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Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Jeremy Hughes will be the keynote speaker when the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and the Canton Chamber of Commerce team up to present "State of the District" 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, at Plymouth High School.

Hughes will talk about "Who We Are and What We Stand For" during the luncheon event, which will begin with an exhibition of student excellence.

There's a \$15 donation being requested at the door, the proceeds of which will be used to support Student Citizen Scholarship programs for both chambers.

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New name

Seeking to settle any confusion about the school's identity, the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education approved the renaming of Starkweather, the district's alternative education program now housed at the former Fiegel Elementary School. On Tuesday, at Hughes' request, the board approved the name "Starkweather Academy at Fiegel."

Police chiefs support leaving BAC level at 0.08

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Police chiefs in Canton and Plymouth townships are indicating support for keeping a decade-old law that reduced the drunken driving limit for Michigan drivers to a blood-alcohol level of 0.08 percent — a change advocates say has coincided with fewer crash-related deaths.

"I do think there are benefits to keeping it lower," Canton Public

Safety Director Todd Mutchler said.

Michigan lawmakers are expected to pass legislation to thwart a sunset provision that would return the legal blood-alcohol level to 0.10 percent in October.

Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington said he supports keeping the lower drunken-driving threshold.

"I would not want to see any change (back to 0.10 percent)

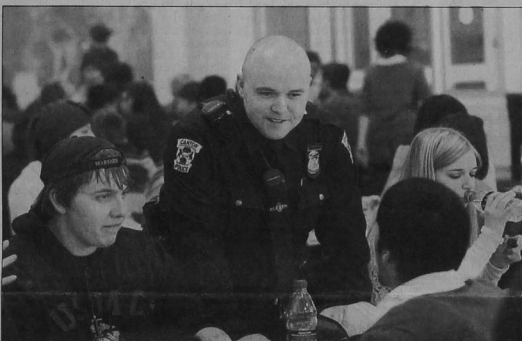
unless there could be data or information that could be provided to demonstrate it would be in the community's interest to change it back," he said.

Michigan State Police statistics indicate the number of alcohol-related car-crash deaths gradually declined from 340 in 2003, when the blood-alcohol content limit was first lowered, to 253 in 2011. Authorities say tougher laws coupled with a push for designated drivers

have made a difference.

"It really sort of started to change the culture," Mutchler said. "It's a problem in every community every time somebody who has been drinking gets behind the wheel. We needed the lower (blood-alcohol level)." Mutchler said he has perceived a change among younger drivers who are more likely now to appoint a designated driver.

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Officer Jacob Krogmeier speaks with Corbin Reeves and Durga Tata, both 17 years old, in the Salem cafeteria. At right, Lindsey Opris.

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Survey: Steps made Park a safer environment

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer



Officer Dave Eyl teaches a class at Salem High School.

Halfway through the first school year after adding security cameras and a third Security Response Officer at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, a nonscientific survey of high school administrators and teachers shows staff feels the Park is a much safer environment.

The measures, all approved by the Board of Education before the school year started, included not only the cameras and additional SRO, but the addition of three Dean of Students positions — one for each high school — to help with discipline and security at the Park.

"We believe these are signifi-

cant improvements at the Park," said Nancy Laws, the principal at Salem High School. The board provided us the resources.

These have had a profound effect on the environment at the Park.

One of the more dramatic additions was the advent of security cameras. According to Erin MacGregor, the district's director of secondary education, there are now more than 90 cameras in each building, with more for each building's perimeter on the way next month.

According to Canton Township Officer Dave Eyl, one of the three SROs at the Park, the increased cameras have allowed

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School board narrows picks for new chief

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education got one step closer to finding a new superintendent Tuesday when trustees announced the names of five finalists corralled by Iowa-based search firm Ray & Associates.

One of the five should be familiar to Plymouth-Canton residents. Brodie Killian, the district's executive director of business services, made the final cut.

Killian, who has a master's degree in public policy from the University of Michigan, graduated from the Michigan Leadership Institute's Superintendent's Academy in 2008.

"I am honored to have been selected," said Killian, who spent several years as a municipal bond attorney before joining Plymouth-Canton schools. "Plymouth-Canton is an outstanding community and I am proud to be currently serving the district. I look forward to the interview and the opportunity to share my qualifications and vision with the Board of Education and the community."

Ray & Associates, hired in October to lead the district's search, brought 10 names to the board, and trustees narrowed it to the five who will be interviewed.

Those interviews will take place Monday through Wednesday, Feb. 25-27, at a location to be determined. Board members are expected to conduct two-hour interviews with each candidate (tentatively two on Monday, two on Tuesday and the final one on Wednesday).



Killian

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Inkster man faces trial in Walmart knifing

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

An Inkster man accused of cutting a police officer during a robbery at a knife point inside a Canton retail store is facing trial March 13 in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Barring a plea agreement before his trial, 57-year-old Alden Ralph Mays could face penalties ranging up to life in prison if he is convicted on charges of armed robbery, assault with intent to do great bodily harm (less than murder), felonious assault and assault-

ing, resisting and obstructing a police officer.

Canton police arrested Mays amid allegations he used a knife while attempting to steal a 42-inch television from the Walmart store on Michigan Avenue west of Belleville Road. Mays is accused of cutting a Novi police officer who intervened while he was at the store investigating an unrelated incident of credit card fraud.

Mays was arrested during an incident that Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner has said occurred shortly before noon Friday, Nov. 9.

Canton authorities have said the Novi officer had apprehended the suspect and taken him to a store office when a scuffle ensued and the knife was pulled. The officer, who was cut on the hand, wasn't critically injured.

Authorities said the suspect fled the scene but was found by Canton officers inside a 2005 Cadillac XRS in the parking lot, where he was taken into custody. A police report indicated the knife was retrieved from under a seat of the car.

Mays was initially jailed with a \$1 million/10th percent bond set in Plymouth 35th District Court by

Judge James Plakas.

On Thursday, a Wayne County jail spokesman said Mays remained in jail though his bond was reduced in early December to \$375,000/10 percent, meaning he would have to post \$37,500 for his release.

Even if Mays is released, Wayne County Circuit Judge Ulysses Boykin has ordered him to stay away from the Novi police officer and the Walmart store where the incident happened.

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State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, who chairs the House Criminal Justice Committee, heard testimony Wednesday on two bills aimed at keeping the lower blood-alcohol content in place. Heise said the committee within days is expected to approve the measures and send them to the full House.

"I'm sure there will be no problems with the bills going through the House and the Senate," Heise said. "It's absolutely necessary from a public safety standpoint."

Heise said Michigan could potentially lose \$50 million in federal funding if the state allowed the higher blood-alcohol threshold to revert back to 0.10 percent.

"While there are some federal road funds that the state stands to receive by maintaining the (blood-alcohol) limit at its current level, the most important feature of these bills is that they lower the amount of acci-

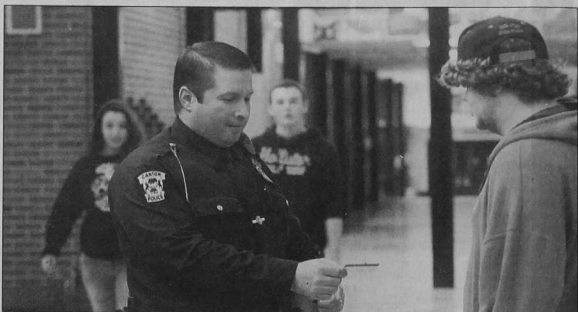
dents and alcohol related vehicle deaths," Heise said.

He voiced strong support for two House bills, 4093 and 4131, that are intended to preserve the lower limit.

"These bills are designed to keep our communities safe," Heise said, pointing to "very compelling testimony" before the House Criminal Justice Committee of protecting the reduced limit.

Those who testified before the committee included representatives of the Michigan State Police, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, General Motors Corp., the Michigan Department of Transportation, the state Attorney General and Secretary of State offices, AAA Michigan, the Prosecuting Attorneys Association, the Michigan Police Chiefs Association, the Michigan Association of Drug Court Professionals and the Michigan Alcohol Policy.

Heise predicted the full House will vote on the bills in March and send the measures to the Senate and Gov. Rick Snyder.



Officer Brian DeYoung checks a student's ID during class time at Canton High School.

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officers to "dramatically reduce" the amount of time spent investigating and doing paperwork, and given the SROs more time to spend among the students.

Sharing the cost

The SROs are a partnership between Canton Township and the school district. Canton Township pays for the first two, and is sharing the cost of the third. The district is paying 50 percent of that cost this year and 75 percent next year before fully assuming the cost of the third SRO in 2014-15.

The SROs believe the addition of a third partner has been a big help. Until this year, the two SROs had to rotate between buildings.

"We've got coverage in all three schools now," said Officer Brian DeYoung, in his third year as a SRO. "The addition of the third one allows me to get out in the hallways, walk the paths (between buildings) and be seen by the staff and kids."

According to statistics Eyl showed at Tuesday's board meeting, discipline data recorded by the three high schools show the additional SRO has resulted in more suspensions and handling of more noncriminal incidents, making the Park safer.

That's tough to do, Eyl pointed out, with some 6,500 people in those three buildings.

"The student population (at the Park) is about 8 percent of the population of Canton Township," Eyl said.

Candid cameras

In the staff survey, which drew responses from 280 of 300 staffers, better than 85 percent said they believe discipline issues are now being handled in a timely, satisfactory fashion. More than 90 percent said the cameras have added a measure of safety.

"It's certainly not scientific," said Cheri Steckel, the principal at Plymouth High School. "But it's very important feedback because it's coming from our staff members at the Park."

Not everyone agrees it's a safer environment. While Canton High School senior Emily Farhat said some things have changed, she thinks the SROs are focused in the wrong areas.

"They take care of the big stuff," she said. "They fix problems, but not always the problems that are bothering the kids. I'm not sure they're always in tune with what's going on."

But Officer Jacob Krogmeier, a 27-year-old in his second year as a SRO, said most of the kids have reacted well to having the additional security. Krogmeier, on Thursday patrolling the cafeteria at

Salem and exchanging greetings and high-fives with the students, said his interaction with them is the best part of the job.

"I like working with the administration and the security team that's already in place here," Krogmeier said. "It's really rewarding to work with the kids, and see them grow and develop."

More trust

In addition to patrolling the halls, the SROs get involved in the classroom, teaching things such as practical law and basic law enforcement. That interaction has led to a more trusting relationship with the students, who often warn officers of potential problems, according to Krogmeier.

"Because of the relationship with the kids, we often get notified before things happen," he said. "We spend a lot of time making sure things don't happen. One of our biggest goals is to be proactive."

The SROs serve on a three-year hitch, and DeYoung is coming to the end of his third year. He got in to begin with because he likes working with kids and "thought it was a good position for me to be in."

But now... "I truly enjoy this position," DeYoung said. "I'm not looking forward to the end of the school year."

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Police seek help in robbery

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Two men accused of robbing a north-end Canton business at gunpoint have prompted authorities to ask for help in identifying the suspects.

Police have released surveillance photos of the suspects wanted for an armed robbery that occurred just before 9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, inside the Family Dollar store on Joy Road near I-275.

