can paint yourself as a self-made professional, as compared with the silver-spoon Ivy Leaguer who had all the odds in their favor."

3. Be open to education

"Many companies have favorable back-to-school plans for their employees. If you're speaking with a prospective employer that places a large emphasis on academics, you might want to indicate a desire to take advantage of their plan," O'Neil says. "Demonstrating a desire to make up any gaps in your résumé while on the job might just tip the scales in your favor."

4. Don't make it a big deal

"Don't make it such a big deal and it just might not be," says Bill Gaffney of the Amaxa Group, a recruiting and coaching company. "If it is an impediment to you, then you are going to reflect that when you talk with the company. There are really very few companies where the degree will stop [someone] from hiring a person if they are the best out there."

5. Focus on achievements over education

"If you don't have a degree, it's very important for you to shine in every other aspect of your résumé," says Charles Severson, career counselor and owner of Retirement Life Matters. "Don't settle for a list of tasks, but really demonstrate how you can

do the job better than anyone else can. The best way to do this is by providing concrete evidence of how you have excelled at similar tasks in the past through accomplishments."

6. Prepare your success stories

"For the interview, prepare several stories of success that showcase how you have accomplished tasks similar to others who possess a degree," says Barbara Safani of Career Solvers. "If you are a sales professional, for example, focus on how you exceeded your sales targets and have done as well or better than your colleagues. If you are an accountant, prove how you have uncovered errors and recouped money for the company — despite the fact that you didn't formally study accounting."

If you are a high school graduate competing against a recent college graduate, talk about the experience you have garnered in part-time or summer jobs or full-time jobs you had while others your age were at college, she says.

7. Create a combination résumé

"The most important task is to market your key skills and accomplishments to the employer by creating a résumé that focuses on your contributions to your previous employers and your experience that is most relevant to the position



for which you are applying," says Winifred Winston, certified professional résumé writer. "By creating a combination résumé that lists your relevant skills and experience first, you are sure to capture the hiring manager's attention. You initially want the employer to be able to fold your document in half and just by reading the top portion they know you are someone they should contact to schedule an interview. Does that top portion list education? Not necessarily."

Rachel Zupek is a writer and blogger for CareerBuilder.com. She researches and writes about job search strategies, career management, hiring trends and workplace issues.

OE2208376

Reach even more potential employees
with an O&E Recruitment Package!

For details call 1-800-579-7355

ADVERTISING ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE



We're looking for customer-centric, energetic, aggressive account executives. If you are someone who can follow a solutions-based strategy of sales with clients, have a proven ability to close sales, and can think big, we would like you to take your place as part of our Advertising team with Observer & Eccentric Media.

We have an opening for a qualified candidate in our Birmingham territory.

- College degree or equivalent work experience in field sales.
- Proven sales track record.
- Have impeccable communication skills.
- Outstanding computer skills.

We offer base + commission and benefits in a work environment that is stimulating and fast-paced along with opportunities for career growth with Gannett Co. Inc.

Email resumes to: gppery@hometownlife.com
Attn: Sales EEOC

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC
MEDIA
A GANNETT COMPANY

Help Wanted - General

CLEANERS, Full-Time
No area homes. 30% start.
No nights/weekends. Call
Phyllis: 734-812-5683

Clerical - Part Time

Professional firm in Northville is seeking an individual with 3-5 years experience in administrative / clerical to work 20 hours per week. Some duties include copying and scanning documents, mailings, filing, data entry and various other projects as needed. Microsoft Office required, proficiency in Excel a must.
Please email resume to: carmed@hometownlife.com

CUSTOMER SERVICE

look for anyone who can't get out to work. Work from home FT, schedule job via the Purple Heart. Call Mon-Fri 9-5: 734-724-4372 or email: phorner@redbad.com

