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So here's what the *Canton Observer* wants to know in advance of Mother's Day: What rules, sayings, advice or other parenting methods do you channel from things your own mother said to you when you were a kid? Whether it was "Do as I say, not as I do" or "Wait 'til your father gets home!" we'd like to hear about it.

Email your examples to *Canton Observer* editor Brad Kadrich at bkadrich@hometownlife.com for a story that will appear on Mother's Day. Include a JPEG photo of you and/or your mom, if you'd like (just make sure to identify the folks in the photo). We'll use as many of the examples and photos as we can. Deadline is Tuesday, May 7.

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Pair faces probation for role in child's death

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A former Canton mother and her ex-boyfriend are expected to avoid prison after accepting a plea to involuntary manslaughter in the death of her 19-month-old son, who died after he swallowed a pill used for purposes such as treating heroin addiction.

Andrea Nicole Rodgers, 20, and Ryan Keith Moody, 25, are facing

three years of probation when they are formally sentenced May 20 in Wayne County Circuit Court, Moody's defense attorney, Jeffrey Osment, said Thursday.

The pair accepted their plea Wednesday after authorities agreed to drop a charge of second-degree child abuse. Their plea came one day before their jury trial was supposed to start in Judge Gregory Bill's courtroom.

Rodgers and Moody could have

faced penalties ranging up to 15 years in prison if they had gone to trial for the death of Silas Rodgers, who died last June 9 from an overdose of Suboxone.

Authorities said the pills were improperly stored in the house the couple had shared on Maben, near Canton Center and Ford roads.

By pleading guilty, Rodgers can keep the involuntary manslaughter charge off her record under the Holmes Youthful

Trainee Act, which applies to defendants in certain situations if they are between the ages of 17 and 21 and if they stay out of trouble.

Her attorney, Michael Rataj, said Rodgers has suffered over the loss of her child.

"She couldn't withstand the trial," he said Friday. "We chose the easy way instead of the hard way. It's more about putting this

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Washer and dryer contest

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**Good Friends
Canton Library helpers
mark their 25th year**

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Marcia Barker brought enough cookies for hundreds of people when she organized the first Friends of the Canton Public Library meeting 25 years ago. "I had five people show up," Barker, now a library program specialist, said.

What a difference a quarter-century makes.

As the group celebrates its 25th anniversary, it has grown to 250 dues-paying members and raised more than \$500,000 for the library, which has emerged as one of Canton's cultural hubs since it opened in 1988.

Shirley Reynolds, a Friends trustee and member for 23 years, recalls when the group's revenue-raising book sales meant pushing a cart around the library after hauling them from an off-site storage space "where there was no heat in the winter and no air (conditioning) in the summer."

Now, the popular Secondhand Prose bookstore, with its own room inside the library, stocks an estimated 12,000 books, said volunteer and Friends member Bevis Richardson, busy with other volunteers stocking shelves with donated books on a Tuesday morning. The store also sells items such as music CDs, movies and comic books.



Bevis Richardson and Jody Trame (above) sort books in the Secondhand Prose bookstore. Huddled in Secondhand Prose bookstore (top) are Friends of the Canton Public Library Treasurer Larry Hoelscher, President Rhoda Walsh, Trustee Shirley Reynolds, Program Specialist Marcia Barker, Vice President Linda Garrett and Trustee Patty Jenkins.

Loving Prose

The bookstore was partly why Patty Jenkins, a Friends trustee, became involved in the nonprofit group a few years ago. "I love Secondhand Prose," she said.

Most books sell for 25 cents to

\$1, though Barker recalls one book of Alice in Wonderland illustrations that sold for \$365.

Friends of the Canton Public Library was the brainchild of then-library Director Jean Taber and library board President Jim Gillig before the library, once

housed on the third floor of the township administration building, moved across the street to its 1200 S. Canton Center facility in 1988.

Aside from book sales, Lin-

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The *Observer & Eccentric Media* presents the Spring Expo (formerly known as the Senior Expo) with a special lineup of guest speakers, more than 50 exhibits and enter-

tainment by award-winning gospel artist Vickie Winans from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, in the Vis'laTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

This annual tradition for active adults features valuable information and resources from local experts on all things from healthy eating to exercise to financial planning.

The first 100 attendees through

the door will receive a pass for two to any Emagine Theatre and a Buddy's coupon for a four-square cheese pizza courtesy of O&E Media. In addition, there will also be a drawing every hour for prizes and gift cards.

Larry Ruehlen of O&E Media will offer up Facebook tips and strategies for social media users.

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da Garrett, Friends vice president, said the group raises money from memberships ranging from \$10 for a senior citizen or student to \$100 for a "best friend."

Larry Hoelscher, treasurer, said Friends will typically donate \$50,000 or more each year to the library — money for book collections and other materials, programming, scholarships, furniture, art sculptures, staff morale-boosting events and an endowment fund that has reached \$300,000.

Library Director Eva Davis said the Friends group has given over \$100,000 to the fund. "We have an endowment fund because of the Friends," she said, though only the interest earned is used.

Critical support

Davis said the Friends' support has proved critical as the library's annual budget plunged from \$6.8 million to \$5 million since 2008, due to an economic downturn and declining property tax revenues.

Rhoda Wolshon, the Friends president, said she has been long active because she believes the Canton Public Library helps bring quality of life to Canton. The facility has had two additions since it was built, and it offers materials in numerous languages to service this community's diverse population.

"I think that a community is not worth living in unless it has a good library system," Wolshon said. "This is the best library I've ever been in by far — with the best director."

Over the years, the Friends provided local entertainment, too, using



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Kathy Young shelves books in the library bookstore.

book carts and forming a precision drill team that performed in places such as the old Liberty Fest parades. A few murder mystery dinners didn't exactly raise much money, but they're

sure remembered for the camaraderie.

Garrett said her involvement in Friends since the beginning inspired her to go to library school and become a now-retired teacher-librarian with



Ralph Richardson rolls books to storage in the Secondhand Prose used bookstore.

Crestwood School District.

Big strides

It's that kind of dedication and involvement Barker envisioned when she organized that first Friends gathering 25 years ago.

"These are the people who like to be here," she said. "They don't have to be here."

The group has made huge strides since its first book sale raised \$157, money partly used to buy a globe for the children's department. Members still seek new ways to raise money, such as

working with Kroger and its customer rewards program at www.krogercommunityrewards.com.

Friends officers, all retired, say they would welcome new — and younger — Friends members to help carry on their legacy. For more information on Friends or Secondhand Prose, go to www.canton.org. Wolshon has no doubt the group will survive. "Long after I'm gone," she said, "the Friends will still be here."

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tragic incident behind her and walking away from it without a criminal record and moving on with her life."

Osment said the pair sought to avoid a trial.

"It was a tragic, unfortunate accident," Osment said, "and neither one of them wanted to relive the awful tragedy of that day, which is what this trial would have done."

Plea deal

Barring an unexpected snag, Osment said, Rodgers and Moody face probation, though it could potentially be revoked if either gets into legal trouble again. The pair agreed to accept a plea rather than risk a jury conviction and a potential prison sentence.

"The ideal situation is both charges get dismissed," Osment said, "but it's the devil you know vs. the devil you don't know. They can start moving forward with their lives and not



Andrea Rodgers and Ryan Moody are expected to face probation when they are sentenced next month in the death of their 19-month-old son.

have to relive that day." Rataj has said Rodgers loved her son and never would have intentionally hurt him. Rataj had earlier called the criminal charges "Monday morning quarterbacking" by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office against a grieving mother.

Even though Moody wasn't the child's father, Osment said Moody loved the boy and had helped care for him.

However, Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Keisha Glenn has called it "gross negligence" that Moody's prescription drugs had been left in a

plastic container near a bedside. She said the pills should have been kept out of reach of young Silas.

Fair sentence

Osment said Moody can seek to have the charge expunged from his record in five years.

"I think the judge recognized these are not bad people," Osment said. "It's not like it was malicious intent. I think it's a fair sentence."

Earlier, Judge Bill had rejected a motion to dismiss criminal charges against the pair, who had remained free on probation as they awaited the outcome of their case. Rataj had stated emphatically that Rodgers "did not kill her child."

During a preliminary examination last November in Plymouth 35th District Court, Canton Detective Tim Wright had testified it wasn't the first time Silas had taken a pill. Wright said Rodgers on another occasion had sought medical treatment for a similar incident. Moreover, Wright

said the night before Silas was found dead, he was caught putting a pill into a bottle of Mountain Dew.

Wright testified that Rodgers blamed Moody for her child's death. Wright said in court that Moody accepted blame during an interview and said "anything he got, he deserved."

Dr. Bader Cassin testified during the hearing that Silas died of medication poisoning that caused his brain to swell and his lungs to fill with chemical fluids.

In ordering the pair to stand trial, 35th District Judge Michael Gerou had said he believed they loved the child and didn't intentionally hurt him. But, he said, "they had a duty to properly store toxic medication."

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In addition, get your photo with the Fathead® Wall Graphics of Detroit Tigers ace Justin Verlander and first baseman Prince Fielder. An O&E photographer will take your photo and post it on a special photo gallery at hometownlife.com for your friends and family to see.

Doors will open at 2:45 a.m. to accommodate expo guests attending programs and workshops that begin at 9 and 9:15 a.m.

The expo's exclusive gold level sponsor is Comfort Dental Spa of

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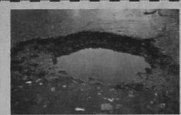
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Robotics team earns shot at world title

By Brad Kadrich
 Staff Writer

Plymouth-Canton's Lightning Robotics 862 team went into last weekend's state robotics championships with one goal in mind: Earning a berth in the World Championships.