Police confirmed that no shots were fired from the handgun, and no one was injured.

One suspect was described by Canton



Canton police are seeking this suspect and another following an armed robbery at the Family Dollar store on Joy Road.

police as a dark-complected black male, 30 years old, approximately 6-foot-1 and 150 pounds

with a narrow face. He was wearing a black-hooded sweatshirt with Nike in white lettering,



This is one of two suspects Canton police are seeking following a robbery at the Family Dollar store on Joy Road.

police said.

The second suspect was described by authorities as a dark-complected

black male, 20 years old, about 5-foot-8 and 175 pounds with a round face. He was wearing a black

coat and gray jeans.

Canton authorities are asking anyone with information about one or both suspects to contact the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400.

Anonymous tips for a cash reward may be reported to Crime Stoppers of Michigan by calling (800) SPEAK-UP or going online to www.1800.speakup.org.

Canton police released a statement indicating Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1,000 for a tip that leads to an arrest in the case.

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The other candidates on the list:

- Christopher Timmis, superintendent of Adrian Public Schools, the only other Michigan candidate in the field.

- Curtis Cain, associate superintendent for educational services in the Shawnee Mission School District in Overland Park, Kan.
- Michael Meissen, supervisor of school improvement and student achievement for Milwaukee Public Schools in Milwaukee, Wis.

• Rick Mills, chief executive officer, Minneapolis Public Schools, Minneapolis, Minn.
John Barrett, president of Plymouth-Canton's Board of Education, said board members "were impressed" with the field of 10 candidates brought

forth by Ray & Associates.

"We were also impressed with the system they used to help us narrow it down," Barrett said. "We were happy with the depth of experience in districts at all levels. Many of the candidates had experience

at all levels of administration. They had good reviews from the people who worked with them."

The board is looking to replace Jeremy Hughes, who hired on as the interim superintendent in the wake of the departure of former Superintendent Craig Fiegel. He had

the interim tag removed from his title last year. Hughes, whose contract expires at the end of the 2012-13 school year, has said he's not interested in staying longer.

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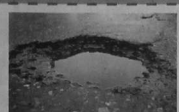
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Open house draws elementary crowd

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

After the results of their first one Monday, Plymouth-Canton schools officials are probably wondering why they waited so long to host an elementary school open house.

District officials estimated more than 500 people showed up for their first open house at Hoben Elementary School, and some 300 parents registered their children for kindergarten in what is likely the largest kindergarten roundup in district history.

"The turnout was amazing," Board of Education President John Barrett said at Tuesday's board meeting. "Those folks did an outstanding job."

The open house — and similar events scheduled next month for middle and high school students — was part of a marketing plan the district rolled out recently to combat a loss in enrollment and competition from other sources (such as charter schools).

"The open houses are a way to give families a chance to see all the good things we have to offer," said Frank Ruggirello, the district's former director of community relations (he left the district for a similar job at Schoolcraft College) who helped organize the open house. "Parents start shopping for schools for the next year after the holidays, so this is a good time for us to do it."

Similar open houses are scheduled for middle schoolers at Pioneer Middle School March 13 and at Salem High School March



Plymouth-Canton school officials estimated some 500 people turned out for Monday's open house at Hoben Elementary School.

14. While the elementary open house will be focused on providing information, the others will focus more on the kind of work students do. It will feature student singers, artists, athletes and others.

"It's important we share with the Plymouth-Canton community what we have to offer, and to explain we have a comprehensive curriculum that will meet the needs of all learners," said Liz Vartanian-Gibbs, Hoben's principal and the organizer of the open house.

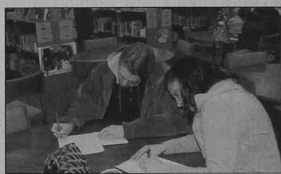
In addition to the open house, all elementary schools will be offering individual building tours on Wed., Feb. 27, at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

P-CCS will be accepting Kindergarten registrations at all elementary schools March 11-15. Parents can visit the Kindergarten Registration website at www.pccs.k12.mi.us/registration/#kindergarten

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While Monday's open house was held at Hoben Elementary School, representatives from all 15 elementary schools are on hand to talk to parents.



Officials said some 300 parents registered for kindergarten at Monday's open house, where a plethora of information was available about programs offered at Plymouth-Canton schools.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Photo finish

Alyssa Braun of Canton was the big winner in the recent Scholastic Art Exhibit.

More than 5,100 individual entries and 324 senior portfolios were judged by teams of artists and educators. After eighteen hours, and careful and some-



Braun

times lively deliberation, they selected 250 Gold Keys, 344 Silver Keys and 408 Honorable Mentions.

Some 77



One of Canton resident Alyssa Braun's winning photos in the recent Scholastic Art Exhibit.

Gold Key Portfolios were selected from 324 submitted, seven were selected "Best of Show" and five Gold Key works were selected as American Vision Nominees. All Gold Key work will be judged at the national level in March. The national ceremony will be on May 31 at Carnegie Hall and will also be live-streamed for students and teachers who are unable to attend.

For more information on the contest, visit www.artandwriting.org/the-awards.

New Morning auction

New Morning School hosts its 37th annual auction, "There's No Place Like New Morning School," Friday, March 15, at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

The auction helps the school mark its 40th anniversary. The event, hosted by and benefiting New Morning School, features (among other things) a unique trio of autographed memorabilia from Tommy "The Hitman" Hearn, including an autographed robe, trunks and an autographed picture; Custom dinner out for six at E.G. Nicks with a gourmet, customized three-course menu with wine pairings, two hours in a 747 simulator used for professional flight training for four people; and a visit to the Blaine & Allyson in the Morning radio show.

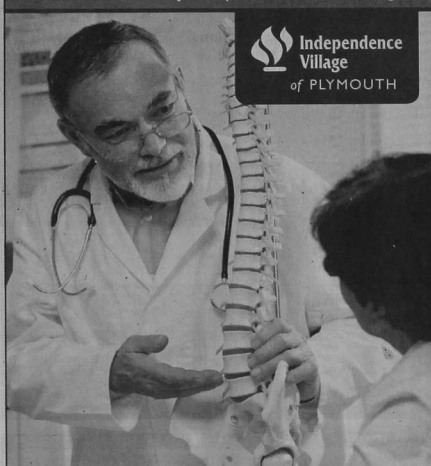
Cost is \$75/ticket (includes meal and open bar). For reservations visit www.newmorningschool.org/support/mns-auction.html or contact the auction coordinator by email at judy@newmorningschool.com or calling (734) 420-3331.

Montessori honor

Plymouth-Canton Montessori School announced it has earned a five-year accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the country's leading organization of early childhood professionals.

According to Kay Neff, Head of School, the accreditation process is a rigorous one that includes an external study to measure its program and services against the 10 NAEYC Early Childhood Program standards and more than 400 related accreditation criteria. The school also received an on-site visit by NAEYC assessors to ensure the school's program meets each of the 10 standards and is subject to unannounced visits anytime during the five-year period.

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Yankee Air holds cost of B-17 flight experience

The Yankee Air Museum is holding the line on what it charges for its for Flight Experience (FLEX) rides on board its B-17, "Yankee Lady." The decision to keep FLEX rides on the meticulously restored World War II Flying Fortress at \$425 per person for 2013 comes as the Yankee Lady is in the midst of ambitious winter maintenance. YAM members will continue to be rewarded with a \$50 discount on flights.

A FLEX ride is a 45-minute experience with approximately 30 minutes of air time. FLEX rides are being booked now for select Wednesday evenings out of Yankee Lady's home base at Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti, May 15 through Oct. 9. "Our costs have risen sharply," said Ray Hunter, YAM chairman of the Board of Directors. "Keeping on top of scheduled maintenance is paramount. The increased cost of parts, fuel and oil weighed heavily on an already difficult decision. We could justify a price hike, but keeping rides affordable and keeping history alive, especially for our Greatest Generation, is very important right now."

Hunter said it is imperative to have every flight fully booked. He said an analysis of 2012 expenditures for the Flying Fortress FLEX ride program revealed an average cost of \$3,500 for every hour flown. Contributing to the high costs is the record high price of aviation fuel. The four-engine heavy bomber burns more than \$1,000 of high-octane gasoline every hour. Fuel costs for the 2013 flying season are unpredictable.

Hunter added that by holding the line on pricing, the YAM is also giving a nod to the many people last year who said "maybe next year."

"It's a near certainty this is the last year we'll be able to offer rides at these prices," said Norm Ellickson, YAM's B-17 Crew Chief. "The Yankee Lady is in great shape, but it's been nearly 18 years since she was fully restored and it's time to freshen her cosmetics, so to speak."

Ellickson referred to a long list of winter projects, including painting the tail assembly and wing tips with the World War II markings of the 8th US Army Air Force 381st Bomb Group which this airplane honors. Some interior painting and re-upholstery was done inside as well. YAM volunteers who

work with the salaried chief mechanic donate most of the labor, but material costs on a priceless aircraft are extraordinary.

"While we're fortunate to have some exceptionally talented engineers, mechanics and craftsmen donate their time and talent, we need full flight revenues," said Dave Wright, director of the FLEX ride program. "This year, more than ever, we need people to scratch 'a ride in

a Flying Fortress' off their bucket list."

People who are interested in flying on the B-17 are encouraged to plan early. According

to Wright, some of the premium dates may sell out early. To order a B-17 FLEX ride or to obtain a gift certificate, call Wright at (734) 483-4030, Ext. 236. Donations are tax deductible within the limits of the law and will directly support the B-17. "This year it's time to

quit saying 'maybe next year,' advised Hunter. "After all, Yankee Lady is also of the Greatest Generation and she has a bucket list too. Make sure you're on it!"

Established in 1981, the Yankee Air Museum is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Visit the www.yankeearmuseum.org website to learn more about us and how the USAF Thunderbirds demonstration team will Thunder Over Michigan June 15-16.



The Yankee Air Museum has decided to hold the line on the cost of flight experience or FLEX rides aboard its Yankee Lady for 2013.

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Rock fundraiser benefits arts partnership

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This lively evening of entertainment will benefit the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, a local non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the growth of cultural arts in the Canton community. This fundraiser will begin at 7 p.m. with a reception featuring appetizers from Antonio's Cucina Italiana; Hayden's Grill & Bar; and Panache 447. In addition, the Showroom of Elegance and Indigo Salon and Day Spa will be onsite offering special complimentary promotions.

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Seniors and disabled individuals in need of help to clean their yards should call (734) 453-6879, ext. 7 or e-mail betty.nolan@pcuw.org before Friday, March 15.

"It's a great partnership with the community," said Marie Morrow, President, Plymouth Community United Way.

Volunteers are needed as well to clean yards and do light outdoor chores. Come alone, with your family or bring a team of co-workers or friends.

Volunteers are asked to bring rakes, garden tools, hedge trimmers, and gloves. PCUW will supply yard waste bags. Deadline to apply is Friday, April 12.

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The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, March 5, 2013 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 6, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 7, 2013 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Monday, March 11, 2013 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointments only. COMPLETED 2013 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY, and must be submitted to the Front Office located on the First Floor of City Hall prior to your appointment. The "Deadline" for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Monday, March 11, 2013.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner. Written petitions must be received by Monday, March 11, 2013 by 9:00 p.m. Postmarks are not accepted.