GRAPHIC ARTIST/ SCREEN PRINTER

Fluent in Adobe Illustrator. Contact: 734-416-9841

HAIR STYLIST/BARRBERS

75% commission, insurance. Call: 734-299-0832

Education & Instruction

Help Wanted - General

MAINTENANCE
Full time maintenance person needed for retirement community in Westland. Requires general knowledge of preventive and regular repairs, including plumbing, electrical and HVAC. Fax resume to: 734-729-8665, EOE

NEW CARRIER QUALITY

required. Comprehensive paid on the job training. \$5,250. Call between Mon-Fri, 9AM-5PM: 810-229-6005

ROUTE DRIVER, Exp'd

Clear record to service locations in the Detroit Metro area. Call: 734-524-5100

TILER

Farmington credit union is seeking a part-time tiler. Candidate must have excellent communication skills, sales abilities and be able to perform various tiler duties. Email current resume/sub to: resumes@fcdual.com

Education & Instruction

Help Wanted - General

Sales Position: Real Estate Sales
Licensing classes
No financing
A 24 month Paid Internship that pays you a \$16 Figure Income.
Work Your Own Boss
*Work from home
*Own Your Practice
*No Franchise
*No Overtime
*100% Commission
*Huge Program
*Health/Life/Disability
*Insurance
*Recruitment and Savings
*Full-Time Support Staff
CALL PAT RYAN
(734) 987-9200
Parttime
RealEstate@me.com

CLERICAL, FULL-TIME

General Office & typing. Mon-Fri, 8:30 Starts at 7:45hr. Apply at 587 Manufacturers Dr. Westland. For directions: 734-728-6372

OFFICE ASSISTANT

Accounting, organized, mature, assistant for non-profit. 28 hours/week. Fax resume to: 248-374-0483, or email: m7@redaktor.com

HELP WANTED - Medical

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST
For busy dental practice in Westland. Exp in print-nd, FT, Mon-Fri. Computer skills required. Send resume and references: PCS
PO Box 61444, Westland MI 48185.

OFFICE MANAGER

For busy dental practice in Westland. Experienced preferred. Call Dr. Probe: 248-624-5277
probe@75dental.com

CLASSIFIEDS WORK!

1-800-579-7355
www.hometownlife.com

Education & Instruction

Help Wanted - Medical

Physician (Primary Care)
Wayne State University Physician Group has one (1) position available for a Physician (Primary Care) Critical Care in Detroit, Michigan to examine and diagnose disease and prescribe the appropriate course of treatment. An Applicant who is interested in this position should send resume and references for consideration. James Martin, MD Generalist Wayne State University Physician Group 1400 Stephen Hwy 11th Floor Troy, MI 48063 jmartin@med.wayne.edu

RN

Taylor Area Health has a full-time opening for a Registered Nurse. Fax resume to The Information Center at 734-287-7861

RECYCLE THIS NEWSPAPER

Education & Instruction

Education & Instruction

Education & Instruction

Education & Instruction

Education & Instruction

Interested in a career as a Pharmacy Technician?

- 18% Expected national growth rate
 - Payment plan available
 - 14 week class
- Learn more at our Free Information Session

Tuesday, December 11th
6:00-7:30 p.m.
Schoolcraft College
VisTaTech Center, room 445

Meet instructors, review class offerings, course curriculum and certification requirements

Schoolcraft College

www.schoolcraft.edu/cepd/pharmacy
Continuing Education and Professional Development | 734.462.4448

Observer & Eccentric and Hometown Weeklies Newspapers

Reach even more potential employees with an O&E Recruitment Package!

