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Canton Police Officer of the Year Eric Kolke stands next to a motorcycle, one of the perks of being on the Special Enforcement Unit.

Memories

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Top cop realizes childhood dream

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton Police Officer Eric Kolke was only 13 years old when he realized he wouldn't have to leap tall buildings like Superman or spin a Spider-man web to fight crime.

He learned police work was attainable when he took a ride in a patrol car alongside his older brother, Dan, a Fraser police lieutenant.

"I thought you had to be a superhero to be a police officer," Kolke, now 39, said. "When my brother became one, I realized you didn't have to be a superhero."

Perhaps, but his fellow Canton officers sure look to him as a hero, which explains why he was named Officer of the Year for 2012 during the 27th annual

Canton Police Department awards ceremony Thursday evening at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Go-to guy

Kolke, a Canton officer for 17 years, earned the department's top honor along with a unit commendation for nabbing a bank robber, as Canton's top brass honored the highest achievers among an 86-officer department. Officer Brian Zinser, a fourth-year officer, nominated Kolke, his role model, for the highest honor.

"Eric is so knowledgeable. If I have a question, he's the one I ask," Zinser said. "He knows what he's talking about."

Kolke became a crime-fighter after he abandoned another career idea.

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Civilian of the Year 'honored' by award

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Kari Ferguson had a whirlwind year as the Canton Public Safety Department's records bureau supervisor, overseeing a minimally staffed, bustling office where residents go for police reports and gun permits while she also served as a training coordinator and budget manager.

Throw in her role as union president for clerical and office workers during difficult labor negotiations, and it's a wonder she managed a smile.

Smile she did Thursday evening when, accompanied by her husband and her mother, Ferguson captured the Civilian of the Year award for 2012 during the Canton Police Department's 27th annual



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Kari Ferguson, Canton Public Safety's records bureau supervisor, earned the Civilian of the Year award.

ceremony honoring its top achievers.

"I'm very honored," Ferguson said, moments before she accepted her award on a stage inside the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

"She has shown great talent in handling all the new responsibilities she has been asked to undertake in the past year," Public Safety Director

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Canton ready to roll out Liberty Fest

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton officials are touting lumberjack shows, a NASCAR show car and rattle track simulator, charity fundraisers, numerous entertainers and a bigger carnival as the 22nd Liberty Fest arrives Thursday through Saturday in Heritage Park, capped by festival-crowning fireworks.

Supervisor Phil LaJoy called Liberty Fest an event that helps to shape Canton's identity as a community.

"It's an opportunity for the community to come together to really show off Canton," he said. "We have a diverse community, and Liberty Fest has something for everybody."

Jon LaFever, recreation and facilities supervisor, said three lumberjack shows both Friday and Saturday include log-rolling and a chainsaw-carving exhibition. It's the first time in a decade Liberty Fest has had this event.

"People are definitely excited to see that," he said.

LaFever said Nationwide's NASCAR show car display is expected to draw attention along with a race-car simulator allowing festival patrons to see what it's like to be behind the wheel.

"They will be able to see what it's like to drive an official NASCAR," he said.

As always, Canton charities will be at Liberty Fest to raise money for worthy causes. The Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation Local 2289 will serve spaghetti dinners starting at 5 p.m. Friday, while America's Most Wanted Car Club has its kickoff registration party 5-8 p.m.

Cars for food

Steve Darr, director of Canton-based Open Door Ministry food pantry, said the car club has chosen Open Door as a recipient of this year's fundraiser.

"We are truly blessed that we have been chosen for this fundraiser," Darr said.

LaFever said as many as 50,000 people are expected to attend Liberty Fest. He said festival tents are expected to start being set up Monday, with "around the clock" activity through Thursday to get the festival grounds ready.

Festival hours at 1-10 p.m. Thursday, 1-11 p.m. Friday and 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday. Rides, games and special attractions are slated for the Family Zone. Single-day armbands for the carnival rides — or three-day "mega bands" — may be purchased to save money by

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The carnival rides are always a big hit, especially on opening day of Liberty Fest, which starts Thursday.

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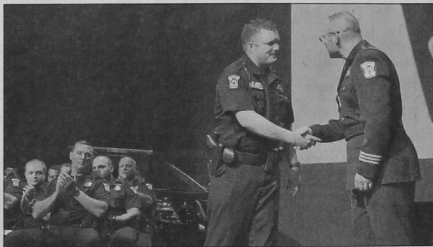
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Officer Thomas Champagne earns one of the Lifesaving Awards, given by Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler.

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"I wanted to be a fighter pilot at first, but I realized I didn't like heights," he said.

Good thing he doesn't have to leap tall buildings.

Indeed, he is content to solve Canton crimes, like the day he helped catch a robber who was changing clothes outside the bank he had just robbed.

"I'm proud of him," his 11-year-old son, Dominic, said, before Kolke accepted his award along with a framed resolution delivered by Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price.

Dominic is the oldest of three children of Kolke and his wife, Heather. They also have daughters Olivia, 3, and Hailey, 2.

"I think he deserves this award," his wife said Thursday evening. "He is amazing, and he has worked really hard for this."

Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler said Kolke for a decade has been assigned to a Special Enforcement Unit that enforces traffic safety, oversees events such as Liberty Fest and the Canton Cup soccer tournament, and conducts alcohol and tobacco decoy operations of local businesses.

Emerging leader

Kolke smiled when he talked about riding his Harley Davidson as part of the Special Enforcement Unit. "It's a big plus," he said.



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Officer Jacob Krogmeier, a school resource officer at P-CEP, is recognized by Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler for his part in breaking a case of locker thefts at the local high schools.

Mutchler described Kolke as "a proud and dedicated," 14-year veteran of the Western Wayne County Special Operations Team, serving as its sniper team leader, SWAT school instructor and training committee member.

Kolke also has emerged as a training leader in the Canton department, serving as a rifle and shooting range instructor and implementing training for situations involving armed suspects. On quieter days, he spends time speaking at schools and day care centers about safe-

ty protocols.

Kolke tries to avoid the expected answer when asked why he likes police work. But it's an honest response.

"I like being able to make a change in people's lives," he said. "It doesn't happen every day, but it does happen."

On the night his career reached new heights as Officer of the Year, Kolke said he was most honored to know he was respected by his fellow officers. "That," he said, "means more to me than anything."

Leadership Canton enrolling new class

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Leadership Canton, an acclaimed program designed to strengthen and develop the community's leadership base, has begun rounding up its 16th class.

It's an eight-month course intended to help graduates build stronger ties to the Canton community, groom local leaders and help make Canton a better place to work, live and play.

Amy Hughesdon, assistant to Supervisor Phil LaJoy and a spring 2012 graduate, said Leadership Canton ushered in opportunities for her to learn about local government, schools, medical facilities, business leaders and volunteer organizations.

"It exposed me to all things Canton," she said.

Hughesdon said the program helped her to connect with community movers and shakers, making it easier for her to enlist help when she organizes events such as Canton's Hall of Fame program and neighborhood know-how sessions for local homeowner groups.

Leadership Canton, sponsored by the township and the Canton Chamber of Commerce, has fielded numerous graduates since LaJoy helped to spearhead the program in 1995.

"I think Leadership Canton started as a way to get people involved in the community and show them all aspects of the community," LaJoy said.

"The goal was to get people more engaged so the community would be a better place. It's all about building leaders."

Leadership Canton courses offer opportunities ranging from riding along with Canton police officers and firefighters to sitting in Plymouth-Canton classrooms to view local education at work.

Among the Leadership Canton graduates are Pat Williams, Canton Township trustee; Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Canton Leisure Services director; and Bartley Patterson of Re/Max Classic, among many others.

"The Leadership Canton experience really showed me how one person can make a difference," Patterson has said. "It opened opportunities that far exceeded my original expectations and built a confidence within myself and my abilities that will serve me for the rest of my life."

Hughesdon said the 2013-14 class is expected to accept 20-30 people. She said the cost is \$800, but scholarships are available to pay half the tab. The program is geared toward the business community but also encompasses volunteers and others.

After a team development session in late September and an early October opening ceremony, Leadership Canton continues through next May, typically with all-day classes on the first Thursday of the month, Hughesdon said. An overall team project is still to be decided.

The last class project involved reconnecting Leadership Canton alumni and culminated with the group raising thousands of dollars for Relay for Life.

The new classes are titled Nature of Leadership; Challenges of the Future; Community Development; Health and Human Services; Local, County and State Government; Education, Business and Economic Development; and Public Safety. For more information or to get an application, go to www.leadership-canton.com or call either the chamber at (734) 453-4040 or Canton Township at (734) 394-5185.

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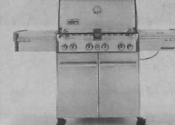
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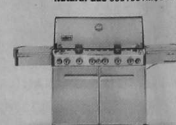
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Posting of the colors by the Canton Police Honor Guard.

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Todd Mutchler said.

Through the years

Ferguson's award marked a milestone in her nearly 13-year career in Canton, working as a records clerk, fire clerk, accounting clerk and training clerk before she became records supervisor and training coordinator. "She has accomplished a lot through her years," husband Troy Ferguson said. "She's a good person, she's good-hearted, and I think she deserves this." Ferguson's mother, Laura Jones, couldn't have been prouder.

"I think it's wonderful," she said of her daughter's award, which also came with a framed resolution delivered by Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price. "I'm really excited and proud." Ferguson, who has a stepson, 23-year-old Troy Ferguson Jr., started her new job assignment just over a year ago. She oversees four full-time employees and one part-timer.

Mutchler said Ferguson "has definitely risen to the challenge" of supervising a records bureau where clerks are uniformly courteous.

Problem solved

"A recent personnel shift caused the shortage of two clerk positions, and Kari stepped in to assist with the day-to-day operations," Mutchler said. "She assisted with helping citizens at the counter, releasing (police) reports, issuing gun permits, registering guns, as well as many other duties, proving to be a hands-on supervisor."

Mutchler called Ferguson a problem-solver, saying she quickly finds the answer if she doesn't already know it. While carrying out her duties last year, she spent long hours helping to negotiate a contract during a time when township officials sought yet another round of concessions.

"She was constantly putting the needs of others ahead of her own personal needs in order to negotiate a contract as fair and equal as possible," Mutchler said.

In the spotlight, though, Ferguson proved a woman of few words. When Mutchler jokingly indicated she was going to make a speech, she merely looked at him, shook her head, smiled, accepted her award and walked quietly back to her seat.

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going to www.cantonlibertyfest.com.

Canton's free Thursday night concert series kicks off on the Canton Live! Stage 7:30-10:30 p.m. Thursday, partly with a performance by Jimmy Buffett tribute band Air Margaritaville. Around the same time, a Zumba Party in Park event happens at the Heritage Park Amphitheater to raise awareness of breast cancer. The \$5 admission helps the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

At Taste of Canton, area restaurants will be showing off their specialties, while fans of petting farms will find their niche Friday and Saturday.

Time to celebrate

Canton Lions Club members are inviting patrons to arrive 7-11 a.m. Saturday for a pancake breakfast in the Heritage Park north pavilion. Exercise enthusiasts are encouraged to go to www.cantonlibertyrun.com and register for the 5K, 10K and one-mile Liberty Run events, aimed hopes the crowd can again break the Guinness World Record for

the largest assembled crowd dressed as the Statue of Liberty. The record-breaking attempt happens at 9:30 a.m. Saturday just south of the clock tower in Her-

itage Park.

To celebrate Canton's diversity, an International Festival is set for 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at the park amphitheater with the music of Bulgaria, China, India, Sri Lanka, Africa, Ireland and other countries.

"Our international festival is a great opportunity for audience members to experience music and dance from around the globe in one centralized location," Canton Arts Coordinator Jennifer Tobin said in a statement. "Audiences will be delighted as the stage comes alive with colorful costumes, exotic instruments and stirring rhythms when these talented individuals share their heritage and some traditions that date back centuries."

For more on Liberty Fest, check out today's special festival guide in today's *Canton Observer*. Information also is available at www.cantonlibertyfest.com.

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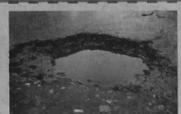
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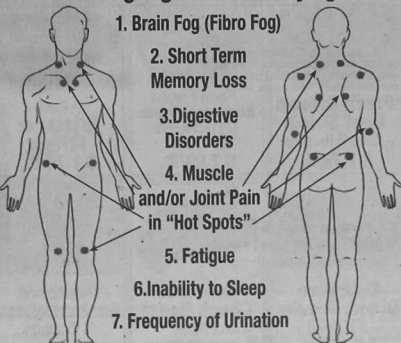
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Lawrence Tech Chancellor Lewis Walker presents the first-place trophy for the Senior Vision Centric Robot Challenge at the Robofest World Championship to Alex Yue (left) of Canton High School and Kevin Ni of Plymouth High School.

Local team wins advanced robot competition

High school juniors Alex Yue and Kevin Ni of Team AKW took first place in the Senior Vision Centric Robot Challenge at the Robofest World Championship held recently at Lawrence Technological University.

Yue is a junior at Canton High School, and Ni is a junior at Plymouth High School, and both have taken AP computer science. They began competing in Robofest while in the eighth grade and have gained vehicle building and programming experience through Robofest competitions and other programming-related competitions.

An advanced competition category, VCR attracted college teams from the U.S., China, and Brazil, as well as local high school teams. Vision-based autonomous robot vehicles must maneuver through an obstacle course. This challenge enables students to learn core technologies for self-driving cars.

Robofest is an international competition of autonomous robots - computer-programmed to act independently and not radio-controlled - that encourages students to have fun while learning principles of science, technology, engineering, and math, the STEM subjects. Students design, construct and program the robots, and adult coaches are not allowed to assist during the events. Teams compete in the junior division (grades 5-9) or senior division (grades 9-12), using a variety of computer programming languages and robots.

Robofest is different from most other robotics competitions because all of the game's robotic tasks require teams to use math skills such as algebra, geometry and trigonometry. LTU Computer Science Professor CJ Chung founded Robofest in 2000 as a way to encourage students to STEM subjects.

Wayne-Westland expects continued drop in state aid

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

Gov. Rick Snyder may have good things to say about the 2013-14 education budget, but for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools the fiscal plan approved by the state Senate last month represents a fourth straight year of revenue loss.