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper.


All Board of Review Meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at (734) 453-1234, ext 253.

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W-W expands Spanish class to all K-4 buildings

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Five months after launching a pilot Spanish class at Walker-Winter Elementary School in Canton, Wayne-Westland school officials have decided to expand it and make the language class available to all elementary and upper elementary students next year.

The Wayne-Westland school board unanimously approved a request to begin offering the once-a-week class in the 2013-14 school year.

According to Aaron Baughman, executive director for curriculum development, the addition of the language class at the lower grades will allow students to leave sixth grade with one high school credit. Coupled with the opportunity to earn a second credit in middle school, students could enter high school and have

already two credits "under their belt."

"The state now requires two credits in the same foreign language with this year's freshman class to graduate," Baughman said. "That's four semesters they're forced to be in unless we take steps for them to learn the language earlier. Students need to have it in K-12 and can be introduced to it in the elementary piece."

The district has been offering Spanish to K-4 students at Walker-Winter since September. They receive one hour of instruction each week. Moving forward, the current world language class offered in fifth grade will be converted to Spanish and complement sixth-grade Spanish.

Students will be offered an equivalency examination at the end of sixth grade which will show their mastery of the language. If they pass, they will

receive one high school credit.

"Building the program and making it rigorous will help us stay competitive and provide opportunities to our students," said Baughman.

According to Spanish teacher Katie O'Keefe, Walker-Winter students are immersed in the language as soon as they enter the classroom. When she greets them in the hallway, it is in Spanish.

"We're always using it in the classroom," she said. "Ten percent of our school population is Hispanic, we have parents coming in teaching mini lessons."

The goal of the K-4 program is to build a foundation in the language. Students learn words and phrases and have fun doing it. There's no need for textbooks. O'Keefe uses a SmartBoard.

"We cover the language domains — reading, writing,

listening — and add the core classes," she said.

Jennifer Raymond, who teaches Spanish at Marshall Upper Elementary, said the advantage of children learning the language at a younger age is that they come to fifth grade "with a base knowledge."

"You're not building from scratch, you're adding on to what they've already learned," she said. "Sixth grade builds on what they learned in fifth grade. It's extremely exciting to create a cohesive language program for the schools."

According to Baughman, a lot of thought went into building the program and making it work. The advantages are that no textbook is needed in the K-4 classes and the existing texts will be used for 5-6.

"This is one of the programs that will make us more competitive and put us at a higher level than surrounding dis-

tricts," he said. "It allows our students to take more advanced classes in high school."

School Superintendent Greg Baracy told the board that the district will administer the language test that can be given "as early as we feel the student is ready."

"We don't have to wait for a certain point, we can give the test, if we feel they have mastery of the subject," he said. He added that filling the language requirement at an early age gives high school students more choices in electives, like vocational classes, that require more space in their schedules.

"It's been in the works a long time," said school board President Carol Middel. "It's something we need and we are all for it."

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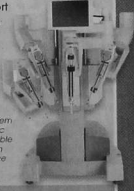
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Chirban's recent books include *How to Talk with Your Kids about Sex*, *What's Love Got to Do with It?* and *True Coming of Age — A Dynamic Process that Leads to Emotional Well-Being, Spiritual Growth, and Meaningful Relationships*.

He is a contributor to numerous scientific journals, popular magazines, and a frequent guest of television and radio talk shows.

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on the impact of divorce of children and parents, the survey hosted on Dr. Phil's website http://drphil.com/speak_main/. Following a working relationship with B.F. Skinner (The Father of Behaviorism) spanning two decades on psychology and religion, Chirban is completing a psychobiography of Dr. Skinner based on their extensive library of recorded interviews. Chirban maintains special interest in integrative studies of medicine, psychology and religion

and serves as clinical instructor in psychology at Harvard Medical School at The Cambridge Health Alliance. In 2003, he was named Senior Fellow at the Center for the Study of World Religions at Harvard University. He also serves as professor of psychology and chairman of the Human Development Program at Hellenic College. Chirban serves as director of Cambridge Counseling Associates and director of the Institute of Medicine, Psychology and Religion in Cambridge, Ma.

He lives with his three teenagers in Carlisle, Ma. There is a \$10 registration fee that includes lunch. Register online at <http://saintmarylivonia.com/home/?p=1469>.

Japanese-English charter school hosts open house

Hinoki International School, the first Japanese-English bilingual public charter elementary school in Michigan, will host an Open House 6 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 36611 Curtis Road, Livonia, for prospective students and families enrolling for kindergarten through third grade in the 2013-14 school year.

At the Open House, visitors will have the opportunity to learn about the school's two-way Japanese-English immersion program and curriculum, tour classrooms, and

meet teachers, administrators, Hinoki school board members and parent volunteers. A brief presentation about two-way language immersion will start at 6 p.m.

Hinoki International School is a tuition-free public charter school with open enrollment to all students residing in Michigan.

Hinoki International School opened in fall 2010 with a kindergarten class; the school continues to add a grade each consecutive school year. For the 2013-14 school year,

enrollment is limited to 50 students in each grade of kindergarten and first grade, and 25 students in each grade of second and third grade. A native-speaking English teacher and a native-speaking Japanese teacher teach each class.

At the Hinoki Open House, baked Japanese goods made by Hinoki's Parents and Teachers Organization will be available for sale. For more information, visit hinoki-school.org or facebook.com/hinokischool, or call (734) 422-5931.


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Benefit raises funds for Make-A-Wish

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Some terminally ill children dream of visiting places such as Walt Disney World before they die. Others simply want their neighborhood playground made accessible for their wheelchairs.

Make-A-Wish Foundation helps those dreams become possible. And a decision by Canton's Arctic Edge Ice Arena to host a benefit for the nonprofit organization raised nearly \$1,500 to grant wishes of children who are terminally ill or facing life-threatening health issues.

"The total raised at the event was \$1,446, which we think is great," Brook Boggs, Arctic Edge event planner and coordinator, said.

Arctic Edge hosted the two-hour ice-skating and fundraising event Saturday, Feb. 9, after the arena was approached by 15-year-old Ryan Rabinowitz, a healthy Novi youngster who has been raising money to help children less fortunate than he is.

Ryan's effort involved collecting ice arena concessions from Michigan ice arenas to donate to Make-A-Wish Foundation, but Boggs said Arctic Edge took the campaign one step further by donating ice time and allowing fundraising patrons to skate for two hours.

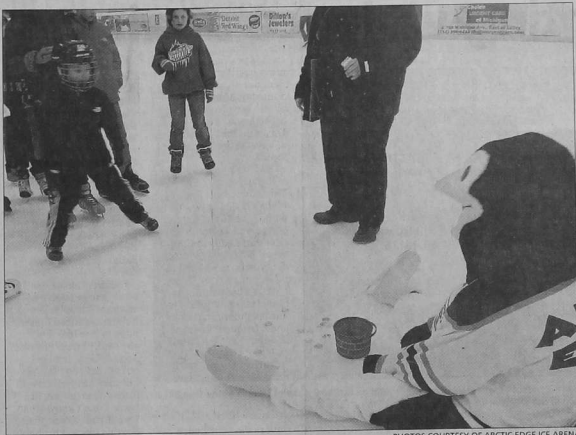
Boggs said she and other arena employees arranged the benefit because they viewed Ryan's project as a worthy cause. The event also allowed patrons to learn more about the nonprofit Make-A-Wish Foundation. Youngsters who attended the Arctic Edge event got to meet Artie Edge, the arena's penguin mascot, who played ice games with children. One of those was a "Wishing Well" game on ice, Boggs said.

"Kids tossed plastic coins into the wishing well and had much fun with this game, as well as with the other games on ice," she said.

For more on the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan, go to www.wishmich.org. For more on the national organization, go to www.wish.org.

The national website notes that 231,586 wishes have been granted. A wish is granted every 38 minutes. Some children want to travel to places they've only dreamed of seeing. Others want to improve their physical surroundings.

Those attending "Ryan's Round-up at the Rink" were asked to donate \$5 for cake admission. His mother, Trish Rabinowitz, also said the event was



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Skaters play ice games with Arctic Edge mascot Artie Edge during a fundraiser to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

to include fundraising efforts.

Rabinowitz said her son last fall contacted ice rinks across Michigan in an attempt to collect con-

cession proceeds to benefit Make-A-Wish.

Ryan, a Novi High School freshman, counts himself as fortunate to have good health. He's

on the prep hockey team at school and considers hockey "the best sport in the world."

Yet, he knows oth-

er youngsters face wor-

ries of terminal illnesses, so he wanted to help. His efforts also have become part of his confirmation at St. James Catholic Church and Novi High



Arctic Edge mascot Artie Edge puts his arm around Novi teen Ryan Rabinowitz, who brought his fundraising effort for Make-A-Wish Foundation to Canton.



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Rising up: First Step goes global in fighting violence against women

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Their numbers were small, but the message that went out Thursday morning was big. A group of mostly women danced and rose up to show their support in stopping violence against women and girls.

Gathered in the great room at First Step in Wayne, the group was part of a global happening, One Billion Rising, a call to action falling on the 15th anniversary of the founding of V-Day. "One of every three women on the planet will be physically or sexually abused in her lifetime," said Theresa Bizeo, associate director of First Step. "That's one billion who have been harmed or killed due to sexual assault and sexual violence. So today is different, today is special. People are dancing in cities and on beaches around the world to break the bonds of violence."

Participating in the event was a logical action for First Step which for decades has served victims of domestic and sexual violence in Wayne County through its offices in Wayne, Plymouth, Redford and Lincoln



Gail Diebolt of Wayne lights the candle held by Larissa Rymko of Livonia at the One Billion Rising event at First Step in Wayne.

coin Park. The participants included van driver Ed Wiedenbeck and Diane Smalley of Ypsilanti Township who is a delegate to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. It included Radio City Rockette and integrative health and movement coach Jennifer Fiant, who taught the group the steps to the dance, choreographed by Debbie Allen and set to music of

Break the Chain.

Reading from a statement by V-Day founder Eve Ensler, Bizeo told the group that one billion victims is "simply insane and unacceptable."

Global phenomenon

"One Billion Rising has also shown that violence against women is not a national, tribal, ethnic, religious issue but a global phenomenon, and the rising will give sur-

vivors the confidence of knowing that violence is not their fault or their families' fault," she said. "Today the dancing begins and with this dancing we express our outrage and joy and our firm global call for a world where women are free and safe and cherished and equal. Dance with your body, for your body, for the bodies of women and the earth."

The message rang true for a young woman who had come over from the shelter with her infant daughter to be a part of the event. While a back injury prevented her from dancing, being at the event was "empowering." A victim of what she called "silent abuse" in which she was prevented from leaving her home, she has been at the shelter with her two daughters for almost 90 days.

"I didn't think I would be able to get out, seven times I tried to leave before I realized I didn't have to live like that," she said. "I didn't think I would be able to get out of that relationship, but they have given me a chance to get my life back. I don't know what I would have done without this place. I probably would have gone back for the wrong reasons."

For her, One Billion Rising is important in breaking the chain of violence and sparing her daughters.

