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Sales to minors

When the Canton Police Department's Special Enforcement Unit recently conducted alcohol and tobacco sales checks at local business establishments in Canton, eight of 25 business checked sold either alcohol or tobacco to minors.

During the check, decoy minors attempted to purchase either alcohol or tobacco at 25 businesses in Canton. Eight businesses sold to the minor decoy, while 17 refused the sale.

Businesses that sold tobacco to minors included Sunoco Gas (42495 Joy), Valero Gas (41350 Ford Road), Shell Gas (5640 Haggerty) and Maria's Bakery (115 Haggerty). Four other businesses sold alcohol to the decoy minors, including Smokers Express (45156 Ford Road), Crown Liquor (42432 Ford Road), Mobil Gas (7230 N. Sheldon) and Rite Aid (2249 N. Canton Center).

Establishments selling to a minor to a minor receive a misdemeanor citation. Alcohol violations are also reported to the State of Michigan's Liquor Control Commission.

Movie time

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Rising gas prices fuel driver angst

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Unemployed for three years, Canton resident Jeff Youssef stood by a gas pump and voiced frustration as his vehicle gulped fuel that hovered mere pennies under the \$4-a-gallon mark.

"It's terrible. I'm getting killed," Youssef, a 50-year-old father of four, said. "It's hard

for people who are trying to find a job or driving to work."

Not far away, Canton resident Cindy Kraly paused as the dollar amount rose — and rose — on a gas pump as she filled up her van at a station near Ford and Canton Center roads.

"It stinks that it's so expensive," she said. "It seems like gas prices fluctuate because some word is used in the news

media and everybody gets in a panic."

For sure, analysts have blamed spiking gas prices on everything from high crude oil prices to investor speculation to refinery maintenance. What's more, February fuel costs have risen to levels more typical for the summer vacation season.

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Jeff Youssef, pumping gas at a Canton gas station, said he's "getting killed" by gas prices hovering just below \$4 per gallon.

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Canton police nab suspected predator

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

An accused child predator was arrested outside a Canton hotel amid allegations he used a computer to commit crimes involving a young girl.

Jesse Hermann, 34, is facing a hearing Friday in 35th District Court on two counts each of child sexually abusive activity and using a computer and the Internet to communicate with another person to commit a crime.

Hermann is accused of initially communicating with the child's mother online. He was arrested the evening of Feb. 13 after Canton police learned he had allegedly arranged to meet a woman and child at the Holiday Inn Express near Lotz Road and Michigan Avenue.

"A report was made to us alleging he was involved in criminal activity," Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said. "We investigated the report, and he was arrested in the hotel parking lot."

Schreiner was guarded in releasing specific information about the incident because the case is pending in court. How-



Hermann

ever, he warned in general terms about such activity.

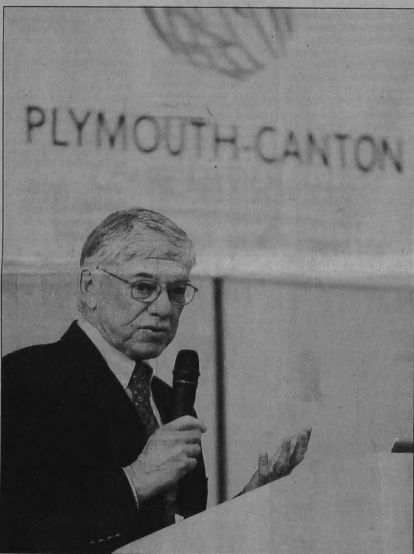
"It is a crime to use your computer to engage in criminal activity including illegal and improper conduct involving a child or to possess materials including child abusive materials," Schreiner said.

The charges arose following allegations Hermann and the child's mother had contact by computer. But authorities learned Hermann allegedly had plans involving the child.

If convicted, Hermann could face penalties ranging up to 20 years in prison. His preliminary exam is scheduled for Friday after he was arraigned Feb. 15 in 35th District Court.

Hermann was arrested after he drove into the Holiday Inn Express parking lot, where officers awaited his arrival.

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Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Superintendent of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, speaks on the State of the District to a joint gathering of the Plymouth and Canton Chambers of Commerce.

Chambers highlight school programs

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

With a captive audience of a couple of hundred people, Dr. Jeremy Hughes had a chance to extol the virtues of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools at a dual-chamber of commerce event Wednesday.

And the district's superintendent took full advantage. Scarcely mentioning the May 7 election in which the district seeks approval of \$114.4 million in bonds, Hughes talked about advancements and developments at the elementary, middle and high school levels — including the establishment of three new academies at the three-school Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"Our high school program is the best college preparatory program in the state — bar none," said Hughes, who was appointed interim superintendent in 2011. "The enormously broad and deep program we offer is unparalleled as a college prep program."

He made the proclamation while

explaining the three academies — international, arts and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) — opened in the fall.

AP prowess

He also pointed out Plymouth-Canton was one of only five districts honored by The College Board for its AP program, and the fact the two students per state honored by The College Board — for their AP prowess came from Plymouth-Canton, the first time in history the two students honored in one state came from the same district.

Hughes pointed out some 1,500 students were taking some 2,100 AP courses this year, and that at one time or another some 40 percent of the high school population had taken either an AP or honors course.

Hughes also told the crowd about the district's first elementary school open house, held last week at Hoben Elementary School. The event drew some

Colbeck ranked state's most conservative

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Patrick Colbeck, a Republican who represents Plymouth and Plymouth Township in the Michigan Senate, is the state's most conservative senator, according to the latest ranking from the Michigan Information & Research Service.

Kyle Mearns, a co-owner of MIRS and its news editor, talked about the conservative-to-liberal rankings Thursday during a meeting of the Plymouth Democratic Club.

Mearns said MIRS analyzed 36 legislative votes in coming up with the list, and that Colbeck voted with what would be considered the conservative side on 35 of those, more than any other state



Colbeck



Heise

Representatives, was put in the middle of the ranking among Michigan's 59 Republican House members.

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Just a reflection

Colbeck on Friday embraced the title but also seemed to shrug it off.

"I don't have any problem with that moniker at all," Colbeck said of the "most conservative" label. "Really, it's just a reflection that I'm doing what I said I was going to do when I was elected."

Colbeck said it would be "refreshing for my constituents, in the context of what's going on at the federal level, to know they've got somebody at the state level" who is upholding conservative principles.

Melinn also said Tea Party Republicans are the most dominant element in the state party, a contention with which Colbeck took issue.

Colbeck has strong Tea Party support and connections. "There's no doubt I have a very strong base in the Tea Party and I share those principles," he said.

Colbeck said what's important to him are individuals' views and the merits of a particular issue. The Tea Party element, he said, doesn't have a top-down structure and doesn't always speak with one voice.

"They're all kind of united around the principle of limited government" but don't necessarily make up "a big voting bloc," he said.

Melinn said the state Tea Party faction is vocal and likes to position itself as anti-establishment. But "their bark's worse than their bite," he said, because they can't win on a statewide basis.

Voters' views

Colbeck disagreed somewhat.

"The 2010 election was a significant indication that the needle moved substantially in favor of Tea Party principles," he said. Republicans won the state Senate, the governorship and the Michigan House of Representatives, wrestling the latter two from Democratic control, in that election.

Heise, a second-term representative, said rankings such as the one MIRS came out with often hinge on the types of questions the analysts ask or the types of legislative votes they study.

"The media tends to be probably a little more balanced as far as what bills they pick," he said, drawing a distinction between MIRS and interest-group rankings. He noted he has a high ranking from the American Conservative Union but a low one from a libertarian organization.

Heise said he tries to reflect voters' views as much as possible, and that his 20th House District is "basically a center-right district," with both he and Mitt Romney, the GOP presidential candidate, winning the district in November.

"I like to say I'm a conservative, that basically I have a conservative outlook, but it's also pragmatic enough to take into account the realities of Michigan," Heise said.

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Even higher

That makes drivers like Youseff worry. Moreover, Gov. Rick Snyder has proposed raising the price of unleaded gasoline by 14 cents a gallon and diesel fuel by 18 cents to help pay for \$1.2 billion a year in repairs to crumbling roads and bridges.

"You can drive to Lansing for a job (interview), spend \$40 on gas and might not get the job," Youseff said. "It's hard for people to make ends meet when they're paying for gas and trying to put milk and bread on the table."

Some published reports indicated the typical U.S. household spent just under 4 percent of its pre-tax income on gasoline last year. The reports cited the Energy Information Administration, the statistics branch of the U.S. Department of Energy.

Other reports cite decision makers in some Americans face between paying for groceries, gasoline, household bills and other necessities.

It all makes Snyder's proposal to raise gas taxes and vehicle registration fees a tougher sell, even among some Republican legislators who share his political party affiliation. State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, issued a lengthy statement concluding the state needs to explore other options before raising gas taxes.

Hard look

"Bottom line, before I ask our hardworking taxpayers to fork out another dime in transportation taxes, we need to take a hard look at all of our options," Colbeck said. "We should prior-

itize those options in a manner that recognizes that many of our citizens are already struggling to make ends meet. The path to modernizing our transportation infrastructure demands true innovation."

Kraly, meanwhile, said she has little control over a daily routine that forces her to drive to certain places, though she has tried to reduce her time on the road.

"It does affect the places I go," she said. "Longer destination trips are more limited."

Some local motorists have said they would support higher gas taxes—and fuel prices—with certain conditions.

"It would have to go for roads, bridges, waterway dredging and environmental protection," Kiki Nice said.

Others, such as Youseff, continue to search for



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work. If they had jobs, he said, they could better afford the price of gasoline, even if they did begrudge the cost.

As he thought about it, Youseff said he had a better idea. "I think gas should be free so people could go to work."

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SOCIAL SECURITY

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

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Search continues for missing man

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A missing Canton man's friends are increasingly worried about him, six weeks after he disappeared and his white Geo Prizm was found parked at the Emagine Theater near Ford and Lotz roads.



Morris

Andrew Morris, 36, was found lying across the road in the Village Squire apartment complex, simply vanished on Jan. 13.

"It's frustrating," said Kathy Gomoll of Canton, said Friday. "We're not finding any kind of sign. There has been nothing, no kind of clues at all. We're extremely worried."

Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said local authorities and the Michigan State Police brought canines Tuesday to search around the Emagine Theater and a nearby wooded area. Police also have searched Morris' apartment and surrounding areas without finding any clues to his whereabouts.

"We have conducted an extensive search around the area with canines, but unfortunately he was not located nor was there anything we could find that was associated with him," Schreiner said. "We didn't find any trace of him."

Authorities are searching social media and financial transactions to try to find any clues to Morris' whereabouts. "We aren't aware of anything yet, but we are working to see if there have been any transactions made since his disappearance," Schreiner said. "We're going to continue to search for him."

Gomoll said it wasn't like Morris to disappear

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500 people (only about 200 were expected) and ended, according to school officials, with the registration of some 300 new kindergarten students.

He also pointed out the district expanded the Talented and Gifted program with 150 new students, including "30 who had been attending school elsewhere." The district also introduced world language courses at the fifth-grade level, with plans to add them at lower grades, and added Young 5s and half-day kindergarten classrooms while switching the district to an all-day kindergarten plan in accordance with state funding rules.

Low budget

At the school level, he said, the district plans to make it easier for students to earn high school credits in both language arts and science (middle school kids can already earn high school credits in math).

And it was all done, Hughes said, with a per-pupil funding number



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Wednesday's event presented by the Plymouth and Canton chambers of commerce drew a big crowd to Plymouth High School.

(\$7,130 per student) that is fourth lowest among Wayne County's 34 school districts.

"We are on the verge of a new era of excellence," Hughes said. "We are close to becoming something even greater than we already are."

The event was hosted by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and the Canton Chamber of Commerce. The school superintendent presentation is generally part of each

chamber's "state of the community" event, but with so much happening recently within the district, chamber officials felt it warranted a separate event.