After leaving Eastern Michigan University ranked eighth in the state following their performance, Lightning Robotics 862 team members are booking hotel rooms in St. Louis.

At EMU, Plymouth-Canton made it to the quarterfinal round with an 8-4 record, then lost in the



Gov. Rick Snyder (that's him in the back row) stopped by to chat with members of the Plymouth-Canton Lightning Robotics 862 team, which finished ranked eighth in the state and earned a trip to the world championship competition in St. Louis.

quarterfinal. The Number Eight ranking was good enough to get them to the

world competition, in St. Louis April 24-27. "Governor (Rick) Snyder

stopped by and talked to our students ... It was a very good weekend," said Jay Obsniuk, the robotics/electronics teacher who heads the team. "Now we're scrambling to find hotels and money to get to St. Louis."

In addition to qualifying for the world championships, Plymouth-Canton's team also earned one of the competition's most prestigious awards, the Entrepreneurship Award. Sponsored by Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers, the award "celebrates the entrepreneurial spirit and recognizes a team which has developed a comprehensive

business plan in order to define, manage and achieve team objectives."

The winning team "displays entrepreneurial enthusiasm and the vital business skills to ensure a self-sustaining program" and, Obsniuk said, "celebrates teams that look beyond the team website, taking into account the numerous ways people search for and consume content."

Plymouth-Canton Lightning Robotics 862 could be in the running for the same award at the world championships, but it will need the help of its supporters and fans to win it, because one of the

requirements is having a Facebook page.

"(Supporters) who have Facebook pages and would consider 'liking' us should please do so," Obsniuk said. "It is part of getting the word out to the community about FIRST Robotics. If we can increase the number of likes, this will help us to be in the running for the award at the world championship."

Fans and supporters can use this link — www.facebook.com/LightningRobotics — to help the team.

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Annual show focuses on students' art

By Brad Kadrich
 Staff Writer

When Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials open the doors next weekend to their fifth annual K-12 Art Show, the focus will be on the work produced by developing artists from elementary, middle and high schools all across the district.

The exhibit will feature more than 2,000 pieces of student artwork, selected by the district's visual art staff. Professional jurors will select winning entries based on composition, creativity, focus, craftsmanship, and technique.

But, while the focus is on the work, many hearts will be on the dedication. This year's show is being dedicated to the memo-



Karen Siegel (left), coordinator for Visual and Performing Arts, and Dr. Jeremy Hughes, superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, were happy to accept a \$2,000 check from Jill Engel, executive director of the Partnership for Arts and Humanities. The money, donated by Ibox Insurance and Sysco Food Services, will fund a second day of the Plymouth-Canton Schools K-12 annual art show. The money was donated by Ibox Insurance and Sysco Food Services.

ry of longtime art teacher Kathy Levi, who devoted some 40 years to teaching students before passing

away in December. This year Paul Levi, fellow artist and husband of 33 years, will serve



The two-day P-CCS Art Show will feature art created by students K-12 from throughout the district.

as one of this year's Art Show Jurors.

"Some of our current teachers had Kathy as a teacher when they were in school," said Karen Siegel, who started as the district's visual and performing arts coordinator in December. "There

are about 900 kids a year in that program, so she impacted a lot of lives.

When the idea of dedicating the show to Levi was proposed, there was unanimous support for it."

In addition to the artwork, the show will feature the talents of the district's culinary students, who are preparing desserts for attendees, and members of the district's music department, who will perform throughout the show. The district's radio station, 88.1 The Park, will also be broadcasting.

The show will be stretched over two days for the second year, thanks to \$2,000 in donations wrangled by the Canton Partnerships for the Arts & Humanities.

The donations came from Ibox Insurance and Sysco Food Services. Last year, attendance went up by a wide margin thanks to the second day.

"We increased attendance by 25 percent last year with the second day," said Jill Engel, the partnership's director. "It gives people a chance to see this amazing art work."

Siegel said the show will give students a chance to finish the artwork journey.

"To be complete, art needs to be seen," Siegel said. "(The show) is a showcase of everything K-12. You can see the breadth of what kids do. It's going to be awesome."

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Final market closes winter season in Canton

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Tina Lloyd hesitates to say the "D" word. Winter. And even though spring has technically arrived, today (Sunday) for the record marks the last Winter Market 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the historic Cady-Boyer Barn in Preservation Park, on Ridge north of Cherry Hill Road on Canton's far west side.

Lloyd, market manager, said the winter markets inside the barn, much like the outdoor warm-weather markets, have been a success.

"It's been great," she said. "The barn markets have always been well-attended."

The markets are intended to link Michigan vendors to local residents

who are encouraged to support area merchants by shopping locally.

Here's a look at today's market highlights featuring nearly 20 vendors:

- Market vendor Mary Jones of Intu Specialty Teas, before the market opens, appears live between 7:30 a.m. and 8 a.m. on Fox 2 Detroit.

- Children can join in the market's seed-starting activity by planting sunflower seeds to take home and add to their

own garden. Look for the master gardener tent.

- The Miller Elementary Brownie Girl Scout Troop will be holding a final pasta collection — or cash donations — for the Canton-based Open Door Ministry food pantry, which helps over 450 people every week.

- Pick up the new recipe card for broccoli and white bean soup.

- Shoppers are encouraged to check out the market's fresh hoop-house-

grown produce, including mixed greens, spinach, radishes, arugula, lettuce, salad mix, chives and nettles). Frozen berries, peaches and rhubarb also will be available.

- Food for purchase includes kettle corn, farm eggs, gluten-free baking mixes, smoked fish, hand-blended teas, honey, artisan cheese, antibiotic- and hormone-free grass-fed meats, conventional meats, pierogi, pasties, sauces, mustards,

dressings, popcorn, sauerkraut, hand-cut jerky, meat sticks, granola, jam and baked goods including gluten free, sugar free and vegan.

- Arts and crafts will include hand-crafted soap, soy candles and room sprays.

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Sides make their cases on school bond

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

With a little more than two weeks to go before the May 7 election that will decide whether Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials get their \$114.4 million bond, support for the measure is beginning to crystallize.

And, more slowly, so is opposition.

Support has been much more visible to this point, with the formulation of the Vote Yes for PCCS Citizen Committee immediately following the Board of Education's approval of the election date. The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce recently support-

ed the proposal, and it has drawn support from area legislators, as well.

State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township, sent the district a letter earlier this month saying the bond "is in the best interests of our taxpayers." Heise, who serves as a trustee on the district's Educational Excellence Foundation and who has two kids in the district, said the proposal "benefits everyone in our district" and will help the district remain competitive in the face of uncertain funding.

"At a time when public school funding has been cut across the state, it's important for us to maintain Plymouth-Canton's advantage by keeping more funding in the class-

room," Heise said. "My family, and thousands of families like mine, moved to Plymouth and Canton for a better quality of life, low taxes, and great schools. The bond respects and preserves these values, and will keep Plymouth and Canton at the forefront of Michigan's economic recovery."

Not so sure

Plymouth resident Paul Garon isn't so sure. Garon, who said he will be organizing an effort to defeat the bond using a phone bank to call voters, said there are some things he likes about the bond — "We do need capital improvements to existing structures and computer labs," he said —

but doesn't like the idea of drawing a new middle school, and is upset with the timing of the bond.

Garon said he believes the board scheduled the election for May "taking advantage of the public by trying to 'slip this through' when most voters are still in snow-bird mode in places like Arizona and Florida."

"The new school is not needed," Garon said.

"Enrollment is expected to take a steep decline in about five years and at around that time the fair market value of the Central property will be much greater. Those proceeds will be able to be put into the school treasury for spending."

"There's a lot of good information out there on it, and I've heard arguments on both sides," Colbeck said. "But it's a local control issue, and I'm focused on the state budget right now."

But State Rep. Dian

Slavens, D-Canton, said the bond is necessary because the district needs to replace Central Middle School and make the technology improvements to "keep Plymouth-Canton schools competitive with other districts."

Mixed bag

Support for the proposal is also mixed when it comes to local governments. Superintendent Jeremy Hughes has made presentations to both the Plymouth and Canton township boards of trustees, drawing different reactions from each. While the Canton Township board doesn't do "group" endorsements, at least five of its members — Supervisor Phil LaJoy, Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin and Trustees Steven Sneideman, Tom Yack and Pat Williams — have thrown their support behind it.

In a letter to the editor of the *Observer*, McLaughlin said the bond was necessary.

"Canton and Plymouth have long had a strong reputation for good schools," she wrote.

"With the advent of Proposal A, the P-C schools received a significantly reduced annual allotment per pupil, and have for years been robbing Peter to pay Paul" to keep our schools competitive and successful.

Plymouth Township board members had more questions, including the cost of the proposal and the need for a new middle school. Treasurer Ron Edwards questioned whether the district can keep its bond millage — the amount levied to pay for borrowing money — at 4.1 mills, as officials have pledged. And Clerk Nancy Conzelman questioned the need for a new middle school, saying that voters have previously rejected such plans and yet Central, on Main Street in the city of Plymouth, has been neglected.

Trustee Bob Doroshewitz said he's "troubled" by the technology portion of the proposal, particularly the I:1 plan to give iPads to every student. He said the district's "cost of ownership" numbers are flawed.



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Heise wants audit of DWSD

State Rep. Kurt Heise today announced a resolution urging Gov. Snyder and Detroit Emergency Financial Manager Kevin Orr to conduct an immediate audit of the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department.

A recent decision by federal court Judge Cox dismissed the 1977 Clean Water Act case against the Detroit Water and Sewage Department.

"The DWSD has a long history of corruption, unreasonable rates,



Heise

secret meetings, no-bid contracts, and bloated bureaucracy," said

Heise, R-Plymouth Township. "It's time to shine some light into the sewers and find out where our money is being spent. Detroiters, and our region, deserve nothing less."