The district, which has had its per pupil funding slashed by more than \$900 over the past three years, will project a loss \$16 per student in state aid when the school board takes up the 2013-14 budget at its meeting at 7 p.m. tomorrow. In four years, the district has gone from \$7.99 per pupil to next years \$7.073 per pupil.

"We've looked at all the components of the school aid bill and the net impact on Wayne-Westland will be a negative \$16 per student," said School Superintendent Greg Baracy. "Due to the retirement rates and other nuances of the bill, Wayne-Westland will lose money. The equity of per pupil funding has not been addressed."

According to Baracy, Wayne-Westland will receive an equity payment increase of \$3 per pupil, or about \$37,500. The 2X formula will increase the district's foundation allowance by \$60 increase, but when the percentage increase districts must pay for retirement costs is factored in, the net change is a "negative \$16 per student."

"There are some districts that are winners in this budget, but not us," said Baracy. "With the recent negotiated settlements, we hope to be able to make it through 2014-2015. We have a good chance with our cost containments."

Cost savings

In March, Wayne-Westland school employees agreed to wages cut and to pay more health care cost in contract extensions, preventing the district from going into deficit in fiscal 2013-14. The concessions will save the district an estimated \$11-\$13 million over three years and avoid a deficit through 2014-15.

Baracy said lawmakers "have to get their priorities correct and start making education a priority in Michigan," a sentiment shared by state Sens. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, and Hoon-Yung Hopgood, D-Taylor, whose district includes a portion of Wayne-Westland.

Anderson called passage of the education budget "a sad continuation of Gov. Snyder and legislative Republicans' devastating disinvestment in education at all levels over the last three years."

"A budget should be a blueprint of the state's priorities and what investments we in the Legislature believe are critical to our future," said Anderson, Democratic vice chair on the Senate Appropriations Committee. "Instead of properly funding all of our schools, from

K-12 to higher ed, this Education Omnibus Budget unnecessarily pits all of them against each other for the money they need to survive and adequately support or kids."

'More insolvency'

"This budget will continue to push more schools into insolvency and continue the erosion of our state's public education system," he said.

"If the crumbling school districts statewide tell us anything, it's that the current funding formula isn't working," added Hopgood, the Senate Democrat on the Education Omnibus Budget Conference Committee. "The people of Michigan deserve a budget that provides real solutions to the problems our schools are facing, and the budget passed in the Senate simply doesn't make the cut."

Snyder, however, said the education of Michigan's youth is a top priority and maintains that state is in a stronger financial position today because of "smart, timely and forward-thinking budgeting."

"With an overall per pupil funding increase and by helping school districts with retirement costs, we are ensuring more dollars find their way to the classroom. Higher education will also receive sizable funding increases," Snyder said.

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Albion College

Grace Dougherty of Canton demonstrated some outstanding academic work at Albion College's Elkin R. Isaac Research Symposium. Dougherty presented an original project titled "The Role of CSF in Hepatocellular Carcinoma-recruited Macrophages" during the two-day celebration of student research, scholarship and creative activity.

Dougherty was also elected to the Albion College chapter of Sigma XI, a national honorary society for

students who have demonstrated outstanding scientific research potential. Dougherty was also elected to the Albion College chapter of Mortar Board, a national honorary society for students outstanding in scholarship, leadership, and service.

Dougherty, who is majoring in biochemistry and minoring in cell and molecular biology and anthropology and is a member of the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Program, is the daughter of David and Lucy Dougherty of Canton and a graduate of Salem High School.

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Sculptor Larry Halbert is creating the Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial.



Library hosts Civil War series

Plymouth District Library staffers have planned three programs for the summer months, all examining Michigan involvement in the Civil War and World War II.

- The Civil War Summer Series commemorating the 150th Anniversary: Battle of Gettysburg, 16 Summer Days: Custer Meets the Wolverines, Wednesday, June 12, 7 p.m.
- Professor David Finney, Jr. will present both programs in this series. The June program will explore George Armstrong Custer, the young officer who turned the Michigan Bri-



Finney

gade from a bunch of new recruits into a crack cavalry unit.

- Confederate Memorial: A Lasting Legacy, Tuesday, July 16, 7 p.m. Finney will continue the Civil War discussion, examining how the conflicts of the 1850s and 1860s are remembered in the old south to this day.
- Meet the sculptor behind the Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial, Wednesday, July 10, 7

p.m. Sculptor and Detroit native, Larry Halbert will tell of the process he is using as he creates the nine life-sized sculptures that will be a part of the Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial.

With a statewide focus on the Michigan connection and contribution to the war, the Legacy memorial has been designated as the official WWII memorial by the State Legislature.

Registration is requested for these free programs; call the library at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 or online at plymouthlibrary.org.

Jaycees joining Relay for Life

In an effort to help the American Cancer Society save more lives and create a world with less cancer and more birthdays, the Plymouth-Canton Jaycees are participating in the 2013 Relay For Life of Plymouth.

While the event is still a couple of weeks away, planning committees are currently recruiting more teams to join in the fun. Teams are often made up of co-workers, friends and family members. Many businesses, schools, organizations and religious groups also build teams. Prior to the Relay event, team members raise dollars by fundraising and securing sponsorships.

"The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees are proud to partner with the American Cancer Society," said Katie Maloni, Jaycees General Member, and Relay Co-Captain. "We take pride in our global community and are dedicated to leading the positive change needed throughout our great state of Michigan. We provide our members with the opportunities to learn new skills and become the leaders of tomorrow by creating lasting impact and fulfilling the needs of our communities through activities like Relay For Life."

The United States Junior Chamber, or Jaycees, formally began their partnership with the American Cancer Society in 2008 and since that time they have

raised funds and provided leadership for Relay For Life events across the country.

"In 2013 the American Cancer Society celebrates 100 years of fighting to save lives from cancer," said Abby Stonerook, ACS Staff Partner. "It's the progress we've made together as volunteers, as survivors, and as leaders with nationwide community partners such as the Jaycees that has helped us reach this incredible milestone with tremendous success. We've never been more ready to complete our mission and put ourselves out of business. By lending their support to Relay For Life of Plymouth, the Jaycees are helping the Society finish the fight and bring an end to cancer as we know it."

One in every 100 Americans participates in a Relay For Life event. The American Cancer Society urges local businesses and civic organizations to support the fight against cancer in their communities by forming a Relay team.

"We believe service to humanity is the best work of life," said Maloni. "Partnerships with our state and local governments, state-based businesses and other community organizations are important to us and necessary to move Michigan forward."

To find out more about the Jaycees, visit www.jci.org/local/info/usa.

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Use lawsuit settlement to pay down debt

By Rick Bloom
Guest Columnist

Q: Dear Rick: I just received \$75,000 from a lawsuit that I was a party to. The lawsuit dealt with an aunt's estate. Do I have to pay taxes on this amount? What should I do with the money? I am retired and Social Security and a pension cover most of my costs but occasionally, I do run short. I have some debts. I owe about \$15,000 on my charge card and about \$80,000 (5 percent interest) on my home. Should I put the money into a CD and use the income to cover my needs or do you think I should pay my debts off?

A: As to the tax consequences, it is hard to give you an opinion from the information you provided me. I recommend that you contact the attorney you used for the lawsuit. He/she should be able to give you some



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

guidance. My gut feeling is since it's a settlement of an estate it is not subject to taxes, however, it pays to be safe and discuss this with the attorney.

One thing that confuses people is the misconception that proceeds from lawsuits are not subject to income taxes. There are many types of lawsuits that result in taxes.

Keep in mind that if it is subject to tax, it would probably behoove you to make an estimated payment. If you wait until you do your tax return, you may find that you may be liable for interest and penalties.

People tend to forget that taxes are due quarterly not annually. Therefore, if the amount is subject to income taxes, making an estimated payment to the federal government and the State of Michigan may be necessary.

In recommending what to do with the money, I think it is slam dunk that you use it to pay down your debt. Take the first money and pay off your charge card. More likely than not, you're probably paying about

18.5 percent on your charge card. By paying off your debt it's like getting an 18.5 percent return on your money. I don't know any investment that can give you that rate of return and it is a much greater return than you'll receive on a certificate of deposit.

After you pay off your charge card, take the remaining money and put it down on your home. By paying down the mortgage you're getting a guaranteed five percent return on that money and that is also considerably more than a CD would bring.

Considering that you will no longer have a charge card payment, your cash flow situation should improve immediately. You may not have to dip into your savings to cover your needs. In addition, making a large lump-sum payment on your mortgage will help you pay off your home sooner and will considerably improve your financial situation.

It never makes sense for people that have debt, particularly charge

card debt, to hold large amounts in cash. In the old days people would say cash is king. However, that is no longer the case. When you look at the returns that you are receiving on cash (one percent or lower and that it is taxable), it becomes quite obvious that paying down debt is a much better use of money than investing in something like a CD. Therefore, the next time you're thinking about buying a CD, look at your financial picture to determine if this money can be better used to pay down debt – especially credit card debt. After all, the average credit card in America charges 18.5 percent interest and it is not tax deductible. That is why paying down charge card debt is one of the best investments anyone can make.

Good luck!

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

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'Chicks' event benefits Big Brothers, Sisters

A charitable organization called Chicks 4 Charity is hosting an evening of wine tasting and appetizers to raise funds for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Livingston County.

The event takes place 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 12, at the Red Olive banquet room, 1059 W. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. Guests must purchase tickets in advance for a donation of \$35 per person, which includes both the wine tastings and appetizers provided. Women's Life will be matching the first \$500 donated.

"Showroom of Elegance is providing a Sterling Silver Water Drop Cut Pendant on a Sterling Silver chain for the silent auction," said Linda Robin, owner of Showroom of Elegance and member of Chicks 4 Charity. "There should be plenty of other items and services donated from other generous, area businesses as well."

Guests are encouraged to bring extra cash as the event will also have a 50/50 raffle, in addition to the silent auction. All ticket inquiries and donations must be completed by June 6th, no exceptions.

To contact Chicks 4 Charity regarding tickets or if you have questions please inquire with Kris Aretha at (810) 241-3715 or at kris@theponyfair.com. Checks/ticket requests can also be mailed (including the names of those attending, your address, telephone number, number of tickets needed, and donation amount) to Chicks 4 Charity, c/o Kris Aretha, 915 N. Michigan Ave., Ste. 105, Howell, MI 48843. Checks must be made out to Woman's Life Chapter 827 Chicks 4 Charity; donations from people unable to attend are gratefully accepted.

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Plymouth 'Y' hosts annual Father's Day run

Runners can join the Plymouth YMCA as it celebrates more than 50 years in the community with a Father's Day tradition, the 34th Fathers Day Run, Sunday June 16.

The morning of fun and fitness will kick off at 7:30 a.m. with Detroit Tigers mascot PAWS leading the start and the National Anthem by Plymouth Attorney John C. Stewart.

The Fathers Day Run offers an event for every age, 0-99: Kids quarter-mile Fun Runs, 7:30 a.m.; 1-Mile Walk, 1-Mile Run at 8 a.m.; 5K Walk, 5K Run, 8:15 a.m.; and the 10K, 8:45 a.m.

The unique Morse Dental Group, 18th MDG Triple, 10.3 Miles, offers start times to run all three races. New this year is the "Tie one on for Dad" promotion, in which all runners wearing ties will be entered to win a Detroit Tigers T-shirt Package.

Registration is now open at www.active.com or for a printable registration form and more race information visit www.ymcadetroit.org/plymouth/Fathers-day-run.

This event is endorsed by the Governors Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports, and is part of the Pure Michigan FITness series, www.michiganfitness.org/pure-michigan-fitness-series, which organizers say confirms it is a well-planned, high-quality event that considers the safety of the participant, promotes physical activity and has earned the Governor's Council seal of approval.



PAWS will take the lead when the Plymouth Family YMCA's annual Father's Day Run kicks off June 16.

Volunteers are needed, contact Cindy Morency at cmorency@ymcadetroit.org. Proceeds support the Plymouth YMCA "Strong Kids" Financial Assistance program.

Arts council hosts Pioneer exhibit

The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts Behind The Lens 7, an annual exhibit of photography, poetry and reflections by Pioneer Middle School eighth-graders.

The theme for the exhibit this year is "Where I'm From" based on the poem by George Ella Lyon (www.georgeellalyon.com/where.html).

Language Arts teacher Claire Walton-Swisher and her colleagues at Pioneer Middle School have developed the project over the years into an impressive display of student writing and photographs. Excerpts from their traveler's journals and personal "Where I'm From" poems are part

of the exhibit along with more than 70 black and white photos.

The exhibit will run through mid-July.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council, Frameworks in Downtown Plymouth, and Junior Tours of New York are supporting partners to the project, sponsored by the Plymouth-Canton Community School District and the families of the eighth-grade students.

PCAC's June Front Wall exhibit will feature artwork and sculpture from Starkweather Academy's Senior Class of 2013. Gallery hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 p.m. second Monday of every month

Location: Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church, 36660 Cherry Hill, Westland

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Contact: For questions or more information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237 or by email at prettymonarch@comcast.net.

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

Location: Compassionate Care Hospice, 5730 Lilley, Canton

Details: Compassionate Care Hospice conducts a grief support group, "Compassionate Words," providing emotional support to any adult grieving the loss of a loved one. The group focuses on the various stages of grief, and incorporates basic journal writing as a way to express feelings. The program is free of charge.

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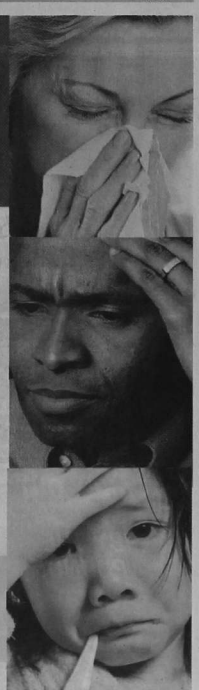
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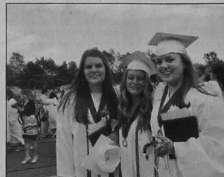
Ladywood High School says goodbye to Class of 2013



Shelby Walsh of Livonia, Christina Riga of Plymouth, Bridget Hillman of Northville and Gabrielle Houska of Plymouth move on to the next chapter of their lives.