"It gave us a chance to focus in a bigger way on the positive things the district does," said Wes Graff, executive director of the Plymouth chamber. "It gave us a chance to highlight the district at a time when it's really evolving."

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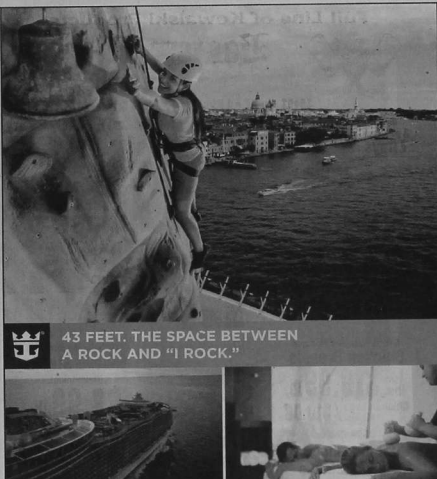
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Board interviews school hopefuls

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The public this week gets its first look at the four men chosen as finalists to be the next superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Schools.

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education will interview the four men Monday and Tuesday as they move toward their hoped-for deadline of choosing a new superintendent by May.

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. However, candidate Rick Mills, the chief executive officer of Minneapolis Public Schools, Minneapolis, Minn., dropped out after accepting another position.

The interviews are scheduled to last about two

hours, and will be conducted in the board meeting room at the E.J. McClenon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, in Plymouth. The interviews are open to the public under the Open Meetings Act.

The finalists and their interview times:

- Michael Meissen, Monday, Feb. 25, 5 p.m. Meissen is supervisor of school improvement and student achievement for Milwaukee Public Schools in Milwaukee, Wis.

- Christopher Timmis, Monday, Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m. Timmis is superintendent of Adrian Public Schools and one of only two Michigan candidates in the field.

- Brodie Killian, Tuesday, 5 p.m. Killian is Plymouth-Canton's current executive director of business services, and the only other Michigan candidate.

- Curtis Cain, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Cain is associate superintendent for educational services in the Shawnee Mission School District in Overland Park, Kan.

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."

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AP honors



Canton High School senior Angela Sun accepts the congratulations of Board of Education President John Barrett after being honored with the district's Stars Award at a recent board meeting. Sun and 2012 Plymouth High School graduate Todd Maslyk were chosen by Advanced Placement to receive its State AP Scholar Award. Advanced Placement honors two students in each state, and this year — for the first time — both of those students were from the same district. Maslyk couldn't make the meeting. The College Board confers this distinction on these student with scores of 3 or higher on the greatest number of AP Exams, and then the highest average score (at least 3.5) on all AP Exams taken.

POUR THE WINE

What: Educational Excellence Foundation Wine Tasting

When: Friday, March 8, 7-11 p.m.

Where: Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth Township

Why: Proceeds go to the EEF and help fund classroom grants

Cost: Tickets are \$40 per person and include wine tasting & rolling dinner. Tickets are available at all Busch's Fresh Food Market locations and Showroom of Elegance on Canton Center Road in Canton.

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

The third Annual Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Educational Excellence Foundation Wine Tasting Event is coming up, and organizers are confident they'll be able to add to the more than \$300,000 they've funded in innovative classroom projects at every school and grade level in the district.

This year's event takes place Friday, March 8, from 7-11 p.m. at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center. Proceeds will be used to fund teacher grants in Plymouth-Canton classrooms. Organizers have learned good lessons from the first two events.

"We learned a lot," said EEF executive director Carole Kody. "We had fabulous donations from businesses. These items proved

to be very popular."

This year's event features a silent auction at the event, with a live, web-based auction taking place now. The most unique and exciting items are \$1,000 and \$2,000 certificates toward the purchase of a new car at one of seven local participating dealerships including Atchinson Ford, Lou LaRiche Chevrolet, Jack Demmer Ford, Victory Honda, Dick Scott

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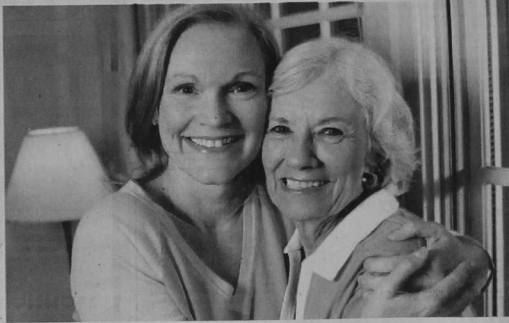
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Deadline nears for Kroger contest

Students in grades 4-12 enrolled in Michigan schools will have an opportunity to enter Kroger's sixth annual "I Can Make History" contest for a chance to win more than \$67,000 in scholarships and other prizes.

The contest is in honor of Black History Month and aims to encourage children to use their talents and imaginations to identify ways they can make their own communities better and relate their thoughts Black History month. All entries must be submitted by Thursday, Feb. 28, at 5 p.m. Entries may be submitted to the following address: I Can Make History, c/o CBS Radio, 26495 American Drive, Southfield, MI 48034. Students are invited to submit their original work in one of four categories: art, essay, music and poetry. Contest details and forms available at Kroger stores and www.icanmakehistory.com. Students winners will be honored during Kroger's annual I Can Make History Awards Luncheon on Saturday, April 13, at The Henry Ford in Dearborn.

Canton bartender tries for world title

The T.G.I. Friday's annual World Bartender Championship is going to have a Canton flavor.

Canton resident Andy Hool, who has tended bar at the Canton restaurant nearly five years, will be among the 10 finalists vying for the title of "World's Best Bartender" in March 6 in Dallas.

Hool took home top regional and divisional titles for the Canton region in the fall and will now showcase his bottle-throwing and recipe crafting skills for a panel of judges who will crown the champion based on knowledge of the bar, flavor of the drinks and "flairtending" skills.

Friends, family and fans of the finalists can show their support by voting for their favorite bartender on the World Bartender Championship site (www.worldbt.com/finalists) through Wednesday, Feb. 27.



Bartender Andy Hool of Canton competes in T.G.I. Friday's annual World Bartender Championship March 6 in Dallas. Canton supporters can vote for him at www.worldbt.com/finalists through Wednesday, Feb. 27.

Council offers hospice series

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging & Hospice of Michigan present a series of workshops designed to teach participants everything they wanted to know about hospice, but were afraid to ask. "Hospice 101" is an informative presentation designed to answer questions such as what hospice is, what services hospice provides, who can receive hospice care, where hospice services are provided and who pays for hospice care.

Classes in the series include:

- "Caring for the Caregiver, noon, Thursday, March 21 — This talk will walk you through the caregiver kit that Hospice of Michigan has developed. This kit will offer caregivers practical suggestions, tool and resources to assist them with caregiving."

- "Have You Had the Talk?" noon, Thursday, April 4 — This talk will walk you through the Have You Had the Talk kit that Hospice of Michigan has developed. This kit offer worksheets, tools and resources to assist you should you ever needed to rely on someone else for your medical care and decision making. The best time to plan and prepare is when there is no emergency, no crisis, no scrambling."

- "Except for Six," noon, Thursday, April 25 — Hospice of Michigan documentary film called, "Except for Six." This one-hour film takes a subject most of us would rather ignore and humanizes it. It is a reflection on the time of a person's life that everyone must eventually deal with — the end of it.

The workshops will be held at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer in Plymouth. To RSVP, call (734) 455-1234, Ext. 236.

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Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
Adrienne Davis, Secretary

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, March 7, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following:

Z 13-03 643 Burroughs
Non-Use Variance Requested
Detached Garage setback from House
Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential
Applicant: Doug & Tara Parks

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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Newcomers' sale benefits Open Door

Canton Newcomers and Neighbors officials host what they're calling "the resale event of the year" featuring exclusive items for new moms and kids of all ages 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, May 11, at the Summit on the Parkway located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

This annual Mom2Mom Sale is hosted by the Canton Newcomers and Neighbors Club. Table sellers and local businesses are encouraged to contact Jessica at cmtm2m@yaho.com.

Some 35 participants will host their own sale table of maternity clothes, children's clothes of all sizes, toys, video games, books and those bulky kids items that take up too much space at home. With the added "large item" sale area, there's plenty of room to sell everything kids.

Organizers say the

event guarantees a steady flow of buyers in a safe and affordable environment and provides "a perfect time for area moms to get rid of kids stuff and reclaim their own space." Cost is \$15 per eight-foot table and \$5 per rack space.

The Mom2Mom Sale also features a bonus area of local businesses that cater to moms and their families. Those spots are \$25 for businesses to take advantage of this special sale atmosphere. Traffic will be funneled to the 15 businesses via a special punch card that doubles as a raffle ticket.

Admission is \$1 per person age 13 and up and strollers are welcome. All proceeds benefit Canton's own Open Door Ministry Food Pantry. For more information about the club's social and charitable efforts, visit cantonnewcomersandneighbors.org or call (734) 981-0486.

Heartland partners to serve seniors

Heartland Healthcare Center-Plymouth Court, a skilled nursing facility, specializing in post-hospital care, partnered with the Plymouth Community Council on Aging to provide a remarkable Valentine's Day for the seniors in the community.

On Monday, Feb. 11, Heartland Plymouth Court sponsored the raffle gift basket and dessert table during Plymouth Community Council on Aging's Valentine's Day Program. The program featured entertainment and the extravagant dessert table was prepared by Heartland Plymouth Court's Hospitality Manager, Charles Poling. The program took place at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

"A big thanks to Heartland Plymouth Court for the lovely display of desserts and giveaways," said Bobbie Pummil, director of the Plymouth Community Council on Aging. "They are always so good to the Plymouth seniors. Everyone is still talking about the display."

Heartland Healthcare Center-Plymouth Court is located at 105 Haggerty Road in Plymouth and is a leader in post-hospital care, specializing in physical, occupational



Food/nutrition director Charles Poling and admissions director Melissa Woolfe of Heartland Healthcare Center-Plymouth Court helped local seniors enjoy a special Valentine's Day.

and speech therapies. "It's an honor to be able to give back to the Plymouth community

who supports our center," said Melissa Woolfe, Heartland Plymouth Court Admissions Director.

To find out more, visit www.hcr-manorcare.com/plymouthcourt.

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City of Plymouth, Michigan Public Notice of Determined Uses of 2013-2014 Community Development Block Grant Funds

Pursuant to Federal guidelines, the Plymouth City Commission, at the conclusion of the public hearing process on February 18, 2013 determined the following projects and respective funding levels for 2013-2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program:

1. Senior Transportation Services	\$ 10,640
2. ADA/Paratransit Improvements	\$ 39,760
3. Grant Administration	\$ 5,600
TOTAL	\$ 56,000

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk

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Car buff aims for coveted Autorama award with custom street rod

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Sorry. But car enthusiasts won't get an advance peek at the custom 1940 Ford convertible Bob Houchins of Farmington Hills will have ready as a contender for the prestigious Ridler Award at the upcoming Autorama in March.

Keeping it hidden is part of the Ridler Award rules. "It has to be fresh. It has to never been seen before and has to be a first-time show," Houchins said.

The Ford, which began its life more than 60 years ago, has been out of sight for some time as Gene Ledbetter of Complete Auto Restoration in Livonia and his crew have literally put elbow grease into the customization.

"This has been completely taken apart, bumper to bumper. My dad came up with the concept for the car," said Bob's son, David of Plymouth. "This is exactly as he envisioned it."

Although not much can be revealed about the auto just yet, spectators will likely fall in love with the customized Ford — just like Bob Houchins did decades ago.

"I used to play in it when I was a kid," Dave said. "That's how long my dad has had it."