The goal of the resolution is to urge the governor and Detroit EFM to examine the financial situation of the DWSD through an audit as the department heads toward a new model of governance. Heise has also introduced House Bill 4009, which would create the Southeast Michigan Water Quality Alliance, a regional structure for the DWSD.

The resolution was referred to the Local Government Committee.

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Canton part of drug give-back program

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Striking back against prescription drug abuse that affects millions of Americans, Canton police and law-enforcement agencies across the nation are helping the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration dispose of potentially dangerous drugs.

To that end, township authorities are encouraging residents to remove prescription drugs they no longer need from their homes and bring them to the Canton Police Department, 1150 S. Canton Center, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 27.

Residents may discard drugs — no questions asked — by placing them in a drop box that will be set up in the police sta-

tion lobby.

"It makes for a safe and effective way for people to dispose of their unwanted and unneeded prescription drugs," Deputy Police Chief Robert Kerr said Friday.

The national drug give-back initiative provides a unified, national effort to keep prescription drugs out of the wrong hands and to reduce the potential they could be abused or sold on the street. The DEA will dispose of the controlled substances.

Kerr stressed that only prescription pills can be accepted — not liquids or needles.

Local and national authorities say prescription drug abuse rates are alarmingly high across the nation, leading to addiction and accidental poi-

sonings and overdoses. Studies show a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends.

More than six million Americans abuse prescription drugs, according to a 2011 study by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health. The same study revealed more than 70 percent of people abusing prescription pain relievers got them from family, friends and the home medicine cabinet.

One study by the National Survey on Drug Use and Health indicated more Americans are abusing psychotherapeutic pills, or prescription drugs, than the number of cocaine, heroin and hallucinogenic abusers combined.

Canton and other communities also have had incidents of pharmacy break-ins by suspects stealing prescription drugs.

Authorities say all too often, prescription drugs are left in medicine cabinets and other places long after they have been prescribed. In such cases, parents or guardians might not even notice when pills are missing.

Last September, during the last drug give-back program, the DEA collected 488,395 pounds — or 244 tons — of prescription medications that residents took to local and state law-enforcement agencies at 5,263 locations.

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During the last few years, the DEA has collected more than 2 million pounds of prescription drugs. The effort also is intended to warn people not to dispose of drugs by flushing them down toilets or throwing them in the trash — places where they can pose potential health and safety hazards.

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W-W offers students high school choice

Wayne-Westland Community Schools will offer district residents a Schools of Choice program for the 2013-2014 school year for students in grades 9-11.

The Schools of Choice program provides parents the opportunity to move their child from one school to another within the boundaries of the school district provided there is room available in the school. Transportation to and from the school of choice must be provided by the parent or legal guardian.

School district residents who would like their child to attend a high school other than

their school of residency must submit a 2013-2014 Schools of Choice application that are available in each Wayne-Westland high school.

Schools of Choice applications for high school students will be accepted in the Pupil Accounting Office at the Board of Education 36745 Marquette, west of Wayne Road, Westland, through May 8. The applications received according to the time lines will permit selected students, if space is available, to begin the 2013-2014 school year in their school of choice. If more students apply for a grade/building than there

are openings, a random selection process will be used to select students.

The names of students not selected at that time will be placed on a waiting list for the 2013-2014 school year.

A Schools of Choice student will be moved back to his or her home school, if an overcrowding situation occurs within the first 10 weeks of the school year. After 10 weeks, the student will be permitted to remain in the school of choice for the remainder of the school year, provided all other conditions continue to be satisfied.

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Don't get sold on gold — it's a risky investment

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

Have 50 percent of your money invested in gold. I don't care how good an investment it is, you shouldn't keep 50

ferent. Despite some of the commercials on TV, if you look at gold's performance over long periods of time you understand it can be a volatile, risky investment.

Keep in mind that goals and objectives go hand in hand with risk. A Certificate of Deposit (CD) can be a good investment in the short run, however, if your goals are long term, it's not so good. Before you invest in any investment make sure to identify the risk, see how it fits in your portfolio and always keep your individual goals and objectives in mind.

Good luck.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to your questions, email Rick at rick@bloomassetmanagement.com. Rick Bloom will be at the OS&E Media Spring Expo discussing financial matters 10-10:45 Tuesday, April 23 in the VaTech Center at Schoolcraft College.

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percent of your portfolio in one item. Liquidate at most, keep five percent.

For investors, it's always important to understand risk. When most people think of risk they think of the stock market because the principal goes up and down.

However, there are other types of risk that investors need to account for. For example, there is purchasing power risk which means that even though your principal is not fluctuating, the purchasing power of your money is not keeping up. As far as I'm concerned, every investment, bar none, has risk. Gold is no dif-

ADs headline chamber luncheon

Tickets remain available for a luncheon in Livonia featuring a joint appearance by the athletic directors for the University of Michigan and Michigan State University to discuss the world of college athletics in Michigan, the Big Ten Conference, and NCAA.

U-of-M's Dave Brandon and MSU's Mark Hollis will speak at a multiple-chamber luncheon Friday, April 26, at Laurel Manor, located on School-

craft west of Newburgh. The event will run from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The event is coordinated by the Livonia, Westland, Northville and Plymouth chambers of commerce, and presented by Bill Brown Ford, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Trinity Health, and Edward Jones Investments: Robbin Whitfield, Financial Advisor.

This is the four western Wayne County chambers have teamed to coor-

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Elks host veterans for steak lunch, concert

By Matt Jachman
Staff Writer

Down-on-their-luck military veterans were treated to a steak luncheon and live music from the Blue Pigs, the Detroit Police Department's band, on Thursday at the Plymouth Elks Club.

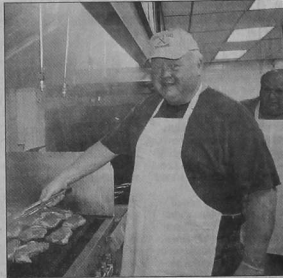
The twice-a-year event — the other luncheon is every November around Veterans Day — is part of the Elks' mission of serving veterans in need; other projects include ice-cream socials, games and the distribution at Christmastime of more than 800 gift packages. The luncheon tradition started 13 years ago.

Thursday's guests came from the Veterans Affairs hospitals in Detroit and Ann Arbor; the Donnicary, a Detroit shelter for homeless veterans; and a shelter run by the Michigan Veterans Foundation. On the menu were New York strip steaks, baked potatoes and salad, plus dessert.

Cooking and serving were Elks and members of the Passage-Gaye Post of the American Legion. Stewart Israel, an Elks member and the event



Veterans sit down to a steak luncheon at the Plymouth Elks Lodge 1780 in Plymouth Township on Thursday. The luncheon for homeless veterans and those being treated at veterans hospitals is a twice-a-year event at the lodge.



Stewart Israel, who heads veterans programs for the Plymouth Elks, cooks steaks during Thursday's luncheon at the Elks lodge for homeless and ill veterans.

chairman, said it's important to remember veterans.

"We want them to remember they are not forgotten, and not forsaken. We truly respect their sacrifice, and appreciate the freedoms those sacrifices have given us," Israel said.

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Musicians from the Michigan Philharmonic will perform a Cinco de Mayo concert as part of Canton's Acts of Culture Week April 27 to May 5.

Library joins Money Smart Week

Help is coming for Michigan consumers who want to learn how to better manage their personal finances during Money Smart Week, April 20-27.

The Plymouth District Library offers money and finance information by presenting "Be a Money Smartie: Top 40 Money Tips" 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 23.

A Community Resource Fair takes place at the library from 6-7 p.m. Materials and experts will be on hand from the Attorney General's office, Better Business Bureau, Community Housing Network, Michigan Education Trust, Michigan Education Savings Plan, Wayne Metropolitan Community Agency and others.

Following the Resource Fair, the "Be a Money SMARTY" presentation will be delivered in a high-energy "lightning round" fashion via simulcast, where four recognized experts "leave it all at the podium" and share their top 10 tips in just 10 minutes. In this entertaining and informative lightning round format, attendees will obtain the latest, up-to-date information on today's hottest money topics:

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The 10th annual Money Smart Week is coordinated by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, which serves most of Michigan, and hundreds of partner organizations promoting financial education. It is designed to teach consumers about money management and generate awareness of the resources available on a wide variety of topics such as saving, investing and using credit wisely.

Registration is requested for these free programs at the library. Register online at plymouthlibrary.org or by calling (734) 453-0750, ext. 4.

Canton to host third Acts of Culture Week

Canton will once again focus a week-long spotlight on the arts and culture during the third annual Canton Acts of Culture Week. The event, presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage, runs Saturday, April 27, through Sunday, May 5, at various community locations.

In celebration of the arts, a variety of events have been planned by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage, including:

• The Michigan Philharmonic's performance of "Cinco de Mayo," a festive concert that will celebrate, entertain, and educate the entire family on Cinco de Mayo on Sunday, May 5 at 2 p.m. at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$5 for youth and can be purchased online at www.michiganphil.org or by phone by contacting the Michigan Philharmonic at (734) 451-2112.

• A special presentation by Jennifer Goulet, President and CEO of ArtServe Michigan, takes place at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8 at The Village Theater. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., with a luncheon scheduled for noon. Learn about the positive economics of the arts and how Canton can position the arts and culture as a force for transforming lives in our community and be part of this statewide initiative that's making a compelling case for investing in Michigan's arts, culture and creative industries. Tickets at \$20 and can be purchased online at Cantonvillagetheater.org.

