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Roads worsen amid money woes

Township officials try to find solution to revenue cuts as state and county governments face similar problems

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

and said a section of Warren between Canton Center and Beck "is getting in bad shape."

Yack, during a township board session Tuesday, said those are only two of numerous roads that need attention as local officials become increasingly worried about a lack of funding for repairs.

"It's more of a question for us of what can we do about

this?" Yack asked.

It appears there are no easy answers as Wayne County and Michigan Department of Transportation officials have voiced similar frustrations.

Canton last poured money into a major road project in 2010, using just under \$1 million to nudge Wayne County to move ahead with a \$5 million project to reshape Sheldon Center between Canton Center and Joy Road. Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said. Prior to that, Canton spent

money to spur the county to widen Canton Center between Cherry Hill and Palmer.

Walloped by declining property tax revenues, however, Canton officials have had to tighten the purse strings at a time when Lansing and Wayne County also have faced budget woes.

"We just don't have enough money for roads," township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said Tuesday.

Years ago, Canton had set aside an estimated \$2 million

each year for road repairs, often working with Wayne County to make improvements, Faas said.

Trustee Pat Williams said the township still needs "seed money" for other projects.

"How we get that is another question," Williams said. As a township, Canton doesn't receive direct funding for road repairs but, rather, has to rely on cash-strapped Wayne County for money

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Canton officials are worried about deteriorating roads as money for repairs shrinks amid strained budgets in Lansing, Wayne County and the township.

Township Trustee Tom Yack called the stretch of Lilley north of Warren "a disaster"

CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY

Surprise morning visit lifts grieving Canton family



Well wishers unload gifts for the Rutherford family. BILL BESSLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

When Chad Rutherford knew death was inevitable after a battle with cancer, he requested - and received - one promise from his fellow teachers at Harlan Elementary School in Birmingham: "Take care of my family."

Harlan - with a huge assist from the Mojo in the Morning radio show on WKQI-FM (95.5), ACO Hardware and Fathead, among others - delivered on that promise, surprising Kelly Rutherford at her Canton home at 6:30 a.m. with a couple of thousand dollars worth of Christmas presents for Kelly, her 3-year-old son Carter and

9-month-old daughter Melissa.

It was part of Mojo in the Morning's Breaking and Entering segment and resulted from a letter Harlan staffers sent to the radio host.

"Chad asked us to help take care of his family, so we're fulfilling his request," said Harlan teacher Brianna McKinney, a long-time Mojo

listener who spearheaded the letter writing from the school staff. "Kelly and the kids are our family. We're just doing what we would do for our own families."

The gifts come as the Rutherfords must have been wondering what happened to their family. Chad was diag-

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Firefighters helping kids for Christmas

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

In a move to strengthen their charitable ties to the community, Canton firefighters this season are debuting a program to buy Christmas gifts for a group of local children from low-income families.

Donning their work uniforms and bringing Santa in on a fire truck, representatives of the Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation plan to shop with local youngsters during the inaugural Christmas with a Firefighter event at the local Meijer store.

Firefighters are donating \$150 for each of the 25-28 children chosen from Canton-based elementary and middle schools with help from a social worker.

"We're going to take them around the store in our uniforms," said firefighter Greg Hunter, foundation vice president. "We want them to buy some winter boots or coats and then spend the rest on things like toys or video games."

Meijer plans to donate Christmas dinner gift baskets to the children's families during the event that happens Friday, Dec. 13, at the store at Ford and Canton Center roads. Youngsters already have been chosen for the program.

"This is brand new this year," Deputy Fire Chief Chris Stoecklein said. "I think it's great for the community."

Hunter credited firefighter Aaron Fraser with proposing the idea.

The program comes as the Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation moves to broaden its influence in the community. The organization already provides financial aid to victims of house fires, families suffering from tragedy or illness and people in need of shelter. The foundation also has given to charities that provide medical service or research.

Christmas with a Firefighter is similar to a partnership Canton police have with local retailers through the Shop with a Cop program.

The Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation has brain-

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Couple opposes 'vicious' pit bull label

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Canton couple hopes to convince local officials to repeal a vicious dog ordinance provision that singles out pit bull terriers, saying it discriminates against one breed and responsible, law-abiding owners.

Jessica and Marcin Kowalewski said the longstanding

ordinance places an unfair label on friendly dogs like their 4-year-old Loki, a pit bull and American bull dog mix that is more concerned with earning his next treat than biting another pet, child or adult.

"He's a 100-pound puppy," Marcin Kowalewski told the Observer.

The couple said Loki has been to obedience classes and

had friendly interactions with cats and children as young as 9 months old. They feel so strongly about the issue they intend to lobby the Canton Township Board of Trustees during its Dec. 10 meeting, in hopes officials will strike down breed-specific language within the vicious dog ordinance.

"Loki has never been in a

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Jessica and Marcin Kowalewski oppose the "vicious" label on dogs like Loki, a pit bull and American bull dog mix. KATE MCGILSKY



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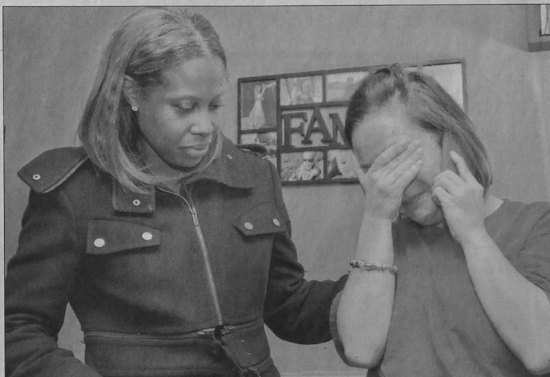
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Harlan Elementary Principal Embekka Thompson and Joey, from Mojo in the Morning, wait for Kelly Rutherford to open the door. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Kelly Rutherford reacts to the gifts and support from her husband's former colleagues at Birmingham's Harlan Elementary - including Principal Embekka Thompson - ACO and Mojo in the Morning on WKQI-FM (95.5). BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

CHRISTMAS

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nosed with rectal cancer in late 2012 and passed away in July, leaving his wife, young son and newborn daughter behind.

This was going to be the family's first Christmas without Chad, who loved the holiday above all others.

"It was his favorite holiday and not because he liked receiving things," Kelly Rutherford said. "It was his favorite holiday because he loved giving."

And so McKinney took the Rutherfords' story to Mojo in the Morning, which has been doing the promotion for years, according to sales representative Alisha Mercurio. She said the show

receives "maybe 10,000 letters" each year.

This year, according to Mercurio, the show is answering the nominations made in 13 letters, including the one from Harlan. What the show actually provides depends on the needs of the recipient. For instance, Mercurio said, the show did a Breaking and Entering last week in which the recipient's request was to meet Selena Go-

mez.

Gomez happened to be in town and the station arranged the meet-and-greet.

For the Rutherford visit, a couple of dozen people arrived with presents, including a \$500 gift card from ACO, a \$500 check from Fathead and a Fathead of Lightning McQueen from the 2006 movie Cars, a particular favorite of 3-year-old Carter.

"Everyone's needs are different," Mercurio said. "We just try to match their needs."

The Rutherfords' needs this year were going to include making it through their first Christmas without Chad. Kelly told the gathered supporters Monday that Carter "knows his dad is in heaven and sometimes he asks if he can go to heaven to visit."

And in the early morn-

ing hours Monday, Kelly found a little slice of heaven at her front door.

"I was shocked," she said. "I feel happy and grateful and a huge sense of family. I'm sure Chad is laughing, happy and very thankful for what these people did to give his kids a good Christmas."

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passed down from Lansing and the federal government.

That scenario would be different if Canton were a city. Then, it could directly receive as much as \$4 million a year, officials said, though local costs for road maintenance also would skyrocket.

Moreover, LaJoy said \$4 million wouldn't go far

toward needed repairs.

"It's nothing, unfortunately," LaJoy said. Local officials estimate the cost of paying Lotz between Ford and Cherry Hill at \$5 million - a project they hope MDOT will fund as the state, someday, embarks on improving traffic patterns along and near Ford Road.