Jaw dropping

Houchins is counting on spectators' jaws dropping when his street rod

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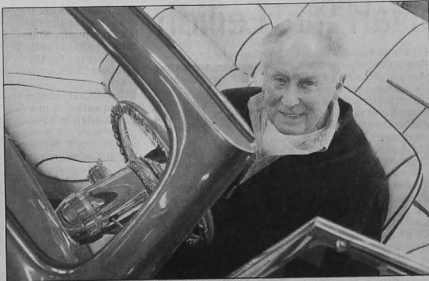
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is unveiled at the 61st annual Meguiar's Detroit Autorama on March 8-10 at the Cobo Center in Detroit.

The event will also be the Ridler Award's 50th anniversary. The award is the most coveted award in hot rodding.

For 50 years the award has been presented to the most outstanding new custom car shown for the first time anywhere. Named after the first promoter of Detroit Autorama, Don Ridler, the Ridler Award is the calling card of the Detroit event, attracting the finest custom car builders in North America to unveil their vehicles for the first time at the show.

The Detroit Autorama is the largest and oldest show of customized cars,



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A delighted Bob Houchins of Farmington Hills at the wheel of his 1940 Ford customized street rod that he hopes nabs the prestigious Ridler Award at the annual Autorama in Detroit in March.



Bob Houchins of Farmington Hills at the wheel of his customized 1940 Ford that is still under wraps until revealed at the annual Autorama in Detroit in March.

trucks, vans, motorcycles and hot rods in North America, according to Autorama promoters.

The Houchins family will be joined by Farmington Hills resident Art Silver and his son, Jim, of Troy. The duo will display their customized, red with white stripes 1969 Chevy Camaro Con-

vertible.

The Silvers' story will be showcased in the Sunday, March 2, edition of the *Farmington Observer*.

Winning

Meanwhile, the Houchins family, with the help of the Complete Auto Restoration crew, are completing their car. They will know on the last day of the Autorama if they will walk away with the coveted Ridler Award.

Of 50 cars that will be considered for the award, eight finalists will be chosen. And then only one will drive away with the award.

Winning the Ridler

gives the owners and the car recognition, particularly in terms of the profitability if and when the car is sold, the Houchins said.

"Everything has been touched on it," Dave said. That includes the engine, transmission, fenders, lights and the awfully beautiful interior that is out of a Ford Thunderbird. The custom street rod has a Chevy drive train, as well as new head and rear lights that are what is called "Frenched."

The car also boasts a Carson chop top that allows the family to put the top on when the weather is bad.

Not much more about the customization can be revealed without cheating on a secret. But the Houchins promise that car enthusiasts will fall in love.

So why put so much money and effort into redoing the 1940 Ford? "To be different. You don't see another car driving down the street like this one," Bob said.

In sync

But this customization remains in sync with the 1950s and 1960s era. "This is what you see in magazines. This is true to that era," Dave said.

The 1940 Ford isn't Bob's first custom car. "He was born with a car in his hand," said his wife, Barb, who has been promised she will be the first to drive the custom street rod after the Autorama.

Over the years, Bob, who is a founding member of the Motor State Street Rods club and a retired electrician, has had a 1934 Chevy, a 1934 Ford pickup and a Model A roadster. But he always wanted a custom car.

Bob has never met the original owner of the car. But he ran into an owner who had it in the 1960s while in high school. Bob's wife and kids can't remember when their garage housed an everyday car that the family drove. "This is my dad's hobby. It is a labor of love," Dave said.

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Compuware hosts U.S. skate championship

There are immediate openings in a machinist training class which will start on March 18 at Focus: HOPE. The class is part of Focus: HOPE's well-regarded work-force training programs that provide job training and assistance finding employment.

With job opportunities in manufacturing on the rise, Focus: HOPE is offering a 12-week class that teaches students how to read a blueprint, shop theory, math, communications, manual use of lathes and mills, and two types of CNC machining. It is open to residents of Wayne County.

Classes are offered at no charge to qualified students. To be admitted, students must have a high school diploma or GED, take an admission test to determine their math and reading levels, and pass a drug screen.

The classes are offered in partnership with SEM-CA (Southeast Michigan Community Alliance). Currently, classes are offered on Focus: HOPE's campus in Detroit. To start the admissions process, call (313) 494-4300 or stop in the Machinist Training Institute, 1200 Oakman Boulevard in Detroit anytime between 8:30 and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Focus: HOPE has been offering workforce training programs since 1981 as part of its mission to overcome racism, poverty and injustice. Nearly 12,000 individuals have graduated from the programs. Even with the challenging economy, the organization's job placement rate ranges around 70 percent. Graduates of classes are eligible for lifetime job placement assistance.

High level competition isn't just for kids anymore. Two Allegro synchronized skating teams made up of athletes ages 21-60 will compete at the 2013 United States Synchronized Skating Championships at the Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

From Feb. 27 through March 2, Compuware Area will be abuzz with teams of all ages from all over the United States competing for the top spots in their divisions.

Looking to regain the national title, the 2012 National silver medalists Allegro Masters Team skates to "Dance of the Vampires." The program is technically demanding, yet artistically intricate and moving.

The masters team is fresh off a win at the

2013 Midwestern Sectional Championships held in Kalamazoo in January. They also brought home the silver medal from the Dr. Richard Porter Synchronized Skating Competition in Ann Arbor in December. The team traveled to Lowell, Mass., in early January for the Colonial Classic where they earned another silver medal.

"Our team has been progressing throughout the season, making technical and artistic improvements to bring our best skate to nationals," said Erin MacDonald-Behrend of Trenton, skater on the masters team. "We will be fierce, precise, and enthralling when we take the ice!"

The Allegro Adult

Team skates to a Motor City theme this season, with songs from Eminem, KISS, and Journey. Bringing a high level of technical difficulty and an intense sense of artistry, the adult team looks to earn their highest scores of the season when they compete on March 2.

"Our team is thrilled to skate to hometown music for a hometown crowd," said Erica Grunwald of Chesterfield, skater on the adult team.


"We are proud to represent Detroit and are excited to perform our best skate of the season at home."

The Allegro synchronized skating teams were formed in 2008 under the direction of Carrie Brown. The adult

team is comprised of skaters ranging from 21-48 years of age and the masters skaters range from 27-60 years of age. Almost all of the skaters participated in the sport as children. The teams train out of the Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia and the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth.

The Allegro teams will host a nationals "Send Off" exhibition 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24 Compuware Arena. All seven of the Allegro teams will perform their competitive programs. The exhibition is free and open to the public. Attendees are asked to bring a new or gently used book donation. The books will be donated to a local elementary school in need.

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Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth City Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 18, 2013, AT 7:00 P.M. at City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, to take comments regarding the submittal of a LWCF (Land and Water Conservation Fund) Grant Application for improvements at Don Massey Field. It is the City's intention to apply for grant assistance for the construction of a permanent restroom facility as well as a shade structure over the bleachers at Don Massey Field.

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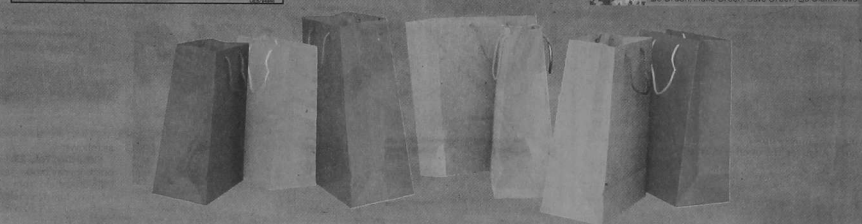
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40-year plan

Rocks' Thomann still loves coaching basketball, helping kids

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Fred Thomann might be a dinosaur in the world of high school basketball coaches.

After all, he's a 70-year-old guy who is celebrating 40 years on the sidelines at Salem High School.

His storied tenure has featured standout players (from 1988 Miss Basketball winner Dena Head to Lindsay Klemmer to Breanne Beaver), plus more than 700 victories, conference banners, district and regional titles and trips to the state Final Four.

He is an esteemed inductee of the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan Hall of Fame and helped jumpstart an Amateur Athletic Union girls basketball program in the late 1980s.

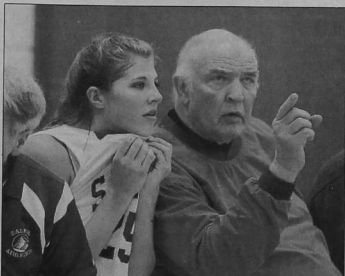
But Thomann still is sharp as a tack in basketball acumen, relates well with teenage players and can't think of anything else he'd rather be doing.

"With this game, if you don't stay with it all or a sudden you're going backwards," said Thomann, who has helmed Salem's varsity boys or girls basketball teams since 1972-73 — including the first decade coaching both. "It's getting harder and harder. I think, to find an old guy like me that stayed in the game this long."

His 41st season as a Salem basketball coach and 30th with the girls could end as soon as this week, with the one-and-done Class A districts on the immediate docket.

If that happens, the former standout high school and college center (at Taylor Center and Michigan State, respectively) will refocus on helping a young-but-promising Salem squad take up a notch in the KLA Association Division standings in 2013-14.

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Salem varsity girls basketball coach Fred Thomann talks to junior Kelly Whalen (No. 25) about something he sees transpiring out on the court during Thursday's game.

THE THOMANN FILE

Who: Fred Thomann, longtime basketball coach at Salem High School.

Longevity: The 70-year-old coach, who lives in Belleville, is now into his fifth decade as a Rocks coach. He coached from 1972-73 through 1983-84 with the varsity boys team and began coaching Salem's varsity girls team in the fall of 1983.

Awards: Thomann is an inductee of the Basketball Coaches of Michigan Hall of Fame and Friday had a plaque erected inside the Salem gym. He coached Willow Run's boys team to a state championship in 1967-68 and after moving to Salem, he has amassed six regional, 20 district and 21 league championships.

Hoop-la: He was a standout center in high school (at Taylor Center) and went on to be a three-year starter at Michigan State University (1961-62 through '63-64), earning team MVP honors his senior year. "When I played (at MSU) I was the tallest player (6-foot-9) ever to play there."

Other: Thomann earned a college degree in physical education and taught for more than 30 years. He also has coached track and field in the Plymouth-Canton district, both at the middle school and high school levels.



Fred Thomann at MSU, circa 1960s.

Sweet OT for Chiefs

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

They were singing "Hail to the Chiefs" following one of the most spellbinding boys basketball games ever played in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

There were so many twists and turns in this Kensington Conference championship game that it couldn't be recounted.

But when the final buzzer sounded after three exhausting overtimes, the scoreboard read: Canton 77, Westland John Glenn 76.

The Chiefs, who moved into the KLA Association championship game Tuesday at Grand Blanc, won despite three of its top players fouling out and letting a late 17-point third-quarter lead slip away.

"We didn't give up and basically we keep playing," said Canton senior guard Ryan Planey, who shared team-high scoring honors with 6-foot-8 Jordan Nobles with 19 points apiece. "He (Davyon Taylor) hit a big time shot to win the game. We got a little flustered with free throws, but overall we got it done."

Yes, back-up forward Davon

Please see CHIEFS, B2



Canton's Greg Williams (No. 22) goes to work against Westland John Glenn Friday night.

Wildcats roll

Plymouth senior Josh Friess scored 16 points and grabbed seven rebounds Friday night to spearhead the host Wildcats to a 47-35 victory against Howell in a KLA boys basketball consolation game.

According to Wildcats' head coach Mike Soukup, whose team improved to 8-11 overall, strong defense and rebounding helped the team get off to a strong first half that carried over the rest of the way.

Others to chip in were Sid Acharya (six points), Jake Divens (six points, 6-for-6 from the free-throw line), Josh Reynolds (five points), Brendan Swanson and Brian Schmid (four points each).

Plymouth will face Milford on Tuesday night.



Eagles prevail

Alex Huber and Drew Ibach scored 16 and 14 points, respectively, on Friday as Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity boys basketball team defeated MIAC opponent Birmingham Rooper, 54-36.

Ibach also led the Eagles with 11 rebounds, helping PCA improve to 10-7 overall.