Organizers are also encouraging community members to support the



Goulet

Canton Community School District's K-12 Art Show, featuring over 2,000 pieces of student-made, staff-selected artwork, on Saturday, April 27 from 4-8 p.m. and Sunday, April 28 from 1-4 p.m. in the cafeteria at Plymouth High School.

following events and activities throughout the week, including:

• The Plymouth-Scott Band's Spring Concert, "Pictures at an Exhibition," at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 4, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Tickets are \$12 for adults, and \$10 for seniors and students; visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org to purchase tickets.

• Spotlight Players' "Barium" at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill April 27-28. Show times and ticket prices are available at www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

• Community members are also encouraged to participate in a silent auction on Sunday, May 5, at The Village Theater with all proceeds benefiting The Partnership for the Arts & Humanities, a 501(c)(3) organization which is committed to encouraging the development of cultural arts.

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Wayne thespians stage 'The Drowsy Chaperone'

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Katie Sullivan she loves what she does, teaching drama at Wayne Memorial High School in Wayne. And it's that love that attracted her to the musical comedy, *The Drowsy Chaperone*, which will be presented next weekend at the Stockmeyer Auditorium.

"It definitely different than anything we've done in the past," said Sullivan, the drama director. "It makes fun of musicals, it makes fun of what I do. It breaks the rules of theater in that you don't break the fourth wall, you're not supposed to come into the audience."

A play with in a play, the show has a cast of 35 students who will take to the stage for four performances Thursday through Sunday, April 25-27. The show centers around the Man in the Chair, played by Jimmy Walkup, a present-day musical theater fanatic who's eager to talk about his favorite Broadway musical, *The Drowsy Chaperone*. He begins listening to the rare cast recording of the 1928 show and it magically comes to life on stage, telling the tale of a pampered Broadway starlet who wants to give up show business to get married.

"Jimmy has the responsibility of directly talking to the audience, he narrates the play," said Sullivan. "He's able to pause the action and talk to the audience. Man wants the audience to understand his beliefs about the theater and in the end he becomes part of the musical."

Playing the Broadway starlet, Janet Van DeGraaff, is Maddie Abicht,



STEPHEN CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Maddie Abicht (center) plays Janet Van DeGraaff, a Broadway starlet who wants to give up show business to get married in Wayne Memorial High School's production of *The Drowsy Chaperone*.

cht, with Anthony Herrera as the bridegroom, Robert Martín, Loren Hubbs is the Drowsy Chaperone.

Helping out

Walkup, Hubbs, Josiah Ault and Amy McGregor are serving as Sullivan's assistant directors, managing such things as attendance and conflicts, scheduling, publicity and monitoring grades. Students in the production must have a C average, and the job of making sure they're meeting the criteria goes to Hubbs.

"I've made a few people mad at me, but we give them options, if they're not up to par," she said.

This is her fourth time working as an assistant director. She initially "tested the waters" with a play before going for the position on a musical.

"It wasn't as much work as a musical, but I found I could handle it," she said. "Besides, I have a great support network, the directorial staff."

Students have to apply for the position every



Jimmy Walkup is pulling double duty in the production playing the role of the Man in Chair and as one of four assistant directors for *The Drowsy Chaperone*.

show and for Ault, this is his sixth appearance as an assistant director.

"I like having a bigger part with what's happening," he said. "I help provide ideas in blocking and characterization to help bring out the best in the cast."

Ault is responsible for patron advertising in the program. The students are required to get at

least two ads, "but I push them to do more," he said. He also did a prop list, making sure they have everything that's needed to stage the play.

This is Walkup's second time as an assistant director and only the third show he's been in at Wayne Memorial. He admits there's a lot involved in being the main character of the

'THE DROWSY CHAPERONE'

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, April 25-27, and noon Saturday, April 27

Location: Stockmeyer Auditorium at Wayne Memorial High School, 3001 Fourth St., Wayne

Details: Wayne Memorial High School is present, *The Drowsy Chaperone*, a musical comedy that pays homage to American musicals of the Jazz Age, examining the effect musicals have on the fans who adore them.

Tickets: General admission tickets are \$10 and are available at the door.

show and handling costuming and publicity.

"I'm pretty good at juggling," said Walkup, who prepared for his role by watching a video of the Broadway production.

"I tried to emulate what they did and throw in little things of my own," he said.

First time

McGregor is the newbie. This is her first time working behind the scenes as well as appearing on stage.

"I really love acting and I wanted to help Miss Sullivan," she said. "I was in cheer for three years and I wanted to find something new. I've found one. I love it more than cheer."

It's McGregor's job to keep track of attendance and conflicts. When rehearsals started in February, she worked with each student to find out what conflicts they had and mapped them out with the rehearsal schedule.

In addition to Sullivan and the four assistant directors, instrumental music teacher Matt Dieroff will be the orchestra pit director, vocal music teacher Leigh Goyings is working with students as the vocal director, and Nicole Vasiloff is the choreographer. Her assistant is senior Rachel Joyner.

"This is my first time ever in a show, I didn't

know I could audition to be a choreographer," said Joyner.

Joyner has been dancing for six years and teaches dance for the Wayne-Westland recreation department. As an assistant, she watches what the students do to see what skills they have.

"I get to know their abilities; in the beginning I did a lot of watching and then I started teaching," she said. "Now I'm back to watching to make sure they're on time."

The students have been rehearsing using a CD of the Broadway production. The cover of the orchestra pit was removed on Friday, and today the principal cast members are at the auditorium to work with the orchestra for the first time. Walkup believes that will be a challenge for the cast.

"The hardest part is that we've been using the CD, and when we leave that and transition to the orchestra, it's going to be a struggle for us," he said.

The assistant directors, however, know the cast and crew will be ready for opening night.

"We have a lot of new members in the show, but I'm not concerned," Ault added.

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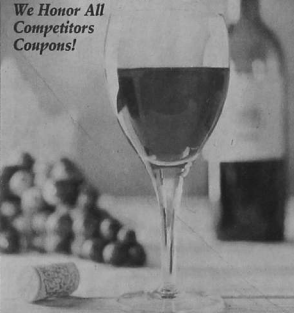
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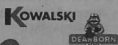


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It's a footrace after a 50/50 ball Friday night, between Salem's Sarah Martin (No. 12) and Northville's Alana Dorf-statter (No. 14).

Early goal stymies Salem

By Tim Smith
Observer Staff Writer

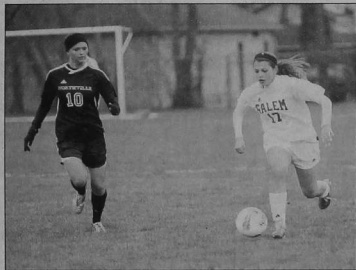
With a wintry mix of sleet and biting wind, all who ventured out to Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Friday night knew they wouldn't be rewarded with much offense.

That's how it played out, as visiting Northville scored just four minutes into the Kensington Lakes Activities Association Central Division varsity girls soccer game.

The goal by Kacey Cerettani held up for the remaining 76 minutes as the Mustangs earned a 1-0 victory.

"We've been playing in this weather all year," said Salem head coach Scott Duhl, refusing to use the elements as an excuse.

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Kaitlyn Pelech (No. 17) of Salem tries to maintain control of the ball ahead of a Northville player.

Whalers fall short in opener

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The first Miles for Mankind Run is looking for people of all ages interested in participating in a 5K, 10K or Munchkin Mile Saturday, May 11, at Hines Park in Westland.

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Fees to run (effective through May 3) are \$35 for the 10K, \$30 for the 5K and \$20 for the Munchkin Mile. Fees will go up \$5 beginning May 4 until race day.

Go to milesformankind.com to download a registration form and to find out more about the cause. Or send an e-mail to milesformankind@gmail.com. Special guest on May 11 will be Buddy Shuh, of *The Biggest Loser*.

The race will kick off at the Nankin Mills area of Hines Park.

City meet cancelled

Mother Nature foiled the annual City Track Meet — twice.

After Thursday's downpour postponed the annual City Track Meet for 24 hours, strong wind gusts Friday wiped out the event altogether. It will not be made up.

MU baseball sweeps SHU

The Madonna University baseball team beat the rain en route to a double-header sweep of visiting Siena Heights University at Irtch Ballpark, 5-0 and 8-0.

With the two shutouts, the Crusaders improved to 25-7 overall and 12-1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. MU has now won 13 of its last 14 games.

Twins Matthew and Justin Cook combined to keep SHU (8-23, 5-13) off of the scoreboard for nine innings in Game One, while Josh Vandemark blanked the Saints for the six innings in a game that was called following a 58-minute rain delay.

Matthew Cook (5-0) allowed just five hits while walking two and striking out four over eight innings. Justin Cook came on to get the final three outs.

Saints starter Jake Sperry (Westland John Glenn), who gave up three earned runs on eight hits in five innings, suffered the loss to fall to 1-3.

'Coach Graves told me that her team is a tight-knit family and she thinks I will fit in very well with the girls.' — ERICA DEN BOER, CANTON SENIOR

College volleyball in 'Cards' for den Boer

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

During her four-year career with the Canton varsity girls volleyball team, Erica den Boer nailed it.

Not only did the outside hitter slam the ball and spark the Chiefs to plenty of success on the floor, she excelled as a team leader off it.

And those traits appealed so much to Concordia University women's volleyball coach Karen Graves that she signed the Canton senior to join the Cardinals beginning this fall.

"Coach Graves told me that her team is a tight-knit family and she thinks I will fit in very well with the girls," noted den Boer in a recent e-mail to the Observer. "My experience as an all-around player and as a strong team player will help me transition to the college level."



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Concordia University women's volleyball coach Karen Graves (front left) completes paperwork to make the signing of Canton senior Erica den Boer (front right) official. Standing (from left) are Christine Frith (aunt), Annie MacRitchie (Erica's grandmother), sister Gabrielle and parents Sandra and Harrie den Boer.