"This was excellent, really empowering," she said. "I found it very uplifting."

V-Day is a global activist movement to end violence against women and girls that raises funds and awareness through benefit productions of Ensler's award winning play, *The Vagina Monologues*. To date, the V-Day movement has raised more than \$90 million and educated millions about the issue of violence against women and the efforts to end it, reopened shelters, and funded more than 14,000 community-based anti-violence programs and safe houses in Democratic Republic of Congo, Haiti, Kenya, South Dakota, Egypt and Iraq.

15 years later

According to Ensler, it was never the intent for V-Day to be around 15 years later.

"Our mission was to end violence against women and girls, and so we planned to be out of business years ago," she said. "We have had enormous victories in these years. We have broken taboos, spoken the word 'vagina' in 50 languages in 140 countries, called up stories and truths about violence against women, breaking the silence, supported amazing activists across the planet who have created and changed laws. But we have not fulfilled our mission to end violence against women and girls."

As a result, she decided on the 15th anniversary of V-Day to go further and escalate efforts "to break through the patriarchal wall of oppression and denial, to transform the mindset that has normalized this violence, to bring women survivors into their bodies, their strength, their determination, their energy and power and to dance up the will of the world to finally make violence against women unacceptable."

So on Thursday, people like those in Wayne danced to break the chain of violence.

"It's amazing to be here," said Laura Saad of Dearborn. "I'm thankful to be a part of this."

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Converting to Roth IRA often a good strategy

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I'm in my early 70s and have just retired. Social Security and my pension cover all my expenses. In fact, I'm actually saving money per month. I have approximately \$350,000 in my IRA. I don't need the income from that money at this point but I was told that because of my age I would have to start taking distributions. Since I don't need the money is there any way that I can avoid having to take required minimum distributions?

A: There are a couple of ways to avoid taking required minimum distributions. One is putting the money in a Roth IRA which is not subject to required minimum distributions. Since it appears that your money is in a traditional IRA, you would have to convert the money into



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Rick Bloom

a Roth. As part of this transaction, the money that you are converting is subject to ordinary income tax. Once the money is within the Roth IRA, you can leave it there and it will grow tax free for as long as you choose.

I speak often about converting traditional IRAs into Roth IRAs. The upside is that money in a Roth IRA grows tax-free and is not subject to required minimum distributions. The downside is that whatever money you convert you have to pay taxes on. That money, however, would always have been subject to tax. By converting it you're paying

the tax a little earlier.

Particularly in a situation such as yours, it may pay to start an aggressive strategy of converting money into a Roth IRA. I don't believe it makes sense to convert the entire amount at once because it would throw you into a higher tax bracket. However, it may make sense to implement a program where you're converting your traditional IRA into a Roth IRA over a five-year period. Five years down the road all the money would be in the Roth IRA and you would no longer be subject to required minimum distributions.

My general rules for converting traditional IRAs into Roth IRAs include:

- You must have the money to pay the tax owed without touching the money being converted.

- Converting won't throw you into a higher tax bracket.

- You are able to leave the money to grow within the Roth IRA for at least five to seven years.

There is another way to get around the minimum distribution rules and that is you can donate your required minimum distribution to a qualified charity. As long as the money goes directly from the IRA to a qualified charity, there are no tax consequences.

This is a very good strategy to use particularly for people who are generous in nature and who no longer can itemize their charitable contributions. This strategy has been in and out of the law for a number of years but was once again put back into the law during the fiscal cliff discussions. Even though you do not get a charita-

ble deduction when you follow this strategy, you are avoiding the tax on your required minimum distribution.

One last note and that is when it comes to converting traditional IRAs into Roth IRAs, it's not something that only seniors can take advantage of. Anyone can convert money into a Roth IRA. You don't have to convert your entire account; you can convert any portion of it. If you meet the criteria outlined here, no matter how old or how young you are, converting can be a very good strategy.

Good luck!

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Walkers help bring warmth to families in need

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

With 16 teams signed up and more expected, Erin Southward knows the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency's annual Walk for Warmth will be a success.

This is the 17th year the agency has held the walk, which will be Saturday, Feb. 23, at Westland Shopping Center. It's Wayne Metro's largest fundraising event and provides money to assist families in out-Wayne County who are in desperate need of utility assistance.

"Last year, we were able to assist more than 500 families," said Southward, the agency's communications manager. "We helped them avoid utility shut-off. If they get a notice and bring it to us and if the funding is available, we may pay the bill or there may be a co-pay to help them avoid having their utilities shut off."

This is the third year the walk has been held at Westland Shopping Center. Last year's event attracted hundreds of walkers and raised \$50,000. According to Southward, the money raised is unrestricted and helps the agency help families that don't meet the guidelines of other programs.

The walk will be 9 a.m.



Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano (center) will once again serve as an honorary chair of Wayne Metropolitan Action Agency's 17th annual Walk for Warmth at Westland Shopping Center Saturday, Feb. 23.

to noon and is designed to be a fun event for the entire family. There will be entertainment by the Dance Academy at Westland Shopping Center and RC DJ and Video Productions. Members of the Detroit Derby girls roller derby team will be on hand along with different mascots, including Warmin' the penguin, the Wayne Metro mascot. Community supporters are encouraged to start a team with their co-workers, friends and family. Teams must include

at least five walkers, however, individuals can participate. Walk-

ers are asked to raise a minimum of \$15 and the first 300 who raise that

amount will receive a Walk for Warmth T-shirt. Teams with at least five members are eligible to win awards. Awards will be presented in both youth and adult categories for Best Team Name, Most Team Spirit, Highest Total Pledges and Largest Team of Walkers.

Participants will walk around the mall, but there's no requirement on how far. Teams can sign up right up to the event, said Southward. Those already signed up are more than last year. "We expect a few more teams," she said. "People can sign up at the walk and the can donate. We usually have walkers who see what is going on, ask what's happening and then participate."

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and Westland Mayor William Wild again will serve as honorary chairs and will

be joined by Channel 7 Action News meteorologists Dave Rexroth and Keenan Smith.

"It's really a lot of fun. Teams get pretty competitive and it's all for a great cause," said Wayne Metro CEO Louis Piszker. As the community action agency for the 42 communities in out-Wayne County, Wayne Metro offers more than 50 programs to assist income-eligible community residents. Included in its service area are Westland, Wayne Garden City, Canton Township, Plymouth Township, Redford, Livonia and Northville.

For more information on the Walk for Warmth, go online to www.waynemetro.org or call Southward at (734) 246-2280, Ext. 123.

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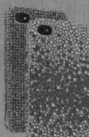
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Rocks nip 'Cats, face Glenn next

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Although Salem could not repeat as KLAAs Central Division champion, senior guard Kevin Mack and his teammates still have a card to play.

The visiting Rocks—sparked by some blue-collar work by Salem's captain—hung on by a thread Friday night to edge Plymouth 45-43 in a KLAAs Kensington Conference boys basketball tournament game.

Defending KLAAs champion Salem (12-5) now advances to the second round and will host Westland John Glenn at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

"We lost the division championship and that made us hungrier than we've been this whole season," said Mack, who made several clutch plays in the fourth. "We had a good two days of practice and we just wanted to get back on a winning streak."

Yet the Rocks could not exhale until the final buzzer sounded. Plymouth's Brian Schmidt scored on a putback with three

seconds left to slice the lead to 45-43. Salem then muffed the ensuing inbounds play, with possession returning to the Wildcats (6-11).

Couldn't finish

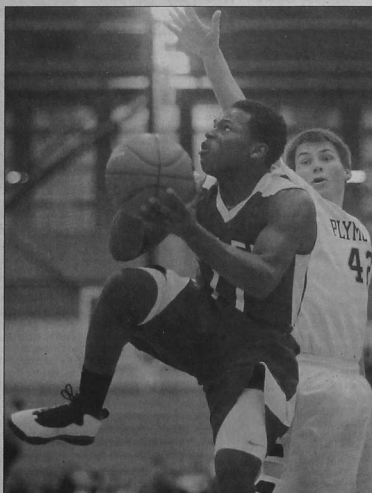
The Wildcats got the ball in the hands of red-hot senior guard Josh Priebe (20 points) for a 3-ball attempt from the left flank. The shot hit iron and Plymouth could not convert a putback as the game ended.

"It put us in a position to win the game and we just couldn't get it done," Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup said. "You got to execute. If you don't do that, it's a tough way to live."

His Salem counterpart, Bob Brodie, said the Rocks survived despite putting themselves in a precarious position.

"We just didn't do a very good job of making decisions out there," Brodie said. "We had a play designed and that's obviously not what we wanted to do or where we wanted to throw it. We had all kinds of timeouts. We could have

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Salem senior captain Kevin Mack goes up for a shot during Friday's KLAAs Kensington Conference tournament game. Trying to stop him is Plymouth's Tyler Gamblin (No. 42).

Salem ices honor Merget

Before Friday's Salem varsity boys hockey game against Howell at Plymouth Cultural Center, the team honored Salem senior Max Merget as part of Senior Night festivities.

Merget is battling the return of brain cancer after a 10-year remission. A 50-50 raffle was held with proceeds going to pediatric brain cancer research.

Although he does not play hockey, Merget played Salem varsity tennis and plays varsity baseball along with Colin Pietron and Jack Driscoll (juniors on the Rocks' hockey team).

Go to Mxyourbrain.org for Merget's story. Also honored on Senior Night were captain Kyle Downey, Alek Zultowski, Evan Patton, Jake Fedel, Adam Marthaler, Kory Johnston and goalie Anthony Veresan.

Hoop clinic for shooting

The Metro Basketball Association will offer a shooting clinic (grades three-eight) from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17, at Huron Valley Lutheran High School, located at 33740 Cowan, a half mile east of Warren Road, Westland.

The cost is \$45 (if pre-registered by Feb. 15) or \$45 at the door for the Pro Shot Shooting System clinic. For more information, visit www.metrobasketball.org. You can also call Kevin Wilkinson at (313) 406-2722 (office) or (313) 247-5405 (cell).

MWGA news

Teaching golf pro Bob Krause and the Michigan Women's Golf Association are offering MWGA members discounts on lesson packages and on-course playing instruction.

Krause, who spent nine years on pro tours around the country, provides year-around instruction at the all-weather Pure Impact Golf Studio in Commerce Township. He also will offer instructional opportunities at Fieldstone Golf Course in Auburn Hills and Lyon Oaks Golf Course in South Lyon.

MWGA membership is available to amateur female golfers of all ages and skill levels. The MWGA's annual meeting and four-woman scramble are scheduled for May 4 at Salem Hills in Northville. For more information, visit the website at www.mwga.org.

Chiefs come up clutch in OT to edge Novi

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

When it came down to crunch time Thursday night, a freshman played like a seasoned veteran for Canton's varsity girls basketball team.

In overtime of the KLAAs Kensington Conference tournament second-round game, with the score 38-38, freshman guard Natalie Winters intercepted a Novi pass near mid-court.

She then raced down the floor for what turned out to be the

GIRLS BASKETBALL

winning basket of a 41-38 Canton victory over the KLAAs Central Division champs.