Yack said he worries that could be "30 years from now."

Some state proposals, such as increasing the gas tax, haven't yet materialized, but officials at all levels of government say something has to

happen to pay for road repairs.

Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin said Canton, a decade ago, had more money for road repairs from the Community Improvement Fund, but a deep economic recession halted that source.

"And there's absolutely nothing from your property taxes that go for roads," she said.

Faas said local officials get complaints about roads such as Lotz, sections of Lilley and portions of Haggerty, especially between Palmer and Ford.

To be sure, some road

improvements are on the horizon.

Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price in November announced the county intends to widen Beck Road to three lanes between Warren and Ann Arbor Road. That project is expected in 2015.

That aside, local officials remain concerned that, due to money shortfalls, the need for road repairs will continue to outpace the funds to do it.

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dog fight or bitten a dog." Jessica Kowalewski said, adding to label him as vicious simply because he is a pit bull mix "is disheartening to see."

Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy confirmed Monday he already has asked Canton's attorney, Kristin Kolb, to review the ordinance language for possible changes. LaJoy said he intends to discuss the issue with other local officials.

The Kowalewskis say Loki is well-behaved when he is taken for on-leash walks in their neighborhood.

"He absolutely loves people. He'll do anything for a treat," Marcin Kowalewski said. "He's curious to meet new people, but he's a little shy for the first few minutes."

According to the American Veterinary



Marcin and Jessica Kowalewski say Loki, vicious by Canton standards, is a lovable dog.

KATE MCGILSKY

Medical Association website, pit bull-type dog owners "deal with a strong breed stigma, however, controlled studies have not identified this breed group as disproportionately dangerous."

Moreover, the AVMA website indicates any violent actions by dogs such as pit bulls are more

likely to occur with "the owner's behavior as the underlying causal factor" - rather than any predisposition to aggression by the dogs.

Jessica Kowalewski notes in her statement to local officials that the AVMA has found the pit bull terrier "is not disproportionately more dangerous than any other

breed." She said breed-specific legislation "places all the blame on the dogs and removes the responsibility from the dog owner."

Jessica Kowalewski said the township ordinance fails to address the root cause of aggressive dog behavior, regardless of breed. Breed-neutral language has been adopt-

ed by many communities and is supported by the AVMA, the American Kennel Club, the National Animal Control Association, the National Canine Research Council and the Centers for Disease Control.

Marcin Kowalewski said pit bull terriers, because they are deemed vicious under Canton's ordinance, could be destroyed even if they defend themselves - or their owners - against an aggressive dog of another breed.

"If another dog bit Loki or tried to attack us," he said, "Loki could automatically be put down."

Jessica Kowalewski also said she, her husband and other dog owners oppose having the "vicious dog" label on their dog licenses - and they'd like it removed when the go for renewal.

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KIDS

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stormed to broaden the scope of its community efforts after the board ushered in a change of leadership due to a flurry of retirements.

Anyone who wants to support the organization's efforts may send checks to the Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation, 1100 S. Canton Center, Canton Township, MI 48188. For more information, send an email to cfcfc2289@gmail.com.

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Big weight loss changes Canton man's outlook on life

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Brian Flemming had been big all his life, but largely ignored his parents' pleas to become more active.

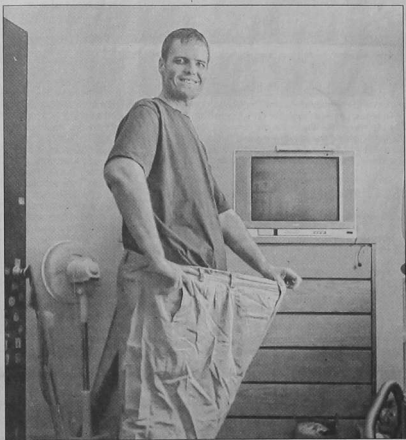
Oh, sure, the 2000 Canton High School graduate was in the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, so he was getting at least a little exercise. He got winded walking even short distances and was never willing to give up his junk food and unhealthy lifestyle.