Steve Johnson, her Canton coach in 2012, certainly has no qualms about that. "I have no doubt that


she will continue to raise the bar for herself and her teammates as she joins the Cardinal roster," Johnson said. "She will be missed in the gym at Canton, and on behalf of the entire Canton volleyball program, we wish her and her (college) team all the best."

On hand to join den Boer for the recent signing ceremony at Canton High School were Graves, Johnson and several family members: parents Harrie and Sandra, sister Gabrielle, grandmother Annie MacRitchie and aunt Christine Frith.

Close to home


The 17-year-old, who carries a 3.7 grade point average, will go to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division-II school (located in Ann Arbor) on a

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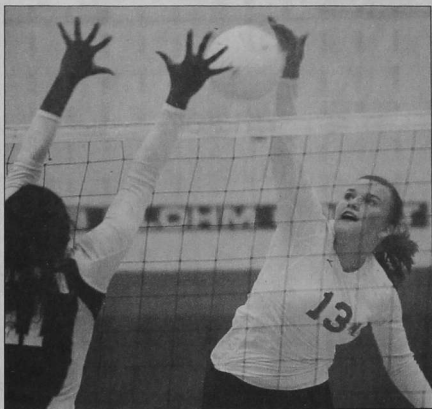
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During four years with Canton's varsity girls volleyball team, Erica den Boer (No. 13) delivered in all facets of the game. She will be counted on to do the same at Concordia University.

den BOER

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combined academic/athletic scholarship. "I think coach Graves plans to play me my first freshman year," den Boer added. "She has told me that for my first year she plans to use me as a hitter or defensive specialist, whatever the team needs at the time." She described Concordia as "the perfect school" for her. In addition to volleyball, she intends to pursue a degree in accounting.

"It is close to home so I can stay involved with my family and my church," she said. "Finally, Concordia is a Christian-based school so I can grow in my faith."

"None of the other schools I looked at



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Canton senior Erica den Boer recently signed to play volleyball at Concordia University. Also on hand for the ceremony was Chiefs' head coach Steve Johnson (standing).

provide all of these things for me."

In the 2012 season, den Boer was an offensive and defensive force with 387 kills, 45 blocks, 422 defensive digs and 71 aces. She

was named to the All-Oregon first team, along with all the all-conference and all-region squads.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Monday, April 22
 Northville at Canton, 4 p.m.
 Novi at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 23
 BAPT. PK. at L. W'ld, 4:30 p.m.
 HVL at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 24
 Plymouth at Churchill (2), 4 p.m.
 Northville at Salem (2), 4 p.m.
 Glenn at Canton (2), 4 p.m.
Thursday, April 25
 Calvary at L. W'ld, 4:30 p.m.
 Luth. South at HVL, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 26
 S'fied Chr. at L. W'ld, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 27
Mayor Kennedy Invite, TBD (all double-headers)
 Milan at Salem, 11 a.m.
GIRLS SOFTBALL
Monday, April 22
 Northville at Canton, 4 p.m.
 Novi at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
 Salem at Franklin, 4 p.m.
 Ladywood at Marian (2), 4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 23
 Loggett at L. W'ld, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 24
 Plymouth at Churchill (2), 4 p.m.
 Northville at Salem (2), 4 p.m.
 Glenn at Canton (2), 4 p.m.
 Clawson at L. W'ld, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 25
 Luth. W'ld at HVL, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 26
 S'fied Chr. at L. W'ld, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 27
 Dundee Invitational, TBD
 Macomb Classic, 9 a.m.
 New Boston Huron Inv., 9 a.m.
 Lake Orion Invitational, 9 a.m.
 Chelsea Invitational, 10 a.m.
 Annap. at L. W'ld (2), 11 a.m.
Sunday, April 28
 Macomb Classic, 9 a.m.
GIRLS SOCCER
Monday, April 22
 Plymouth at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, April 23
 Luth. W'ld vs. S'fied Christian at Pebble Creek Park, 4 p.m.
DC at Ladywood, 8 p.m.
 Churchill at Canton, 7 p.m.
 Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 24
 Calvary at L.V. W'ld, 4:30 p.m.
 Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m.
 Novi at Salem (Varsity Turf), 7 p.m.
Friday, April 26
 RU at Luth. Westland, 4 p.m.
 Pioneer at Salem (Soccer Stad.), 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 27
 Lady, at Williamson, 9 a.m.
BOYS & GIRLS TRACT MONDAY, APRIL 22
 Regina at Ladywood, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 23
 Churchill at Canton, 3:30 p.m.
 Novi at Salem (JV Track), 3:30 p.m.
 Plymouth at Franklin, 3:30 p.m.
 Luth. Westland Quad, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 26
 N.F. Raider Relays, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 27
 Crestwood Charger Inv., 9 a.m.
GIRLS TENNIS
Tuesday, April 23
 Churchill at Canton, 4 p.m.
 Stevenson at Salem, 4 p.m.
 Plymouth at Glenn, 3 p.m.
 Ladywood vs. Cranbrook at Schoolcraft College, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 24
 Ladywood vs. Riv. Gabb. Richard at Schoolcraft College, 4 p.m.
Thursday, April 25
 Stevenson at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
 Novi Quad, 8 a.m.
 Howell Invitational, 9 a.m.
BOYS GOLF
Monday, April 22
 Seaholm Invitational, TBA.
 East Lansing Invite, 10 a.m.
 Churchill vs. Plymouth at Fox Hills G.C., 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 25
 Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m.
 Stevenson vs. Salem, 3 p.m.
BOYS LACROSSE
Monday, April 22
 Salem at West Bloomfield, 7 p.m.
 Plymouth at Farmington, 7 p.m.
 Canton at Waterford, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 24
 Canton at Belleville, 6 p.m.
 Salem at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
 Plymouth at Novi, 7 p.m.
Thursday, April 25
 Northville at Canton (JV Field), 7 p.m.
Friday, April 26
 W.L. Western at Plymouth, 8 p.m.
Saturday, April 27
 Lapeer West at Canton (Varsity Turf), 12 noon
 Gabriel Richard at Salem (Varsity Turf), 4 p.m.
GIRLS LACROSSE
Monday, April 22
 Ladywood at Regina, 4:30 p.m.
 Plymouth at Farmington, 5:30 p.m.
 Salem at Plymouth (Varsity Turf), 8 p.m.
 Northville at Canton (JV Field), 8 p.m.
Wednesday, April 24
 Plymouth at Novi, 5:30 p.m.
 Salem at Northville, 7 p.m.
 Lady, at N.D. Prep, 7:30 p.m.
 South Lyon at Canton (Varsity Turf), 8 p.m.
Friday, April 26
 Salem at Farmington, 5:30 p.m.
 W.L. Western at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
COLLEGE BASEBALL (all double-headers)
Sunday, April 21
 MU at Ivyestown Ohio, 1 p.m.
Wednesday, April 24
 Concordia at MU, 2 p.m.
Saturday, April 27
 MU at Lourdes (Ohio), 1 p.m.
Sunday, April 28
 MU at Wright State, 1 p.m.
COLLEGE SOFTBALL (all double-headers)
Sunday, April 21
 Aquinas at MU, 1 p.m.
Saturday, April 27
 Siena Heights at MU, 1 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE (Western Conference finals, best 4 of 7)
Sunday, April 21
 (Game 2) Ply. Whalers at London, 2 p.m.
Saturday, April 27
 (Game 3) London vs. Ply. Whalers at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 24
 (Game 4) London vs. Ply. Whalers at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.

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NOTICE OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT ADOPTION

The City of Plymouth City Commission has adopted new zoning text amendments governing the regulation of wireless communication facilities. Changes have been proposed to Section #78-121, #78-122, #78-131 and #78-216.

The effective date of these ordinance changes will be April 22, 2013. A copy of the entire text amendment is available at the office of the City Clerk during normal business hours. The ordinance number for these changes will be #2013-01.

Linda Langmesser, CMC
 City Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF BID FOR SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM

Sealed proposals will be received for the construction of the 2013 SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM by Charter Township of Plymouth as Owner, until 10:00 A.M. Official Local Time, on Tuesday, April 30, 2013 at the office of the Clerk, Plymouth Charter Township, 9955 North Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

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Michigan State Act PA 517 of 2012, Iran Economic Sanctions Act, requires notification that Iran-linked businesses may not bid on this Contract. Successful bidders will be required to provide certification that they are not Iran-linked businesses.

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Celebrate Recovery

Film introduces Christ-centered 12-step recovery program to the masses

By Sharon Dargay
 Staff Writer

When John Sherman watched the new film, *Home Run*, which opened Friday, April 19, in select theaters nationwide, he saw himself in the main character portrayed on the big screen.

"I thought they stole my story," said Sherman, with a laugh.

The Farmington Hills man is director of the Celebrate Recovery ministry at Canton Connection Church. He's also the state director and senior representative for the program's North Central Region. Celebrate Recovery is a 22-year-old Christ-centered, 12-step recovery program that started at Saddleback Church in California and has since spread to other churches nationwide.

Sherman was in a meeting with other state representatives three years ago when he heard that plans for a movie that would include Celebrate Recovery, was in negotiations.

"We saw it come together over three years," he said. "I think they han-



John Sherman meets with Celebrate Recovery members at Canton Connection Church.

dled it very well."

The movie follows fictional major league baseball player, Cory Brand, as his life spirals out of control. Brand, haunted by his past, which includes an abusive father, is an alcoholic and has anger issues. After he is suspended from his team, his agent insists that he return to his hometown in Oklahoma to attend Celebrate Recovery meetings and to coach a youth baseball team.