"I thought that steal was huge," Canton head coach Brian Samulski said. "And then Nat came down and ended up getting a defensive rebound. So it was that whole series. She's a great competitor. She got after it."

Winters rebounded the ball after Novi's Amanda Geiger missed a triple try that would have put Novi up 41-40 with

about 50 seconds to play in OT.

After that miss, Canton junior guard Rachel Winters (14 points) made an important free throw to extend the Chiefs' lead to three and the Wildcats' last-ditch 3-ball attempt glanced off the rim to secure the victory.

The win put Canton (14-4) in Monday's 7 p.m. conference title matchup at Westland John Glenn.

"We always have battles with Novi. It's always a good game," Samulski said. "That's why we played our non-league schedule

in terms of Grosse Pointe South, Marian, Mercy. Those three games help get us ready for teams like Novi and (Westland) John Glenn."

Forcing OT

Novi (16-2) needed a late push to force overtime, something that didn't seem likely after the Chiefs extended a 21-17 halftime lead to 33-24 after three quarters.

Geiger (11 points) drained two

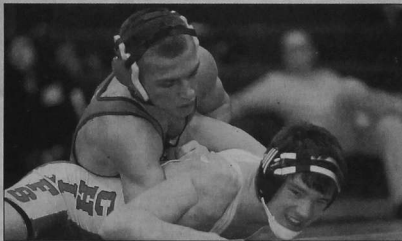
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Spartans' top gun



DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Stevenson defenseman Travis Harvey (17) racked up two goals and two assists in a 6-3 KLAAs crossover win Wednesday over Walled Lake Central at Livonia's Edgar Arena. For more on high school hockey, see page B2.



ANDREW RUBENSTEIN

Canton 152-pounder Ty Jansen (bottom) tries to escape the grasp of Westland John Glenn's Travis Mann during Wednesday's Division 1 team regional.

Rockets' hopes for finals take a fall

By Brad Emmons
Observer Staff Writer

Westland John Glenn was battling a strong opponent with a rich history both at the same time in Wednesday night's Division 1 team wrestling regional final.

The Rockets, making a bid for their first trip since 2001 to the MHSAA's Elite Eight in Battle Creek, fell victim to a red-hot Temperance Bedford squad, 58-10.

D1 TEAM FINALS

Glenn, which finished its dual match season at 21-10 overall, reached the championship match with a 47-21 semifinal victory over Canton. In the other semifinal, Bedford ousted Saline, 46-17.

The fourth-ranked Kicking Mules, now sporting a 26-2 overall record, were the odds-on favorite going in

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Spartans ice Vikings in KLAA crossover

Senior defenseman Travis Harvey picked up two goals and two assists Wednesday night leading Livonia Stevenson to a 6-3 Kenington Lakes crossover boys hockey win over visiting Walled Lake Central in a game played at Edgar Arena.

State-ranked Stevenson, which improved to 15-7-2 overall, led 2-0 after one period thanks to a Dominic Lutz power play goal at 12:25 from Tyler Irvine and Devin Kelly followed by Harvey's goal from Michael Beaudoin and Ryan Paulus just 33 seconds later.

Harvey's power play goal from Paulus and Beaudoin at the 5:52 mark of the second made it 3-0 before Jarrett Lazare scored for the Vikings 46 seconds later.

But the Spartans took a 4-1 lead into the final period on Mick Sinclair's goal from Harvey at 16 minutes.

Tim Kelly then scored seven seconds into the third from Dante Seychel and Irvine added a power play goal at 8:08 from Harvey and Chris Catalano to put the Spartans comfortably on top, 6-1.

Central (12-7-5), which was outshot 51-22, got late third period goals from Brendan O'Malley (12:14) and Connor Jeffries (15:15).

Central netminder Sam Woznicki made 45 saves,



DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK
Franklin's Mike Diaz (16), who had a goal and two assists, is chased by Novi's Connor Kenner in Wednesday's Kensington Conference crossover at Edgar Arena. Novi earned an 8-5 victory.

while Stevenson's Connor Humnitz had 19.

"It was nice to get the win and see some other step up with guys being out of the lineup," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "I'm really happy with the effort from Michael Beaudoin and Ryan Paulus tonight. Walled Lake Central is a vastly improved club and we had to play well to get the win."

CHURCHILL 6, MOTT 2: Brad Milks had a pair of goals and one assist to

propel Livonia Churchill (10-11-2) to a KLAA crossover win Friday over Waterford Mott (8-13-2) at Edgar Arena.

It was tied 1-all after one period, but a goal by Drew Sparks put the Chargers ahead to stay.

"We actually started slow, but when Sparks scored we came alive and looked like the Chargers of old," Churchill coach Jason Reynolds said.

Tommy Carey, Evan Gibboney and Dan Hudv (unassisted) added the

other Churchill goals, while Riley Brown had two assists.

Other assists went to Dylan Smith, Matt Sinclair and Luke Otto.

Ben Clemence and Todd Bonnavier scored for the Corsairs.

Mott goaltender Scott Koenigbauer had 42 saves, while David Turel stopped 15-of-17 shots.

CANTON 10, MILFORD 2: Cooper Rice and Christian Flack each scored twice as the Chiefs (6-16-1) routed Milford in this KLAA crossover game Friday at Arctic Edge.

Canton head coach Jeremy Majszak said the "Senior Night" game was halted by the mercy rule in the third period.

"It was not nice to not only get a big win and get a lot of contributions tonight," Majszak said. "But it was nice too because it was Senior Night for us."

Other players to spark the win were senior captain Matt Cox, senior defenseman Brad Ceci (one goal, two assists each) and senior blueliner Mark Monaghan.

SALEM 9, HOWELL 5: Alek Zaitovski scored three goals and assisted on three others to spark Salem's KLAA crossover

victory Friday night at Plymouth Cultural Center.

The victory was the 11th straight for the Rocks (17-6-1).

Jason Newell and Taylor Burris chipped in with two goals each, with the other goals collected by Adam Marthaler and Jake Fedel.

Other players with multiple points for Salem were Jake Sealy (three assists) and Noah Saad (two assists).

PLYMOUTH 9, GRAND BLANC 1: Plymouth (18-3-1) needed just two periods to win in a mercy Friday night at Arctic Edge.

Senior Nick Schultz (six points) and younger brother Mike Schultz (five points) led the assault.

CHURCHILL 6, MOTT 2: Brad Milks had a pair of goals and one assist to propel Livonia Churchill (10-11-2) to a KLAA crossover win Friday over Waterford Mott (8-13-2) at Edgar Arena.

It was tied 1-all after one period, but a goal by Drew Sparks put the Chargers ahead to stay.

NOVI 8, FRANKLIN 5: Mark Baker and Chris Kennedy each had two goals and one assist Wednesday as the Wildcats (9-12-1, 4-6-1) pulled away in the final period to beat Livonia Franklin (8-13-1, 1-10) in a KLAA Kensington Conference crossover.

The two teams were deadlocked at 2-2 after the first period and 4-4 after two.

Brandon Wexler and Ryan Baxter also added a goal and two assists each, while Bryan Fegert and Patrick Wojtylo also tallied goals.

Adam Stadler led the Patriots with a pair of goals.

Mike Diaz added a goal

and two assists, while Josh Dudek also had a goal to go along with an assist. Other assists went to Richie Wiczorek, Alex Stavak, C.J. Cromie, Dylan Smith and Tyler Morrmann.

Franklin goaltender Matt Moneno made 27 saves, while Novi's Austin Petty had 23 and assisted on a power play goal.

"It was one of the way the guys competed, but we still have a five-minute stretch where we let down a bit and can't afford to let down," Franklin coach Dennis Gagnon said. "We have to learn from our experience and hope to finish the season strong the next two weeks."

CHURCHILL 2, DAVISON 1: Livonia Churchill (9-11-2) snapped an eight-game losing streak Wednesday night with a non-conference boys hockey victory over the visiting Cardinals (10-10-1) at Edgar Arena.

The Chargers opened the scoring at 8:59 of the second period on Blake Burnette's power play goal from Nick McGee and Dylan Smith.

Matt Sinclair's goal at 11:55 of the third from Tommy Carey made it 2-0.

But Davison answered with just 1:05 remaining on Nick Goyette's goal.

But the Cardinals were unable to score the equalizer.

Churchill goaltender David Turel made 26 saves, while Davison's David Arterburn had 25 stops.

"It's nice to get the monkey off our back after a tough stretch on our schedule," Churchill Jason Reynolds said. "It's been awhile, but now we have to fine tune some things."

PCS Penguins' seniors sparkle on their night

It was Senior Night Tuesday for the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins girls hockey team, and the five players honored before the game sparked a 6-1 win over Livonia Ladywood.

Scoring for the Penguins (8-6-2) were seniors Jordan Patterson and Annelise Niernmann (in the first period) and captain Ashley Saunders in the second to put PCS up 6-0 at Arctic Edge Arena. Chipping in with three assists was senior Corty McAdoo and senior Beth Johnson turned in a solid performance on the blue line in the Michigan Metro Girls High School

GIRLS HOCKEY

Hockey League tilt.

Junior Jenna Carter helped the cause with a two-goal performance — scoring both on the penalty kill and power play. Also scoring for PCS was junior Morgan Cusmano, who netted the first goal of the game.

Earning the win in goal for the Pens was junior Gwen Gadulka.

The Penguins (2-14-4) spoiled Gadulka's bid for a shutout with 6:48 to play in the second period, when Hannah Pietra scored. Assisting on the tally were Virginia Matherly and Sabrina Alfita.

Whalers win in shootout

Plymouth Whalers' goaltender Alex Nedeljkovic stole a game from Kitchener Friday night.

A major reason Plymouth won 3-2 in a shootout was the young goalie, who stopped 50 of 52 shots through overtime and then blanked host Kitchener on all four tries during the subsequent shootout.

Meanwhile, Stefan Noesen finally found the range against Joel Viennieu on Plymouth's

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fourth shootout try and that turned out to be the difference.

Scoring for Plymouth were Zach Lorentz (short-handed) and Vince Trocheck, who also assisted on Lorentz' tally. Scoring twice for Kitchener was Matt Penner.

The Whalers (30-16-5, 4, 69 points) held on to first place in the Ontario Hockey League with the victory. They now hold a four-point lead on Sarria.

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The seventh annual Livonia Franklin Future Stars spring baseball clinic (grades 2-6) will be 9-11:30 a.m. (Session 1) and 12:15-2:45 p.m. (Session) Saturday, Feb. 23, at the high school fieldhouse, located at 31000 Joy Road.

The first session consists of hitting, base running and infield skills, while the second includes pitching, defense and outfield approach.

The cost for both sessions is \$50 (includes camp T-shirt) or \$30 per session. Bring a sack lunch between sessions from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

For more information, email Franklin varsity baseball coach Matt Fournier at mfournie26@lvoniapublicschools.org.

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Nick Kopas of Plymouth leads the Motor City Ukies in song at a Wednesday night practice in Farmington Hills.

Motor City Ukes

Ukulele players set the mood for hula dance at monthly meeting

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

It was the perfect night for a Hawaiian luau. Ukulele players strummed and sang about white sandy beaches while dancers gracefully swayed their hips and hands like rolling ocean waves. The only thing missing was the roast pig and taro pudding.