Jillian Seach of Plymouth, Celeste Fidge of Westland, Hannah Lauer of Livonia and Andria Gietl of Plymouth pose for a photo following the ceremony.



Emily Nelson of Redford, Megan Foreman of Plymouth and Sarah Koch of Brighton mark a major milestone of their lives.

Ladywood High School in Livonia graduated its Class of 2013 on June 2.

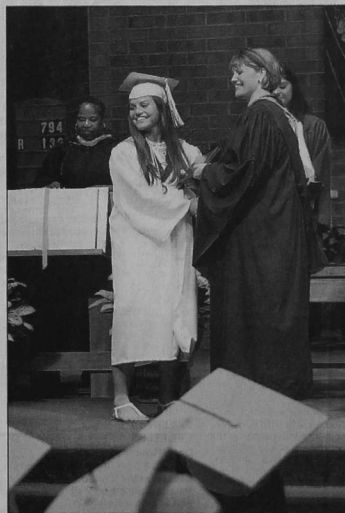
Seventy-seven young women received diplomas. The day began with a Baccalaureate Mass followed by the Commencement at St. John Neumann Parish in Canton.

Co-valedictorians were Falon Simpson of Northville and Laurie Cummings of Westland, and co-salutatorians were Alexandra Parisot of Dearborn and Allison Mallick of Northville.

The class of 2013 was offered more than \$4 million in schol-

arship money, including both academic and athletic. Hannah Pereira of Farmington Hills received a full-ride scholarship to the Naval Academy, and Andria Ananias of Farmington Hills received a full-ride scholarship for ice hockey to Boston College.

"It was a beautiful day as these young ladies were celebrated for their accomplishments, inducted into the alumnae association, and bid farewell to the home they have known for four years," Principal Tracey L. Mocon said.



Brianna Sultana of Canton receives her diploma from Principal Tracey Mocon. In the background is Andrea Cole, senior head moderator.

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Violinist takes Village Theater stage

Innovative violinist 'Daniel D' is set to perform at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill on Saturday, June 29, at 7:30 p.m. This classically trained performer is known for crossing all genres and connecting with audiences of all ages with his dynamic performances.

Since Daniel Davis first drew a bow across the strings of a violin at the age of 12, he knew he was destined for greatness in music. His talents continued to emerge as two tracks from his 2012 album, "Epic Sounds," his single "Lullaby" reached top 50 on the Indie Charts.

Davis was chosen as an opening artist for President Obama's presidential campaign in 2008. Daniel D was also recognized as an Apollo Theater Winner, a Charlotte Music Award Recipient, and has performed on BET's

106 & Park, and at the Oprah & Essence Magazine Celebration.

He has also won the U.S. Air Force's Wide Talent Search competition, a scholarship to New York's Juilliard School of Music, and his fiddle-laden remix of Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech commands regular invitations to perform nation-wide at special events. Daniel D is also a featured artist at the MOJA Arts and Spoleto Festivals in Charleston.

A Charleston, S.C., native and graduate of Charleston School of the Arts in 2007, Daniel Davis is a seasoned entertainer at just 24 years old. Davis is equally comfortable performing for an audience of 50,000 at the University of South Carolina's Williams-Brice Stadium as he is playing at church on any given Sunday.

Tickets are \$25 and are available online at Cantonvillage-theater.org or by calling (734) 394-5460. The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.



Violinist 'Daniel D' is set to perform at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill on Saturday, June 29, at 7:30 p.m.

Garden Club hosts annual walk

The annual "Flowers are Forever" garden walk in Plymouth takes place Tuesday, June 25, 2013 from noon until 8 p.m., rain or shine.

Organizers said the gardens have "a variety of features as well as many ideas that can be adapted to your own garden." Complimentary refreshments and perennial sale will be at one of the gardens. Master Gardeners will also be available to answer gardening questions.

Trailwood Garden Club's projects include plantings in downtown Plymouth, at the new Plymouth Community Center, Veterans Memorial Park, and at the Plymouth Township offices; plantings and bird-feeder at the Medillage of Plymouth nursing facility; Plymouth Fall Festival Perennial Exchange; Christmas decorations at the Plymouth Historical Museum; Michigan 4-H; and other related activities. Tickets are \$8 pre-sale and \$10 on the day of the walk. Tickets for children twelve and under are half-price; there is no charge for babes in arms. Strollers are not permitted. The Trailwood Garden Club, a branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, is the sponsor.

Tickets are available from Garden Club members, Backyard Birds on Main Street and Saxton's Power Equipment on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. The ticket includes descriptions of the gardens and a map to their locations.

For additional information, please contact Darlene Rinke (734-459-7499).

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of Petitions of property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose front footage constitutes more than 50% of the total front footage of the hereinabove described Special Assessment District and the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth proposes road paving improvements in the Ridgewood Hills Subdivision and to create a Special Assessment for the recovery of the cost thereof by Special Assessment against the properties benefited therein.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth has tentatively declared its intention to make the hereinabove described improvement:

The proposed improvements shall consist of milling, and/or pulverization, and/or removal of the existing bituminous road with the placement of concrete, and/or pavement course. In addition, select areas of concrete curb and gutter will be removed and replaced as necessary. It is understood that this is primarily a road improvement project and therefore any drainage problems existing prior to the project will not be corrected except where said modification is necessary to protect the life of the road pavement. Existing water problems, such as standing water, etc., outside of the roadway will not be resolved by this program. It is further understood that this alternate, if adopted by the County of Wayne, shall be subject to special conditions dependent upon the findings of the soils investigation report, existing subsurface conditions, etc. The proposed improvements to the existing two-lane asphalt pavement shall consist of complete and partial asphalt pavement replacement, as well as miscellaneous driveway and drainage work, which may be needed to facilitate the replacement of the asphalt road pavement. The project commences at the south right-of-way line of Powell Road and proceeds southward on Hillcrest Dr. for approximately 3100 feet to the north right-of-way line of Ann Arbor Road. The project proceeds:

- East from Hillcrest Dr. along Meadow Dr. for approx. 1000 feet to Meadow Ct., and south along Meadow Ct. for approx. 600 feet to terminus
- East from Meadow Ct. along Sunbird Dr. for approx. 130 feet to terminus
- South from Meadow Dr. along Robin Ct. for approx. 250 feet to terminus
- West from Hillcrest Dr. along Plum Tree Dr. for approx. 135 feet
- West from Hillcrest Dr. along Harvest Dr. for approx. 150 feet
- East from Hillcrest Dr. along Harvest Dr. for approx. 300 feet to Meadow Dr.
- West from Hillcrest Dr. along Hillcrest Ct. W for approx. 500 feet to terminus
- East from Hillcrest Dr. along Hillcrest Ct. E for approx. 550 feet to terminus
- West from Hillcrest Dr. along Pinehill Dr. for approx. 120 feet
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- West from Hillcrest Dr. along Woodway Dr. for approx. 150 feet
- East from Hillcrest Dr. along Normandy Dr. for approx. 1500 feet to Pine Hill Dr.
- West from Normandy Dr. along Normandy Ct. W for approx. 550 feet to terminus
- East from Normandy Dr. along Normandy Ct. E for approx. 500 feet to terminus
- South from Normandy Dr. along Chambury Ct. for approx. 650 feet to terminus
- West from Hillcrest Dr. along Winterset Circle for approx. 130 feet

That it has further been tentatively determined that the following described lots and parcels of land will specially benefit from said improvements and will constitute a Special Assessment District against which the cost of said improvement shall be assessed:

The district limit for frontage along Hillcrest Dr., Meadow Dr., Meadow Ct., Sunbird Dr., Robin Ct., Plumtree Dr., Harvest Dr., Hillcrest Ct. W, Hillcrest Ct. E, Pinehill Dr., Normandy Dr., Woodway Dr., Normandy Ct. W, Normandy Ct. E, Chambury Ct., and Winterset Circle consists of Lots 1 through 185 of the Ridgewood Hills Subdivision No. 1, Lot 209 of Ridgewood Hills Subdivision No. 2, and Lot 356 of Ridgewood Hills Subdivision No. 3, located in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 32, T18S, R8E, of Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall meet on Tuesday, June 25, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall, 9655 N. Waggener Road, Plymouth Township, Michigan 48170, for the purpose of reviewing said proposed Special Assessment District, and hearing objections to the improvement, creation of the Special Assessment District, and the assessment thereof. All persons may then and there appear and make any objections to the improvement, creation of the Special Assessment District, and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount, if any, of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal. An owner or party in interest, or agent thereof, may appear in person at the hearing, or may file an appearance or protest by letter. All parties or agents appearing in person at the hearing for purposes of protest should request the appearance be entered into the record of the meeting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the plans, specifications, estimates of cost and recommendations of the engineer for said proposed Special Assessment District have been filed with the Township and are available for public examination at the office of the Township Clerk. The estimate of costs of such construction is in the approximate amount of \$1,192,304.60.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that periodic redetermination of costs for the proposed Special Assessment District may be necessary and may be made without further notice to the record owners or parties in interest in the property.

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(Repeal with the following language):

Chapter 70, Article 1, Section 3 "Motor Carrier Fuel Tax Act":

(a) The Motor Carrier Fuel Tax Act of 1980 (PA 119 of 1980), and as subsequently amended, is hereby adopted by reference

1. Reference to the State Police shall mean Plymouth Police Department and its Officers.

(b) Penalties. Violations of this section shall be punished as proscribed by the Motor Carrier Fuel Tax Act of 1980 (PA 119 of 1980), and as subsequently Amended. However, the City may not enforce any penalty greater than a \$500 fine and/or 90 days imprisonment.

Chapter 70, Article VII, Section 256 "Motor Carrier Safety Act":

(a) The Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1963 (PA 181 of 1963), and as subsequently amended, is hereby adopted by reference.

(b) Penalties. Violations of this section shall be punished as proscribed by the Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1963, and as subsequently amended.

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Happy day: Wayne celebrates dam removal

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

A ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially celebrate removal of the Wayne Road dam and habitat restoration in that section of the Rouge River was held Friday morning.

To highlight the new navigability of the Rouge River in Wayne, Mayor Al Haidous ceremonially arrived by canoe.

"This is the first time I've introduced someone who has arrived by canoe," said James Ridgway, executive director of the Alliance of Rouge Communities.

Canoeing, kayaking and fishing are activities Wayne officials are hoping to see a lot of as restoration of the river and wildlife habitat continues.

"This is a happy day in the City of Wayne. It's the beginning of new hope to make the city a destination for recreation," said Haidous. "We've been dreaming of this day for so long."

The multi-year \$1.14 million project reconnects 11 miles of the Lower Rouge River and 110 miles of tributary streams to the Detroit River and the Lake Erie ecosystem. It had been approximately 100 years since the Lower Rouge had been connected barrier-free with the Great Lakes system.

NOAA grant

Funded by a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration grant, the project removed a 1917 dam underneath Wayne Road as well as a 40-foot man-made island located in the river a short distance downstream.

Once the island and the dam, used to help pump the city's



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The ceremonial ribbon is cut by Wayne City Council member Jim Hawley, County Executive Robert Ficano, Wayne City Manager Robert English, Wayne Mayor Al Haidous, Executive Director of the Alliance of Rouge Communities Jim Ridgway, Westland DPS Director Kevin Buford, U.S. Rep. John Conyers, City Council members John Rhaesa and Pam Dobrowolski, Westland Mayor Bill Wild and John Bratton of NOAA.



Friends of the Rouge Board member Adam Cloutier with daughters Elliana, 5, and Grayce, 3, take the new stairs that lead down to the river.

water were removed, the river bed and banks were restored. Fish tagged and released downstream are already being seen in the Wayne section of the Rouge River.

It's a project that involved county and local officials, as well as regional and community groups. Elected officials and staff who worked on the dam removal project were presented with commemorative pieces of the dam.

Efforts are underway by the Friends of the Rouge, the local communities and Wayne County to establish the Lower Rouge Water Trail which will connect with the Rouge Water Trail and the Detroit River Heritage Water Trail.

The Lower Branch of the Rouge River flows through Superior and Canton townships and the cities of Wayne, Westland, Inkster, Dearborn and Dearborn Heights.

The idea about removing the dam had been around for about a decade before coming to fruition. Haidous brought the concept to Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano a number of times.

"Bob Ficano may have wondered what this guy was talking about," said Haidous. "The river was blocked and polluted."

'Mr. Rouge'

Haidous cited the efforts of local Rouge Rescue coordinator Kurt Kuban. Haidous calls him

Mr. Rouge - with getting people involved locally with cleaning up the river.

On the day that U.S. Rep. John Dingell, D-Trenton, officially became the country's longest serving congressman, Haidous said he especially wanted to thank him for helping get the city \$14 million to pay for most of the unfunded federal mandate to get sewage out of the river.

"Without him, this project would not be reality," said Haidous.

Removal of the dam and restoration of the wildlife habitat on the Rouge River was definitely the vision of a number of partners, said Ficano.

"I didn't think you (Haidous) were completely crazy when you kept saying you wanted canoeing on the river," said Ficano. "Who thought 20 years ago that we would be talking about fishing and canoeing on the Rouge River? It's something of a small miracle."

Not too many years ago the only goal relating to the Rouge River was removing sewage, said Kevin Buford, Westland Department of Public Services director and chairman of the Alliance of Rouge Communities.

"Now we are opening the Lower Rouge to Great Lakes fish with the dam removal. It had been a barrier for years," said Buford. "In 1992, no one was talking of recreation on the river - it was a distant hope for canoeing, fishing and recreation."

For Wayne, the hope is that the river will attract not only visitors but new residents and help spur a revitalization of the community.

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Legion Riders place wreath at Tomb of the Unknowns

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

As soon as Jeff Dold told Bruce Boland the wreath he wanted was to place at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington Cemetery on Saturday, May 25, Boland knew one thing. He wasn't asking for payment.

"I'm proud I was able to do it for him," said Boland of Boland Florist in Garden City. "It was something I felt was important and I wanted to help out. It was an honor for me."