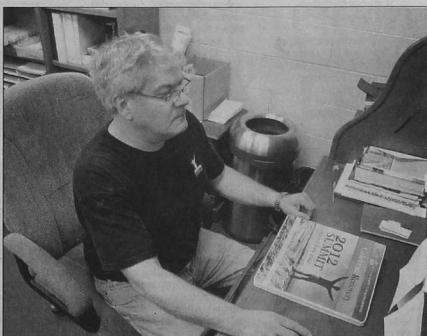
Scenes throughout the movie show Brand in Celebrate Recovery group

meetings where he listens to personal testimonies from other group members.

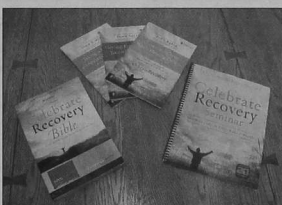
"It wasn't by mistake that they chose Celebrate Recovery for the film," Sherman said. "One of the producers, Carol Mathews, goes to a church where her pastor had been through a Celebrate Recovery step study."

Realistic portrayal
 After hearing a testimony at church, Mathews put film plans in motion.

"Not only did they get interested in Celebrate



John Sherman is a staff member at Canton Connection Church in charge of the Celebrate Recovery program. He's been in recovery for alcoholism for 14 years.



Materials used in Celebrate Recovery

Recovery, but all of the writers went through Celebrate Recovery step studies to get a better feel."

That may be one reason why the testimonies, dialogue and portrayal of Celebrate Recovery meetings is "very realistic," Sherman said.

Like Brand, who is reluctant to attend the Christ-centered pro-

gram, telling his agent, "I don't want to do Jesus," Sherman also expressed doubts about Celebrate Recovery.


"I've been in recovery 14 years. I was involved in another step program for alcoholics," Sherman, married and the father of two children, was required to attend a 12-step recovery program after he was arrested for

drunk driving. "Then, about seven years ago the church I was at decided to start up a Celebrate Recovery program and asked for those who were doing a 12-step experience (such as Alcoholics Anonymous) to get involved," Sherman said. "I was skeptical. I have a strong recovery background and I didn't think it would be a strong recovery program. I thought it would be just another ministry. I thought it would be people in the church preaching to people in recovery, telling them what to do."

Sherman reluctantly attended a session and immediately agreed to join.

"I loved what I saw. I thought it was not only Christ-centered but it was good recovery. I've been in it ever since." Sherman initially joined the program


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Learn about developmental disabilities

By **L. J. McCulloch**

Guest Columnist

April has been declared National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in America. Developmental disabilities commonly include: Down syndrome, autistic spectrum disorder, and birth injuries with cognitive impairments causing mental deficiency. In my clinical work with individuals and families who have mental and physical challenges of developmental disabilities, I have met some of the happiest people that I have known. Unlike survivors of trauma, such as traumatic brain injuries and strokes, the vast majority of those with congen-

ital developmental disabilities are not aware of previously: intact functioning. Thus, they are more apt to respond favorably to interventions which deal with their present, their "here and now" issues, and their quality of life.

In Oakland and Macomb counties, such folks are largely serviced by the care of the Macomb Oakland Regional Center. (MORC). MORC is a nonprofit agency which started in the 1970s and is an evaluation and treatment center for individuals and their families. MORC has office settings in Auburn Hills and Clinton Township and is developing a Wayne County outreach program. It tends to more than 5,000 individuals and offers a variety of services, including speech and physical therapy, occupational and socialization therapy, family support groups, psychiatric/medical management, recreational therapies as well as a stellar therapeutic choir called The MORC Singing Group. This group has

met every other Wednesday for five years at the MORC Auburn Hills facility. Good singing skills are not required. While providing an experience of pleasure, choir therapy also aids the individual's progress through two different mediums: the music itself and the camaraderie of the group.

Gentle teaching is a method of relating with other people aspired to by the MORC Singing Group as well as most therapeutic interventions for people with developmentally disabilities across the board. Focus is on four essential areas of safety, being cared about, being able to care back, and being engaged in the world.

The five-year old MORC Singing Group is comprised of people who live within the world of developmental disabilities. One need not be a MORC consumer to participate. There is a "volunteer voices" component of The Therapy Choirs of Michigan which funds the singing group.

I have found it helpful to provide individuals with developmental disabilities a psychotherapeutic experience. While not as rigorous as traditional psychotherapy, psychological therapy can be modified to meet the needs of these special people. It can assist individuals in coping with a way of life that they did not choose. Often, they struggle with the issue of wanting the same lifestyle as other citizens such as a job, intimate relationships, or productivity in a family. Did you know that the developmentally disabled population has a rate of co-existing, psychiatric disorders two to three times that of the general population? Mood disorders, including depression, anxiety and even psychosis often are seen.

We need to remember that they all go through the life cycle as we do. They love, laugh, cry, wish, hope, and grow old. Often they need and can benefit from the personal connection which

a good psychotherapeutic relationship can accomplish.

Resources

MORC Singing Group See Therapy Choirs of Michigan website at: www.therapychoirs.org
MORC Auburn Hills office: (248) 276-8000; Call and ask for Gentile Teaching Institute
Special Olympics at www.speicalolympics.org

Len McCulloch is a diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association. He is also credentialed in mental health, addictions, brain injury, and social work. He, along with partner Sherry Cantrell, created and operate the MORC Singing Group under the auspices of The Therapy Choirs of Michigan, a non-profit agency which they maintain. McCulloch is also the author of more than 150 related articles in the field. These are archived as his column: "Our Mental Health" at www.familiorch.org/heritagecollection/newspages.html. McCulloch can be reached for consultation at (248) 474-2763, Ext. 22.



By **Sharon Dargay**
Staff Writer

Pet lovers can support golden retrievers

What's better than a golden retriever? Lots of golden retrievers.

At least a few of the lovable dogs will be on hand at the annual The Golden Retriever Rescue of Michigan's (GRoM) Evening of Wine, Goldens and Giggles fundraiser, 5-7 p.m. Saturday, May 4, at GO Comedy! Improv, 261 E. Nine Mile, just east of Woodward Ave., in Ferndale.

Amy Hernandez, GRoM president, said her group is "very excited" about the dog-themed improv show that will be included in the event. In addition to the show, guests will receive a commemorative glass, get a chance to bid on live and silent auctions — every-



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thing from golden retriever items to jewelry to signed collectibles — and enjoy appetizers and desserts. Some adoptable goldens also will be on hand. Tickets are \$75 in advance and \$80 at the door. Go to www.grom.com to buy tickets or for more information. GRoM members have rescued, fostered and

found new homes for more than 3,500 dogs over the past 20 years. The average cost of caring for a dog in rescue is approximately \$630. Money raised at Evening of Wine, Goldens and Giggles will support the cost of fostering and re-homing adoptable and retired foster dogs.

"Currently, we have 28 foster dogs in our care. Four of those are ready for adoption right now, 13 will be ready soon after they finish with medical treatment, training, etc.," Hernandez said. "Then the other 11 are what we call 'retired' fosters. These are older dogs that can't be adopted due to special health issues, and we are so fortunate to have fosters who are willing to take care of these dogs until they are no longer with us. GRoM still pays for all the medical care for all these retired

dogs." Jennifer Chirpka of Canton, began volunteering for the group after adopting two golden retrievers, ages 1 and 4.

"Goldens are high energy to a point but they calm down easily and are trainable. I love them to death," Chirpka said.

She said the organization always needs volunteers to help foster the dogs. An application is available at GRoM's website.

Cats in the ring

Adopt a cat from Country Cat & Kitty Kitten Rescue in Livonia and you're likely to have an award-winner on your hands.

Ann Grenier, founder and president of the organization, will take 20 of her adoptable cats to the TICA cat show Friday-Sunday, April 26-28 at the Holiday Inn Detroit Livonia Conference Center, 17123 Laurel Park Drive North, Livonia.

Grenier's cats will compete in the household division — there's a purebred category, too — and hopes they'll not only win over the judges, but the hearts of potential adopters as well. "For the household category, there are no standards to be compared against," she said. "They have to be well-groomed, nails cut, ears clean, with a good personality. After that, it's the judges choice. Judges say it's the hardest category to judge."

"Sucking up" to the judge with an out-going personal-



Chance, 8, was given to Golden Retriever Rescue of Michigan (GRoM) by an owner who couldn't keep him any longer. He gets along with his golden foster sisters and loves meeting people, riding in the car, and snuggling in bed.

ity and purring and playing with a toy sometimes helps her feline competitors. All are seen by six judges during the show.

Grenier said seven of the top 10 kittens judged during the 2012-13 show season came from her rescue. Dr. Shera Dickie from St. Julian's Cat Care in Dearborn will be on hand at the show to answer questions about cat health care. Rescues and other vendors will offer games, items for sale and more. Dana Lundon from 963 WDWV will be the celebrity judge from 10 a.m.-noon Sunday, April 28. Anyone who adopts one of Grenier's cats at the show will receive a ticket to a raffle. Adopt a black cat and get more than one raffle ticket.

Grenier could use a hand moving the adoptable cats from their cages to the judging ring throughout the weekend. Potential volunteers can reach her at Kittysrq@gmail.com or (248) 249-9267.



This is Willow, 4, a spayed female, long-hair cat who is looking for her forever home. She and other felines from Country Cat & Kitty Kitten Rescue in Livonia will participate in a cat show Friday-Sunday, April 26-28, in Livonia.

The TICA show runs 4-10 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Admission is \$3 per person with a cat food donation for a local rescue.

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Hymn fest offers sacred music

A mass choir consisting of singers from the St. John Chancel Choir, the DTE Singers and other church choirs from throughout the Metro area, will perform at the annual Marie Walck Memorial Hymn Festival.