Next up is Tuesday's home game against Southfield Christian in yet another conference matchup.



PCLL clinics

For the first time in the organization's history, Plymouth-Canton Little League is offering a series of clinics on hitting, fielding and pitching.

The clinics will take place at Total Baseball in Wixom, 3090 S. Wixom Road, and the cost of each clinic is \$10 per participant. The schedule is as follows:

Saturday, Feb. 23: pitching, catching, infield/outfield from noon to 1 p.m.; infield/outfield, 2:30-3:30 p.m.; hitting, 3-4 p.m.

Saturday, April 13: hitting, 4-5 p.m.; infield/outfield, 5-6 p.m. and 6-7 p.m.

Sunday, April 21: hitting, 4-5 p.m.; infield/outfield, 5-6 p.m. and 6-7 p.m.

Wildcats razor sharp in regional tuneup

By Dan O'Meara
Staff Writer

Plymouth High School scored early and never looked back as it skated to a 5-0 victory over host North Farmington-Harrison in a non-league hockey game Wednesday night.

Nick Schultz scored his team-leading 31st and 32nd goals, including the game-winner not long after the opening faceoff, to lead the Wildcats (19-5-1) at Farmington Hills Ice Arena. Plymouth now awaits Monday's Division 1 pre-regional contest at Arctic Edge against Canton.

On a sudden change, Schultz took the puck up the left side and rifed a shot that got under the left pad of Flyers goalie Jacob Ponder as he went to the ice.

"Whenever you get off to a quick start, it creates energy on the bench and guys get excited," Plymouth coach Gerry Venuto said. "That was nice to see because then we get our forecheck going and, usually, good things happen."

They did, late in the period. The Wildcats got a second goal during a 5-on-3 power play when Mike Schultz scored from Cameron Naddell and Jake Zaborowski with 1:39 remaining.

The next goal would be a pivotal event in determining the course of the game, according to Venuto.

"That's what we talked about in the locker room," he said. "It was a 2-0 game and, if they get the next one, they're going to feel like they're back in it, which they



MICHELLE BAUER

Vying for the puck during a recent varsity boys hockey game are Plymouth's Joe Burke (No. 19) and Canton's Matt Cox (No. 16). Both teams square off again Monday, in a pre-regional.

would have been.

"We kinda stressed the next goal had to be ours, and that made a big difference."

Nick Schultz got his

second goal early in the second period (15:48) and effectively won the game for the Wildcats.

He took a long pass from Zaborowski that

sailed along the left board to get behind the defense and beat Ponder with a one-on-one.

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Senior comes up big for 'Cats

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

It was appropriate that a senior saved "Senior Night" for Plymouth's varsity girls basketball team.

The Wildcats edged Howell 45-43 Thursday night, in a KLAAs tournament consolation match-up.

But according to head coach Bob de Bear, Plymouth's lone senior — Lexie McGhee — came through when the team needed it most with a key defensive play and subsequent free throw in the closing seconds.

"It was Senior Night and we were celebrating Lexie McGhee's career and she gave us some senior magic," de Bear said.

McGhee, who scored 11 points in just eight minutes of court time, retrieved a loose ball in Plymouth's zone following a foul by sophomore Leah Kiczinski (she had six blocks for the night).

"Lexie caught it down, Howell fouled again and Lexie made a free throw with 1.6 seconds left to make it a two-point game," said the coach, adding that he still couldn't relax until the final buzzer sounded.

"That Howell team is young and they have a lot of heart," de Bear noted. "They never gave up and almost pulled it out."

Plymouth went up 15-8 after one quarter and enjoyed a seemingly insurmountable halftime



Plymouth senior Lexie McGhee (right) dribbles the floor during Thursday's KLAAs girls basketball game against Howell.

advantage of 28-10. In the second half, however, the Highlanders started to hit the long ball.

"We gave up 33 points in the second half, 18 of them on 3-point shots," de Bear said.

Leading the Wildcats (9-10 overall) with 12 points was junior guard Kylie Robb. Also in double figures was junior center Shelby Cheston,

with 10 points along with seven rebounds and four blocks.

Chipping in with some offense were junior Tionne Johnson and sophomore Paige Slominski, with five and four points, respectively.

Plymouth will face Salem 7 p.m. Monday at Canton High School in a Class A district match-up.

KETERING 23, CANTON 19: On Thursday in a KLAAs consolation bracket girls basketball game, the Chiefs (14-6) let a 12-5 halftime lead slip away against Waterford Kettering.

"The kids defended well enough to win the game," Canton head coach Brian Samulski said. "Obviously, I need to do a way better job helping the kids defensively. Scoring seven points for the Chiefs was Paige Anesco, with Natalie Winters and Shannon Perry each contributing four points."

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CHIEFS

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Taylor, a 6-6 junior, hit what proved to be the game-winning shot with 6.6 seconds left in the third OT to put Canton up by one after Glenn missed a pair of free throws with 17.2 remaining.

"Ryan passed me the ball and I just got open and got the layup in and got the basket for our team," Taylor said simply.

There was nothing simple to this game, however.

Glenn senior guard Nick Daniels was heroic in defense, scoring a game-high 29 points.

Junior forward Isaac Everette added 23.

The two combined for 11 points as Canton was outscored 18-7 in the final quarter to send the game into OT.

In the first OT, Daniels had a chance to win it with 3.98 seconds remaining, but split straight a pair of foul shots to make it 59-all.

In the second OT, Daniels' shot banker with only 7.3 seconds left put the Rockets up by two, 70-68, but the Chiefs scored at the buzzer off an inbound pass underneath their own bucket as Planey went in uncontested for a layup off a pass from Scott Gring.

"I feel like they (Glenn) were supposed to switch because we heard 'switch,' and luckily I guess they didn't switch," Planey said. "I was shocked. I was like, 'Wow, what happened there?' It was a big-time play. I just had to get it up, no thinking, just reaction to it."

Drawing it up

Canton coach Jim Reddy explained the gametyping play to send it to a third OT.

"We set up a back screen on the opposite side for Planey," he said. "Josh Mayberry set the screen and we knew they'd probably be guarding Josh. I think he was our best guy left in there. So we were going to back screen with Josh and then Davon came off a double. We told the inbounder Scott Gring to look for Planey first on the back side and he was open and he scored. I think it happened because Josh set the screen, so a lot of attention is on Josh and they think it's for him. 'Secondary' was for him, but we were trying to get Ryan first and we got him."

In the third and final OT, Everette made four

straight free throws to put the Rockets up 76-72 with 1.06 remaining.

And by that time Canton had three players exit with five fouls including Nobles, Greg Williams (12 points) and point-guard Mayberry (11 points).

But despite being down four, Planey answered with a clutch three-pointer from the top of the key with 47.6 seconds left to pull the Chiefs to within one.

Protecting a one-point lead, Daniels drew a foul with 17.6 seconds left, but missed both foul shots setting the stage for Taylor's game-winning play with 6.6 remaining.

Glenn then tried a last-ditch desperation shot, but it missed the mark.

Team effort

"It took a team effort and obviously when you foul three guys out like that other guys have to make plays and they did," Reddy, whose team won its 13th straight and improved to 14-5 overall. "Our guys were tough tonight and they just made one more play than they did."

Glenn led 14-12 after one quarter, but was outscored 17-7 in the second to trail 29-21 at intermission.

Canton then ripped off six consecutive made shots in the third quarter to build a 17-point cushion before the Rockets crept back to within 12 on a basket by Drew Black (11 points) with 56.7 remaining in the period.

"We got down because Canton was on fire and we were maybe trying to make a last play," said Glenn coach Dan Young, whose team slipped to 16-3 overall. "I think that's what it was and then we just kind of started saying, 'Let's get it to within 10. Let's get it to within five with four (minutes) to go. And we did. We had plenty of chances and it just didn't happen. I ache for my guys. That's one of the best games I've ever been a part of other than the end. It hurt a lot."

Free throws also played a part of the story as Glenn went 24-of-38, while Canton hit 9-of-16.

But the killer play against the Rockets was the Planey layup at the end of the second OT.

"I told our guys they're going to throw it to the screener," Young said. "I said the guy you have to make sure doesn't get the ball under the rim is the guy who sets the screen. Don't let them get the layup. And it didn't work out."

On its back

Pin IOC for poor decision on wrestling

Let me get this straight: Beginning with the 2020 Olympic Games, the International Olympic Committee is getting rid of wrestling — a sport that tests an athlete's spirit, mind, body and endurance while building a level of discipline in its participants that few other sports can match.

Yet the IOC is keeping synchronized swimming and ping pong?

Boy, the Americans must have developed the Games without some love this move, eh? After all, wrestling was one of the Games' original sports, so they must have thought pretty highly of it.

I'd have to Google it, but I'm thinking ping pong and beach volleyball weren't welcomed on board until well into the 20th century.

While I have never pulled on a singlet — and the world is a better place because of this — I have observed enough of the sport to know that wrestling is a better test of a man's and woman's will and is just a tad more practical for a youngster to pick up — than the modern pentathlon, for which you need an epee, a gun and a horse, among other things.

Unlike several so-called "country club" sports — like tennis, golf and swimming — wrestling doesn't discriminate against you if you don't happen to have a lot of cash. In fact, many of the sport's most decorated athletes have risen from poverty, fueled by the opportunity to make a name for themselves and maybe someday represent their country in the Olympic Games.

While you will never get rich wrestling — unless you successfully transition your talents over to the now-booming mixed-martial arts — the benefits you can derive from the sport are invaluable. Nothing builds character faster than facing relentless resistance every time you step on a mat.

Lord only knows what the decision-makers' logic is based on, but it certainly doesn't seem to be common sense. Like most everything else, it's probably more like common "cents" and the almighty dollar. It appears wrestling wasn't generating high enough TV ratings.

Judging by e-mails I've received and Facebook posts I've read, the major decision to pin the sport at the Summer Games is meeting widespread disapproval — and rightly so.

I can't speak of other countries, but wrestling's popularity is growing in the United States. More youth clubs are popping up as organizers and parents are impressed by the sport's fitness-enhancing and discipline-building points.

And more young females are giving the sport a shot than ever before — and many are doing quite well. In fact, the IOC recently added women's wrestling to its docket, but it turns out it will only be a temporary addition.

Fortunately, the IOC's decision will not totally derail wrestling — far from it. It will just eliminate an once-golden goal for young aspiring grapplers like Redford Township resident Zach Francis, who has compiled a phenomenal 126-10 record in his two-plus years of high school wrestling at Lutheran Westland.

"Ever since I started wrestling, trying to get to the Olympics was always a goal of mine," he said. "While I know I may never be good enough to make it, it was still a goal. So, yeah, I'm mad they're taking it away."

Fortunately, this is only 2013, so the IOC has several years to rethink its position.

Maybe we should send Dan Gable to its next board meeting so he can talk some sense into them — or, better yet, put them in a headlock until they come to their senses.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Salem girls lax meeting

There will be a parent/student information meeting for all returning student athletes and future players for the Salem girls lacrosse team to be held 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, in room W212.

Salem is looking for new players as it plans to add its first junior varsity team. No previous playing experience is required, just desire to learn and play the sport.

Tryouts will begin 5:30 p.m. Monday, March 11 at East Middle School. Please go to www.salemgirls-lacrosse.com for contact and season information.

Salem Rockettes host kids clinic

The Salem Rockettes are hosting their annual Junior Rockettes' Kids Clinic from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 16.

The event is open for all kids grades K-8. It is a great opportunity for older kids then to spend time with the Rockettes and ask questions and information about tryouts for the 2013-14 season.

The clinic includes: learning routines for all levels. Rockettes T-shirt, poms, snack/drink and an invitation to perform in the Salem High School Rockettes Variety show.

The cost of the clinic is \$30.00 in advance. Registration forms for the kids clinic and Rockettes tryout information can be found at www.pompon.salemrockets.com.