Boland created a wreath of fresh flowers almost 30 inches wide

that Dold, the director of the American Legion Riders in Garden City, took to Washington, D.C., for the ceremony. He was joined by fellow Riders Jerry Eden and Chuck Albright in placing the wreath at the tomb.

"It was very emotional, one of the highlights

of my life that I won't forget," said Dold. "It was an unbelievable honor."

The trio was in Washington, D.C. for Rolling Thunder, an annual rally that honors veterans and fallen soldiers and raises awareness about prisoners of war and soldiers who are missing in action. This was the 26th year that thousands of motorcyclists — estimates placed the crowd at 500,000 riders — rode from the Pentagon to the National Mall Memorial Day, ending the 10-mile trip near the Lincoln Memorial.

Road trip

Dold who has ridden in the event in past years, left his bike home, however, and went by car to get the wreath to Washington. He had to stop twice along the way to water it.

"Jeff got an education on how to take care of flowers," said Boland.



Garden City residents Jerry Eden (from left), Chuck Albright and American Legion Riders Director Jeff Dold prepare to place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington Cemetery.

It took Boland about two hours to create the wreath that included 125 red and white carnations, red roses, sala leaves sprayed in navy blue, white larkspur, a hint of delphinium and purple statice also spray-painted blue. The ribbon

was embellished with the words, Never Forgotten.

"We weren't sure if it would be left one but in the pictures I saw, it was," said Boland, who served in the Air Force Reserves. "There's a video and it's interesting because you can hear the

wind, the clicking of the heels and the silence of the moment."

Dold was surprised and was "truly humbled" to hear he would be able to place a wreath at the tomb. He had to drop a couple of responsibilities and gladly did that "for this once in a lifetime thing."

The Legion Riders have been participating in Rolling Thunder probably as long as the group's been around. Some members have as many as 20 patches from the event.

'Something to see'

"It's something to see," he said. "The rally starts at noon and can go six-eight hours. At the end, a Marine sergeant stands in the middle of the road and salutes every bike from the beginning to the end. Some riders roll by, some stop get off and salute him. Some of the ladies put roses at his feet. He's done that for years."

According to the Dold's

wife, Kim, the honor of presenting the wreath was arranged by Diane Kaledas. Her husband, Bill, was a founding member of the American Legion Riders. The last time a member presented a wreath was five years ago.

"Bruce is very artistic, that wreath was absolutely gorgeous," said Kim Dold. "Jeff was proud to put that at the tomb. He said it outshined the ones that were there."

"I had a vision of what I wanted to do, and when Jeff did see it, he said it was what he hoped for. It made me feel very gratified. The florists in the immediate area around Arlington probably do wreaths, but around here, I probably was the first. It was an honor."

"These guys are very dedicated and patriotic," he added. "Jeff was the perfect person to place the wreath."

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Ralph Thayer Automotive has started renovations on its new Ralph Thayer Hyundai showroom and service headquarters. Shown here are Alex Thayer, general manager, Ralph Thayer, president, and Adam Thayer, general manager.

Renovations start on new Hyundai showroom

Ralph Thayer Hyundai, one of three dealerships owned and operated by Ralph Thayer Automotive in Livonia, has started renovations on what will be one of the largest Hyundai dealerships in Michigan.

The family-owned company purchased the building, a former Mitsubishi dealership, at Laurel and Plymouth Road last year, and is converting it into its new 16,000-square-foot Ralph Thayer Hyundai showroom and service facility. The building will accommodate seven new vehicles in its showroom and has eight service bays.

The facility is located just west of the Ralph Thayer Volkswagen

and Ralph Thayer Mazda buildings. It sits on a 100,000-square-foot lot, with 200 feet of frontage on Plymouth Road, providing ample room for display of new and previously owned vehicles outdoors.

The company's existing Hyundai showroom is on the east side of their dealership complex at the corner of Stark and Plymouth roads. Once the new Hyundai showroom is complete, the old building will become headquarters for sales of previously owned vehicles. The new dealership building is expected to be completed by mid-July, with a "grand re-opening" scheduled for August.

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Livonia residents with electric or natural gas-powered cars may soon have a new station to fuel their vehicles.

The City Council reviewed a waiver petition for a fueling station operated by Consumers Energy next to its facility at 11801 Farmington Road, just north of Plymouth Road.

The station would provide free charging stations for electric vehicles, and sell compressed natural gas for cars that run on the fuel.

Chris Laser, project manager for the facility, said four parking spots on the site will be used for electric vehicle charging. Two gas dispensers will also be installed, with room

left to expand it to four pumps.

The fueling station would be on the south-east side of the property, currently a vacant parking lot. The station would consist of a canopy over the fueling stations, as well as an unmanned equipment enclosure building, which will sit 88 feet off Farmington Road.

It would be the first Consumers Energy alternative fueling station in the Livonia area.

'Unmanned station'

If approved, the station would sell compressed natural gas to the general public using credit cards at the pump. Cash payments will not be accepted, especially since there will be no attendant. "There's no place for

anyone to sit. There's no convenience store, anything like that in this location," Laser said. "This is an unmanned station."

The station will sell naturally compressed gas, used in several pickup trucks and some Honda Civics, along with other vehicles specifically designed for the clean fuel. Several Consumers Energy vehicles used the alternative fuel station and will be filled up as well. "There's quite a substantial difference in price," he said. "Natural gas is a lot more stable in price; it doesn't fluctuate like normal gasoline does."

Compressed natural gas is about \$2.50 a gallon, compared to the more than \$4 a gallon for gasoline seen

in Michigan in recent weeks.

Councilman Tom Robinson said he was concerned about the level of traffic in and out of the station during the day. With only having one entrance and exit, he said it could lead to backups, especially during rush hour.

Traffic studies on the corner have not been done on the project, said Mark Taormina, the city's head of economic development. "We really don't know how to gauge the traffic generation at this point," he said. "They're going to make accommodations by widening that approach on Farmington Road. So that will help with the movement of vehicles in and out of the facility."

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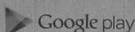
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Small PCA enjoys big season

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Don't be surprised if you see Plymouth Christian Academy track coach Jennifer Lemieux pinching herself these days.

Lemieux is sky high over the accomplishments of her 2013 Eagles, a small band of athletes that placed second at the recent Division 4 regionals — before making more noise at the state finals in Hudsonville.

"We had a remarkable season, I am so proud of my qualifying athletes," Lemieux said. "We had (qualifiers in the) 110 hurdles, 300 hurdles, high jump, the 3,200 relay, two in the 800, two in the mile, (the) 3,200 run and 800-meter relay."

"Wow, for a boys team with only 22 kids that is remarkable."

At the top of the list was senior all-stater Mick Noel, who finished second in the high jump at the finals with a mark of 6-4.

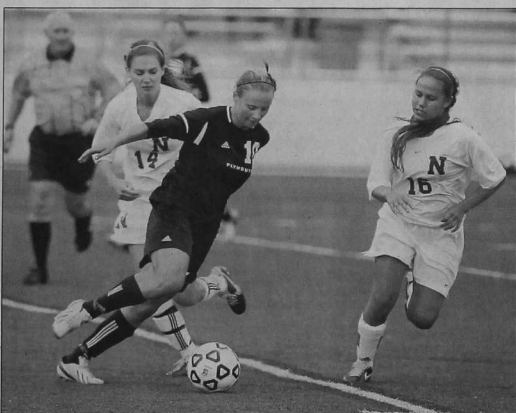
Also impressive was the 3,200-meter relay team of Jacob Nichols, Ethan Levack, Joey Fanelli and Jacob Bailey. That tandem's time of 8:32.23 was good for eighth place and all-state honors. The relay team also set a new PCA record in the process.

"They ran a very slow 3,200 relay at regionals (9:04.59) to conserve for their numerous individual events so they were placed in the first heat," Lemieux explained. "They ran against the clock and scored eighth place without any competitors to chase. ... That takes tremendous focus and discipline to not have anyone to chase."

In other individual events, the Eagles completed hard but did not place. Levack finished 19th in

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D1 SOCCER REGIONAL FINAL



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Novi's Erin Dircks (No. 14) and Kendall Kramer (No. 16) converge on Plymouth senior Zoe Foster (No. 10) during the first half of Friday's Division 1 varsity girls soccer regional final at Farmington.

PKs burst 'Cats' bubble

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

When Plymouth senior midfielder Zoe Foster was a freshman, her Wildcats were defeated by Novi's Wildcats in the state championship game. This year, Foster and the rest of the varsity girls soccer squad vowed to get back to the Division 1 finals.

But Friday at Farmington High School, those hopes were dashed yet again by Novi — 1-0 on penalty kicks in the D1 regional final. It was the only loss of the year for Plymouth (21-1-1), top-ranked entering the contest.

"You really can't put it into words," Foster lamented. "It's

devastating."

Plymouth senior forward Madi Lewis, who is headed for the University of Michigan, scored her team's only PK in five attempts against Novi senior goalkeeper Jade Antolec.

Tough finish

Meanwhile, Novi (18-2-2) put two PKs past Plymouth junior goalie Kylie Robb, whose brilliant play in the first half kept the contest scoreless.

Breaking the 1-1 tie in the PK round was junior Kendall Kramer, who went top shelf.

"That was probably the best PK I've seen in my life," Robb said. "That was perfect placement. I'd like to see if she

could do that again."

Robb shook her head about blanking an opponent for 80 minutes of regulation, plus two, 10-minute overtime sessions — and yet come up empty.

"It's frustrating that a game can be determined based on something that has nothing to do with who's the better team or skill or anything like that," Robb said. "It's just based on who got lucky that night and who didn't."

According to Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich, his team "played well tonight, it didn't go our way in the PKs. Nothing you can do about it."

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Rams bring down Pride

Justin Sherman and Ben Yak each went 2-for-4 with an RBI as the Michigan Rams defeated the Michigan Pride, 7-5, in Livonia Collegiate Baseball League action Wednesday at Ford Field. Tyler Baker also

knocked in two runs, while Brandon Katta and Miles Sorrie added one RBI apiece as the Rams improved to 2-1-1 in the LCLB.

Winning pitcher Jake Balicki went the first 5.1 innings allowing five runs (two earned on four hits and five walks. He struck out five before Donnie Eaton pitched a scoreless seventh to earn the save.

Sean Bennett and James Andrzejewski each knocked in a run for the Pride (2-2).

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The Miracle League of Plymouth is looking for volunteers for the 2013 season, even if just for one game as a Buddy to help players make their way around the bases or umpire.

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Bucks back in 1st place

The Premier Development League The Michigan Bucks leapfrogged from third to first place on Wednesday afternoon with a matinee shutout win in Toronto (Ontario) Lynx, 1-0, at Crescent Court.

Tommy Catalano scored the game-winning goal, his first of the year, from Jason Stokes in the 57th minute as the Bucks improved to 3-1-0 (9 points) in the PDL's Great Lakes Division of the Central Conference.

Meanwhile, goalkeeper Adam Grinwis made four saves to record his second shutout of the season in four starts. The loss dropped Toronto's record to 1-2-0 (3 points).

After a Saturday night game at Saline High School against the Chicago Fire, the Bucks travel Friday, June 14, to face Great Lakes co-leader FC London (3-0-0, nine points).

For Bucks home ticket information, visit www.bucksoccer.com.

'Cats, Chiefs finish 2-3 at D1 regionals

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Two varsity boys golf teams from Plymouth-Canton Education Park will once again be making the trek to the Division 1 finals.

The finals will take place Friday and Saturday at Michigan State University's Forest Akers West course.

Plymouth (298 total score) and Canton (302) made the ultimate cut by taking second and third, respectively, at Thursday's D1 regional at West Shore Golf & CC in Grosse Ile. Saline won the championship with a 297.

Talking to Plymouth coach Nick Brandon and his Canton counterpart, Tom Alles, however, reaction to the showing was night and day.

"When you go to play for the regional championship and you don't win, there's room for improvement," Brandon said. "And it doesn't matter whether it's by one shot or 10 shots. If there's a trophy waiting for you, you don't go home with it, then you know it's an opportunity to improve."

Alles credited a total team effort for the Chiefs joining the Wildcats for the second season



Canton's varsity boys golf team finished third at Thursday's Division 1 regional at West Shore Golf & CC in Grosse Ile. The Chiefs will compete in the D1 finals for the second straight year, as will Plymouth (second at regionals). From left are head coach Tom Alles, Brent Perry, Alex Champagne, Noah Lindbauer, Tyler McMahan and Donnie Trosper (second overall with an even-par 71).

in a row at the D1 finals. "We played probably the best tournament we've played all year, so that came at a good

time," Alles said. "We really like West Shore. I don't know what it is about it but they played there very well the last two years."

Alles noted that having four players shoot in the 70s "certainly helped. Even our fifth man was respectable at 83, so it was a team effort."

Leading the way

He made special mention of sophomore Donnie Trosper, who placed second overall with an even-par 71.

"Donnie Trosper certainly did well, placing second with an even-par 71, so that never hurts," Alles said. "Donnie's been the scoring leader for our team but our seniors came up big yesterday for us, all three of them."

Canton seniors Alex Champagne (76), Brent Perry (77) and Tyler McMahan (78) were outstanding for the Chiefs. Finishing with an 83 was sophomore Noah Lindbauer.

Plymouth was led by senior

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Trine's just fine with Chiefs' Porter

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

It looks like Catherine Porter will be catching on — literally — at Trine University.

Porter, finishing up an outstanding high school career with the Canton varsity girls softball team, recently signed to take over as catcher at Trine, a NCAA Division III school located in Argola, Ind.

"This is my dream come true," said Porter, an all-around player and scholar-athlete. "I have always dreamed of playing softball in college. Now that I am getting this opportunity, with such a strong program, is more than I could ever have asked for."

Joining a program currently ranked No. 2 among D-III colleges is something that really has Porter excited.

Just as thrilled is Trine head women's softball coach Donnie Danklefsen.

"The addition of Catherine Porter to our university and softball family is an all-around great fit," Danklefsen said. "Catherine's personality and work ethic will be a perfect match. Our coaching staff has been looking for a catcher to try and replace four-year starter Sarah Belote for some time and we all feel Catherine can be that player we need."