At his heaviest, Flemming said, he weighed some 625 pounds.

And still, it took the kind of anger and chastising only a friend could get away with to finally wake him up. That friend, Jackie Eastham of London, is dealing with her own health issues — though she's fit and eats well, she suffers from muscular dystrophy — but still took the time to talk to Flemming about his own health.

Finally Eastham, talking to him via Facebook and Skype and other social media from her home in England, convinced him he was headed toward a tragic ending.

"She's never had to deal with that. ... She has muscular dystrophy to deal with. She's fit, she cycles to work every day. She's been dealing with this and then she sees me living an unhealthy lifestyle," Flemming said. "It made her angry. Nobody had ever reacted to me that way. She's fighting to stay



Brian Flemming of Canton went from a 60-inch waist to a 38-inch waist.

alive and she sees me throwing it away. That was the day I decided to make some changes."

At 625 pounds, the changes had to come slowly. The first thing Flemming, 31, did was to start jogging in place. He'd get up a little earlier and go for five minutes. It was only five minutes, but he did it every day. "The inconsistency was the important thing," he said.

He graduated to walk-

ing laps around his neighborhood in the Cherry Hill/Lotz area, building up to five miles a day. At the same time, he changed his diet, cutting out red meat and limiting his sugar intake.

His parents, Tom and Mary, had no real idea what he was doing.

"He didn't tell us about it at first," Mary Flemming said. "He didn't often eat meals with us, so we didn't know what he was doing

until he started asking us to get certain items from the grocery store."

He borrowed his father's bike, but found that getting out on it was difficult. "It was tough at first getting over to the anxiety, people would be looking at me," he said — but he forced himself to get out and ride, adding a little distance each time.

Eventually, he incorporated it into his commute to work for the Better

Business Bureau in Southfield). Eventually, he'd drive halfway and cycle the last 11 miles into work.

Toward the end of the summer, he cycled all the way to work every Friday.

He's adopted Jackie's European attitude toward eating: It doesn't matter what you eat, it's about portion control.

The number started coming down on the scale. Flemming now weighs 279 pounds and last week walked the Turkey Trot in Canton. It took him about 48 minutes because it was cold and icy.

"But he finished. I never imagined him being able to do that with the amount of weight he had to lose," Mary Flemming said.

"But he accomplished that and now is anxious to do even more. He tells us he wants to run a marathon and, after seeing what he has done so far, I'm certain he will do it."

Flemming is looking forward to an upcoming 10K he's planning on doing. First, though, he's looking forward to a holiday trip to London to finally meet Eastham, face to face.

"I owe so much of this to Jackie. She's been a huge part of my life," he said. "She got me to appreciate life a little more. She made me realize I was throwing my life away, that I had a lot more to live for."

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Holidays affect trash pickup

Canton Township officials are reminding residents curbside pickup of residential yard waste ends this week and will not resume until April.

In addition, officials said, Canton Waste Recycling has reshaped its schedule for holiday collections.

CWR will not pick up Tuesday, Dec. 24, Wednesday, Dec. 25, Tuesday, Dec. 31 or Wednesday, Jan. 1. There will be no delay in pickup Monday, Dec. 23, and Monday, Dec. 30, but if a resident's collection day is Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday during the holiday week, that collection will be delayed by two days both weeks.

The weeks of Dec. 23 and Dec. 30, CWR will be picking up Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. CWR will resume its regular pickup schedule Monday, Jan. 6.

CWR will offer curbside pickup of natural Christmas trees Jan. 2-8. Trees should be at the curb by 6:30 a.m. on the regular trash day with all tree stands, lights, ornaments and any other decorative material removed. After Jan. 8, trees will not be accepted at the curb.

All refuse, recycling and yard waste must be placed at the curb by 6:30 a.m. to ensure pickup. CWR will not pick up refuse or recycling that is placed past the sidewalk on private property. All recycling must be placed separate from refuse on the opposite side of your driveway.

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ceiling for that sheets of tin nailed between your floor joists. These are your cold air returns. Give them a good pounding. You'll see pulps of dust seeping out of the edges. That my friends, is the reason you have uncontrollable dust problems.