Queen of Diamonds

The 18-and-under Queen of Diamonds Elite girls fastpitch softball team captured four straight games capped by a 2-1 championship victory over the Brats, a team comprised of White Lake Lakeland High players, in the President's Day Tournament held at Genesee Fieldhouse. The Queens, who belted a total of eight homers and gave up only eight total hits (including a combined no-hitter), also defeated Venom (6-2), the Outlaws (17-0) and KSB (7-0). Members of the Queens, comprised of players from Canton, Plymouth, Allen Park, Cabrini, Livonia, Stevenson and Churchill high schools include (bottom, from left): Jessica Webster, Jordyn Fryz, Megan Colton, Nicky Sallum, Kendall Wolf, Lauren Oppinger (back row, from left): Tessa O'Doherty, head coach Mike Gerou, Catherine Porter, Brittney Miller, assistant coach Nolan Gerou, Ashley Gordon and Elaine Gerou. O'Doherty plays at the Cheryl Stockwell Prep Academy.



Before a recent game, Salem girls basketball players rev up team spirit with their coach, Fred Thomann.

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THOMANN

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No reason to leave

That's because Thomann has no plans on stepping out of the gym into the pasture anytime soon.

"I just like the game," Thomann said. "The game has been so good to me and it allowed me to get an education. I'm the first kid in the Thomann family to get a college degree (in physical education at MSU).

"I've been blessed with having such great players and coaching great teams it's just been a labor of love for me. I don't know what I'd do if I couldn't come to the gym."

Who was the top player to come out of the program under his watch? He said it was 1988 alum Head, named "Miss Basketball" her senior year. She went on to the University of Tennessee and Women's National Basketball Association.

"Dena's probably the number one player, absolutely, one of many, many players that came out that played at the collegiate level," Thomann said. "She was Miss Basketball, she was starting point guard on two national championship teams at the University of Tennessee. You don't get very many like that."

Thomann, who lives in Belleville, remains the dean among a cluster of longtime basketball coaches in the district who have carved out undeniable legacies in their own right, such as Bob Brodie and Bob Blohm.

Yet the tag as a coaching legend best describes Thomann, according to Blohm — a Salem assistant coach of Thomann's in the 1970s before moving across the Park to coach the girls basketball varsity team at Canton.

"He's awesome, he got me going," said Blohm, for several years the right-hand man of Canton girls basketball coach Brian Samulski. "His philosophy and his concepts offensively and defensively kind of meshed (with Blohm's). He's a great coach, after 40 years he's still rolling. He's still young and going."

What keeps Thomann coming back year after year is his sheer love of teaching the game and putting young athletes in the best position to succeed.

Listen and learn

That is something much appreciated by ex-players such as Alaya Mitchell, who as a senior in 2008 helped spark the Rocks to the Western Lakes Activities Association championship — Salem's last title to date.

"You know what, he made me the player that I am today," said Mitchell, a member of the Salem girls program's most recent conference champion and a four-year point guard for Division I Marshall University. "We bumped heads a lot but I came back and I was always excited to see him. I always tried to keep in touch with as much as possible. He's really like another father to me."



Salem varsity girls basketball coach Fred Thomann never shies away from a chance to instruct and motivate his players.

WAY TO GO FRED!

Following are some of the shout-outs about Fred Thomann's impact as a basketball coach at Salem High School, a four-decade career that is still going strong:

ANDREA PRUETT (varsity girls basketball player, class of 1999): "Fred is one of the most honest and compassionate people I have had the great pleasure of knowing. I will always consider him a member of my family. Fred served as a wonderful advocate in my formative years, and he always provided me with guidance and support in my endeavors on and off the court."

CHRISTINE PHILLIPS (varsity girls basketball player, class of 1999): "Fred makes me think of summers in the gym, trips to State for team camp and working hard to accomplish some pretty impressive wins during the season. He was a fantastic coach, and usually even kept his cool. I learned a lot playing for him and made some lifelong friends, as well. My years on his team at Salem are years I will always remember fondly."

ROB HEITMEYER (Salem assistant girls basketball coach): "He's one of those special people with a commanding presence both on and off the basketball court. When it comes to basketball acumen, few have more."

JIM SINCLAIR (Salem varsity boys basketball player, class of 1983): "It seems like I was around Coach Thomann most of my early life as he was my elementary school education teacher. ... I followed the Rocks until I participated in Coach Thomann's program in the early 1980s. His teams absolutely dominated the old Suburban 8 for over a decade."

How much does Mitchell like hanging out with her old coach? She spent some of her personal time helping Thomann run practices at the start of this season.

Asked about what the current players should try to glean from Thomann's guidance, Mitchell wasted no time with her answer. "If you really have the will to win and want to win, then you'll do everything necessary to do that," Mitchell said. "Pay attention to the coach. Listen to the coach and apply everything you learn."

"He knows exactly what he's talking about, he knows everything. They have a legend as their coach so you got to take advantage of that," Thomann might love to draw up plays and figure out lineups and rotations, but he considers himself a teacher first and foremost. The subject just happens to be basketball. In fact, he subscribes to the theory that high school sports are an extension of the classroom to be sampled and enjoyed by as many student-athletes as possible.

"It absolutely is, no question," Thomann said. "And it's like taking advanced biology, or

advanced physics. When you get to the varsity level you're now an advanced player."

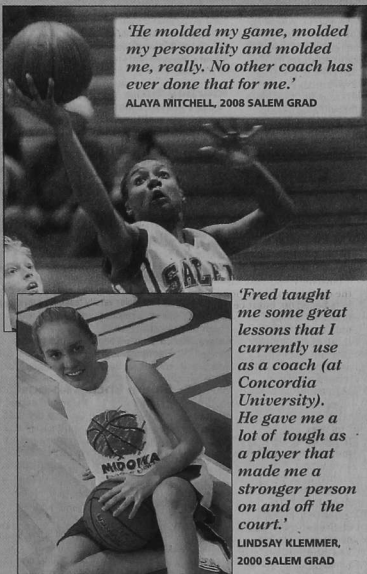
To that end, he isn't a fan of the 21st century trend toward specialization. "You're involved," said Thomann, about why he urges kids to compete in several sports during their high school years. "You're using different sets of muscles, there's different ways of communicating, different responsibilities, different levels of competence. I'm a star in this one but a backup here or a glue player here."

"Maybe their second activity is music, or debate. To me, that's the same. You're involved, you're using your talent. That's the way I've always taught and that's what I've always tried to tell kids."

Specialize later

He added that the increasing trend in athletics for coaches, players and even parents to angle an athlete toward what they think is their top sport can limit the prep experience.

"They'll say 'Coach, I want to concentrate on basketball,'" said Thomann, detailing a typical exchange about the sub-



'He molded my game, molded my personality and molded me, really. No other coach has ever done that for me.'

ALAYA MITCHELL, 2008 SALEM GRAD

'Fred taught me some great lessons that I currently use as a coach (at Concordia University). He gave me a lot of tough as a player that made me a stronger person on and off the court.'

LINDSAY KLEMMER, 2000 SALEM GRAD

ject. "Why? 'Because I want to be really good.' I tell you what, go run track and field for 12 weeks and when you come back in the summer you'll be just as well off."

"You'll be in great shape and you'll have a whole new network of friends. To me, that's what high school's all about. If you're good enough, you can specialize in college."

Thomann's only state championship came at Willow Run in 1967-68 before his move to Salem, but he doesn't define his success in wins and losses.

"He not only cherishes putting competitive squads on the floor but helping youngsters find out more about themselves in the process. I enjoy putting a team together," Thomann explained. "Trying to find the best fit for everybody so that they can join together, mesh and play the game at a certain level."

The coach keeps tabs on what each individual brings to the court, too. "Maybe one kid can defend, and one kid can deliver the basketball, one kid can shoot the ball good," he went on. "All of a sudden there's a lit-

all) might be able to accomplish in the postseason. Salem squares off against Plymouth at 7 p.m. Monday in a Class A district opener at Canton High School.

"We started out 1-6," he said. "To be 10-10 after that, that's a pretty big improvement on our part."

Thomann was honored between the junior varsity and varsity games, with the permanent placement of a plaque signifying the "Fred Thomann Basketball Office."

His former Salem assistant Bob Blohm has a similar honor at Canton High School.

"I'm very pleased and satisfied to get such a nice honor," Thomann said. "Totally unexpected, totally."

If there was any disappointment for Thomann, it was that his mom, Beatrice, could not be there to share in the moment. Beatrice Thomann, 95, passed away earlier this month.

"She was proud that all three of her children were teachers," he said. "My brother (David) taught here at Pioneer Middle School and my sister (Gloria) had 35 years at Berkeley High School. I've been involved in the schools since 1965."

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power forward Beaver will return from the 2012-13 team, one that made strides with a 6-4 record in the tough KLAAC Central Division.

"What it is our sophomores are growing up," he said. "You have five sophomores, and KK (junior Kayla Kavulich) didn't play last year. So in playing time she's a sophomore."

"It just takes people time to figure out the nuances of this game. You can be a great athlete and not be a great basketball player because you don't know when to cut, when not to cut. But our young kids are really coming on and we're getting better."

For all the success and accolades Thomann has accrued, he is the first to divvy up the credit. "I've always been blessed at Salem with really good assistant coaches," Thomann said. "The staff we have right now is nothing short of excellent."

He ticked off the names of Bill Maier, Paul Brotz, former Salem player Kelly Jascot and Rob Heitmeier. "Having those people involved has just been phenomenal," he said. "They know I'm a little older so they cover for me. Everybody brings a little something extra to the table."

"That's really helped me to stay involved with the game. Because they've done so much of the stuff that I used to always do myself."

"That might be true, but there's only one Fred Thomann. And he still has plenty of game left in him. It's been awesome," he said, smiling. "But I'd like to think the wheels aren't off the vehicle yet."

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tle space for everyone to play in.

"When they all start getting on the same page, I think basketball is just a beautiful game to watch."

Thomann wants to keep watching.

More to come With no desire to step away, he is enthusiastic about what next season could bring for the Rocks. All but talented senior

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Easy as 1-2-3!

Girls gymnastics teams from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park were dominant at last weekend's KLAAS Kensington Conference meet held at Walleye Lake Central. All three teams got together for this group photo following the festivities. The red-clad Canton Chiefs (middle) finished first. In second place was Plymouth (black attire, right) with Salem (blue attire, left) in third.

TUNEUP

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move in front.

Following a first period in which Plymouth was dominant with a 17-8 advantage in shots, the Flyers outshot the Wildcats in the second, 13-10. That was due in large part to a 5-1 tally during a North-Harrison power play midway in the period.

Back at it

Plymouth regained the edge on offense in the third, outshooting the home team, 14-6, and producing two more goals.

Zach Tavernie scored the fourth (12:47) on a power play with help from Dean Gunter and Nick Schultz. Josh Smith's wrist shot that hit the crossbar and dropped into the net capped the scoring (4:31).

Mike Schultz, who also had two assists, scored his 24th goal, Tavernie 20th and Smith ninth. Zaborowski and Gunter also had two assists each, Kyle Bauer and Spencer Godin one.

"I really liked our first and third periods," Vento said. "I thought we got kinda stalled in the

second. I didn't like the way we were playing in the defensive zone.

"But I thought we really buckled down in the third period. We went in with a 3-0 lead, scored two and didn't give them any chances; so, overall, I was very happy."

Flyers foiled

North-Harrison (13-11) had another unsuccessful power play in the middle of the third period, and they had a man advantage again for the final minute of the game.

"They're a great team, but we didn't want to compete; we didn't want to do the dirty work," Flyers coach Ken Anderson said. "We were okay around the periphery, but we didn't do a whole lot of good tonight."

"We had hoped to get a pick-me-up game (following a 5-4 loss to Superior Creek in an OAA semifinal) to get back into it and get ready for the state playoffs. We just weren't interested in competing today."