1-800-579-7355
www.hometownlife.com

Position Wanted

HOME CLEANING OFFERED
Female student. Thorough, honest, and reliable. \$70 for most sized homes. References available. Weekly or bi-weekly. Please leave a detailed message with your name & number (248)421-4736 or contact me by email: ar1510@wayne.edu

NEED A DEPENDABLE, HONEST HOMEWORKER?
\$10 OFF EVERY 3RD CLEANING
Call Ken: 313-506-1222

We Care About Your Home

Or business. That's what makes us different. We are affordable, reliable and thorough. We will vacuum, mop, dust, clean showers, tubs, toilets. We will clean all appliances, light fixtures, cobwebs, recessed lights, shade and out. We serve:
Livonia, Northville, Milford, Royal Oak area only!
(734)953-1095
dagnestre_patty@yahoo.com

Help Wanted - General

Education & Instruction

TRAIN TO BE AN EMT OR PARAMEDIC
For info call: 568 572 1412 Email: C2paramedic@aol.com or visit: CPANet.org

HOMES
apartments.com HomeFinder

Mobile Homes

Lots & Acreage Vacant

PLYMOUTH
Vacant 4 acres in West N. Territorial. Give yourself the Christmas present you want. A beautiful lot among the nicest homes in Plymouth. \$100,000. Call Tom Daily Real Estate: 734-459-7575.

Cemetery Lots

OAKLAND HILLS MEMORIAL GARDENS
4 lots together call 313. Asking \$4500. 566-736-6463

Need to rent that house or apartment?

apartments.com HomeFinder

Mobile Homes

RENTALS
apartments.com HomeFinder

Apartment For Rent

CANTON: Country 2 bdrm, show, fridge, carpet & tile. \$600 no heat, water & deposit. 734-455-6291

FARMINGTON HILLS ANNE'S APTS.
\$100 off sec. dep. if qualified FREE HEAT! 1 bedroom \$525. 9 mins Woodfield 248-479-7499

GARDEN CITY: Lg 1 bdrm, apt. 1st/2nd floor. \$500 + security 734-484-2842, 734-513-4963

PLYMOUTH: Prime location 1 bdrm available. \$500/mo. Heat down town. Includes heat no dogs. 734-455-2635

RECYCLE THIS NEWSPAPER

Apartment For Rent

WESTLAND \$300 Deposit!
1 bdrm, 1 bathroom. Private entry. On-site maintenance. Hurry, won't last! 734-721-6696, ENO. Restrictions apply.

Condos & Townhouses

LIVONIA: 2 bedrooms. Great location. Like New condo. Bad credit may be okay. Call Nick: 248-224-6696

PLYMOUTH: 1 bdrm, garage, corner country setting. Multiple from downtown. \$675/mo. + deposit 734-641-2009

ROMULUS: 2 bedrooms. Great location. Like new condo. Bad credit may be okay. Call Nick: 248-224-6696

Apartment For Rent

DETROIT: Telegraph & Plymouth. 2-3 bdrm, 1.5 bath, sec. deposit. \$200. Call: 313-929-0395

INKSTER: 3535 AVONDALE 3 bdrm, 1100 sq. ft. with front, new roof & furnace. \$700/mo. Call: 734-981-0638

INKSTER: 3 bdrm ranch with front, 1000 sq. ft. new bath, kitchen & carpet. \$750/mo. Call: (800) 963-1732

LIVONIA: 1 bdrm. all renovated, no pets. \$500/mo. Call: (800) 963-1732

LIVONIA: Great! 3 bdrm, updated, new kitchen, hardwood floors. 2 car gar. Incond. \$1225/mo. 313-303-6524

Mobile Home Rentals

MOVE YOUR HOME FOR FREE!

\$99*/mo.
site rent for 3 years!
Great amenities!

College Park Estates
51074 Mott Rd. #243
Canton, MI 48188
(888) 284-9760
www.collegepark.com

*Approved manual homes & models only. Site rent receives annual increases in yrs. 2 & 3 and returns to full market rate in yr. 4. Expires 12/31/12. WAC

Homes For Rent

\$399 MOVES YOU IN!
Free Rent until February 1st, 2013.

BRAND NEW HOMES IN CANTON
Beautiful 3 Bed/2 Baths homes with all appliances Starting at \$649
Call us today!
(888) 272-3099
Academy/Westpoint
42021 Old Michigan Ave. • Canton
www.academywestpoint.com

Angela Hospice

734-464-7810

14100 Newburgh Rd.
Livonia, MI 48154

Learn more about our caring programs, volunteer and employment opportunities.

www.angelahospice.org

FREE HOMES
2 & 3 Bedrooms
2 full baths
Decks & Sheds

You Fix It & It's Yours.