But appetite is geared toward music only at monthly meetings of the Motor City Ukies, where members of all skill levels gather inside a Farmington Hills software firm to learn new songs, sing favorites and

rehearse for upcoming gigs.

"I love being in this group. We have some people who play just awesome and there are others who are sort of beginners like me," said Tonya Kopas of Plymouth. "I've played guitar and I found this to be immensely easier. It's so much easier to pick up and play."

Her husband, Nick, co-leads the group, which he founded two years ago after receiving a ukulele as a gift from his son, Trajan, 6, who has his own Sponge Bob-themed ukulele. They taught themselves to play by watching tutorials on the

Internet and by meeting with ukulele groups.

When the couple tired of driving to meet other players in Lansing and Ann Arbor, Nick created a Meetup.com group closer to home. Its website lists meeting dates — generally the second Wednesday of the month at Nick's work place — upcoming gigs and, at last count, 78 ukulele enthusiasts.

Attendance at the evening jam sessions runs from 10 to upwards of 30 members. They play all forms of the instrument, from small soprano ukuleles to bigger baritone versions and a variety of



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Fawn Kopas not only plays Hawaiian music on her ukulele, she dresses in theme, too.

music.

Some, like Mark Swarthout, Farmington Hills attorney and Bloomfield Township resident, also build collections. "I've got about 15 ukuleles. I saw a group on YouTube and they were having so much fun. I said, that's cool. I had some gift card money ... I got my first ukulele. I haven't stopped since," he said.

Swarthout, who taught himself to play with help from the Internet, has performed with Motor City Ukies at Mighty Uke Day in Lansing — a festival of workshops and performances that runs May 10-11 this year — at First United Methodist Church in Birmingham and at



Joni and Joe Vanselow sing and strum together.

other gigs.

Teacher connection
Hoaloa Polynesian Dance Group often joins

the musicians, as it did earlier this year for a Polynesian-themed event

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Shall we dance? Local store offers prom package to one lucky girl

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Style Trader, an upscale resale shop in Livonia, is searching for Cinderella. "It's a fun way for us to give back to the community," said Jennifer Fields, store manager. "We have all these amazing dresses coming in that we are buying from the community and we want to have a way to reach out and let people know about the amazing deals they can find.

"And then finding someone — whether she has a hardship in her life or she does wonderful things for the community — that's where Cinderella comes into play."

The public may nominate a high school girl for the store's prom contest through March 14. One winner will receive a dress and accessories from Style Trader, along with services — such as hairstyling and makeup — from local businesses that have partnered with the store.

Nominees must be at least 16 years old and

attend one of seven participating high schools: Stevenson, Franklin or Churchill high schools in Livonia; Garden City High School; Redford Union or Thurston high schools in Redford; and John Glenn High School in Westland. Girls can't nominate themselves. Only third-party nominations will be accepted.

Entry forms are available at www.StyleTrader.biz. They can be submitted via the website or printed and submitted at the store, located at 11502 Middlebelt, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia.

Taylor Bond, Style Trader president, said five finalists will be chosen based on nomination essays. The winner will be selected at random and announced at a prom showcase, March 28, at the store.

"This is our first year. We see it as an annual event," Bond said. "Prom is huge, but it can be very expensive. Some people drop \$1,000 on prom, but come here and you don't have to drop anything like that."

Style Trader's prom dresses range from \$9.99-\$129. The contest winner will get her pick of the store's prom dresses, which include designer styles and gowns with their original price tags still attached.

"We've seen quite a few Jessica McClintock come in. We're always getting new inventory every day. We're getting in beautiful gowns. This one is \$19.99," Fields said, showing a floor-length, sparkly, white dress, with tags attached. "This was \$99 originally."

Since Style Trader opened in July last year, its employees have participated in a variety of community events, including the Plymouth Ice Festival, mom to mom sales and a school craft bazaar.

"We want to give back to the community," Bond said. "Our employees love it. They just love the opportunity to get out and meet people and represent the brand. We're an integral part of the community."



Jennifer Fields, manager of Style Trader in Livonia, shows off one of the many prom dresses for sale at the upscale resale shop.



Hoaloa dancers interpret music played by Motor City Ukies members. That's teacher and troupe leader Melanee Hirvela at far right.

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Teacher Chris Kozaczynski of Farmington Hills learned to play ukulele for the end-of-the-year luau at Walker-Winter Elementary School. His teaching partner at the Wayne Westland Community School, Melanee Hirvela, is a member of Hoaloa Polynesian Dance Group.

at Holy Trinity Church in Livonia and for the International Festival in Canton.

Several dancers were on hand last week for the Motor City Uke's monthly meeting. The two organizations initially met after Chris Kozaczynski of Farmington Hills and Melanee Hirvela of Plymouth, both teachers at Walker-Winter Elementary in Wayne Westland Community Schools, staged an end-of-the-year luau at their building. Kozaczynski quickly learned to play ukulele for the event, now an annual activity at the school, and Hirvela taught youngsters hula dance.

"Within a year I stumbled across Motor City Ukies. I played with them for about a year and said, by the way, I know someone who dances. We're up to about five or six (joint) performances a year," he Kozaczynski said.

Hirvela, who emigrated from the Philippines 30 years ago, studied Polynesian dance in California and Michigan and continues her training at occasional workshops with hula masters.

"Whatever I learn I share," she said. "It's really the music that is first. Our job is to communicate it (through dance). It's really about the songs."

Telling stories

Hirvela said Motor City Ukies play a more Americanized version of Hawaiian music, made popular in the mid-20th century by singers such as Elvis Presley. Called "hapa haole," the music combines English lyrics with Hawaiian melodies.

"They are starting to learn Hawaiian songs, which has been our emphasis," she added.

Dancers communicate the song lyrics through graceful hand movements, a kind of musical sign language.

Masako Ritch of Livonia, said she is

drawn to the dance form because it tells stories through movement.

Mika Toreki of Northville sees a connection between the dance and her own Japanese culture.

"I think the majority of Melanee's students are from Japan. A lot of the people who dance will tell you that their beliefs, the Japanese also being island people, are very similar to the Hawaiians," she said. "I feel what they are feeling. There is a spiritual portion to it. It makes me think of home a little bit."

Although Hirvela said the dance is secondary to the music, Motor City Ukies members enjoy the added dimension to their performances.

"We've done our own things, but when we get the dancers with us it's awesome," Nick Kopas said.

To find out more about the Motor City Ukies, visit motorcityukes.com. For more about Hoaloa's hula dance classes and performances, visit www.hoaloahamichigan.com.

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Mental health awareness requires listening and taking

By Len McCulloch

Guest columnist

Shortly before last Christmas, the world was shocked by the news about the Sandy Hook Elementary School Massacre. The school in Newtown, Conn., was the site of the mass murder of 20-plus school children and teachers. Yes, we have had similar news in the past from the Columbine High School massacre, the Colorado movie theatre massacre, the Virginia Tech University student shootings, and others.

Accounts of mass murderers and serial killers further back than that of Jack the Ripper are uncountable. And, yes there have been more school shooting tragedies since Sandy Hook. For example, on Jan. 16, a 16-year-old student armed with

a shotgun walked into a classroom at a rural California high school and shot one student and fired at another before being talked into surrendering by a teacher. This attack came less than one month after the Sandy Hook gunman massacred his victims, and then killed himself. This latter incident in January was certainly not the last to be heard of and, unfortunately, we can expect similar tragedies in our future.

In the aftermath of the Sandy Hook massacre — said to be the largest in our country's history — a great amount of attention was given to our citizens' and politicians' talk about mental illness. The contention that murders are perpetrated by individuals with known or suspected mental illness is, to many, a foregone conclusion. Mentally healthy people don't do such things.

Public reaction
USA Today ran a story on Dec. 23 about a mother named Lisa Long. It was said she reacted to the deaths of the children and

teachers at Sandy Hook by posting a blog on the Internet. It spread virally to hundreds of thousands of readers. It emphasized her words, "In the wake of another horrific, national tragedy, it's time to talk about mental health."

On Jan. 8, *USA Today* ran a story quoting another mother, Leisl Stouffer of California, saying, in reaction to the Sandy Hook massacre, "The implicit message seemed to be a plea for more focus, as a society, on our mental healthfulness."

Soon after the atrocities, President Barack Obama's first executive order included statements that seemed to echo this sentiment, as if to say, "When we go to start talking about our nation's mental health?"

Raising awareness
 The answer to such a question is that we have been, we are, and we will

continue to talk about mental health issues. You see, it is being talked about more in our schools and taught about more by our teachers and mental health professionals than ever before. Our mental health associations continue to promote public awareness and our criminal justice system is moving more recognition to the issues through so called "mental illness courts" and "sobriety courts." The Veteran's Administration takes us more and more about epidemic levels of mental illness and brain injuries among returning war veterans. So are others. Our local task force on teen suicide and our long-standing Call to Action Coalition are examples.

It occurs to me that the problem may not be that mental health issues are not being talked about, but that they are not being listened to and read about with more emphasis, less stigma, and with more open-mindedness. In my experience, we have come a long way, and in my opinion we have a long way to go. Perhaps our talking about mental health

issues is not frequent, organized, structured and regular enough. We tend to hear and talk and read about mental health and mental illness more often in the aftermath of tragedies such as Sandy Hook. Perhaps, we need more regular, ongoing, public forums. Is there any television station that has a built-in daily segment devoted to mental health awareness, education and prevention? I know of none. I do know of typical lead news reports that disclose the latest horrid tragedy, usually of a violent nature.

Negative view

I don't see a "counterpoint response," so to speak, on mental health awareness and reform. I seem to hear about the shortcomings of our society's response to the needs of our mentally ill citizens rather than the availability of treatment services. A lot of other people also tell me that they have the same perception.

At the risk of sounding self-serving, I believe that communities need to be made more aware of the

talk that is going on about mental health. My goal is to inform. I believe it is to the *Observer & Eccentric's* credit that the column you are now reading "Our Mental Health" has been printed monthly for over a decade. Not one month has been missed.

The 150 columns to date carry with them resources for more information about mental health topics as well as resources for consultations and treatments. The Farmington Hills Library archives the articles and they can be found via Internet at www.FarmLib.org/heritagecollection/newspapers.html. For assistance call the library at (248) 555-0300.

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Organization offers grants for bereavement programs

Angel Kisses, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving bereavement care for families that experience pregnancy loss, is accepting grant applications through March 1.

Founded in 2009, Angel Kisses initially worked directly with area hospitals to make positive change in bereavement care. Accomplishments include funding for bereavement rooms at Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital and St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit, donating a statue to the baby area at Roseland Park Cemetery, sponsoring two educational events for hospital care-givers, and more.

The stated mission is to fund Michigan-based programs that improve care available to families who experience perinatal loss, with a focus on babies delivered during the second or third trimester.

"We have essentially sharpened our focus, while expanding our reach," said

Amy Allen, cofounder and vice president of Angel Kisses. "Now we can bring energy into fundraising, and leave the execution to those with more expertise in that area. We know there are some hospitals out there in need, and some people with really great ideas."