The concert starts at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road between Grand River Ave., and Freedom Road, Farmington Hills.

This year's theme is "Alleluia! Our Walk of Faith." Directing duties will be shared between Troy Nelson, St. John's director of music, and guest director Robert Foster. Foster also will perform on organ for the festival.

Works on the program include *Hallelujah Chorus* from *Messiah* of Olives by Ludwig van Beethoven; *Alleluia* from *Christmas Oratorio* by J. S. Bach; *Let All the World in Every Corner Sing* by R. V. Williams; several spirituals including *Hush My Somebody's Calling My Name*; and *Hallelujah! Amen!* from Judas Macabreus by G.F. Handel. Accompanists include St. John's organist, Wes



Duensing

Fishwick, pianist Brooks Hoste and Elaine Vermiglio, accompanist for the DTE Singers. Soloists include Dorothy Duensing, soprano, and Hoste, tenor.

Duensing holds degrees in vocal performance from The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and Indiana University in Bloomington. She has performed most main roles for mezzo soprano in the serious and light operatic repertoire. These include *Donna Elvira*, *Carmen*, *Dalla*, *Adalgisa*, *Amenaris*, *Cherubino* and others.

Duensing serves as adjunct assistant professor of voice at Wayne State University, teach-

es vocal music classes at Our Lady of Victory School and serves as English Choir director, organist and pianist at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Detroit.

Foster began his career as a church organist in his hometown of Wheeling, WV at age 11. After completing two degrees in organ performance at the University of Michigan, he became the director and organist of First English Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods, where, in November, he will celebrate his 30th anniversary with the congregation. Foster also served as the vocal music teacher at University Liggett Middle and Upper Schools for the past 17 years. He is active in musical theater and has been music director for countless productions at University Liggett and First English's yearly musical, and has worked as pianist for many Grosse Pointe Theatre productions.

Admission to the concert is free. A free will offering will be collected. For more information call the church at (248) 474-0584.

Passages

Obituaries, Memorials & Remembrance

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BEAUGRAND, EILEEN J.

April 9, 2013, age 93. Born August 11, 1919, Resident of Dearborn, formerly of Elk Rapids and Plymouth. Beloved wife of the late Niles Beaugrand. Dearest mother of Bonnie (Edward) Wagman, Stanice (Lack) May, Laurie (Tom) Wooderson. Loving grandmother of Gregory (Jennifer) Wagman, Christopher (Elaine) Wagman, Amy (David) Rohweder, Rebecca Little, Kelli DiPietro, John (Angela) May, Natalie (Patrick) Keane, Emily Wooderson and Thomas Wooderson Jr. 17 great grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren also survive. Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 13, 2013, Memorial to St. Paul's Lutheran Church or Her Ford Village-Benewold Fund. Share your memories at www.schradler-levell.com



CAMPBELL, JANET DUDNEY

April 15, 2013, age 78 of Plymouth. Beloved wife of Malcolm David. Loving mother to Mary Catherine, David (Patricia), Elizabeth (Robert) McCullough, and Doug (Rebecca) (Rev. Emily) Dear. Sister to Jim (Janice) Caudman and her much younger sister, Mary Lukens. Fabulous grandmother to Malcolm, John, Scott, Alex, Daniel, Sarah, and Hannah who brought much joy to her life. Visitation Fri 3-8 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. The family also will gather Sat 1 PM until 2 PM Memorial Service at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church St., Plymouth, MI 48170. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the church or Plymouth - Canton Community Literacy Council, 46501 Warren, Canton, MI 48187.

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NUNNELLY, CHANCEY G. "DICK"

Age 90, of Traverse City, Michigan, died Monday, April 15, 2013 at the Village of Bay Ridge, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on March 5, 1923 in Lexington, KY and on Sept. 4, 1943, he married Jean Alice Blackwell of Huntington Woods. Dick served the City of Birmingham for 32 years as a firefighter, 16 years of that time as Fire Chief. He is survived by his daughter Ruth Nunnelly of Traverse City, his son Stewart (Beth) Nunnelly of Cedar, seven grandchildren, ten great grandchildren and extended family. He was preceded in death by his wife, his son James, brother Robert and sister Eva Mac Hamilton. Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 20 at the Reynolds-Jankoff Funeral Home in Traverse City. Burial was in Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens. Please consider memorial contributions to the Families of Fallen Firefighters. For more information, a complete obituary and an opportunity to share your thoughts with the family, please visit www.reynolds-jankoff.com. The family is being served by Reynolds-Jankoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Traverse City.

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FREEMAN, THOMAS F.

April 9, 2013, Age 93 of Lakefield, Florida. Formerly of Westland. Beloved husband of Virginia. Dear father of John (Doris). Grandfather of Cameron (Tracy), Scott (Beth), and Travis. Great grandfather of Joshua and Jason Freeman. Brother of ten sisters and brothers. Funeral services from Uhl Funeral Home, 35400 Greenwood Rd., Westland, Saturday 10 AM, Visitation at the funeral home Friday, 2-9pm. Burial to take place at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. Westland Family suggests memorials to the Alzheimer's Association. Please visit memorial and send tributes at: www.uhlhome.com



MCCOMAS, ANDREW J., SR.

Age 83, of Tonawanda, NY, formerly of Novi. He passed away on April 13, 2013. He worked as a Personnel Administrator for many years at the Chevrolet, Sprint and Bumper plant in Livonia. He was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School. He served as a 1st Lt. in the U.S. Army in Korea. He will be remembered for his generous love and dedication to family by wife, Joan, daughter, Claire (John) Mueller of Westland, sons, Andrew Jr. (Christine), of Holly and Greg (Gregory C. Alice) of Franklin, Stepon, Robert (Joan) Harrington, stepdaughters, Deborah, 14 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, 4 surviving siblings, and 12 nephews and nieces. Memorial service April 20 in NY State. Share memories at www.mccomasfamily.org



REMUS, JOAN McNABB

Age 83, of Farmington, April 15, 2013. Beloved wife of Charles, 58 years. Loving mother of Jim (Jimmie) Tedesco and Gregory (Kathy) Remus. Cherished grandmother of Dana Tedesco, DVM, Alex Tedesco, Eva Tedesco, Sophia Remus, and Mathew Remus. Dear sister-in-law of Patricia Remus, Charlotte Remus, and John Remus. She was also survived by several loving nieces and nephews. She was a Registered Nurse and a dedicated volunteer at the American Cancer Society Discovery Shop in downtown Farmington. Memorial Service, Friday, April 26, 7:00 PM, at the Henry-Sandquist Center, Farmington, 23720 Farmington Rd. (btw 9-10 Mile Rds., N. of Grand River) downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Visitation Friday, April 26, 4:00 pm until the time of service. Memorial tributes are suggested to standard2center.org. heeneysandquilt.com



WRIGHT, ROBERT L.

Age 88, of Farmington Hills, Michigan, passed away peacefully on April 18, 2013. Husband of the late Philip Arnold (d. 1985), Father of Philip (Gladys), Elizabeth (Richard) Klavender and Douglas (Julie). Loving Grandfather of Amanda, Bailey and Andrew. Raised in Worthington, Ohio, Robert graduated from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in 1946 and from The Ohio State University in 1950. He was a WWII veteran who served with the U.S. Marine Corps in the South Pacific and a Korean War veteran serving as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy from 1950-1953. He retired at age 65 from Faberion Automotive Products then continued to work for ten years working for Knowlton Specialty Papers in Waterston, New York then National Coatings Corporation in Rockland, Massachusetts. He valued the friendships he gained during his life. In honor of his wishes, a private celebration of life gathering will be held on Sunday, April 21, 2013. He is cremated and remains will be interred at a later date in New Hope Cemetery, Ohio. Memorial contributions may be directed to Boy Scouts of America, Great Lakes Field Service Council.

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Milestones



Darlene and William Hawley.

50th Anniversary

Darlene and William Hawley celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 13, 2013. They were married at the First Congregational Church of Wayne where they are still active members today. Both Bill and Darlene retired from the Wayne-Westland school district, where they worked for many years, he as an administrator at Wayne Memorial High School, and she as a first-grade teacher at Roosevelt Elementary. They enjoy golfing, traveling, volunteering in the community, and spending time with friends and family.



Darlene and William Hawley on their wedding day.

Johnathan Ricardo Giovanni

Johnathan Ricardo Giovanni was born Saturday, Feb. 23, at Providence Park Hospital Novi. He weighed 8 pounds 6 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches. He joins his parents, Lisa and Erick Giovanni and siblings, Dominic,

6, and Luke, 3, at home in Novi. Grandparents are Rossaline and Melvin Wolicki and Eric and Denise Giovanni, all of Livonia. Great-grandparents are Richard and Alexandra Giovanni of Dearborn.