\$500 Security Deposit. Free rent for first 3 months. Must have community approval. Call (888) 266-7454. **Must Sign Here, Cash on Hand**

Other calls: 1/28/2012

Place an ad with the Observer & Eccentric and Hometown Weeklies and have it rented in no time.

800-579-7355

RENTALS

Apartment For Rent

CANTON: Country 2 bdrm, show, fridge, carpet & tile. \$600 no heat, water & deposit. 734-455-6291

FARMINGTON HILLS ANNE'S APTS.
\$100 off sec. dep. if qualified FREE HEAT! 1 bedroom \$525. 9 mins Woodfield 248-479-7499

GARDEN CITY: Lg 1 bdrm, apt. 1st/2nd floor. \$500 + security 734-484-2842, 734-513-4963

PLYMOUTH: Prime location 1 bdrm available. \$500/mo. Heat down town. Includes heat no dogs. 734-455-2635

RECYCLE THIS NEWSPAPER

Apartment For Rent

DETROIT: Telegraph & Plymouth. 2-3 bdrm, 1.5 bath, sec. deposit. \$200. Call: 313-929-0395

INKSTER: 3535 AVONDALE 3 bdrm, 1100 sq. ft. with front, new roof & furnace. \$700/mo. Call: 734-981-0638

INKSTER: 3 bdrm ranch with front, 1000 sq. ft. new bath, kitchen & carpet. \$750/mo. Call: (800) 963-1732

LIVONIA: 1 bdrm. all renovated, no pets. \$500/mo. Call: (800) 963-1732

LIVONIA: Great! 3 bdrm, updated, new kitchen, hardwood floors. 2 car gar. Incond. \$1225/mo. 313-303-6524

RENTALS

Apartment For Rent

CANTON: Country 2 bdrm, show, fridge, carpet & tile. \$600 no heat, water & deposit. 734-455-6291

FARMINGTON HILLS ANNE'S APTS.
\$100 off sec. dep. if qualified FREE HEAT! 1 bedroom \$525. 9 mins Woodfield 248-479-7499

GARDEN CITY: Lg 1 bdrm, apt. 1st/2nd floor. \$500 + security 734-484-2842, 734-513-4963

PLYMOUTH: Prime location 1 bdrm available. \$500/mo. Heat down town. Includes heat no dogs. 734-455-2635

RECYCLE THIS NEWSPAPER

APARTMENTS AVAILABLE

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO APARTMENT LIVING

WAYNE

Affordable spacious updated 2 bedroom cooperative townhomes
(Includes basement)

Starting from \$ 528/month
3500 + 1st mo moves you in

Hickory Hollow Cooperative Townhouses
5757 W. Hickory Hollow
Wayne, MI 48184
(734) 729-7262

Professionally Managed By Harrington Management

WESTLAND

SENIORS: NO NEED TO BUNDLE UP WITH FREE HEAT!

Westgate Tower Keeps You Cozy All Winter!

Rents Start At Just \$452 Per Month

Keep the Cold At Bay... Call us Today!
734-729-2900

*Must be 62 or Older. Home's Living Again. ASK ABOUT OUR AGE WAIVER!

DETROIT

PARKVIEW TOWER
1601 Robert Bradley Dr.
Detroit, MI 48207

A Community Designed for Adults 62 & Better
Rent Based on Income - 1 & 2 Bdrm Apartments

NOW LEASING!
Hurry, Availability Limited!
Open Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm
313-259-6862
ttd 1-800-567-5857
Immediate Occupancy

Call Today For A Great Rate...
1-800-579-7355

FINDING A JOB TAKES WORK.

LET YOUR RESUME TAKE SOME OF THE LOAD OFF.