"I was disappointed in our effort all the way from the coaches on. I have to take some blame for it, too. Hopefully, we can regroup and be

ready to go Saturday (in the OAA consolation final with Clarkston)." Plymouth's offensive efficiency was complemented by the play of goalie Jarrod Maddock and the defense.

"I thought Jarrod was fantastic," Vento said. "I thought he was the best player on the ice. He made some fantastic saves in the second period when I thought they could have scored a couple. He kept them out of the net, and that kinda changed the flow of the game."

Tourney time

In pre-regional tournament games Monday, the Flyers will play host to Birmingham United at FHIA, and the Wildcats will face campus rival Canton (8 p.m. at Arctic Edge).

"It's going to be a tough game," Vento said, adding Plymouth beat the Chiefs twice in late 2012. "The third time is always a lot harder. They're playing a lot better."

"It's not the same team we saw. We played them in November and December. It's going to be a different game, but our guys know that. They're going to be prepared for it."

Chiefs perfect headed into regionals

On the heels of winning the KLAAS Kensington Conference girls gymnastics meet, Canton finished an undefeated girls gymnastics regular season with a 145.2-to-139 victory over Grosse Pointe United.

Jocelyn Moraw and Erica Lucas sparked the Chiefs, who now gear up for the Division 1 regionals March 2 at Plymouth High School.

Moraw tallied a 9.7 score on floor exercise, along with 9.05 on uneven parallel bars, good for first in each event. Her all-around score was 36.8.

Meanwhile, Lucas placed first on vault with a 9.45 along with second place on balance beam (9.0).

Other Canton performers chipping in were Nicole Lasecki (sec-

ond on floor, 9.55), Melissa Green (second on vault, 9.4; third in all-around, 36.2) and Ellie Bachman (second on beam, 9.0). Canton head coach John Cunningham also tipped his cap to the 'B' team, compiling "what would be a regional qualifying score of 120.3 and combining for 15 qualifying scores individually. He said the crew of Megan Adams, Sarah Plant, Van Gilder, Allie Vincent, Katie Kleibir, Meghan Meridith, Audrey Halim, Kayley Lazarski, Katie Lawera, Jessica Siegler, Jenna Foster, Alexis Panizzolo, Breanne Hanselman, Breanna Flowers, Olivia Drapeau, and Katie Adams "had an excellent meet."

The D1 regionals are slated to begin at 10 a.m. on March 2.

Salem icers win 12th straight

By Tim Smith

Staff Writer

Salem's late-season assault on opposing goal-tenders continued with Wednesday's 7-3 victory over Walleye Lake Northern in the Rocks' final game of the regular season.

The scoring could have reached double digits if not for the gutsy goaltending of Knights senior Grant Lutzki, who faced 61 shots on goal and kept his team relatively close until late in the middle stanza at Plymouth Cultural Center.

"We kept the puck on net pretty well," Salem boys hockey coach Ryan Ossennacher said. "We did a pretty good job defending, we competed well, we worked hard and stayed out of the box. I think we had one penalty all night. So it was a good way to finish the (regular) season."

The victory was the 12th in a row for Salem (18-6-1).

Early jump

The Rocks' offensive heat began just 1:26 into the KLAAS crossover, when junior forward Jack Driscoll netted his 10th goal of the season from junior forward Nick Danis (two assists).

Driscoll walked out of the right corner with the puck, stepped in front of Lutzki and backhanded a shot into the cage.

After Northern's Eric Woolf evened the score, Salem's top line of seniors Alex Zultowski, Jake Sealy and junior Jason Newell teamed up for two markers before the end of the first to make it 3-1.

Sealy (two goals, one assist) centered the puck to Newell (one goal, two assists) for a one-timer in the slot at 13:21. In the final minute of the stanza, Sealy guided the Northern goalie to cap a play started by Zultowski (two

assists) and Newell.

Salem padded that edge to 4-1 with two minutes remaining in the second, with the No. 1 unit at it once again. This time, Zultowski moved the puck from the left half-wall into the middle of the ice to Newell, who spun and flicked a low shot toward Lutzki's.

Crossing in front of the goalie for the tip-in was Sealy, who along with Zultowski has been among KLAAS scoring leaders much of the season. Both players "are close to 60 points in a 25-game season, which is pretty impressive," Ossennacher noted.

Always a threat

According to the coach, whenever the Zultowski-Sealy-Newell line is on the ice "they're a threat" to score.

"They can beat you in so many different ways," Ossennacher said. "All three of them are really skilled, they can all skate, they can all move the puck and they can all shoot."

It only took the Rocks 50 seconds in the third to go up 5-1. Sophomore forward Noah Willer crashed the crease to jam a rebound home, with the assist going to Danis.

After the Knights made it 5-2 on a goal by Cole Helgemo (left wide-open to the left of Salem junior goalie Parker Godfrey), senior forward John Johnston and junior defenseman Steven Homrich (one goal, one assist) found the range to put Salem up by five goals in the late stages.

Junior forward Jon Clark drew assists on both of those goals with senior forward Jake Fedel picking up one helper.

Northern finished the scoring with a goal in the final minute, scored by Austin Sanson.

The latest offensive surge gave Salem 22 goals over the last three games, and Ossennacher would like to see that prolific scoring continue into the Division 1 pre-regionals.

"Obviously, we're trending in the right direction," Ossennacher said. "That's 12 in a row and hopefully we can keep it going next week."

Next test awaits

That would be in the D1 pre-regionals at Arctic Edge Arena (8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27) against Plymouth or Canton. The Wildcats and Chiefs play 8 p.m. Monday in a pre-regional contest.

"Regardless of who it is it's a Park rivalry, and anything can happen," Ossennacher said. "Every time we've played them, the four games this year — two against Canton and two against Plymouth — have all been close games. So we'll have our work cut out for us."

That could be an understatement: the Rocks are without senior captain Jake Downey, who did not play against Northern due to illness. Ossennacher said he didn't know whether Downey would be back for the start of the playoffs.

"He's arguably our best penalty killer from a forward's standpoint, one of our better defensive forwards," the coach noted. "He blocks shots and does the little things, gets pucks out and gets pucks dead."

"Besides that, he's a four-year senior and captain of our team. That will be a big blow if he can't go, but it's just an opportunity for someone else to step up and fill that role."

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Dueling hat tricks pace Whalers

It looks like the Plymouth Whalers are just getting started.

Rickard Rakell and Cody Payne each registered hat tricks Friday night as the Whalers routed Windsor 9-1 before 2,604 at Compuware Arena.

The victory improved Plymouth's record to 33-16-5-4, good for 75 points. The Whalers enjoyed a six-point cushion on second-place Sarnia entering Saturday's home game against the Sting.

For Rakell, who recent-

ly returned from a successful stint with the NHL Anaheim Ducks, scored goals 16-18 on the season, with Stefan Noesen and Sebastian Uvira each helping set up two of the markers.

Also netting three goals against beleaguered Windsor netminder Jordan DeKort — who stopped 42 of 51 shots — was Payne, who scored the game's final two goals to give him 20 for the year.

Other Whalers to light the lamp were Tom Wil-

son (18th), Ryan Hartman (23rd) and Matt Mistele (31st) — all in the first period to put Plymouth up 3-0.

Helping the cause with two assists each were Zach Lorentz and Connor Carrick.

Goalie Alex Nedeljkovic stopped 27 of the 28 shots he faced. The only Windsor goal he gave up was scored by former Whaler and Farmington Hills product Alex Aleardi, who now has 24 markers for the season (15 with Plymouth).

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Salem boys keglers win D1 team regionals



Coaches and bowlers for Salem's varsity boys team celebrate Friday after winning the team regionals at Super Bowl in Canton, thus qualifying for the state tournament.

while Plymouth barely missed the cut — finishing fourth with a 3.273 total.

The Salem boys — who recently earned the KLAAS Central Division co-championship — prevailed in four of six Baker games and then out-

pinned the Shamrocks 1,066-991 in the three regular games. Plymouth finished seventh out of the 12 teams with a total of 3,619.

"They were every coach's dream this season," Salem head coach Kathie Hahn said. "They all worked so hard and each individual boy brought so many things to the special dynamics of this team."

Those dynamics also helped the Rocks pin the only regular season defeats on Westland John Glenn. The Rockets finished third in their regional Friday. Salem's girls team came in sixth with 3,091 pins.

Metro Detroit loves cinema

Locals walk the red carpet early at celebration

By Julie Yolles
Social Scene Columnist

Always progressive, Motown was nine days early with its red carpet roll-out at a special Detroit Loves Cinema event on Valentine's Day. Held at the Detroit Film Theatre (DFT) in the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA), the event drew chic movie lovers in their long gowns, bling, suits and with movie ballots in hand. Guests were treated to a preview of all the nominated Oscar shorts that will be crowned during tonight's telecast of the Oscars.

More than 600 young Detroiters attended the event that was a joint effort with the Friends of DFT and the Founders Junior Council (FJC) of the DIA. Detroit Passport to the Arts, and Detroit Historical Society 313. Special thanks went to the Born and Raised Detroit Foundation for their marketing support.

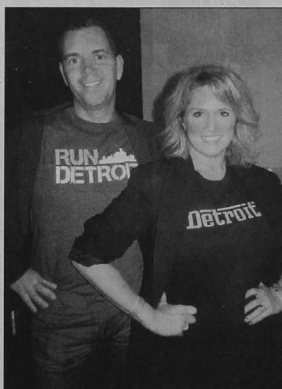
Patrons walked the red carpet at the DFT and watched an hour of Oscar shorts before voting on the Best Hair and Make-up competition held at intermission. Changez Salon in Royal Oak was the corporate sponsor of that part. Next was the second half of the Oscar shorts. Guests then left the DFT and walked across the street for strolls down several memory lanes at the newly remodeled Detroit Historical Museum.

For a "school night," the



Jessica Danley of Livonia found her elegant vintage wedding dress at the Salvation Army the day of the Detroit Loves Cinema party at the Detroit Film Theatre (DFT). She also is wearing an heirloom necklace from her grandmother. Danley is an English teacher overseas and will go to India on March 30 to perform in a stunt show.

party went on well past midnight. The Detroit Passport to the Arts was launched in August 2009. It's a series of cultural events put on by seven metro-Detroit non-profits to attract a younger audience and expose them to all of Detroit's best, including the Detroit Symphony Orchestra,



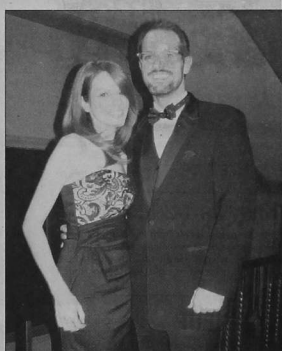
Farmington Hills residents Kevin and Nicole Bopp are passionate about Detroit — running marathons, visiting our great cultural institutions and supporting the DIA, in particular. Nicole is on the board of the Founders Junior Council (FJC) of the DIA and they bought their matching shirts at the Detroit Shoppe.

Michigan Opera Theatre, the DIA and the Chamber Winds & Strings, Eisenhower Dance Ensemble and the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival.

But for tonight, all eyes will be on the Hollywood red carpet when the winners of the Oscars will be announced. Movie lovers can watch the live broadcast of the 2013 Oscars — while helping to raise funds for Habitat Detroit — at the Max M. Fisher Music Center and Orchestra Hall in downtown Detroit. Participants can walk the red car-

pet, sip a Habitini, enjoy a strolling dinner created by Forte Belanger, see who wins the Habbies (Habitat Detroit's own version of the Oscars) and then watch the 2013 Academy Awards. All general admission tickets are \$75. For more information, go to habitatdetroit.org/redcarpet.

Julie Yolles, Social Scene columnist, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 371 Greenwood, Birmingham, MI 48009. Contact her at socialscenejulie@gmail.com or (248) 642-9465.