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Michigan Stop Smart Meters is hosting a free showing of the film **Take Back Your Power**, to be followed by discussion and a question/answer period, in a presentation from Canton-Mi on Saturday, Dec. 7 at the Plymouth District Library.

The film focuses on the electric grid and smart meters, gas and water meters that are being placed into service nationwide and worldwide. Group officials say this ubiquitous smart meters for its entire 2 million-plus customers in southeast Michigan "despite intense protest from many." Michigan Stop Smart Meters officials have taken the position that the new meters are harmful both to public health and to the privacy of individual customers.

With insight from insiders, government representatives, whistleblowers, lawyers, doctors and environmentalists, group officials said **Take Back Your Power** "investigates claimed benefits and emerging risks of this ubiquitous smart grid program."

The film runs 100 minutes and will be followed by dividing the audience into groups to discuss the film and for audience members to discover how they, in turn, can take back their own power.

One of the discussion topics will be the efforts of state Rep. Tom McMillin, who has introduced, with seven co-sponsors, H.R. 3135 to protect utility customers.

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Museum hosts pair of fundraisers

The Plymouth Historical Museum hosts its annual Juried Craft Bazaar and Open House from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7.

All artisans have been specially selected for their unique gifts and ideas. Crafts range from jewelry and ceramic art to knit and recycled creations, making it easy to find something for everyone on your Christmas list this year. As in past years, the museum will also hold a bake sale filled with a wide variety of tasty snacks and refreshments to enjoy while shopping.

Kids will be able to decorate cookies and make ornaments and Santa will be visiting all day; parents can take their own photos of their children with the Jolly Old Elf. The museum's exhibit, "A Red Ryder Christmas Story," based on the beloved movie *A Christmas Story*, will also be open. The exhibit runs through Jan. 19.

All activities are free and open to the public.

Simply Dickens

Visitors can celebrate a nostalgic Christmas with the vocal group Simply Dickens, who will



Visitors can celebrate a nostalgic Christmas with the vocal group Simply Dickens, who will perform "Old World Christmas Carols" Dec. 13 at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

perform "Old World Christmas Carols" at the Plymouth Historical Museum at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13. The show focuses on music of the 18th and 19th centuries, highlighting Christmas carols that were popular long ago.

Some tunes will be familiar, while others may be a first-time experience. Group members incorporate holiday skits, adding comedy and laughter to this seasonal performance. Tickets to the "Old World Christmas Carols" show are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door and can be pur-

chased at the museum or on the website at www.plymouthhistory.org.

Purchase a new or renewed membership to the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum (\$50 value) and receive two free tickets to this event. Museum doors will open at 6 p.m., the show begins at 7 p.m. For more information, call 734-455-8940. The museum is located at 155 S. Main Street, one block north of downtown Plymouth. For more information, visit the website at www.plymouthhistory.org.

Daisy bricks part of PCAC art sale

Original artwork by Plymouth Community Arts Council instructors and featured artists, plus a limited supply of bricks from the newly demolished Daisy Wall, will be available during the PCAC's holiday art sale Saturday.

The sale is 3-6 p.m. Saturday at the PCAC, 774 N. Sheldon, at Junction, in Plymouth. The arts council hasn't sponsored a holiday sale for

many years, but it is being revived this year as a way to launch the PCAC's winter fundraising campaign, executive director Lisa Howard said.

"I just wanted to give my artists and my instructors a chance to get some sales in before Christmas time," Howard said.

Proceeds will be divided between the artist and the PCAC.

The sale will offer work that includes hand-illustrated ornaments by Nick Bair; wood-block prints by Tony Roko, Brian Rizza and instructor Kirbi Fagan; paintings, prints and cards by instructor Denise Cassidy Wood; felted holiday trees by Jan Wood; vintage-inspired pottery by Howard; and more.