Get more out of your resume. Upload it to CareerBuilder.com - and make it even easier for employers to find you.

careerbuilder.com

START BUILDING

© 2012 CareerBuilder, LLC. All rights reserved.

SwindonAdvertiser

RENTALS

apartment.com
HomeFinder

Homes for Rent

\$399* moves you in!

FEBRUARY 1st 2013!

3 & 4 bedroom/2 bath
rental homes.

All appliances
Washer/dryer A/C!
Pet welcome!
\$50 App Fee

\$0 Closing Fee

Great Northville Location

771 669-8800
www.homes.com

REPAIR

1/2 off on Reeds' Rent
Large 4 bdrm.
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

Tom's oil change
5200 W. 12th St.
"mudrooms only"
771-669-8800
www.tomscars.com

REPAIRS

3 bdrm town, 1.5
bath, carpet, air, brand, front
yard, fenced, close to schools.
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

WESTLAND:

1 bdrm, 1 bath, carpet, hot
water, \$275/mo. Call
Lesa at 330-222-2222

WESTLAND: brick, cash
275/mo. 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath,
air, decorated, close to
schools. Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

WESTLAND: Lincoln Schools.
3 bdrm brick town, 1.5 bath,
hardwood floors, \$325
mo. See Lesa at 330-222-2222

Mobile Home Rentals

FARMINGTON HILLS
OWN OR LEASE
\$575 on or Less

*Sole Rent Included
*3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath
All Appl. *4c Finance
*New & Pre-owned

Little Valley
771-669-8800
www.littlevalley.com

Rooms for Rent

FARMINGTON HILLS
2 1/2 acres w/ backing, 5 bdrms,
\$275 incl. utilities. See
Lesa at 330-222-2222

INKSTER-CHERRY HILL RD.
Mahon perfect, 10 yr.
old, 3 bdrms, 2 1/2 bath,
microwaves, air, refrigerator,
dish, \$395. Call Lesa at
330-222-2222

LYONIA: Furnished, kitchen
enclave, cash, washer
dryer, all utilities, move
preferred. \$350/mo + \$100
deposit. Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

REPAIRS

Room in Basement
Close to school, \$150/mo.
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

Office Rental Space

NOV. - DOWNTOWN:
4000 sq. ft. office space, 8
warehouse, 2400 sq. ft.
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

Commercial - Industrial

CANTON
7900 Canton Road
2 1/2 acres w/ backing, former
Century 21 Good House for rent
\$1000/mo. Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

Garage & Mini Storage

CANTON-GARAGE FOR RENT
6 months, \$200/mo.
1 year, \$175/mo.
734-320-7900

REPAIRS

REPAIRS: TLE WORK, car work, auto
repair, 30 yr. exp. Rep. Lincoln
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

Building Remodeling

BARRY'S CARPENTRY
25 yrs. exp.
771-669-8800
barrys-carpentry.com

Carpentry

ABOUT REPAIRS
TILE & STONE
Backsplash, wall, floor
771-669-8800

REPAIRS

REPAIRS: TLE WORK, car work, auto
repair, 30 yr. exp. Rep. Lincoln
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

REPAIRS

REPAIRS: TLE WORK, car work, auto
repair, 30 yr. exp. Rep. Lincoln
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

REPAIRS

REPAIRS: TLE WORK, car work, auto
repair, 30 yr. exp. Rep. Lincoln
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

REPAIRS

REPAIRS: TLE WORK, car work, auto
repair, 30 yr. exp. Rep. Lincoln
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

REPAIRS

REPAIRS: TLE WORK, car work, auto
repair, 30 yr. exp. Rep. Lincoln
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

REPAIRS

REPAIRS: TLE WORK, car work, auto
repair, 30 yr. exp. Rep. Lincoln
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

REPAIRS

REPAIRS: TLE WORK, car work, auto
repair, 30 yr. exp. Rep. Lincoln
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

Christmas Trees

MUTO'S HIDDEN PINES LLC
100 W. Newark Rd., Lapeer
(517) 669-8800
Featuring Fraser, Canaan
and Blue Spruce

*Cut your own & pre-cut
trees available for home
& gifts, wreaths,
holiday decorations
and more!