PHOTOS BY JULIE YOLLES

Lauren Wethington of Plymouth and Nick Gilpin of Detroit enjoy the Detroit Loves Cinema Bash at the Detroit Film Theatre and Detroit Historical Museum.



Farmington Hills resident Elizabeth Smith, a Birmingham Jr. League (BJL) member (left), and Anna Bliss of Birmingham, also a BIL member. The Birmingham Jr. League presents its 60th Anniversary Gala at Oakland Hills Country Club, Saturday, April 27. The black-tie optional gala is \$125 per person. Go to www.jlbham.org/birmingham to register for tickets.

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Benefit luncheon



JULIE VOLLES

More than 800 women — and a few good men — attended the 10th anniversary Go Red for Women luncheon to benefit the American Heart Association, Feb. 15 at the MGM Grand, Detroit. Attendees included Janice Uhlig (left) of Oakland Township, General Motors' executive director global compensation and chair of the Go Red event; Star Jones, keynote speaker and American Heart Association national volunteer; and Janice Cosby-Bridges of Farmington Hills, chief marketing officer of Ascension Health Michigan Ministries and Go Red's vice chair.

GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

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

Livonia Garden Club

Rosann Kovalick, owner of Backyard Birds, in Grosse Pointe Woods, will talk about the hundreds of birds that visit her backyard, at the next meeting of the Club, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, at the Livonia Senior Center, located at Five Mile and Farmington Road, in Livonia. She'll also explain how to attract more wildlife. Light refreshments will be served. Newcomers are welcome. For more information visit www.orgsites.com/ml/livoniagardenclub.

English Gardens

Get an introduction to fairy and miniature gardens, 1 p.m. Saturday, March 2. Kids can make a fairy garden at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 2. Cost is \$34.99. Sign up online at www.englishgardens.com.

Learn the ABCs of growing herbs at a free presentation, 1 p.m. Saturday, March 9.

Make a kitchen herb garden at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 9. Cost is \$19.99. Sign up online.

Area stores are at 155 N. Maple, Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900, 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; 4901 Coolidge Highway, Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; and 6370 Orchard Lake Road, in West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506.

60-minute classes

Master Gardeners Western Wayne County (MGWWC) wraps up its series of hour-long seminars with a garden photography class, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at the Wayne County Extension Office, 5454 Venoy, a quarter mile north of Van Born, in Wayne. Cost \$10 each. All proceeds fund gardening grants and scholarships. Bob Bransky, photographer and Master Gardener/Master Composter, will teach outdoor and garden photography, showing how to take outstanding pictures, camera basics, composition of a great picture, closeup photos of plants. To register, e-mail to mgwwcorg@gmail.com.

Film tells tale of abandoned family dog

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Noriko Kambara of Novi grew up with birds and hamsters in her Japanese home, but it was 50 mice that sparked her spirit of animal advocacy. "At that time I worked for a laboratory and a very stupid doctor made the mice breed too much and then said it's too much, so throw them away. So I secretly gathered those mice and took them to my house. My parents were so surprised, but we took care of them."

Kambara brings that same sense of animal stewardship to her short film, *Abandoned Buddy*, a fictional story based on the plight of pets abandoned in foreclosed homes. It will debut at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 2, at the Main Theater, located on the corner of 11 Mile and Main in downtown Royal Oak. Tickets are \$7 and available at www.pinetom.com/abandoned-buddy/ by clicking on Main Art Theatre. Her feature length film, *Believe Again*, a story about a man who struggles to regain his family and his dreams after losing his job, will follow *Abandoned Buddy* and is included in the ticket price. Both films were shot in Michigan.

Kambara, who came to Novi from Japan in 2009, the result of her husband's job transfer, was inspired to write *Abandoned Buddy* after learning that some irresponsible owners have abandoned family pets when their homes are foreclosed. Kambara also said she was aware of stray cats in her neighborhood, as well as an abandoned dog that was taken in by a neighbor.

"The key message is



A golden retriever stars in Noriko Kambara's short film, "Abandoned Buddy," about a pet left behind when his owners move away.



PET PROJECTS

they are not toys. They are a part of your family," she said. "They leave their pets, like leaving their furniture, without feeling guilty or without recognition that they are killing their pets. They don't look at a pet as living property, no different than a worn toy thrown away when they get bored with playing with it."

Kambara has seen the results of similar attacks in Japan.

"In Japan, some people keep animals — they say 'Oh, they are so cute!' — but after while they don't care for them."

She hopes the film changes attitudes, not only about pets, but about Michigan, as well.

Kambara said friends had warned her that

Michigan was among the most dangerous states in the U.S. She hopes to show "the real Michigan" through her filmmaking, which was mostly self-taught.

"It was always interested in making stories," said Kambara, who quit a job with Microsoft when she left her native country. "I had already taken a class in script and also from 7 years old I studied composing music."

She took instruction in film directing in Michigan and then began learning from YouTube and other Internet sources, books and Friends with Filmmaking experience.

Kambara auditioned cast members, including dogs, for the film roles. Charlie, a golden retriever owned by Christine Fox, a dog trainer and owner of Wag 'N' Tails Dog Activity Center in Shelby Township, landed the part of the abandoned canine.

"Golden retrievers are very popular, I think. And he has a face that is very true to the character."

Spolier alert — the film has a happy ending.

For more information about *Abandoned Buddy* and *Believe Again*, visit www.pinetom.com.

REUNIONS

Send information to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com. Got a class photo or yearbook picture to go with the information? Send it along as a jpg attachment.

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A 45-year class reunion is planned for Saturday, Sept. 7. For information contact Susan Keith Johnson at sjohnson4@comcast.net.

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The individual may come to the doctor because of low back strain, but the doctor, observing the patient's gait, will turn his attention to the patient's knees. Often the x-rays ordered are weight bearing of the knees, rather than films of the spine. The physician knows that therapy for the back requires diagnosing the knee problem and treating it. If the knee impairment is resolved, and the patient still has back pain, the physician will then turn his attention to the back.

Physicians apply the same reasoning to shoulder and neck pain. The patient may complain of a sore neck. Often before checking the neck muscles, the doctor may examine how well the shoulder moves. Even small losses of shoulder rotation will cause a strain on the trapezius muscle; the effect is to cause a neck ache. The answer to ending the neck pain is to resolve the shoulder problem.

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I say hello: March is meet Joe Gagnon month

By Joe Gagnon
Guest Columnist

I never planned to make my name so recognizable but I did set my mind to help every person who asked me a question. I've been doing that in the media for the past 29 years and I enjoy every minute of it.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

many years ago. I went to the grocery store by myself and

I use extreme care to admit what I don't know and that which I am versed in. There is nothing worse for the image than one who acts like a know-it-all. I remember an image-buster that happened to me

started pushing the cart down an aisle when a senior lady walked up and asked if I was Joe Gagnon. I don't know what came over me but let's just say that I made a mistake. I told this lady that I must look like the guy because I'm always being asked that question. I smiled as she walked away and I thought I should get an Academy Award for my performance.

A short while later while shopping in another aisle I hear this woman yelling out, "Fred, get over here, the Appliance Doctor is here and you can ask him about the dishwasher." Fred came over and we started talking about his dishwasher and all of a sudden, who do you think appeared on the scene? It was the senior lady who I had lied to and she was not very happy and proceeded to give me a talking to in front of more

homeowners who had gathered around. Needless to say, I was more than embarrassed and I promised myself I would never do that again. I'll just stick to helping people with their appliance problems.

Mind of their own

One subject I've written about before is appliances that act up when they are not even being used. Oven door glass that explodes into the kitchen floor and even cut a homeowner's leg; burners that come on in the middle of the night; refrigerators that catch fire in the compressor area, light bulbs that stay on inside the refrigerator and catch the plastic shield on fire and the list goes on.

Recently there was a story on television about microwave ovens that turn on by themselves. It appears that KitchenAid and General Electric

are the targets of an ongoing investigation with the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Reports indicate that this is a widespread problem going back to possibly the year 2002. You can use your computer to get the whole story by going to "consumer reports-investigation on microwave fires."

Here is another secret tip that I learned a few weeks ago when I spent a few days on the road again with my son, Mark. Take a look at the bottom of the cutting boards you use on the kitchen counter. You may find four little feet under there that could come off when you place these in the dishwasher. Those little pads can jam the check valve in the dishwasher mechanism and you may end up spending money for a technicians visit.

Stop by, say Hi
You already have my e-mail

address and I appreciate hearing from everyone. I also have a website, askjoeagnon.com. During each Saturday in March I will have the opportunity to meet many of you in person at area home improvement shows. I will be doing my radio show from Canton on Saturday, March 2, Dearborn Heights on March 9, Washenaw County Fairgrounds on March 16, and Churchill High School in Livonia on March 23. I can assure you that I won't deny who I am, and I will be polite and give you as much information as I can. You can't miss me! White hair, glasses, a few scars from hockey and I look just like Robert Redford or Paul Newman. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twm1.com

Read, discuss classic literature in Livonia with new friends

If you're interested in reading and discussing classic fiction, check out the Great Books Discussion Group in Livonia.

"It's a lot of fun," said Zo Chisnell, group member. "We do read some heavy stuff. It's a little different type of book group."

The meeting format and original reading list is based on information from the Great Books Foundation in Chicago, Ill. The Livonia group expanded the Foundation's original list of classic selections from western culture to include contemporary authors and writers from other cultures.

The group meets from September-May and once a month in the summer, reading a mix of fiction, non-fiction, drama and poetry. The non-fiction readings cover a wide range of topics, including politics, religion, and social commentaries.

"We read a lot of the Russians," said Chisnell, adding "We've also read Ten-

nessee Williams, Hemingway, Washington Irving."

Meetings are 7:30-9:30 p.m. two Thursdays a month at the Livonia Civic Center Library, located at Five Mile and Farmington Road. There are no dues and the books on the reading list are available from libraries or bookstores.

Upcoming meetings include: *God Is Not Great* by Christopher Hitchens on March 21, *Galileo* by Bertolt Brecht on March 21, *Eugenie Grandet* by Honore de Balzac on April 4, *Tales of the Alhambra* by Washington Irving on April 18, *Young Goodman Brown* and *Others* by Nathaniel Hawthorne on May 9 and selections by William Wordsworth on May 23.

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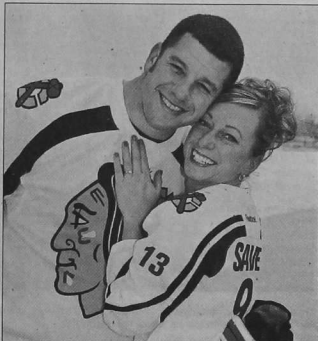
Dziekan-Gabel

Julie Dziekan and Thomas Gabel announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Michael and Mary Ann Dziekan of Canton, is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

Her fiancé, son of Gary and Lisa Gabel of West Bloomfield and Kathy Olivas of Deerfield, Fla., is a graduate of Walled Lake Western High School.

A September 2013 wedding is planned in Chicago, Ill.



RELIGION

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PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday

Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service. All Creatures ULC describes the gathering as non-denominational and Christian. Water is available for dogs.

Contact: (313) 563-0162

PRAYER

Nardin Park United Methodist Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
Details: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests.

Contact: (248) 476-8860

S. Edith Church

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday

Location: 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Enter through the back of the church.

Details: Music, singing, prayer

Contact: Grace at (734) 464-1895, Shirley at (734) 464-3656 or Geri at (734) 464-8906

St. Michael Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 6-7 a.m. Monday-Friday

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PRESCHOOL

Ward Preschool

Time/Date: 2011-12 school year

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville
Details: Enrolling now for children turning 3, 4 and 5 years old by Dec. 1.