"Her size and strength

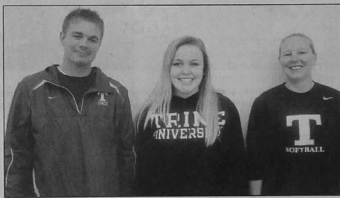


The support system for Canton senior softball player Catherine Porter (front row, second from right) is strong. Also in the front row are (from left) Canton coaches Larry Bober and Jim Arnold and (far right) Catherine's grandma, Bernadine Zommerman. In the back row (from left) are her grandpa, Tonnis Zommerman, younger sister Victoria and parents Tom and Irene Porter.

are easy to see but it's her passion for the game and coachability that grabbed our attention."

Porter, 17, who followed up a 416 season in 2012 with an even better one (.538 with three homers and 23 RBI entering Saturday's Class A regionals), has enjoyed a distinguished prep career.

Her sophomore year, when the Chiefs reached the Elite 8, she collected Canton's lone hit of a state quarterfinal game against Mattawan at Michigan State University.



Catherine Porter (center) is all smiles after signing to play college softball at Trine University. Flanking Catherine are Trine head coach Donnie Danklefsen (left) and assistant coach Brittany Harvey.

sity. Also that year, she earned the Most

Improved Player Award and in 2012 was MVP along with being all-dis-

trict, all-region and all-state honorable mention. She also gets it done

academically, with a grade point average of just under 3.7.

According to Porter, support from her parents (Tom and Irene) and grandparents (the Zommermans) — all regulars at Canton games and summer travel tournaments — has really helped mold her into the player and person she is.

But she also credited her high school and travel coaches, Jim Arnold and Mike Gerou, respectively, for helping her improve her game.

"Coach Arnold has showed me how much hard work it takes to be the best and showed me the dedication and heart needed to be at the collegiate level," she noted.

As for Gerou, her travel coach since eighth grade for all but one year, "He taught me so much about softball, because I was a clean slate when I became a player for him. I played boys baseball up until that point in my career."

Another big influence was Charles Fobbs, assistant coach at Michigan State University.

"He spent countless hours teaching me the ins and outs of catching and hitting at the college level," Porter added. "He was my personal trainer throughout last summer and he helped me learn what it takes."

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Kyle Rhodes and junior Evan Chipman, each registering 73s to finish in a

tie for third place overall.

Junior John Tatti's 74 was good for seventh place while other Wildcat finishers were junior Chris Kozler (16th, 78) and senior Ryan Rieck-

hoff (23rd, 79).

"I think Evan Chipman and John Tatti exceeded their job," said Brandon, in his first season as Plymouth head coach. "When it comes to our five core varsity play-

ers each of them has a role on this team, each of them has an identity.



"Yesterday I thought Chip and Tatti not only did their job but exceeded what's expected of them. Those two guys


absolutely put their team in a position to win.

"If we're going to be successful at states, we need to have five guys do their job and five guys be dedicated to winning the big prize."

Salem's Connor Cole and Brian Patterson, who competed as individual qualifiers from the D1 districts, each scored 87.

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Schoolcraft recruiting class has local flavor

By Brad Emmons
Observer Staff Writer

After going 7-20 last season and missing the NJCAA Division II District 10 playoffs with a 4-14 MCCA Eastern Conference record, Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach Randy Henry was out hitting the recruiting trail hard.

On Thursday, Henry announced the signing of five new players for the 2013-14 season including two core cagers in Josh Campbell, a 5-foot-10 guard from Livonia Stevenson, along with 6-2 Oluashink Cole of Livonia Franklin.

Also in the fold is Anthony Douglas, a 6-5 center-forward from Detroit University Prep and 6-4 forward-guard Nathan Kamal of Brighton.

Campbell, a two-team second-team All-Observer selection, averaged 17.8 points, 5.5 rebounds and 3.3 assists per game as a senior at Stevenson.

He'll be joining his older brother Jonathan, a shooting guard who averaged 10 points per game and three assists last year for the Ocelots.

"He'll be a point guard for us," Henry said of Josh Campbell. "He has the ugliest shot in the world, but they go in. But I think he'll be running it for us. His brother will be better at the 'two' guard where he can handle the ball and be a free spirit. When you're a general, you can't be a free spirit because you have to get everyone else involved."

At Schoolcraft backcourt could become an interesting dynamic come November.

WILDCATS

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Novi head coach Brian O'Leary said Antolec was outstanding, particularly in crunch time. He also said the double shadowing of Lewis was another key factor.

"We had a single marker the whole game (Karisissa Koomen) and brought a double team in anytime she (Lewis) got the ball," O'Leary said. "It was whoever was available. They're so dynamic that you really can't pick a person. If you pick a person they're going to leave a spot where someone is at. They do a lot of drifting of people. No. 22 for them, (senior midfielder) Stephanie Dillon, does a great job of finding seams. So we don't want someone leaving and leaving a player like her open."

Halftime talk helps

The first half featured a lot of pressure against Robb, more than up to the task with a variety of dives, slides and quick hands.

With about 24 minutes left, a throw-in by Taylor Pavlika was headed by Erin Dirks from within the goal box. But Robb was there with the clutch snag.

Moments earlier, Robb jumped high into the air to deflect a close-in bid by Pavlika.

Nesich, knowing things had to change in the second half, had a lengthy talk with the team during the intermission. Plymouth came out quicker to the ball and took control.

"We were a little too stretched out (in the first half)," Nesich noted. "The distance between our forwards and our defenders, we had way too much of a gap in there. We adjusted that."

"And we really just needed to win the 50/50 balls and win the one-on-one battles that we weren't doing in the first half. I thought the second half we were very strong."

O'Leary also said the game was a tale of two halves.

"The first half we put a ton of pressure on them and had some good opportunities," he said. "In the second half I thought they put a lot of pressure on us."

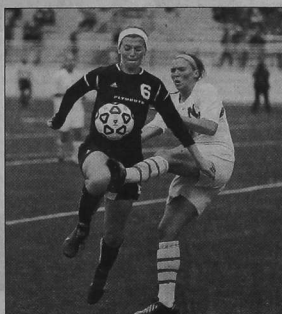
No room

Still, Plymouth's go-to scorer could not get



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Plymouth junior goalkeeper Kylie Robb gets up to bat the ball away during a dangerous scrum Friday night. Other players at the scene are Novi's Chloe Allen (No. 13), Erin Dirks (No. 14) and Plymouth's Alyssa Dillon (No. 2) and Emily Burkman (No. 20).



any dangerous chances. "They were just packing it in and kicking it out," Lewis said. "I think the pressure was building throughout the game on everyone, just because we knew it was going into overtime and possibly PKs."

In the PKs, Novi's Natalie Kryger sent a shot off the diving Robb into the top-left corner and Lewis is answered with a low shot inside the right post.

After Kramer gave Novi the 2-1 edge in penalty kicks, Stephanie Dillon needed to score to keep the championship dream going at least one more round.

Her bid went wide to the left and Novi played the state championship and win it," she added. "We played a great season."

Still a great year

Plymouth players later tried to console Dillon, including Lewis.

"I just told her it's a team sport," Lewis stressed. "We missed four of the five PKs, we went 100 minutes without scoring a goal. It's not her fault. She can't take it like that."

"She played a great season and a great four years."

Lewis also was choked up with emotion, however, about coming so close to having a chance for the ultimate goal—that about getting that championship that eluded Plymouth in 2010.

"I know a lot of them had regrets on that season and I just wanted to help them get back to the state championship and win it," she added. "We played a great season."

Concurring was Foster, who said the players "should keep their heads held up high because they've accomplished more than any other Plymouth soccer team has. It's a very special group of girls."

PLYMOUTH 3, SALINE

0: Wednesday night in the Division II regional semifinal at Farmington, the Wildcats scored two goals a minute apart in the first half and went on to post their 21st victory of the season without a loss.

Seniors Madi Lewis (assisted by senior Morgan Klubunde) and Zoe Foster put Plymouth up 2-0 at halftime. Finishing the scoring in the second half was senior Stephanie Dillon.

Posting the shutout was junior goalkeeper Kylie Robb.

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Plymouth defeated Saline 3-0 on Wednesday in the Division II semifinal. One of the Wildcats to score a goal was senior forward Madi Lewis (No. 14), shown squaring off against Saline's Anabel Nam (No. 6).

PCA TRACK

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the mile run with Trevor Balaga coming in 24th. In the girls race, also helmed by Lemieux, Karen Windle took eighth place in the 800 run with a mark of 2:27.58 while Terra Crown came in 14th in the mile run.

Megan Lemieux took 13th in the 800 run with a windy day and the 3,200-meter relay team of Windle, Rachael Fuller, Rachel Smith and Crown placed 21st.

"Five ladies qualifying for state finals out of 10 on the team in five events, pretty impressive," Lemieux added.

Their accomplishments have brought great pride to Lemieux, who started coaching at PCA (a K-12 school) in 2007 when the athletes were in sixth grade.

"I could see the energy and speed as they zipped around in sixth grade," Lemieux said. "I am very proud of them. In the four years they have been running, we have seen the record books 38 times during their freshman to senior years."

Other notable Eagles this season included sprinters Jimmy Parks and Ian Rose (both part of PCA's first-place 1,600-meter relay team at regionals) and Robert Stafford, seventh in shot put and eighth in discus at regionals.

Lemieux couldn't finish her glowing recap without mentioning team members Nathan Harold (captain of academics), Steven Zomermand, Lindsay Roeding (part of the girls' record-setting mile relay) and Leah Dotson.

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Fox Hills set to host golf etiquette program

To celebrate Women's Golf Month, the Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center in Plymouth is hosting a golf etiquette program for Metro Detroit women from 5:30-to-7:30 p.m. Friday, June 21.

The program will be free for the first 20 women who register, and half off for any additional participants.

Any additional women who register will receive half off the regular price of the program, which is \$17.50 per person. Women can sign up for the golf etiquette program by calling the Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center at (734) 453-7272.

The golf etiquette program will include topics such as the importance of golf in business, business etiquette on the golf course, when to discuss business on the golf course and much more.

"We couldn't think of a better way to celebrate Women's Golf Month than to host a clinic that will help women both on the golf course and in the office," said Julia Grelak, sales and marketing director. "A lot of business takes place on the golf course and we're excited to share our knowledge of the proper business etiquette while golfing to the women of Metro Detroit."



The Plymouth Whalers career of goalie Matt Mahalak (No. 37) ended with his trade to Kingston for two draft picks.

Trader Mike: Whalers deal Payne, Mahalak

The Plymouth Whalers pulled off a hat trick of trades during a very busy week for general manager/coach Mike Vellucci.

Forward Cody Payne was shipped off to the Saginaw Spirit and overage goalie Matt Mahalak was dealt to Kingston.

Each trade netted two draft choices for Vellucci — recently named both top coach and executive in the Ontario Hockey League.

Vellucci also acquired 17-year-old center Francesco Vilardi from the Sudbury Wolves for a third round 2015 draft pick.

Payne played 116 games over two seasons for the Whalers and was part of a potent offense in 2012-13, tallying 24 goals and 21 assists. He was sent to the Spirit for Saginaw's second round pick in the 2015 OHL Priority Selection and the third pick in the 2016

draft.

Earlier this week, the Whalers traded Mahalak to Kingston, a trade made possible by the outstanding rookie season turned in by goaltender Alex Nedeljkovic.

Capping off a busy week, the Whalers held 17-year-old defenseman Josh Wesley, who was taken by Plymouth in the fifth round (98th overall) in the 2012 OHL draft.

Ladywood blazes path to D2 girls lax finals

By Brad Emons
Observer Staff Writer

The last two years Livonia Ladywood's lacrosse season ended in the Division 2 state semifinals in Okemos.

But the Blazers made a significantly longer trek up I-96 Saturday for they headed to Rockford for the MHSAA championship game courtesy of a thrilling 11-10 Final Four win Wednesday over Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

Ladywood, 15-1 overall, rallied from a 9-5 second-half deficit and held the Cranes scoreless during the final 10 minutes and 15 seconds as Theresa Micallef tallied the tying goal with only 2:15 remaining followed by Rachel Donabedian's game-winner with only 1:39 to go.

The win put the Blazers into their first-ever state final since the MHSAA first sponsored the tournament (in 2005) against 21-2 East Grand Rapids, which ousted host Okemos, 13-5, in the other state semifinal.

Junior attacker Jessica Snyder paced the Blazers with five goals, while sister Jaclyn Snyder, a senior A-winger, added three goals and one assist.

"They are just fantastic," Ladywood coach Kris Sanders said of the Snyder sisters. "They work so hard. They're relentless and they'll do anything to win. I'm so excited and I love having them."

Donabedian coach Kris Sanders said of the Snyder sisters. "They work so hard. They're relentless and they'll do anything to win. I'm so excited and I love having them."

So what might separate this Ladywood team from the previous ones that fell to Okemos (13-6) and Grand Rapids Catholic Central (16-12) in the 2012 and 2011 state semifinals?

"I think I have a lot of different girls that can score," Sanders said. "So not only do I have one or two, or three like I had



DIANE JACOBS

Ladywood attackers Jaclyn Snyder (26), Hannah Daniels (5) and Christina Riga (25) surround Cranbrook goalie Surya Adams (white jersey) during Wednesday's Division 2 state semifinal.

in previous years ... I have at least five and six. So it really helps kind of spread of what I call the wealth out there, which is nice because it's hard to know who to mark for us."

Ladywood jumped out to a 3-1 lead with 12:13 left in the first half on Donabedian's goal from Riga, but the Cranes stormed back to take a 5-4 halftime advantage and increased their lead to 9-5 by going on a 5-1 run highlighted by Maddy Weber's short-handed goal from Julie Rogers.

"They're very talented, very skilled," Sanders said of Cranbrook. "They are a lot bigger. At first they were a lot more physical than we were, so I told the girls, 'If we're going to win this game and stay in it, we've got to match their physicality.'"

The Blazers began chipping away with a mini 3-0 run capped by Jaclyn Snyder's tally with 12:53 left to trim the deficit to 9-8.

Cranbrook notched its final goal with 10:15 remaining on Rogers' third of the night from Frannie Cambis to make it a two-goal cushion again.

But Cranbrook, despite outshooting the Blazers 22-20, never was able to find the back of the net the rest of the way against Ladywood goalie Stephanie Mackley.