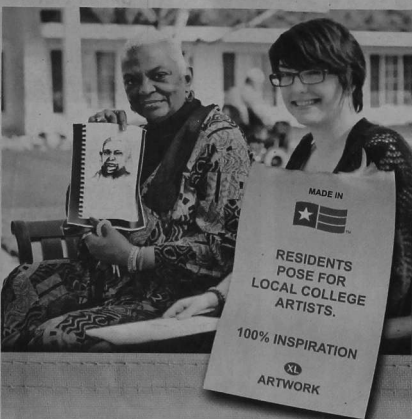
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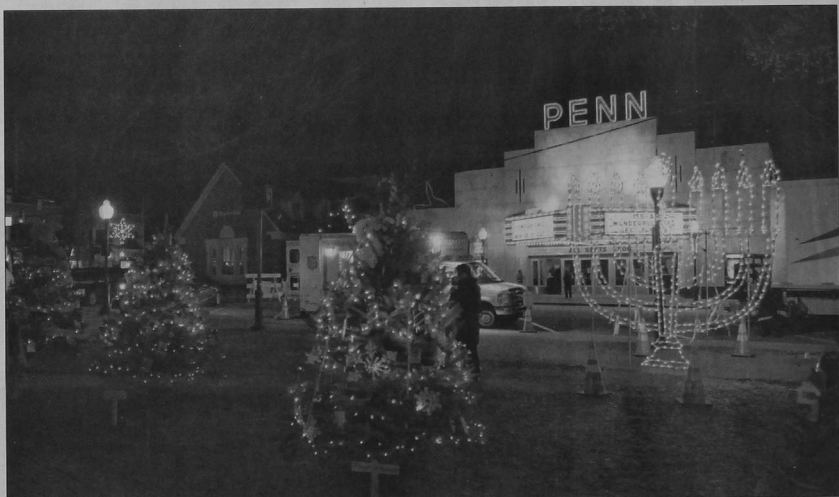


Tressa Priehs of Plymouth enjoys a hot chocolate with her kids, Camden and Aubriana, at Kellogg Park in Plymouth. TOM BEAUDOIN



Canton residents Robert D'Amico and son Luca enjoy a chilly night out as they watch the fun on stage before Santa arrives. TOM BEAUDOIN

PLYMOUTH TURNS OUT TO WELCOME SANTA



Kellogg Park is lit up for the holiday season. TOM BEAUDOIN

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

They might have turned out Friday to try and get a sneak peek at Santa's "naughty or nice" list.

Or they may have come to persuade Santa to get them the treasured gift they're hoping to find under the tree in three weeks.

Or they may simply have come to welcome Santa and Mrs. Claus, along with Christmas Carol, back to Plymouth.

Whatever the reason, kids of all ages turned out Friday as the Jolly Old Elf arrived on the traditional Plymouth firetruck.

He was greeted by cheers and laughter as he prepared to light the Kellogg Park Christmas trees.

When the ceremony was over and the songs had been sung and the Salvation Army had handed out all the hot chocolate, Santa sauntered over to his house on the outskirts of Kellogg Park and began hearing the thoughts of the children of Plymouth.

And the kids were happy to share them.



The eyes of Canton 4-year-old Austin Gadowski light up after he pulls the switch that lit the trees in Kellogg Park. TOM BEAUDOIN



Brothers Christian and Aydan and sister Alli Shalda of Canton are all smiles as they wait to see Santa. TOM BEAUDOIN



P-CEP members Hannah Rhode and Alexa Rumohr sing Christmas carols in Kellogg Park. TOM BEAUDOIN

Don't let discounts influence choices

I've noticed when paying for a purchase, the cashier asks about signing up for the store's charge card. As an enticement, a discount ranging from 5 to 20 percent is offered on the initial purchase.

Although I am a believer that wherever you can save money you should, I'm not so sure it makes sense in many situations to sign up for these charge cards. Yes, you are saving some money but, in the long run, it can cost you.

How good are these store charge cards? Typically, these types of charge cards carry higher interest rates than a major charge card.

In addition, the grace period (the period you have to pay your bill without paying interest) is sometimes not as long as with other charge cards. Store cards are generally not as consumer-friendly as other charge cards.