Our hope is to discover and support some really unique and meaningful programs that will have a lasting impact on family members. No idea is too big or too small."

The organization seeks applicants to apply for grants up to \$20,000.

Grant applications are available on the group's website at angelkisses.org or by e-mailing tracyroberts@angelkisses.org. Angel Kisses will award existing funds this spring. Future award-ees also will be accepted as the focus of the group's next fundraiser. Details for upcoming fundraisers will also be announced this spring.

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Milestones

Emily Annabelle Saum

Emily Annabelle Saum was born January 14, 2013 at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital.

Parents are Adam and Erica Saum of Farmington Hills. Big sisters are Elizabeth, 5, and Addison, 3.

Proud grandparents are Carol Szymanski of Troy and Marlene and John Saum of Bradenton, Fla.

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DEGRAFF, PHOEBE CAMPBELL

Age 90, of Bloomfield Township. At home on February 8, 2013, from heart failure. Preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Daniel C. DeGraff. Survived by daughters Drieda DeGraff and Gretchen (Frank) Newman and granddaughters Anna (Rance Denis Griffin) and Grace Newman. Phoebe taught piano for over 50 years, directed the handbell choir at the Congregational Church of Birmingham, and was an adjudicator for numerous music festivals. Service at Great Lakes National Cemetery will be private. No contributions may be made to the Birmingham Muscular Paralysis Thrust, 14301 13 Mile Rd., B2, Southfield, MI 48076.

JOHNSON, MICHELLE L.

Age 33, of Livonia, passed away peacefully February 14, 2013, surrounded by her loving family. She was born August 13, 1979 in Livonia, daughter of James and Vicki (Keanne) Johnson. Michelle graduate from Wayne State University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts. She was a talented graphic design artist; she not only did brilliant freelance work but also worked for The Henry Ford and Emeral City Designs. Michelle loved visiting the DIA, "The Village," and Frankenmuth. She enjoyed traveling to warm climates so she could relax at the beach and be by the water. She was inspiring, hilarious, loving, strong-willed, generous, honest, compassionate and pure. Michelle wrapped her heart around everyone and all those who knew her loved her. She is survived by her mother Vicki Johnson, her sister Christine Johnson, and her grandmother Colleen Edwards. She was also loved by many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. She was preceded in death by her father James Johnson, her grandfathers, Lyndal and Novella Johnson, Eugene Edwards, and Joseph Vacante. Visitation will be held Sunday, February 17 from 1-8pm at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 E. Dunlap, Northville. The funeral service will be held Monday, February 18 at 11am, with visitation beginning at 10am at Ward Presbyterian Church, 4000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the family of Michelle L. Johnson or the Huron Valley Humane Society. Share online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com.

OLSON, ALTA L.

February 8, 2013, age 86 of Plymouth. Beloved wife of the late John, loving mother of David (Therese), John (Colleen), Mark (the late Nancy) and Kurt (Patricia). Adored Grandma of Markus, Kevin, Nicholas, Ryan, Lauren, Elodie and Alice. Funeral Service Friday 11 AM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, (Between Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. Visitation Thursday 6-9 PM. Interment Riverside Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army. To share a memory, visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com.



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RICHARD, DORIS WILLIAMS

Of Plymouth, passed away peacefully on the morning of February 13, 2013, in the presence of her family. Her loving husband Bruce "HB" Richard preceded her passing in 2006. Surviving family members are daughter Nancy (Dan) Earle, sons David B. Richard and Michael (Deborah) J. Stone-Richard, six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, and sister-in-law Dorothy Jewell. Doris was born in Detroit, Michigan on October 10, 1921, and moved to Plymouth in 1939, graduating from Plymouth High School in 1940. After high school she worked at Henry Ford's all-woman Phoenix Mill, helping in the war effort. Doris was a longtime member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. She was an active community volunteer throughout the years in many organizations including the Plymouth Lions Club, the Plymouth Historical Society, and the Plymouth Garden Club. She was a member of the Sarah Ann Cochran Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution, National Society of New England Women, Daughters of America, The Mayflower Society, and the Plymouth Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was a member of the National Genealogical Society. Her hobbies included gardening, needlepoint, genealogy and she was an avid reader, especially of mystery novels. The funeral service was held Saturday, February 16 at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. Burial services may be made in Doris' memory at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, at 11 a.m. Share memories at schlarder-howell.com.

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SCHWANTES, THANE N.

Age 34, died suddenly February 8, 2013. Beloved husband of Michelle. Loving father of Elms. Dearest son of Ken and Judy. Dear brother of Erica. Son-in-law of Charles and Suzanne Krisher. Also survived by aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of family and friends. Funeral Service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the R.O. & G.B. Funeral Home, 14551 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Saturday at 11 a.m. Visitation Friday from 1 - 9 p.m. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Thane Schwantes Family Trust C/O Chase Bank. Please share a memory at www.rgfharris.com.

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TOWER, DR. LYMAN MEISEL

Traverse City - Age 85, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Lyman was born on Thursday, January 26, 1928 in Pontiac, MI to the late Paul and Frieda (Meisel) Tower. He proudly served his country as a surgeon, technician, in the U.S. Army during World War II. Lyman entered into marriage with the love of his life, Anita Joanne Schueler on Friday, September 8, 1950 in Wayne, MI. She preceded in death on May 16, 2009 after over 59 years of marriage. Lyman was a dedicated Family Physician and Surgeon. He practiced in Livonia for over 34 years and he was very proud to say he delivered over 1000 babies throughout his career. He absolutely loved caring for and treating his patients. Lyman will be remembered as a man with a genuine caring heart for others. He was deeply devoted to his family, friends and patients. He enjoyed traveling, fishing, boating, woodworking, walking his dogs, Michigan football and enjoyed unknitting with projects around the house. He was a devoted member of Kiwanis & The Elks Lounge. Left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Lisa (Boia) Antai, Traverse City, MI, his son, Erik (Rebecca) Tower, San Francisco, CA, and two grandchildren, the true apples of his eye, Nikolas and Sabrina Plens, numerous nieces, nephews and his furry buddies Murphy, Charlie and Mollie. In addition to his wife and parents Lyman was preceded in death by three brothers: Robert S. Tower, Frederick C. Tower and S. Tower and his niece Mary Tower. A Memorial Service honoring Lyman will take place at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 16, 2013 at the Reynolds-Jonkoff Funeral Home, 305 Sixth St. Pastor Nick Twomey will officiate. Friends and family are welcome to visit with the family on Saturday from 10am until the time of the Service. In accordance with Lyman's wishes cremation has taken place. Dr. Tower's family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff of Mount Hope for their loving support and care. Memorial contributions may be directed to Special Care Area 2 and ACT Grand Traverse (Artists Create Together) to give the fee free to share your thoughts and memories with the family at the funeral home or through www.reynolds-jonkoff.com. The family is being served by the Reynolds-Jonkoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

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60th wedding anniversary

Donald Merritt and Margorie (Whitmore) Merritt marked their 60th wedding anniversary Thursday, Feb. 14. The Livonia couple was married in 1953 at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church in Detroit.

Their children are Deborah Jaskot of Plymouth and Jim Merritt of Pinckney. They also have four grandchildren.

Donald has been retired from Dico Tool and Die for 23 years. Margaret retired from Flint Ink 13 years ago.

The couple loves to travel and enjoys many activities with family and friends.

They planned to celebrate their milestone anniversary with family and friends.

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Nutritionist, fitness professional team up to offer health tips

Livonia audience shapes up at event

By Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Dietitian Zonya Foco knows convenience means many of us don't eat as well as we should. "We have convenience at every turn," said Foco. Too many of us—despite New Year's resolutions—consume more salt, sugar and fat than we should.

"What do we do the other 23 hours of the day?" asked Foco, showing a photo of a 24-hour fitness center. "Reward ourselves."

Foco, author and TV host, and physical therapist Sherry McLaughlin, spoke recently at HAP's HealthierU event that was attended by some 400 at Burton Manor in Livonia.

HAP's HealthyU programs are designed to deliver education and inspiration to help members achieve their personal health goals. Presentations, and live demonstrations are designed to entertain and coach attendees on topics such as eating for optimal health, the importance of everyday exercise and how to stay motivated. Attendees started the program with a breakfast



Husband and wife, Michael Jurek and Rosa McDermott exercise while seated at the HealthierU event.



Chrisanetta Dunlap of Redford learns about healthy lifestyles at HAP's HealthierU event.

of Egg Beaters™ and turkey sausage, before getting tips on nutrition and moving for health.

Foco noted only 3 percent of people meet the standards for a recommended healthy lifestyle: nonsmoker, eating at least five fruits and vegetables a day, exercising 30 minutes or more most days, and in a healthy weight range.

She said 80 percent of heart disease, 90 percent of Type 2 diabetes, and 70 percent of cancers relate

to lifestyle.

Foco recommended Brian Wansink's *Mindless Eating*, in which he encourages people to use smaller plates at meals, and to re-engineer their kitchens as a "health haven."

Having a bowl of fruit out is better than potato chips on the fridge top.

Drinking a 12-ounce can of pop daily doubles your chances of getting Type 2 diabetes, Foco said.

She also emphasized weighing and measuring

food. First lady Michelle Obama has advocated the new plan of www.ChooseMyPlate.gov, with fruits and vegetables a bigger part of all meals, including dinner.

Foco compared the Applebee's Fiesta Lime Chicken for calories, sodium and fat to the same restaurant's much healthier Grilled Dijon Chicken with Portobellos. She encouraged attendees to go online for restaurant menus including nutrition information.

Physical therapist McLaughlin said we're designed to be symmetrical, and to move front-to-back, side-to-side and twisting.

Bad rotation is bad, she said, as "exercise buddies" checked each other for symmetry and movement. Muscles only learn what we teach them.

McLaughlin said, guiding attendees through some exercises.

She encouraged women and men to walk, swim, cycle or run, as well as using the sternal lift of posing for a photo and sucking in your gut.

Pain's not inevitable, she said, and isn't due to genetics in most cases.

Karen (Stewart) Spica of Farmington Hills enjoyed her time at HAP HealthierU.

"I thought it was great," said Spica, who was interested in exercises to combat carpal tunnel.

"You're not even realize you're at the computer all day," Spica added.

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

February

HEART DISEASE & WOMEN

A free lecture about heart disease and women is set for 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28 at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, Private Dining Rooms 1-3, 6777 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. Attendees can learn about the differences in symptoms, the expert resources available, and the important steps they can take to reduce their risk of heart disease. A light dinner will be provided, and valet parking will be available. Register by calling (800) 532-2411 or at www.henryford.com/heart.

HEART SCREENINGS

The Henry Ford Heart & Vascular Institute is offering two types of screenings to monitor cardiac health. A "Know Your Numbers" screening will be held 8-10 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 27, at Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane, 19401 Hubbard Drive, Dearborn. The "Know Your Numbers" screening includes total cholesterol, LDL, HDL, triglycerides, glucose, BMI, height/weight and blood pressure. An appointment is required, and 8-12 hours of fasting is recommended prior to the appointment. Visit www.henryford.com/heart, or call (800) 532-2411 for an appointment for a "Know Your Numbers" screening. Space is limited. Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, 6777 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, is offering a comprehensive screening program to give an overview of a person's heart and vascular health. Screening results will be explained the same day by a Henry Ford cardiologist. The Heart Smart Screening is limited to people under 65, and offers detailed diagnostic imaging and lab work including blood pressure, BMI, lipid profile, fasting blood glucose, 12-lead ECG,

Carotid Intima-Media thickness test and comprehensive risk assessment. Cost is \$99. Call (466) 381-0005 to make an appointment.