Jessica Snyder's goal with 7:01 left brought the Blazers back to 10-9, setting the stage for Micallef's and Donabedian's tying and winning goals, respectively.

Cranbrook junior goalie Surya Adams was stellar in defeat, making 11 saves, including two

point-blank stops on Donabedian and Jaclyn Snyder with 2:15 and 1:33 remaining to keep it a one-goal game.

"She (Adams) was really good," Sanders said. "I think we kept shooting in the same spot, so that's another thing we talked about, too, and where to shoot on her. I think they did much better in the second half."

The Cranes earned one final possession with a chance to tie, but turned it over with 1:02 left after being whistled for an offside following a restart.

Ladywood then ran out the clock to reach its first-ever state final.

"It was all about the draw towards the end of the game and I thought Ladywood played a great game - we gave it up to them and that's on us," said Cranbrook coach Melinda Say-

lor, whose team finished a deceiving 5-10-1 overall. "I wish them the best of luck in the finals."

Midfield face-offs certainly proved critical in the overall scheme of things.

"In girls lacrosse, whoever gets that center draw is the one who is usually pretty successful," Sanders said. "She (Saylor) took the timeout and we were able to kind of regroup a little bit and do a little bit different strategy which worked out for us."

"We were just trying to position them around the circle a little bit differently and not just let them play what their game was. We needed to step in front and play ours."

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2013-2014 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 11, 2013, at 7 o'clock p.m., at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, the Board of Education of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2013-2014 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2013-2014 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2013-2014 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan.

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

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Adrienne Davis, Secretary

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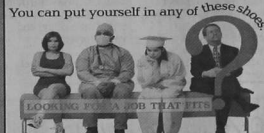
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Shining stars

Theater for special needs kids teaches stage skills, confidence

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Katie Mann and Annie Klark were teaching together at the Marquis Theatre in Northville a few summers ago when their concept for a new kind children's theater began to take shape.

"We'd have 60-70 kids at the Marquis and it would be wonderful, but every once and awhile, we'd get a child on the autism spectrum. They'd be phenomenal, but the curriculum just moved too fast for them," said Mann, a Livonia resident and choreographer.

She and Klark, a professional actress from Canton, began trolling the Internet for theater programs aimed at children with special needs.

"We thought there must be a place that we could recommend that specializes in this kind of thing," Klark said. "We wanted it to exist."

When their searches turned up empty, they decided to take on the challenge themselves. They wrote a business plan, did "tons of research," said Klark, and in the process, founded the 4th Wall Theatre Company. The year-old mobile theater brings dance, music and acting experiences to its special needs students in their own environment.

Their first class was held at the Judson Center of Royal Oak, quickly followed by the Down Syndrome Guild of South-

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STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Katie Mann adjusts Christopher Funches' bandanna before a talent show begins at Franklin High School in Livonia.



eastern Michigan. Over the past year they've worked with Livonia Public Schools, Canton Leisure Services, Detroit Public Schools, Mid-Michigan Autism Association, Autism Alliance of Michigan, On My Own of Michigan, the City of Novi, among other organizations and institutions.

They offer a series of six weekly classes and one-day workshops, but they've also led school assemblies, coached special needs students in a talent competition, and performed with former students at conferences and gala fundraisers. Classes serve students, 3-26. Each receives a T-shirt and performs in a showcase that is tailored to individual abilities.

"Children (with special needs) are often seen as

not being able to do much. And people often look at us and say, 'Really, children with autism on stage? You know they have problems displaying their emotions.' And that makes us mad. Children with disabilities can do anything that a typical child can do. They just need a different situation sometimes," Mann said.

Singing, sign

Teachers are assigned to classes in pairs, although interns from Wayne State, Madonna University or Eastern Michigan University, also lead a hand if needed. Each session includes some dance, acting exercises and singing, by both voice and sign language. Mann, a certified teacher, also is fluent in sign language. Klark has taught theater classes



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Katie Mann, co-founder of 4th Wall Theatre.



Annie Klark, (upper right) leads a song at a 4th Wall Theatre Company class with special needs children.

es throughout southeastern Michigan and also directs a children's choir at Michigan Opera Theatre.

All classes begin with students and instructors sitting in a circle and sharing one detail about themselves. After the trust-building circle, students get a chance to don a hat from a prop box. Improv games, mirroring exercises, songs and dance follow. A performance always

caps the final class or end of the workshop. Often it's a play the youngsters have helped to create. They make up the characters, dialogue and action and Klark puts it all together into a short sketch.

"What we want to do is set children up for success. For one student, success might be standing on the stage. For another it might be having 10 lines," Klark said. "Every student is so different. But our whole goal is to create an environment where that child can succeed."

Fun lessons

While donning funny hats and singing songs or dancing freestyle, the children learn about cooperation,

team work, eye contact and speaking with confidence.

"All of these things that they struggle with on a consistent basis come inherently in the theater," Klark said. "There is therapy that happens naturally through what we do, but we really created 4th Wall as a fun, extra-curricular activity. That was more our goal than the therapy side of it. We wanted to create something where they could have a great time, be proud of themselves and feel empowered and have a sense of accomplishment."

The 4th Wall just wrapped up its spring session. For information about summer classes or to contact Mann and Klark, visit www.4thwallkids.com

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Livonia group picks winning art works

Regina Dunne of Northville took first place in the Visual Arts Association of Livonia's spring show, Artistic Expressions for her pastel painting, "Voyageur."

Dunne studied at the Academia Nacional de Bellas Artes San Alejandro in Cuba and at the Detroit Society of Arts and Crafts, now called College for Creative Studies. She worked for many years as a graphic artist in the advertising department at the J. L. Hudson Co. Now retired, Dunne, 87, paints every day. Pastel is her favorite medium, but she also works in oil and watercolor. Her favorite subject is portraits, but she adds a unique touch by setting the model into a background of her choosing. When asked about her technique she said, "I work rapidly and alternate warm and cool colors and hard and soft pastels. I never blend the pastel."

The second place award went to Barbara Eko Murphy of Northville for her piece, "A Toast to Life."

Joan Boerger of Plymouth took third place with her painting, "The Geranium."

Honorable mentions went to Anne O'Shaughnessy of Plymouth for "Central Park in May", Jean Thomas of Detroit for "A Good View", and Gail Churchill of Dearborn for "Fair Lane Garden."

The VAAL Art Exhibit runs through June 28 at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 3300 Civic Center Drive on Five Mile, east of Farmington Road.

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia is dedicated to advancing knowledge and appreciation of the creative arts by offering study classes and twice yearly exhibits. Enrollment is open to everyone without restriction. The VAAL classroom is located at 37653 Five Mile Road in Livonia.

For more information about the show, call (734) 838-1204 or see the VAAL website at www.vaalart.org.



"The Voyageur," by Regina J. Dunne of Northville won first place in the Visual Arts Association of Livonia spring art show.



Barbara Eko Murphy of Plymouth took second place with her piece, "A Toast to Life," in the Visual Arts Association of Livonia's "Artistic Expressions" spring art show.



"The Geranium" by Joan Boerger of Plymouth won a third place award in the Visual Arts Association of Livonia show.



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Perfect presents for Dad's Day

Shopping for some dads is easy — neckties, gift cards or golf balls are sure to bring a smile to his face. Others want something a lot more creative and unexpected. This year, get your favorite father a gift that creates special memories. Take him fishing, host a family barbecue featuring his favorite grilled fare or let him rock out with his favorite guitarist. No matter what type of dad you have, here are a few great gift ideas sure to make this Father's Day one to remember.

Catch Some Memories with Dad

A rod and reel, some bait, a cooler of snacks and sandwiches, fishing licenses and his favorite fishing buddy; all these together make for a perfect Father's Day gift. Spoil dad with a day on the open water with no distractions. He'll be glad you opted for tackle instead of the tie. For more details on how to purchase fishing licenses, supplies you will need, where the fish are biting, and how to hook 'em, visit www.takemefishing.org.

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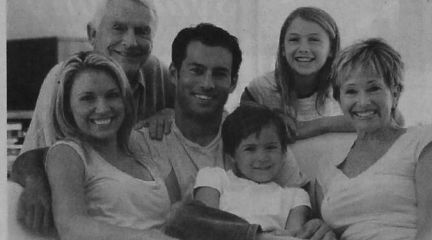
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It's always something at Gilda's Club



Farmington Hills residents Steve Bez (left) and Dale Garber don Gilda Radner's famous 'do for Gilda's Big Night Out.

By Julie Yolles
Social Scene Columnist

As Gilda Radner's alter ego "Roseann Rosannadanna" used to say "It's always something." And for Gilda's Club Metro Detroit, there's always something going on. The organization puts on 120 cancer-support programs every year, free-of-charge, to anyone who walks through that welcoming, signature red door.

"Having cancer gave me membership in an elite club I'd rather not belong to," Radner once said.

Sadly, Radner died of ovarian cancer on May 20, 24 years ago. She was

only 42. Her spirit lives on and was honored at "Gilda's Big Night Out," the 15th Anniversary Celebration of Gilda's Club Metro Detroit. Held for the second year at the Max Fisher Music Center in Detroit, the event brought in more than 300 Gilda's supporters and raised close to \$90,000. Special guests were Gilda's Club Worldwide Founder and Radner's Psychotherapist, Joanna Bull. In addition, one of Radner's BFFs (best friends forever), Alan Zweibel, gave guests an inspirational look into their start together on *Saturday Night Live* and what became a life-long friendship.

But as soon as the silent auction bid sheets packed



Gilda's Club Metro Detroit board member Ronnie Weiner and his wife, Amy, of Farmington Hills.

up at the Max Fisher Music Center, Gilda's Club went on to prepare for an incredible charity benefit slated for Wednesday, June 12 at the Maple Theater in Bloomfield Hills. You are invited to the movie premiere of *Decoding Annie Parker* starring Helen Hunt, Samantha Morton, Aaron Paul and Bradley Whitford.

Based on a true story, *Decoding Annie Parker* follows the journey of Parker (Samantha Mor-

ton), who lost her mother and sister to breast cancer and then was diagnosed with breast cancer herself and the scientist Mary-Claire King (Helen Hunt) who ultimately discovered the BRCA1 gene that she had inherited from her breast and ovarian cancer detection and treatment. Coincidentally, the movie release is very timely with the recent reveal of actress Angelina Jolie's decision to have a double mastectomy once she test-



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Gilda's Club Patrons Ron Yolles (left) of Birmingham and Farmington Hills resident David Lubin of corporate sponsor M.Jacob & Sons.

ed positive for the BRCA1 gene. Wednesday's movie premiere will begin at 6 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres by Sweet Lorraine's Café, followed by the screening at 7 p.m. Following the movie, guests can participate in a panel discussion with *Decoding Annie Parker* Writer/Director Producer Steven Bern-

stein and Annie Parker herself. Tickets are \$100 and \$150 and can be purchased by going to <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/66615318219> or www.themapletheater.com.

For more information about Gilda's Club Metro Detroit, located in Royal Oak, visit gildasclubdetroit.org.

Service companies do their best under some tough conditions

By Joe Gagnon
Guest Columnist

For the many years that I have been involved in the appliance industry and the heating and cooling profession the story has always been the same here in the State of Michigan. Business can be so slow in the winter months that layoffs are a common thing. Service calls can be accomplished sometimes in a matter of a few hours and advertised specials are heard all over the place. These types of businesses will work very hard at staying afloat and will wait on pins and needles for the weather to

break. Once that happens they are in their glory and we consumers are at their mercy. Hot temperatures help to create a warm feeling under the collar of many homeowners. Now they have to wait for service and people don't like the word "wait."

It's the same thing every year and I hear the same complaints such as: They can't fix my air conditioner because there are 200 requests in front of me. They can't get out fixing my washer for 10 days because they are loaded with calls on refrigerators. And the list goes on.

In my defense of the service industry, you must realize that service calls are prioritized much like patients entering an emergency room at a hospital. Refrigeration is tops on the list and for good reason. It can be life threatening if the temperature is too hot or medicine is not

refrigerated. Service companies do the best they can under some very trying circumstances and it can be very hard to please every customer who calls.

Now, let me get to the core of what this column is all about! I constantly remind homeowners of how important it is to take care of your refrigeration equipment at home. I'm talking about your central air conditioning system, the room air conditioner, the dehumidifier, refrigerator, freezer and all products that are associated with these. If you think you are mad because you had to wait a long period for service, imagine how you feel when the service technician discovers the only thing wrong with the product is something you should or could have done yourself to prevent the breakdown. It feels even worse when you are charged \$200 and learn the lesson the hard way. I don't have enough room here

to repeat over 20 years of tips I've written so I will focus on some of the common ones that can save you an expensive service call.

- Clean the condenser under your refrigerator.
- Make sure the rubber door gaskets are sealing properly.
- Put the dehumidifier under the car wash and hose it down.
- Clean the central air conditioner condenser outside with the garden hose.
- Change the filter in the furnace.
- Get your air ducts cleaned out.
- Change the batteries in your wall thermostat.
- Put new fuses in the circuit box for the central a/c unit and always keep in mind that the biggest obstruction to proper operation of refrigeration equipment is always that common word known as DIRT.

Now let's go back to the

beginning. The company has been starving so to speak and all of a sudden the bowl is overfilled. Will they eat as much or more than they can get ready for next winter? This reminds me of the Black Bears around Timmins, Ontario. Always use care in who you select to come into your home to do service. Check out their reputation and also ask your neighbors and friends who they use for service. Call the Better Business Bureau and the Attorney General's office and make sure you know whom you are dealing with. The e-mail address below goes directly to me and I'm always around to help. Stay tuned.

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GARDEN & NATURE CALENDAR

Butterflies

Let your native plants be important for butterfly gardening and are among the most durable plants you can grow in your garden, at the next meeting of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 19, at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Parking is on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail. \$3 fee for non-members. Call (734) 223-5510 or visit www.sembutterfly.com.

Garden Walks

The Milford Garden Club presents its 18th annual walk, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, June 15. Includes six gardens. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 on the day of the event. Download a ticket form from www.themilfordgardenclub.org or call Mary McFarland at (248) 684-2149 for more information.