Wholesale orders
from 10am-4pm
open 7 days a week
Free Shipping, Bidding
and Drilling

Business Hours:
Friday, November 23,
9:00am-5:00pm
Saturday, November 24,
9:00am-5:00pm
Sunday, November 25,
10:00am-5:00pm

Visit & Mac accepted
810-667-2711
www.mutos.com

Strenobables

PAINTING BY ROBERT

*Wallpaper Removal *St
*Interior & Exterior Drywall Repair
*Painting 2 yrs exp. Free est.
810-667-2711
www.mutos.com

Leaks & Roof Repairs

*Flashing *Waterspouts *Roof
*Gutter Cleaning & Cleanouts
*Member 888-333-3333
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

Roofing

7300 W Wayne Rd
No. of permits, lead to
inspected
(771) 576-7038
Open 7 days a week
*Sun. Hours
10% off with AD

WALDOCK TREE FARM
We Grow:
Cedar, Cerealis,
Corkbark, Fraser, Canaan,
Fr. Black Hill, Blue and
Norway. All trees shipped
wrapped & insured for freight
Landscape & Retail for:
Wayne, Home Depot,
Walmart, Costco, The
Home Depot, Car and a
Gift Center, and our own farm.
Open Fri. Sat. & Sun.
Barn 6100, Highway 80
Rt. Howard, Table D-18
at 1/4 mi. and 1/2 mi. to Coon
Lake Rd. vs. to Dutchman's
Road for more info & a map.
(517) 546-3090
Waldocktreefarm.com

Misc For Sale

Buying Available. All signs my
own or yours. 419-474-7271
hobbykayak@aol.com

CHESAPEAKE CHARLEY'S
100% pure & guaranteed
6 Mila & Van Dyke
888-333-3333
313-263-1740

FURNITURE - Sofa, dresser,
bed, table, chair, desk, etc.
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

TABLE - oak, pedestal
with 6 chairs
SHOWER LINER - Adeco's 1/2
power driven. Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

Musical Instruments

ORGAN - Lowrey Festival
with bench. Excellent. This
grand 40 yrs of age. \$1300 best
offer. Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

PIANO - KAMMILL UPRIGHT
with bench, good cond.
\$200. Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

PIANO - Upright Piano
with bench, good cond. Excellent
condition. \$600. Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

Wanted to Buy

Cash for Vintage/ Antique
Items. Jewelry, Silver & Cop-
pers, Christmas, coins, etc.
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

REPAIRS

REPAIRS: TLE WORK, car work, auto
repair, 30 yr. exp. Rep. Lincoln
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

REPAIRS

REPAIRS: TLE WORK, car work, auto
repair, 30 yr. exp. Rep. Lincoln
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

REPAIRS

REPAIRS: TLE WORK, car work, auto
repair, 30 yr. exp. Rep. Lincoln
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

REPAIRS

REPAIRS: TLE WORK, car work, auto
repair, 30 yr. exp. Rep. Lincoln
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

REPAIRS

REPAIRS: TLE WORK, car work, auto
repair, 30 yr. exp. Rep. Lincoln
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

REPAIRS

REPAIRS: TLE WORK, car work, auto
repair, 30 yr. exp. Rep. Lincoln
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

REPAIRS

REPAIRS: TLE WORK, car work, auto
repair, 30 yr. exp. Rep. Lincoln
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

REPAIRS

REPAIRS: TLE WORK, car work, auto
repair, 30 yr. exp. Rep. Lincoln
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

REPAIRS

REPAIRS: TLE WORK, car work, auto
repair, 30 yr. exp. Rep. Lincoln
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

REPAIRS

REPAIRS: TLE WORK, car work, auto
repair, 30 yr. exp. Rep. Lincoln
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