RELIGION CALENDAR

- April**
- BEACH PARTY**
Time/Date: 5:30-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 24
Location: Grace Moravian Church, 31133 Highway, Westland
Details: Beach party will include sand, sun, food and fun. Donation of \$3 per person. Contact: RSVP to Cheryl at (248) 756-3592 or leave message on church phone at (734) 721-9290
 - BLOOD DRIVE**
Time/Date: 1:00 p.m. Friday, April 26
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland. Contact: For appointments call (734) 722-1735 or (800) RED-CROSS
 - BREAKFAST**
Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, April 21
Locations: St. Theodore Social Hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: Pancakes, French toast, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee, tea, juice, milk. Adults pay \$3 and children 2-10, pay \$1.50. Sponsored by Men's Club. Contact: (734) 425-4421
 - CAMP ENROLLMENT**
Time/Date: Now through May 31
Location: Consuming Fire Christian Center, 31463 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland
Details: Enrolling kids and teens, age 5-15. Six-week Bible/Homework Enrichment Camp that will run July 8-Aug. 16. Full day sessions are \$700 and a half-day are \$480. Families get a \$25 discount for added siblings for the full day rate; \$10 discount for the half-day rate. A non-refundable \$100 registration fee at the time of enrollment secures a place. Cost includes the registration fee, snacks, materials for class, tutoring in most subjects and assessment testing. Contact: Melanie Stainer or Sylvia Brown at (734) 266-2293
 - CELEBRATING FAMILIES**
Time/Date: After All Masses from April 27-28
Location: St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: "Celebrating Families" Display Blocks of Society will include a Catholic bookstore's display, refreshments and supervised LEGO play area for kids. Contact: (734) 425-5950; www.staidanlvonia.org



Local advocates lobby Congress for health funding

Three hundred American Heart Association You're The Cure advocates recently traveled to Washington D.C. to urge Congress to restore funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and provide funds from the Prevention and Public Health Fund for a new national campaign to reduce high blood pressure.

Local advocates Janine Krolikowski of Royal Oak, and Janan Saba of Livonia, met with Rep. Kerry Benvenuto, R-11th District, and U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., and requested they continue to maintain support for NIH-funded research and a hypertension prevention campaign under the Million Hearts initiative key priorities for Congress. They also joined forces with volunteers from more than 150 other non-profit organizations in a "Rally To Fund Medical Research" calling on federal lawmakers to make funding for life-saving medical research a national priority.

Saba, whose mother is a

12-year heart attack survivor, and brother, who was born with a congenital heart defect and later passed away, said the nation could face serious consequences if funding is not restored.

"The loss of funding not only affects current research, but future research as well," she said. "We hope to restore the funding, so we can continue medical research for those affected by health issues like heart disease."

Krolikowski noted that the federal government slashed nearly \$1.6 billion of the NIH's budget this year.

"We need to restore the NIH back to its original pre-sequester amount of \$32 million," Krolikowski said. "These cuts have caused Michigan to lose \$31.6 million in funding. Now over 500 Michigan health-related jobs are at risk."

The budget cut could reduce the number of research grants by about 2,300, costing more than 20,000 jobs nationwide



American Heart Association advocates from Michigan head to Capitol Hill to meet with lawmakers. They are the Janine Krolikowski (left), Janan Saba, K.C. Sanders, Joe Ann Burgett, and Owen Jones. Saba is a Livonia resident.

and shrinking new economic activity by nearly \$3 billion. A typical NIH grant supports about seven mainly high-tech full-time or part-time jobs.

Krolikowski and Saba also urged members of congress to designate \$35

million from the Prevention and Public Health Fund to support a national high blood pressure campaign under the Million Hearts initiative. More than one in three adults in the United States has high blood pressure, but less

than half have their condition under control. High blood pressure is one of the leading factors that can lead to a heart attack or stroke.

Krolikowski, who is also a national spokeswoman for Go Red For Women,

lost her parents to heart disease and suffered a heart attack in 2004.

Today, she is encouraging the community to protect funding and prevention by writing their members of congress personally or through yourtheure.org.

You're the Cure is a group of Americans advocating for policy change for the American Heart Association and the American Stroke Association.

The advocates work to influence policy makers through e-mails, letters to the editor, phone calls, events and face-to-face meetings. Some past accomplishments include creating smoke-free communities, placing AED (automated external defibrillator) devices in public places and increasing federal funding for medical research.

To become an advocate for the American Heart Association, visit www.youretheure.org. To learn more about the rally for medical research visit www.rallyformedicalsearch.org.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

April

TRI-COUNTY CELIAC SUPPORT GROUP

The organization will hold its annual Gluten-free food fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at First Presbyterian Church, 26155 Farmington Road, Farmington. Twenty-five vendors will be on hand with samples of their gluten-free products that also will be available for purchase during the fair. Admission is free to TCCSG members, and is \$10 for non-members. Questions? E-mail to maorlando39@gmail.com.

WEIGHT LOSS

• Start Smart, an eight-week work-

shop led by a registered dietitian from Botsford Hospital's Diabetes & Nutrition Services, runs 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday, beginning April 29, at the hospital, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington. Participants will focus on building healthy eating habits and losing weight. Customized weekly topics reflect the group's specific challenges and goals. Weekly weigh-ins to keep attendees on track, and includes support and encouragement, hands-on activities and demonstrations, meal-planning advice and recipes, helpful tips and strategies, and nutrition advice. Cost: \$80. Space is limited. Call to register (248) 477-6100 • Dr. Heather Rose will present

a program explaining why you haven't been able to keep weight loss resolutions this year. It runs 6-7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 30, at Rose Chiropractic, 34024 W. Eight Mile, suite 104, Farmington Hills. The program is free. Questions? Call (248) 888-8183.

May

IMMUNIZATIONS

Learn what vaccinations are recommended for older adults at a free presentation, 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, at Providence Hospital, located on Nine Mile, West of Greenfield. Dr. Vilma Drelichman, an infectious disease specialist, on staff at Providence

and Providence Park Hospital will give the lecture. Pre-register by calling (888) 751-5465

SKIN CANCER SCREENING

Register by May 1 for a free, partial body skin cancer screening, 9 a.m.-noon, Asarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., Nov. Register by calling (866) 501-DOCS.

Ongoing

AQUATIC CLASSES

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m.-noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farm-

ington branch, 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch, and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and non-members of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join or for more information, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit www.ymcadedetroit.org.

ARTHRITIS SUPPORT

2-3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

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Spring is here and for many of us that means reintroducing our feet to the world. Unfortunately, they've probably been somewhat neglected since last October. To help us welcome the warmer weather, Podiatrist and Garden City Hospital Health Expert, Dr. Howard Kane discusses what you can do to put your best foot forward!

Q: Winter has really taken a toll on my feet this year. Before I slip on my peep toes or consider running barefoot through the grass, what can I do to make my feet look and feel better?

A: To begin your total foot transformation, start by removing any old polish caked on your toes and exfoliating them with a fresh lemon. Lemon brightens up your nails, helping them look healthier in an instant.

If polished toenails are a summertime must, keep in mind that a bad pedicure has the potential to create a variety of health issues. The relaxing whirlpool you're soaking in, the files and other tools, all have the potential to spread nail fungus, warts even serious bacterial infections. Reduce your risks, find a reputable salon that passes your eye test for cleanliness and stay with them. Don't shave or wax your legs at least 24 hours prior to your appointment, microscopic cuts can increase your risk for infection.

While that new pair of sandals may look hot, they can often cause painful blisters. Blisters form from the friction of the shoe rubbing against a part of your foot unaccustomed to this type of stress. The area then balloons out and fills with fluid that cushions and protects the deeper layers of skin. Prevention is key. Buy quality made, comfortable shoes that don't need to be "broken in." Also, try to buy shoes later in the day when your feet have spread out the most. Look for soft fabrics or leather. To make sure they stay pain-free, wear them around the house for an hour or so before you wear them outside.

Another important thing to consider, wearing sandals leaves your heels exposed and can cause the skin to crack. If you have any deep cracks or scabs, treat the heel with an antibiotic oint and cover with a bandage. Treat normal dry heels with an exfoliating moisturizer twice a day and try running and a pumice stone over them once or twice a week. Extremely dry, cracked or bleeding heels may be the sign of a more severe condition, and I recommend seeing your physician or a podiatrist right away.

Finally, remember that flip-flops are NOT created equal. Over wearing these summertime staples can lead to stress fractures, heel pain, shin splints, planter fasciitis, tendonitis, and increase the risk for hammertoes. Most flip-flops are only meant for the locker room or pool, and not designed to be worn all day. Look for a pair with good arch support and a thicker sole. The more straps the better, as they reduce stress placed on the toes to grip the flip-flop.

To read more about good foot health in the Spring issue of GCH's Healthy Generations magazine, visit GCH.org and click the Healthy Generations icon. If you would like to make an appointment with Dr. Kane or one of his colleagues, please call 734.525.2555.

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- Wading bird
- NASA
- Metron
- Fiesta shout
- Melton
- throughouts
- New Heaven student
- Almost never
- Fanned liceness
- Woodland creature
- Fictional spy
- Seam of coal
- NASA
- Spaced-out
- Kind of rocket
- Polynesian carving

DOWN

- Bore a hole
- Indian nobelwumen
- And, to Fritz
- She preceded
- Mamie
- Nontoxic coating
- Put--(save)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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O	L	E	O	I	R	E	N	E	A
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S	K	I	E	R	S	I	L	I	N
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E	P	I	N	E	O	R	D	B	L
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		3	2					
		7	2	5				
4	8	1	3					
9		4					2	
8	3							
3	7			9				
4	2							1
						6		5

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2	8	6	5	1	9	1	7	6
4	7	6	5	2	9	8	1	
2	8	5	6	1	7	9	6	
6	4	1	8	6	4	9	2	7
6	4	1	8	6	4	9	2	7
8	5	2	7	6	1	9		
9	1	7	2	6	5	8	1	

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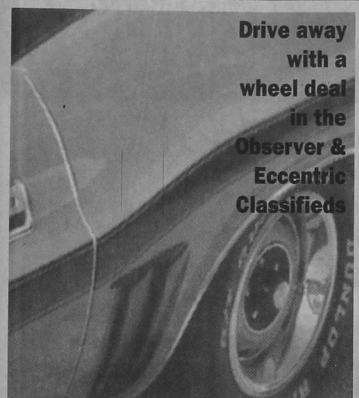
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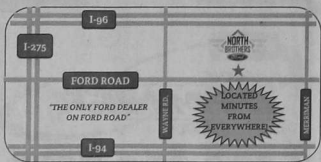
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