•See eight gardens during the Wayne Garden Walk, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, June 22. Vendors and a white elephant sale will be included. Tickets are \$8 before the event and \$10 on the day of the walk. Call (734) 721-8232 for more information.

•The 18th annual Flowers are Forever Garden Walk will run noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 25 in Plymouth. Several gardens will be featured and refreshments will be served. Tickets are \$8 before the event and \$10 the day of the walk. Tickets for children, 12 and under, are \$4 in advance and \$5 at the

walk. Strollers aren't permitted in the gardens and youngsters carried in arms are admitted at no charge. Get tickets from Saxtons Power Equipment, 587 W. Ann Arbor Trail, (734) 453-6250, Backyard Birds, 627 S. Main, (734) 416-0600. Sideways, 505 Forest, (734) 453-8312; Darlene Rinke, (734) 459-7499; or Kate Kerr, (734) 455-6867.

In the moonlight

Listen for nocturnal animals, observe the night sky, and heighten your senses during the Blue Moon Friday Night Hike in Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile Roads, Farmington Hills. The hikes are from 9:30-10:30 p.m. June 21 and July 19 and 9-10 p.m. Aug. 23. Hikes are designed for families and children, 5 and up. No flashlights are needed. Hikes will meet at the Nature Center in the park. Cost is \$3 per person. Pre-register for the hike at rec-reg.fhgov.com. You also can pay at the event, however space is limited. In case of inclement weather, the hike will be canceled and refunds given. The Nature Center also will offer a campfire from 7-9 p.m. on Friday from June 21-Aug. 23. Marshmallows, s'mores and beverages will be sold.

Brunch benefits jazz festival

Tickets are available for the annual Father's Day Brunch and fundraiser for the Michigan Jazz Festival.

The Dave Bennett Quartet will be the featured performers at the

brunch, which runs noon-3 p.m. Sunday, June 16, at the Vixen Tech Center, at Schoolcraft College, located on Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile in Livonia. Tickets for the brunch are \$27.50.

For more information or to buy tickets call (734) 462-4403.

The Michigan Jazz Festival is set for Sunday, July 21, at Schoolcraft College.

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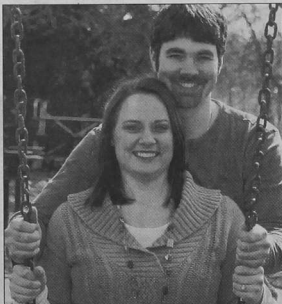
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Milestones

Jackett-Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jackett of Livonia announce the engagement of their son, Brian, to Sarah Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith of Columbus, Ohio. Brian is a graduate of University of Dayton and works at Microsoft in Columbus, Ohio. Sarah is a graduate of Grove City College and Capital University and works at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. A fall 2013 wedding is planned at St. Peter's Church in Columbus, Ohio.



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LYNAS, HELEN JOY

Born in Bothwell, Ontario, Canada on June 6, 1923. Departed on June 4, 2013 and resided in Plymouth Twp., MI Age 89. She is preceded in death by her parents, George Willard Knibbs and Lillian (Webster) Knibbs; her beloved husband of 55 years, Albert Lynas; her beloved daughter, Linda Rowland; her brothers, Jack Knibbs, Charles Knibbs, Kenneth Knibbs, and Walter Knibbs; and her sisters, Nancy and Gary and Florence Knibbs. She is survived by her son-in-law, Christopher Rowland; her granddaughter, Eric (Cameron) McLean; her grandson, Ian Rowland; her great grandson, Travis Rowland; her great granddaughter, Melinda Rowland; her nieces, Barbara Gray, and her nephew, Donald (Annette) Gray. Also survived by several life long friends, joy emigrated from Canada in 1960, worked for Plymouth Stamping until her retirement, and then moved to Naples, Florida, where she lived with her husband for 18 years before returning to Plymouth, she traveled the world after 80. She was warm, loving, and generous, and had a remarkable memory. She enjoyed crossword puzzles, travel, good friends, and the occasional vodka martini. Funeral service by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Thursday, June 6, 2:30 p.m. Friends may visit beginning at 12 noon. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Alzheimer's Association.

NARDINI, WANDA

June 3, 2013. Age 87 of Melvindale. Beloved wife of the late Alfio. Loving mother of Michael, Mark, Mario, Madelyn (Carl) Saravani and the late Marianne. Dearest grandmother of Jody, Dear sister-in-law of Betty Rossetto and Beverly Rossetto. Dearest grandmother of Nina, Taitai, Tai, Matthew, Neil, Tim, Maria, Verne, Elise, Julia, Angela and Carl. Loving grandmother of seven. Beloved aunt of 15 nieces and nephews. Wanda is preceded in death by her siblings Antonio Rossetto, Mary Lachapelle, Erasmo Rossetto, Elina Pagano and John Rossetto. Wanda was a loving friend and mentor who will be deeply missed by all whose lives she touched. Visitation Thursday, June 6, 2013 from 3-8 p.m. with a rosary service at 7:00 p.m. at the Allen Park Church of Our Father, Home, 5900 Allen Rd. (313) 928-2300. Instate Friday 10:00 a.m. with a 10:30 a.m. Mass of the Resurrection to follow at St. Dunstan Catholic Church, 1526 Birchwood Street, Garden City, MI. Interment Michigan Memorial Park Cemetery. Donations may be made to St. Dunstan Catholic Hospital and/or the charity of your choice. Visit our online guestbook at www.vorfanfuneralhome.com

SHANNON, BESSIE L.

June 1, 2013. Age 101 of Westland. Loving wife of the late Lawrence. Dear mother of Richard (Wendy), and David (Charlene). Grandmother of three and great grandmother of five. Funeral service from The Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenview Rd., Westland, Saturday 10 a.m. Visitation at the funeral home Friday 3-9 p.m. Burial to take place at Woodmere Cemetery, Detroit. Please visit Memorials & send tributes at www.utht.com

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For more information please contact Lynne & Sons Funeral Directors, 3610 Ford 248-684-6645 LynneFuneralDirectors.com

STACK, ROBERT W.

Age 60, June 4, 2013. Beloved brother of Margaret. Dearest son of the late Walter and Josephine. Nephew of the late Bronch Chmielewski, cousins, Carl (the late Henrietta), Larry (Jim) (Gwen) and Tom. Nephew of the late Ted (Rosemary) Miller, cousins, Tony, Deb, Archer, Mark and Greg. Nephew of the late Gene Bridges; cousins, James and Mary; children Chad, Adam and Butch; Nephew of the late Mary Butzynski and the late Cass Miller; cousin, Elizabeth Jean (Ed Stuckey), Mary Alice and the late Patty Bob. He was a proud employee of New Horizons Workshop and lived a full and happy life. Visitation Sunday 4-8pm and Monday 4-8pm at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. In State Tuesday 10am until time of Mass 11am at Orchard Lake St. Mary, 3535 Indian Trail, Eastpointe. St. Hedwig Cemetery Dearborn Heights. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society annual trip. The Fowler Center for Outdoor Learning, www.fowlercenter.org

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VALLESKEY, AGNES "PEG"

June 5, 2013, age 88 of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late Roy for 61 years. Loving mother of Tom (Patricia), Anne (Vladimir) Bruce (Greta), Jim, Matthew (Patricia), and Kevin. Cherished grandmother of Daniel, Brianna, Megan, Tyler, Caitlin, and Lian. A memorial service is planned for Monday, June 10, 2013 at St. Gregetree Catholic Church 29051 Jamison Livonia, 10AM visiting, 11AM service. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be directed towards the California Dance Institute at california.danceinstitute.org and/or organization of your choice. Share memories at www.fredwoodfunerals.com

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WELSH, CAROL DENISE

Age 77 of Milford, passed away May 29, 2013. Survived by her beloved husband, Robert L. Welsh; and their children, Laurie Welsh, Valerie (n) Koenig, Bob Welsh, Tom (Erin) Welsh, Patricia Welsh; grandchildren, Amy Florence and Michelle Welsh; great-grandchildren, Tara, Adam and Evan Welsh; Connor and Michael Welsh; Steven (Stephan) Koenig; Brandon LaCarter, great grandchildren, Alycia Gains, Vincent and Michael. Beloved brother, John Edelmack, sister-in-law, Liz Edelmack, many nieces, nephews, extended family members, dear friends and former students. A service to celebrate Carol's life will be held at a later date. For more information please contact Lynne & Sons Funeral Directors, 3610 Ford 248-684-6645 LynneFuneralDirectors.com

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RELIGION CALENDAR

June

CONCERT

Time/Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, June 9
Location: St. James Catholic Church, located on 10 Mile, west of Taft, Novi
Details: "Overture" from "Oklahoma," highlights from "Annie," "Far from the Home I Love," from "Fiddler on the Roof," are among the songs in this concert that also original compositions by Matthew Raetzl. Tickets are \$10. Students are free with I.D.
Contact: (248) 347-7778

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Time/Date: 1:30 p.m. Sunday
Location: Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14500 Merriman, Livonia
Details: The church, which describes itself as a small, friendly congregation with a "heart for God's word, now offers an afternoon contemporary service. It also offers a prayer service at 9 a.m., a worship service at 11 a.m., Sunday school at 12:30 p.m. and evening Bible study at 6 p.m.
Contact: Rev. Roger Wright at (313) 682-7491

DAY CAMP

Time/Date: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 17-21
Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, Livonia

Details: Emmanuel Lutheran and Holy Cross Lutheran present this day camp for children completing kindergarten through sixth grade. Day camp activities include opening and closing worship, games, arts and crafts, nature activities, Bible study and more. Early bird registration is \$55 for first child in a family, \$50 for the second child, and \$45 for third child. After May 26, registration fees are \$60 per child. Registration packets are available at Emmanuel Lutheran or at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia
Contact: Judy Cook at Emmanuel at (248) 442-8822, or Cindy Channey at Holy Cross at (734) 427-1414

FAMILY FUN DAY

Time/Date: 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 22
Location: The Cannon Museum, 40440 Palmer, Canton

Details: First annual, free fun day organized to foster dialogue within increasingly diverse local communities. Families, adults, youth, and children will be able to engage in team-building activities, join a community service, while enjoying great food and art displays. RSVP by June 20
Contact: MSCVoutreach@gmail.com

FINE ARTS CAMP

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. June 24-28
Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market Road, Farmington Hills

Details: Registration has begun for this camp for children attending grades 2-8. The theme of the week is "Joseph: from the pit to the palace." Youngsters will participate in fun-filled drama, art, music, hand bells and Bible time. They'll each choose one class to "specialize" in. The first day of camp will include an evening celebration when campers will show family and friends what they learned during the week. Lunch will be included in the camp. Registration is \$35 by June 3. To register or for more information call the church or visit its website
Contact: (248) 553-3380; www.princeofpeacechills.org

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Time/Date: 1 p.m. June 9
Location: Spicer House inside Heritage Park, located on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills

Details: The Guild studies and creates Judaic needlework. The June meeting will include a daily potluck luncheon
Contact: Judy Galperin at (248) 661-5337

SINGLE PLACE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, through June 20
Location: First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 East Main Street, Northville

Details: Joe Gagnon, the "Appliance Doctor" columnist for the "Observer & Eccentric" will answer questions about appliance problems, maintenance and care. June 13; cards and games night, June 14; and a creative writing workshop June 15. The series will be available for \$5 after each session
Contact: www.singleplace.org

SUMMER JAM

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m.-noon, June 24-27
Location: Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia

Details: Aimed at children who have not completed K-6th grades. Children will do crafts, sing, play games, do sign language and learn a Bible lesson daily. Free
Contact: (734) 721-8743

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 6:30-9:30 p.m. June 17-20
Location: First Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland, 3 Town Square, Wayne
Details: This beach party-themed session includes a light meal and is aimed at K-5th grades
Contact: (734) 721-4801

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 9:15 a.m.-noon, June 24-28
Location: St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster Road, Livonia

Details: The session is called "Come, Follow Jesus and Walk in His Ways" and it will include story time and lesson, music, crafts, recreation and snack. It's aimed at youngsters, age 3-5th grade. Cost is \$5 per child. Registration is available now
Contact: (734) 422-1470, Ext. 17, or visit

www.sppc.org

July

FILM

Time/Date: 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 17
Location: St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Screening of "The Hunger Games" with a Q and A afterward and refreshments provided. RSVP requested
Contact: (734) 425-5950; www.staidanlivonia.org

SINGLE PLACE

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, July 11-25
Location: First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 East Main Street, Northville

Details: Terry Erchenbrecher of St. Mary Mercy Hospital will talk about "Life's Simple Seven" - seven ways to manage cardiovascular risk factors and improving your lifestyle. July 11: a cookout will be held July 18; cards and games night is planned for July 25. Ice cream is available July 11 and 25 for \$5. The cookout costs \$7
Contact: www.singleplace.org

August

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m.-noon, Aug. 5-8
Location: Fellowship hall at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia

Details: Designed for children, 3, through those entering fifth grade in the fall. Cost is \$10 per child and \$25 for families with three or more children. Each child will receive a free CD with all of the music from the week. Registration forms are available in the church office
Contact: Pam Gunderson at rgpc.children@yahoo.com or (734) 422-0494, ext. 14

Ongoing

CLASSES/STUDY

Men's Bible study
Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and study at 8 a.m.

Location: Kirby's County Island, 21200 Hagerty, Northville Township
Contact: John Shulenberg at (734) 464-9491

New Life Community Church

Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 a.m. Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m.

Location: 42200 Turley, Belleville
Contact: (734) 846-4615

Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday
Location: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford
Details: Scripture study
Contact: (313) 534-9000

St. Michael the Archangel

Time/Date: 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday
Location: School library, 11441 Hubbard, just south of Plymouth Road, Livonia

Details: Catholic adult and bible scholar, Gary Michuta, leads a study of the Gospel of St. Luke. The sessions are open to all, regardless of their faith or parish affiliation
Contact: (734) 261-1455, Ext. 20, or www.livoniastmichael.org

Ward Presbyterian

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Mondays
Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville

Details: Learner's Bible study is held
Contact: (248) 374-5920

FAMILY COMMUNITY MEAL

Time/Date: 5-6 p.m. every Thursday
Location: The Salvation Army, 27500 Shawwassee, Farmington Hills
Details: Free meal
Contact: (248) 477-1153, Ext. 12

FOOD BANK

New Hope Church
Time/Date: 5-7 p.m., every Friday by appointment only
Location: 44815 Cherry Hill, Canton

Contact: Call Pastor Ray Brown to schedule an appointment at (734) 270-2528.