REPAIRS

REPAIRS: TLE WORK, car work, auto
repair, 30 yr. exp. Rep. Lincoln
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

REPAIRS

REPAIRS: TLE WORK, car work, auto
repair, 30 yr. exp. Rep. Lincoln
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

REPAIRS

REPAIRS: TLE WORK, car work, auto
repair, 30 yr. exp. Rep. Lincoln
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

UNWOMENABLE TRAILER
Rear 6 place aluminum snow-
mobile trailer with snow about
\$1100. Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

Trucks for Sale

CHEVROLET SILVERADO 2010
Silverado 3500, 4x4, 4WD
Ready to work hard for you!
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

Low LaRocha
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

DOUGG RAM 2002 2500
S/L, Blue/Grey, 6 cyl. motor, 26
mpg, 4 cylinder, auto trans, asking
\$4,000. Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2000
1711 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2010
1711 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2010 XLT
2700 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2010
1711 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2010
1711 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

GM YUKON XL 2000
6 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

BOB JEANETTE
BUICK GMC
(734) 453-2500

Mini-Vans

UNWOMENABLE TRAILER
Rear 6 place aluminum snow-
mobile trailer with snow about
\$1100. Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

Trucks for Sale

CHEVROLET SILVERADO 2010
Silverado 3500, 4x4, 4WD
Ready to work hard for you!
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

Low LaRocha
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

DOUGG RAM 2002 2500
S/L, Blue/Grey, 6 cyl. motor, 26
mpg, 4 cylinder, auto trans, asking
\$4,000. Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2000
1711 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2010
1711 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2010 XLT
2700 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2010
1711 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2010
1711 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

GM YUKON XL 2000
6 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

BOB JEANETTE
BUICK GMC
(734) 453-2500

Mini-Vans

UNWOMENABLE TRAILER
Rear 6 place aluminum snow-
mobile trailer with snow about
\$1100. Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

Trucks for Sale

CHEVROLET SILVERADO 2010
Silverado 3500, 4x4, 4WD
Ready to work hard for you!
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

Low LaRocha
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

DOUGG RAM 2002 2500
S/L, Blue/Grey, 6 cyl. motor, 26
mpg, 4 cylinder, auto trans, asking
\$4,000. Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2000
1711 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2010
1711 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2010 XLT
2700 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2010
1711 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2010
1711 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

GM YUKON XL 2000
6 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

BOB JEANETTE
BUICK GMC
(734) 453-2500

Mini-Vans

UNWOMENABLE TRAILER
Rear 6 place aluminum snow-
mobile trailer with snow about
\$1100. Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

Trucks for Sale

CHEVROLET SILVERADO 2010
Silverado 3500, 4x4, 4WD
Ready to work hard for you!
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

Low LaRocha
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

DOUGG RAM 2002 2500
S/L, Blue/Grey, 6 cyl. motor, 26
mpg, 4 cylinder, auto trans, asking
\$4,000. Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2000
1711 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2010
1711 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2010 XLT
2700 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2010
1711 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2010
1711 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

GM YUKON XL 2000
6 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

BOB JEANETTE
BUICK GMC
(734) 453-2500

Mini-Vans

UNWOMENABLE TRAILER
Rear 6 place aluminum snow-
mobile trailer with snow about
\$1100. Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

Trucks for Sale

CHEVROLET SILVERADO 2010
Silverado 3500, 4x4, 4WD
Ready to work hard for you!
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

Low LaRocha
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

DOUGG RAM 2002 2500
S/L, Blue/Grey, 6 cyl. motor, 26
mpg, 4 cylinder, auto trans, asking
\$4,000. Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2000
1711 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2010
1711 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2010 XLT
2700 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2010
1711 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2010
1711 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

GM YUKON XL 2000
6 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

BOB JEANETTE
BUICK GMC
(734) 453-2500

Mini-Vans

UNWOMENABLE TRAILER
Rear 6 place aluminum snow-
mobile trailer with snow about
\$1100. Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