JOINT REPLACEMENT

The Center for Joint Replacement at St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers free monthly educational seminars with orthopedic surgeons and expert staff who will answer your questions, discuss joint pain and placement procedures, and available implant options. Upcoming sessions are 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28 with David Mendelson, MD, and Wednesday, March 27 with Jeffrey Mendelson, MD. All meetings are held in Classroom 10 at the hospital, located on Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. Register by calling (734) 655-2345.

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

The event, hosted by St. Mary Mercy Hospital, will feature a presentation focusing on women's cardiovascular health, Thursday, Feb. 21, in the hospital's South Auditorium. "Know Your Numbers" screenings—blood pressure, cholesterol and body mass index as well as massages will be offered from 4-6 p.m., and Dr. Delair Gardi, M.D., a St. Mary Mercy cardiologist, will speak from 7-8:30 p.m. Participants will learn about reducing their risk for heart disease, as well as heart conditions, including coronary artery disease, abnormal heart rhythm (arrhythmia), aortic valve disease, cardiomyopathy, aortic aneurysm, stroke and heart attack. Light refreshments, prizes and community vendors will be provided. Registration for this event is required. There is no charge, but a \$5 goodie bag donation is requested to benefit Marian Women's Center Programs. Call the Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1182 to register. Or register online at stmarymercycor.org and click on "classes and events."

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Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



Dr. Nizam Habhab
Cardiology

Every year about 935,000 Americans suffer a heart attack, and for a third of those people, it's not their first. February is National Heart Month and this week, Garden City Hospital Cardiologist, Dr. Nizam Habhab, discusses your risk for heart disease.

Q: Both my father and grandfather suffered heart attacks at rather young ages. Because of this, I am much more conscious of what I eat, and I exercise. Am I already at higher risk because of my family history even though I am a woman?

A: A healthy lifestyle has the biggest impact on cardiovascular health. People who adopted healthy lifestyle behaviors in young adulthood maintained a low cardiovascular risk profile in middle age. The five most important healthy behaviors are no smoking, low alcohol intake, weight control, physical activity and a healthy diet.

Studies show only a small proportion of cardiovascular health is passed from parent to child. In fact, what you do and how you live have a much greater impact than your genes or how you were raised.

It is never too late to get heart healthy. Know your numbers. Check blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar levels and determine where the numbers should be when consulting with your doctor.

Q: My husband is a wonderful man, but I fear he works too hard. I am concerned stress and other job-related issues are going to cause him to have a heart attack or stroke. How can we determine the strength of his heart?

A: A cardiac stress test provides information about how your heart works during physical activity. Some heart problems are easier to diagnose when your heart is working hard and beating fast. As your body exerts energy, it requires more oxygen, so the heart must pump more blood. The test can show if the blood supply is reduced in the arteries that supply the heart. It also helps doctors determine the safest level of exercise appropriate for a patient.

Cardiac stress tests are non-invasive and painless. The test monitors heart rate, breathing, blood pressure, electrocardiogram (ECG) and how tired a person feels. Depending on the results of the test, your physician may recommend additional testing, such as a nuclear stress test or cardiac catheterization.

GARDEN CITY HOSPITAL WANTS TO HELP YOU ON THE ROAD TO HEALTHIER LIVING!

Join us on Saturday, February 23 at Westland Mall for "Love Your Heart", a celebration of heart healthy living.

Enjoy a live cooking demonstration by local professional chefs, GCH Cardiologist Dr. Nizam Habhab discusses "Taking Care of Your Heart For Life", prizes, giveaways and more!

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Eight certifications that can boost your career

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In some fields — medicine and teaching, for example — certifications, and accreditations are the "entrance ticket" to the profession. In others, certifications may not be mandatory but can significantly improve chances of landing a job, moving up, getting a raise or taking on new responsibilities.

The vast majority of professional certification programs are for people who are already working in a particular field and are not for people with limited work experience or who are just out of high school.

Here are eight in-demand professional certificate programs. Some are industry-specific, while others can help careers in a variety of fields.

1. Professional project management.

Project managers can be found in just about any company or industry that has projects, from information technology to construction to government. While PMP certification, administered by the Project Management Institute, is now an expectation for project management, it has become a bragging right for anyone who might have managerial duties.

2. Foreign language.

In many occupations, especially customer service, knowing more than one language can provide a significant career boost. Proving you're proficient

in those languages is easier with a certificate of foreign languages. There are many tests and certificates offered through community colleges or distance learning programs.

3. Corporate training.

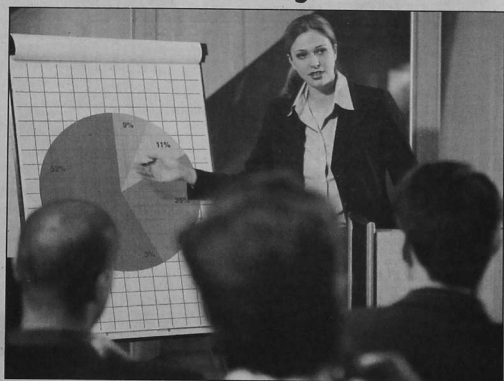
Corporate training is an in-demand business-management specialty that can be lucrative. If you're in management or human resources and want to specialize, move up the company ladder or just want to extend your knowledge and skills, the Certified Professional Trainer degree offered by the American Training and Seminar Association can give you a boost.

4. Desktop support administration.

IT support specialists have a variety of certifications that can expand their portfolio of skills. The Windows operating system, however, is ubiquitous, and even if you're working in a general support position, having a Microsoft Windows 7 Enterprise Desktop Support Administrator certification can be a big plus. The certification provides the knowledge to install, maintain and manage the Windows 7 desktop system.

5. Personal fitness training.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, this booming career field is experiencing faster than average job growth. In theory, anyone who understands fitness could be a fitness trainer, but there are profes-



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6. Professional sales.

You're unlikely to find a college degree in sales, but a variety of certificate programs can give you the skills and experience to prepare for a career selling goods and services. Many of these programs are industry-specific; there are nearly as many professional sales certificates as there are profes-

sions, but the National Association of Sales Professionals is a place for sales generalists to get started.

7. Web design and development.

Nearly every business has an online presence. Professionals who design, develop and maintain company websites have many opportunities. For people who don't want to specialize as Web designers or developers, but may occasionally pitch in to help with Web-related tasks, there are many certificate programs. Some even qualify for government financial aid.

8. Certified clinical medical assistant.

If you have general skills and experience but don't have the time or money to get a bachelor's or associate degree in a health-care field, there are certificate programs that can provide a boost to your career. A certified clinical medical assistant understands clinical and laboratory procedures, as well as many administrative roles. For those with an administrative background, CMA programs can be door openers for working in doctor's offices, clinics and hospitals.

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Car Report

Improved 2014 Tundra demonstrates Toyota's renewed confidence



By Dale Buss

But for an also-ran brand in pickups, taking the wraps off the new Tundra will be only the first mile on a challenging road for a company that otherwise has nearly fully recovered from its travails of the last few years.

At the Chicago Auto Show, Toyota displayed a new Tundra with a more chiseled front end, taller grille, new three-piece front bumpers and blockier sheet metal overall. In back, the bed has a new look, and there's a three-piece bumper and updated taillights.

Inside, Tundra's cabin is reworked with a new seat design and instrument panel as well as blind-spot monitor, standard backup camera and Bluetooth.

As it unveiled this new Tundra in Chicago, Toyota seemed to be stealing a page from Chrysler's playbook for Super Bowl advertisements: Reveal almost no details of what you'll be showing until the appointed hour, resulting in maximum impact once you do.

Toyota sounded hopeful on the stage at the Chicago show. Earlier, Bob Carter, senior vice president of U.S. auto operations, told Bloomberg: "We're going to be a bigger player in the pickup market." And the rekindling of the U.S. housing market is making the pickup segment especially attractive these days.

But even a refreshed Tundra faces huge

obstacles. Toyota never has put more than a slight dent in a market that, of course, has always been dominated by GM, Ford and Chrysler.

And the Detroit Three haven't been sitting on their lead. Ram recently unveiled a new version of its 1500, which was named North American Truck of the Year at the Detroit auto show last month; Chevy plans a second-quarter launch of an overhauled Silverado; and Ford continues to goose F-150 sales with the popularity of a six-cylinder option featuring a fuel-efficient EcoBoost engine.

Tundra was launched in 1999 and its second generation already featured touches that you'd expect from American-brand truck designers: ample interior room, knobs big enough to be operated through work gloves, and a 5.7-liter V8 engine. Toyota covered its bets with a wide variety of options for cab configurations and bed lengths and even went so far as to build a plant in San Antonio, Texas, of all places, to assemble Tundra.

But after a surge in sales in 2007 and 2008, Tundra slipped back during the Great Recession, when brand loyalty for Detroit Three trucks kept their franchises relatively strong even as the housing bust



Chiseled exterior styling of new Toyota Tundra begins with the front end.



All-new Tundra interiors cater to specific customers with specific budgets.

and other general economic woes made professional buyers harder to come by. Output in San Antonio slumped to about 100,000 units annually, or about half the Toyota plant's capacity.

Now — nearly two years after the earthquake and tsunami that leveled much of Japan's northeast coast and sent the nation's auto industry into a tailspin — Toyota is back on top of the world. While many psychic, physical, and economic scars remain in Japan, Toyota reported a 23-percent rise in quarterly net profit this week and raised its annual profit forecast by ten percent.

Toyota and its Lexus and Scion brands are all benefiting from a snap-back in sales and market share in the U.S., as Toyota has managed to get through its recall fiasco in 2011 — with flying colors. Disaster reported a 26 percent gain in sales in the U.S. market — more than double the industry average gain for the month of January.

Sales of the new RAV4, as well as a new

version of the Avalon full-size sedan, have started off strong this year, and the expanded Prius line continues to add to its dominance of the hybrid segment worldwide. Old reliables Camry, in a new and improved version, and Corolla continue to hold down huge portions of the crucial small-car segment.

A rewarding aspect of Toyota's recovery: Many thousands of American consumers patiently waited additional weeks and months during the last couple of years for the Toyota and Lexus vehicles they wanted as the company continued to restore its supply base from the 2011 natural disaster.

"Consumers are responding to our new products and to the great value we're able to offer," Bill Fay, Toyota's general manager, said in a conference call last week.

Toyota also re-took the top spot in global sales from GM in 2012.

And now, feeling its corporate oats, Toyota wants to make another concerted run at pickups with the new Tundra. It'll better get a big head start.

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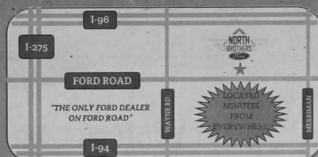
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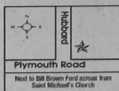
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