Contact: (248) 374-5911 or e-mail carol.nowack@wardchurch.org

SINGLES

Detroit World Outreach

Time/Date: 4-6 p.m. Sunday

Location: 23800 W. Chicago, Redford, room 304

Details: Divorce Overcomers group is designed for individuals going through divorce, those who are divorced or separated. Occasionally includes guest speakers; open to the public and visitors are welcome.

Contact: The facilitator at (313) 283-8200; lf@dwo.org

First Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 7:30-7:45 p.m., social time; 7:45-8 p.m., opening; 8-9 p.m., program Thursdays.

Location: 200 E. Main St., Northville

Details: Single Place Ministry, cost is \$5

Contact: (248) 384-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

Steve's Family Restaurant

Time/Date: 9 a.m. second and fourth Thursday

Location: 15800 Middlebelt, 1/4-mile north of Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Widowed men of all ages may attend the Widowed Friends Men's breakfast. This is an informal "peer" group where men have an opportunity to meet with others who are able to help cope or become involved in the other social activities offered by Widowed Friends.

Contact: (313) 534-0399

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Time/Date: 11:30 a.m. Sunday

Location: 40000 Six Mile, Northville

Details: Single Point Ministry, for 30 and up, offers fellowship, coffee, doughnuts, conversation.

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67th wedding anniversary

John and Doris Karpinski celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary Feb. 9 with a party at The American House, Westland.

They were married in 1946 at The Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church, Detroit. John, 90, was born in Madera, Pa., and served in the Navy from 1942-45. He married soon after he was discharged. He worked for Imerman Screw in Detroit from 1940-85, retiring after 45 years.

Doris, 91, was born in Detroit and worked at Eureka in Detroit making gas masks for the war.

The couple raised their family in Southgate.

John and Doris have one daughter and two sons, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Son Kevin and his wife, Lois, attended the anniversary celebration with two of the grandsons, Erik and Clint.

Their youngest, Max, is a Marine at Camp Kinser in Okinawa, Japan. Daughter Sheryl and her husband, Michael, and their family, including great-grandchildren, Hunter and Autumn, also attended the gathering.

The Karpinskis retired



John and Doris Karpinski of Westland



The Karpinskis on their wedding day

to Port St. Lucie, Fla., in 1985. They currently live at American House

in Westland, but hope to return to Florida if their health improves.

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ACOSTA, MELINA (LYNN)

Age 64, of Canton Michigan passed away on February 15th, 2013. The Celebration of Life will be held at 10:30 AM Saturday, Feb. 23 at St. John Neuman Catholic Church with Father Theo of St. Presilla's officiating. Please join us for a luncheon and social time after the mass. Lynn was born in Cabodnon, North Agusan, Philippines. She was married to Alfredo (Fred) Acosta on June 17th, 1972. They Acosta married 40 years. The couple had one son, Maj. Allen D. Acosta and one grandchild, Tsunami Acosta. Lynn worked for Sybron-Kerr as a quality assurance specialist for 34 years. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, cooking, playing mahjong, shopping and traveling. Lynn is survived by many family members both in the U.S. and the Philippines who love her dearly. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be sent to St. John Neuman Church at 44400 Warren Rd., Canton, Michigan, 48186. The family of Lynn Acosta would like to thank the University of Michigan Oncology Center, especially Dr. Carolyn Johnston as well as her team at Arbor Hospice who all provided excellent care to her.

BATES, GWENDOLYN ELAINE

Age 87, of Harrow Island, Michigan, passed away Sunday, February 17, 2013, wife of the late Bernice A. "Bud" Bates Jr. and mother of Kenneth Albert Bates. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Martha Jean Bates-Lannen, and William E. Lannen, and her nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at Gross Pointe Congregation Church, 2040 Chalfonte Ave., Gross Pointe Farms, Michigan. The family has kindly requested that no flowers be sent. The Bates Foundation, c/o St. Joseph's Hospital, established in memory of her late husband and son. Donations can be sent to: Bates Foundation, Suite 306, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

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TRASKOS, HELEN

Age 92, died Feb. 12, 2013. Graduate of Fordson High, Dearborn. Attended Wayne State Univ. Retired 1983, employed by AMA/ MVMA for 43 years. Service at 11:00am, March 6th at Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville. Gifts to: Ward Church, Deacon FD, 248-374-7400

May peace be
with you in this
time of sorrow.

HEIN, JOAN A.

Age 64, February 19, 2013 of Canton, Beloved wife of Roy M. Hein, Jr. Loving mother of Cindy (Ray) Kelm, James Hein, Lori (Kevin) Wright, Tina L. (Justin) LaBorde and Michael Hein. Proud grandmother of seven grandchildren. Dear sister of Kenneth Hartka. Visitation Monday 2-9 PM at Vermulen Funeral Home, 980 N Newburgh Rd (between Ford and Cherry Hill) Westland. Funeral Service Tuesday 1 PM at the funeral home. Interment Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park. To share a memory, please visit vermulenfuneralhome.com

JOHNSON, MICHELLE L.

Age 33 of Livonia passed away surrounded by her loving family. www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

NEIDING, RICHARD CRAIG

Age 49, of Vermilion, died Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at Mercy Regional Medical Center, Lewiston after a sudden illness. He was born May 19, 1963 in Royal Oak, MI and had been a Vermilion resident for the past 13 years moving from Traverse City, MI. Graduated from Wylie E. Groves High School, Birmingham, MI and attended Oakland County Community College for culinary training. He worked as a gourmet chef at Ric's in West Bloomfield, MI for 8 years and several other restaurants in Michigan, the Florida Keys, and Little Palm Island. He was a member of AA, and enjoyed nature walks, bird watching, and his cats. He is survived by his mother, Gretchen Rose (nee Cothran), Neiding of Vermilion; sister, Karin N. Hoover of Mt. Juliet, TN; Aunt and Uncle Karin and Dave Rathbun; Uncle Roger Kishman; nephew, Richard Paul Lentz; numerous cousins including, D. Drew Rathbun, DDS, Shelby Innes, Teri Howe, Monica Jenkins DMD, and Ashley Kishman, and many wonderful friends including, Dave and Mary Paul of Vermilion. He was preceded in death by his father, Richard Paul Neiding in 1983; paternal grandparents, Conrad and Mildred Rose (nee Cothran); Neiding; maternal grandparents, Lester Henry and Algerna C. (nee Yingling) Kishman; uncles, Ronald and Jerry Neiding; and aunts, Delphia (nee Cothran) Goupp, and Darlene Neiding. Soon, Grave-side services will be held at a later date at Brownfield Cemetery, Vermilion. The family suggests memorial contributions to the United Church of Christ Congregation, 990 State Street, P.O. Box 228, Vermilion, OH 44089

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SMITH, RODGER W., Jr.

Age 65 of Anchorage, Alaska (formerly of Canton, MI), on February 11, 2013 went to be with the Lord. Beloved son of Marge and the late Rodger Smith. Loving Father of Jessica (Tim), Dear Brother of Roxanne (Ron), Rock (Lanny), the late Rodney, and the late Ron.



STERLING, JOHN E.

Age 88 of Livonia. Beloved husband of Marvel for 68 years. Loving father of Linda DePietro-Solomons, Janet (Rich) Gillette, and Laurie (Herb) Schroeder. Dear grandfather of Brian and Tim Deegan, Brad Schroeder and Amy Michalek. Great-grandfather of seven. Loving uncle of two nieces. A memorial service will take place Tuesday, February 26th 10:00AM at the Lutheran Home of Michigan, 28910 Plymouth Rd Livonia, MI 48150. Memorial Donations may be made to the Lutheran Homes of Michigan P.O. Box 329 Frankenmuth, MI 48734-0329. Please share memories at: Fredwoodfuneralhome.com

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Car Report

Adding the new turbo diesel option will power up Chevrolet's Cruze



By Dale Russ

Consider how GM indicated late last year that it would be stepping down its development of new conventional hybrids. Add to that new remarks by former GM CEO Ed Whitacre about Chevrolet Volt.

For nearly a decade, Volt was used as the company's go-to answer about how GM was going to dramatically increase energy efficiency in its vehicles.

Now, however — at least in the view of the guy who ran the company before current CEO Dan Akerson — Volt seems to have been reduced to a sort of teachable moment, an asterisk-bearing curiosity in the long arc of GM products. “I think [Volt] will create value for GM somewhere down the line,” Whitacre said warily to USA Today. “It’s not like it sold zero.”

Certainly, GM has expectations that the new Cruze diesel will prove an immediate sales and financial success rather than only vaguely help the company down the line, as Whitacre anticipates in regard to Volt and its plug-in-hybrid technology.

In fact, the unveiling of the new Cruze could provide an immediate jolt forward for clean diesel in the U.S. market overall. Cruze represents the most significant investment yet in the rise of the technology in the American market by a Detroit Three automaker.

About 40 percent of Cruze models sold

in Europe — like most of the continent's small cars — are diesel-powered. But GM's adaptation of a new diesel powertrain for the U.S. represents a bold return to diesel power for the company. Its diesel cars in the 70s and 80s were dirty, smelly and unreliable, and tarnished the reputation of diesel power in America for decades.

Based like all clean-diesel models on new low-pollution technology, Cruze "represents a new era in diesel performance for American cars," said Jens Wartha, GM chief engineer.

With a starting price at \$25,695, including a \$810 destination charge (excludes tax, title, license, and dealer fees), the Cruze Clean Turbo Diesel comes with a six-speed automatic transmission, four-wheel antilock disc brakes, 3.20 final drive ratio, 140-amp alternator, 800 cold-cranking amps battery, 17-inch alloy wheels, ultra-low-rolling resistance all-season tires, rear spoiler, Aero Performance Package and leather-appointed seating features.

Other standard features include Chevrolet's infotainment system MyLink, a two-year maintenance plan, and a five-year 100,000-mile powertrain warranty.

Built at the Lordstown, Ohio, plant, the new Cruze will get what GM called "best-in-segment" 42 mpg on the high-



Small Car Marketing Director Cristi Landy unveils Cruze diesel in Chicago.

Leather-appointed seating comes standard in the new diesel-powered Cruze

way and produce an estimated 258 lb.-ft. of torque, sprinting from zero to 60 mph in 8.6 seconds behind its 2.0-liter, 148-horsepower engine.

That's the same highway-mileage rating as the Eco gasoline-powered, turbo-charged version of Cruze. But the latter model has only a 1.4-liter engine and yields only 138 horsepower and just 148 lb.-ft. of torque.

It's that combination of a now-clean-burning, high-mileage fuel and engine performance, especially torque, that is attracting more and more Americans to consider diesel power as a mainstream option. Historically until lately, diesel was mainly was something Americans put in their heavy-duty pickup trucks.

Chrysler also has stepped up to the technology with a clean-diesel version of the 2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee, its most popular SUV. Ford, meanwhile, has stayed away from diesel engines and focused on hybrids and EVs as well as more fuel-efficient gasoline engines through its EcoBoost technology.

While diesel and electrified vehicles hold similar small slivers of the U.S. car market at the moment — each just a few percent — diesel arguably is on the up-

swing while hybrids and all-electrics have stalled overall in the marketplace, even though some automakers keep adding to their fleets of electrified models.

The Cruze diesel "is coming out at just the right time," said Allan Schaeffer, executive director of the Diesel Technology Forum. The car "will be a key factor in taking the success of clean diesel as a competitive fuel-efficient technology to the next level."

The Forum said that automakers are set to introduce more than 20 new clean-diesel vehicles in North America this year, roughly doubling the number of diesel nameplates available.

Volkswagen and Audi have been most committed to diesel in the U.S. market, with Audi planning this year to stretch its Turbo Direct Injection clean-diesel option across most of its highest-volume models, and VW pushing to get diesel penetration of its Passat mid-sized sedan to around 25 percent.

Diesel accounts for about 20 percent of Volkswagen's U.S. sales volume. Executives believe that the more brands and products that come to the diesel party in the U.S., the more every brand's diesel sales will grow.

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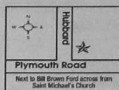
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