Trucks for Sale

CHEVROLET SILVERADO 2010
Silverado 3500, 4x4, 4WD
Ready to work hard for you!
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

Low LaRocha
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

DOUGG RAM 2002 2500
S/L, Blue/Grey, 6 cyl. motor, 26
mpg, 4 cylinder, auto trans, asking
\$4,000. Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2000
1711 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2010
1711 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2010 XLT
2700 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2010
1711 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2010
1711 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

GM YUKON XL 2000
6 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

BOB JEANETTE
BUICK GMC
(734) 453-2500

Mini-Vans

UNWOMENABLE TRAILER
Rear 6 place aluminum snow-
mobile trailer with snow about
\$1100. Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

Trucks for Sale

CHEVROLET SILVERADO 2010
Silverado 3500, 4x4, 4WD
Ready to work hard for you!
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

Low LaRocha
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

DOUGG RAM 2002 2500
S/L, Blue/Grey, 6 cyl. motor, 26
mpg, 4 cylinder, auto trans, asking
\$4,000. Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2000
1711 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2010
1711 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2010 XLT
2700 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2010
1711 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2010
1711 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

GM YUKON XL 2000
6 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

BOB JEANETTE
BUICK GMC
(734) 453-2500

Mini-Vans

UNWOMENABLE TRAILER
Rear 6 place aluminum snow-
mobile trailer with snow about
\$1100. Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

Trucks for Sale

CHEVROLET SILVERADO 2010
Silverado 3500, 4x4, 4WD
Ready to work hard for you!
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

Low LaRocha
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

DOUGG RAM 2002 2500
S/L, Blue/Grey, 6 cyl. motor, 26
mpg, 4 cylinder, auto trans, asking
\$4,000. Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2000
1711 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2010
1711 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2010 XLT
2700 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2010
1711 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

FORD F-150 2010
1711 cc, 4 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

GM YUKON XL 2000
6 cyl. motor, 4x4, 4WD
Call Lesa at 330-222-2222

BOB JEANETTE
BUICK GMC
(734) 453-2500

Mini-Vans

Challenging fun for ALL ages

Sunday

PUZZLE CORNER

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

1 Young grizzly
4 Barner
8 Genealogy chart
12 Wheel buy (2 wds.)
13 Popular one-named singer
14 Per
15 Hummed
17 Gen.
18 Haltcrack
19 Marinates
19 Soph. and Jr.
21 Myra of old movies
22 — Aires
25 Vail competitor
29 Pinch hitter
30 Sunflower division
31 Bird-treer
32 — Aries
32 — out (relax)
33 Canseco or Ferrer
34 RN employer
35 Cold mo.

DOWN

1 NBA team
2 Textbook
3 Golf's
4 — Zaharias
4 — Speare or club
5 Unable to sit still
6 Drain cleaner
7 Spotted beetle
8 Needle or rib
9 Prow protection
10 Environmental prefix
11 Codgers' quines
16 Signed a new tenant
20 Massage
23 Obscure
23 Border state
24 Seine tributary
25 Husky's burden
26 Very pale
27 Heavyweight athlete
28 Lowly laborer
29 Dry, as champagne
32 Dry as a bone
33 — the Hutt
35 Some, to Yves
36 Nerve coil
38 Sawyer or Ross
39 Stranger's query
42 Muse of history
43 "Betsy's Wedding" star
44 11th-grade exam
45 Ull, bill
46 Yes, to a matorador
47 Invisable substance
49 Two-finger sign

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

R	I	B	C	A	V	E	S	H	O	T
I	V	Y	O	D	I	N	M	O	R	E
P	A	T	B	E	A	D	E	Y	E	D
S	N	E	R	A	T	R	I	A	L	S
V	E	R	B	A	R	O	S			
O	R	O	I	N	N	D	N	A		
L	A	N	D	C	O	O	M	A	S	H
E	K	E	N	Y	E					