MOMS

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. second and fourth Mondays, 7:30-9 p.m. first and third Thursday, MOPSNext. Both programs run September-May

Location: 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia
Details: Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners; MOPSNext supports mothers of school-aged children. Contact: Rebekah Creeden at (734) 522-6830 for MOPS and Susan Wagner at (248) 478-3643 for MOPSNext details.

Dunning Park Bible Chapel

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m. first and third Tuesdays
Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope.
Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (313) 454-0767

PET-FRIENDLY SERVICE

Time/Date: 1 p.m. Sunday
Location: Dunk N Duns, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: All Creatures ULC sponsors the service, which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service. All Creatures ULC describes the gathering as non-denominational and Christ-centered. It is available for dogs
Contact: (313) 563-0162

EDDY, MICHAEL ALAN

Beloved son, brother, uncle and friend passed into paradise. June 5, 2013 after a brave battle against lymphoma. He was an inventor with a great sense of humor and was always ready to lend a hand. He took great pleasure in spending time with family and friends. He is survived by his parents Gordon and Patricia, brother Scott, sisters Nancy and Brook, nieces Joshua, Eric, John, Christopher and Tommy, nieces Carmen and Noelle and dearest friend of Deborah Thams preceded in death by sisters Janet and Caron. Funeral services will be held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth on Saturday, June 15, 2013 with visitation beginning at 2 p.m. and the service at 4 p.m. In lieu of flowers please donate to Barbara Karmanos Cancer Center (www.karmanos.org) or Risien Christ Church. Share your special thoughts and memories at www.schrader-howell.com



JEWELL DOROTHY (MIDGE)

Age 90 of Plymouth, passed away on April 24, 2013. Born in Plymouth on September 20, 1922 to parents Howard & Anna Richard. Graduated from Plymouth High School in 1940. Dorothy married her best friend, Donald Jewell in 1946 and they shared a happy life until Don's passing in 1993. Together they had three lucky children and their world. Elizabeth (Garrett) Kerstens, Ellen (Clifford) Caldwell and John Wesley Jewell who passed away in 2002. Proud grandmother of Ann (Tim) Presley, Nora Allen, Kay Kerstens and Wesley Kerstens. Great grandmother of Luke Allen. Midge devoted her life to helping others and volunteering her time to numerous organizations. A memorial service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church 701 Church Street, Plymouth on Saturday, June 15, 2013, at 11 a.m. Memorials may be made to Seedlings Bible Books for Children 14151 Farmington Road, Livonia 48151 or Habitat for Humanity. Arrangements entrusted to the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Share memories at www.schrader-howell.com

LAPLANTE, BETTY J.

Age 91, of Farmington Hills, passed away May 20, 2013. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home.

ROTTLETT DENNIS IRVING "DENNY"

Saturday, May 25, 2013. Services held June 2. Online: www.rggfharts.com

Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One



Runners assemble at the start line of the 2012 Run for the Ribbon race.

Run raises awareness of prostate cancer

Prostate cancer is the most common type of non-skin cancer found in American men, affecting one in six, and is the second leading cause of death, according to the American Cancer Society, (ACS).

The ACS estimates more than 238,000 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed in the United States in 2013, more than 29,000 men will lose their fight with the disease, but an estimated 2 million men will survive the disease.

In support of prostate cancer survivors, the MIU Men's Health Foundation will present the Fifth Annual MIU Run for the Ribbon, at 8 a.m. Sunday, June 16 at the Detroit Zoo. Run for the Ribbon, which draws more than 1,600 runners and walkers every year, aims to promote the awareness, education, research and treatment of prostate cancer and men's health-related issues in Southeastern Michigan.

Registrants can build a personal fundraising or team page when they sign up for the event. They can upload photos, a personal story and set up personal or team fundraising goals. Each secure personal page or team page will have its own customized URL.

New this year, the Foundation has developed a Prostate Cancer Survivor Team in honor of men who are winning or have won the battle against prostate cancer. Any prostate cancer survivor can sign up to raise funds for the team.

"The MIU Run for the Ribbon is an event about survivorship, supporting men with education and research for treatment to continue growing the number of people who can call themselves survivors," said Michael Lutz, M.D., board member of the MIU Men's Health Foundation and urologist with Michigan Institute of Urology. "This year, we are growing a sense of solidarity with our Prostate Cancer Survivor Team of men and their families who have chosen to know about their health, fight like a man for it and are winning. It's one way we can honor them for their hard work and

courage."

MIU Run for the Ribbon has partnered with the American Cancer Society, The Prostate Conditions Education Council and the Prostate Awareness and Cancer Education (PACE) Race Series. Run for the Ribbon also has been endorsed by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports as a quality physical activity event significantly contributing to the health and well being of Michigan residents and will be included in the Pure Michigan PT/Thes Series endorsement program.

Registration made through June 13 is \$30 for adults and \$20 for children. Race day registration is \$35 for adults and \$25 for children. Online registration at www.miu-runfortheribbon.org is available until June 14. After June 14, participants must register on race day.

All participants will receive an official T-shirt and ribbons will be awarded to all finishers, with special awards going to top finishers in several age categories. Team awards will be given to the team with the most members, the team that raises the most funds and the most creative team name. Participants with prostate cancer or who have survived prostate cancer will be given a special commemorative gift to celebrate their courage.

Registrants also can honor a loved one by placing his/her name on signage along the course with a \$5 donation. All donations will be used to promote the awareness, education, treatment and research of prostate cancer and men's health related issues in Southeastern Michigan.

MIU Men's Health Foundation, a non-profit organization, was founded by the Michigan Institute of Urology, which has offices in Livonia and Royal Oak. It is dedicated to promoting the awareness, education, research and treatment of prostate cancer and men's health related issues in southeastern Michigan. For more information visit MIUMensHealthFoundation.org.

June

JOINT REPLACEMENT

The Center for Joint Replacement at St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers free monthly educational seminars from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, June 27, and Wednesday, July 24, in Classroom 10 at the hospital, located on Five Mile at Levant, Livonia. David Mendelson, MD, will speak at the session next month and Jeffrey Mendelson, MD, is the guest speaker for the July meeting. They'll talk about St. Mary Mercy's comprehensive group approach to joint replacement, including pre-surgical classes, choosing a personal "coach" to assist patients through the process, and what to expect post-surgery and discharge from the hospital. To register for the free seminar, call (734) 655-2345.

LUPUS SUPPORT

The Michigan Lupus Foundation will hold a support group meeting, 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 26, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 3727 Five Mile, Livonia. Meetings are designed to assist people with lupus, to help their family and friends to get connected with each other, and to help them get a better understanding of the disease and how to fight it. Support Group meetings are offered free of charge to anyone interested in participating. For more information visit www.milupus.org or call (800) 705-6677.

PERIPHERAL ARTERIAL DISEASE

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will present a free educational seminar about peripheral arterial disease (P.A.D.) from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 12 in the hospital's North Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. The program is open to the public and is one of the Diabetes Support Group's events. John Ilijas, D.O., Chair, Department of Surgery, will discuss early detection, treatment and how to reduce your risk for heart attack and



John Ilijas, D.O., will talk about peripheral artery disease June 12 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia.

stroke. P.A.D. happens when plaque narrows or clogs the arteries in your legs, reducing blood flow throughout your legs and feet. Painful cramping in the lower body after an activity and having sores on legs and feet that are slow to heal are common symptoms. For more information call (734) 655-8961.

WALK WITH A DOC

Dr. Kathleen Hannan, a family physician, and morning show radio personality Dr. Don from 95.5-FM WYCD, Detroit's country radio station, will be on hand at this monthly Botford Hospital event, noon, Thursday, June 20, at the Heritage Park Nature Center, located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Hannan's presentation is "Preventative Health - What Works, What Doesn't, What's New." The event includes giveaways and music and meets rain or shine. Register by calling (877) Doc!, and choose option 1.

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 Farmington branch; 1-4:45 p.m. Mon-

day 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 nonmembers 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.ymcadetroit.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 Carlis Drive, Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

BLOOD PRESSURE

Garden City Hospital offers free blood pressure testing, free cholesterol (\$5), and lipid panel (\$10) testing, 10 a.m.-noon, the first Tuesday of every month in the main lobby of the hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City, No registration is required. Senior citizens can have their blood pressure tested monthly, free of charge, at 8:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesday and second and fourth Thursday of the month at Westland Mall, 35000 Warren Road, Westland, 11 a.m. the second and fourth Monday at the Berwyn Senior Center, 26155 Richards, Dearborn Heights, and 10:15 a.m. every other Wednesday at Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City, and every second Tuesday at the Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemmingsway, Redford Township. For information, call (734) 458-4330.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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Don't Sweat It, Staying Hydrated is Easy.

Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



Dr. Kamballa
Internal Medicine

As temperatures rise, so do the chances for dehydration. Staying hydrated isn't hard, but is critical to good health. Internal Medicine Physician and GCH Health Expert, Dr. Sujata Kamballa, answers a few frequently asked questions about the importance of proper hydration.

Q: Why is it so important to stay hydrated?

A: Your body depends on water for survival. Did you know that water makes up more than half of your body weight? Every cell, tissue and organ in your body needs water to function correctly. Your body uses water to maintain its temperature, remove waste and lubricate joints. Water is essential for good health.

Q: How do I know if I'm dehydrated?

A: Symptoms of dehydration include:

- Little or no urine, or urine that is darker than usual
- Dry mouth
- Sleepiness, fatigue or muscle cramps
- Extreme thirst
- Headache, confusion or feeling dizzy or lightheaded
- No tears when crying

Don't wait until you notice symptoms of dehydration to act. It can be hard to recognize when you're dehydrated, especially as you age. Actively prevent dehydration by drinking plenty of water.

Q: How much water should I drink each day?

A: There are different recommendations for water intake. Most people should be drinking 6-8, eight-ounce glasses of water every day. However, some people may need different amounts of water to stay hydrated. Most healthy people can stay well hydrated by drinking water and other fluids whenever they feel thirsty. Some people are at higher risk of dehydration, including those who exercise, have certain medical conditions, are sick, or are not able to get enough fluids during the course of the day. Older adults are also at higher risk. As you age, your brain may be unable to sense dehydration and send the signals for thirst. If you are concerned you may not be drinking enough water, check your urine. If your urine is consistently colorless or light yellow, you are most likely staying well hydrated.

Q: Besides water, what else can I consume to stay well hydrated?

A: Water is the best option for staying hydrated. Drinks like fruit and vegetable juices, milk and herbal teas can also contribute to the amount of water you should get each day. Even caffeinated drinks, such as coffee, tea and soda, count toward your daily water intake—up to a point. But it's best to limit these since caffeine can cause some people to urinate more frequently, or feel anxious or jittery. Water can also be found in fruits and vegetables, such as watermelon, tomatoes and lettuce, and in soup broths.

Join Garden City Hospital every month at Westland Mall, for our wellness lecture series. At 1 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month, a GCH Health Expert will provide helpful water and in-depth information on a variety of issues that impact our health every day. The next lecture, "Elderly Care and Fall Prevention", is July 13.

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Timeless — and tired — job-search tactics

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Unless you're looking for work at a medieval-themed restaurant, the last impression you want to give an employer is of being behind the times. That's one reason many job seekers become preoccupied with using only the latest tools and techniques to find a job. As a result, they often neglect some successful time-tested methods.

Of course, plenty of traditional techniques have gone extinct for good reason. Before you go retro, distinguish the do's from the don'ts. Here are some low-tech methods worth reviving. They can help you stand out and make a positive impression no matter the era.

Take cover.

Some vintage tactics, such as writing a cover letter, aren't as passé as you might think. In a recent Robert Half survey of senior managers, 91 percent of respondents said cover letters are valuable when evaluating job candidates. Don't skip the cover letter just because a company's online application system doesn't request one. If there's no field designated for a cover letter, you can often attach extra documentation. In fact, 79 percent of employers said it's common to receive cover letters even when applicants submit résumés electronically.

Stock up on stamps.

The vast majority of résumés are submitted online or via email. That's why mailing yours as a hard copy can be effective. Once the hiring manager recovers from the shock of receiving a piece of mail, he might open

it out of sheer curiosity. That alone puts you ahead of the dozens or even hundreds of other résumés waiting in the person's inbox. However, you shouldn't rely on regular mail alone; use it as a follow-up to an online résumé. Just be aware of the employer's preferences. Some make it clear in the job posting that they will consider only electronic submissions.

Use your phone's 'phone' feature.

Follow up after submitting your résumé by calling the hiring manager. A phone call may require more nerve than an email, but the results justify the effort. A voicemail beats an email in at least three key ways: it demonstrates your assertiveness, reaffirms your interest in the opportunity and comes across as more personal than words on the screen. If the hiring manager answers the call, that's even better. You've already established a direct personal connection.

Take the time to say thanks.

Since even the most tech-savvy job seeker knows to follow up after an interview, why not do so in a way that conveys genuine gratitude and a personal touch? Reinforce your thank-you email with a handwritten note mailed within a day or two of the meeting.

Borrowing from the past won't strengthen your job search if you're not selective about the tactics you choose. The following bygone techniques and assumptions have earned their place in the job-search dustbin:



The all-purpose résumé.

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Résumé relics.

The traditional objective statement on a résumé has seen better days. By focusing on your wishes, not on what you can provide the employer, you may start off on the wrong foot. It's much more useful to provide a targeted professional summary instead. Similarly, an exhaustive résumé that lists every job you've ever had makes

it hard for a time-strapped hiring manager to find the most relevant material.

Formality for its own sake.

Good manners never go out of style, but that doesn't mean your correspondence should read like something out of Downton Abbey. Phrases like "To whom it may concern" and "Dear Sir or Madam" can distance you from the reader. Instead, try to find the hiring manager's name. Calling the company is usually enough to reveal this nugget of information. If you have no luck, use the person's title.

Today's most successful job seekers combine an awareness of modern technology

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