Some people sign up for any charge card they can in order to take advantage of the discounts. This sounds like a good strategy, but it can backfire. Whenever you apply for credit, it adversely



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

affects your credit scores.

Credit score

Taking a hit on a credit score can be costly, particularly if you are planning to refinance a home or apply for a car loan. In addition, it is important to recognize that in today's world, credit scores can be used for more than just obtaining credit. Auto insurance companies use them to set rates and employers are beginning to use credit scores when it comes to hiring.

Credit cards are an important financial instrument. Obtaining a new charge card should not be a spur-of-the-moment decision.

Every so often, consumers need to review their charge cards to make sure they have the right ones for their individual situation. How many charge cards do you need? I don't know. However, it is important

to recognize that not all charge cards are the same. Not only can interest rates be different, but in addition, such things as grace periods, annual fees and rewards you receive can all be significantly different.

Selecting the right card depends on how you use your charge card. For example, if you pay your bill on time, then the interest rate is not as much a factor as is the grace period.

If you carry a balance, the interest rate is more important than the grace period. The bottom line - having the right charge card can be a money saver.

As you continue your holiday shopping and every store in town offers you a charge card, my advice is, ignore them. I recognize that savings can be significant; however, having the wrong charge card can cost substantially more.

Good luck.

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



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Plymouth marks Pearl Harbor Day

Plymouth plays host Saturday to a ceremony designed to "Remember Pearl Harbor."

The ceremony takes place at 1 p.m. Saturday in Veterans Memorial Park, in front of Central Middle School at the corner of Main and Church in downtown Plymouth.

"December 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor Day, is a

day that should be a somewhat quiet memory of those military men and women who never asked questions, but followed orders and died," said Frank Pawlak, commander of Plymouth's American Legion Post No. 391.

This ceremony is a cooperative event of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6695, the

Vietnam Veterans of America chapter No. 528 and American Legion Post No. 391.

The ceremony will end with the laying of wreaths, a prayer, a rifle salute and Taps as a special tribute to the men and women who made the supreme sacrifice and died at Pearl Harbor.

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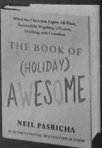


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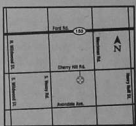


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Whalers host Teddy Bear toss



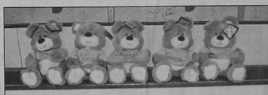
Chuck Gaidica (left) and George Klempert of Family Heating Cooling & Electrical, Inc., are joining forces Saturday to support the Whalers' annual Teddy Bear Toss.

When the Plymouth Whalers host the Guelph Storm at 7:05 p.m. Saturday at Compuware Arena, they'll be asking fans to bring a furry little friend along to help support a great cause.

Saturday is the Whalers' 14th annual Teddy Bear Toss. For those new to the Teddy Bear Toss, the first time the Whalers scored, fans are encouraged to throw their stuffed animals onto the ice. Once the stuffed animals are collected, Plymouth Community United Way will find great homes for the comforting toys.

Last season, Plymouth left wing Matt Mistele scored at 11:21 of the first period to trigger the rain of stuffed animals out of the crowd and onto the ice surface.

After the Whalers' most successful Teddy Bear Toss last season, Plymouth is enlisting the help of Chuck Gaidica from WDIV-TV (Channel 4) and local corporate sponsor Family Heating



A few of Chuck Gaidica's Cuddle Alert Bears watch the Whalers practice.

Cooling & Electrical, Inc., to try to top last season's Teddy Bear Toss.

"We're always very excited and a little anxious to see the first Whalers goal," said Dawn Frey, senior vice president of advertising for Family Heating, Cooling & Electrical, Inc. "But when the stuffed animals come raining down, there's nothing but smiles in the building. Everyone involved is contributing something to make Saturday a special night. It's all about the right stuff – good people contributing to a great cause."

When fans arrive at the game, they'll be invited to purchase one of

Gaidica's Cuddle Alert Bears for just \$5 to throw on the ice. They also have the option to bring a new stuffed animal to the game.

Saturday's game is also Plymouth's 11th annual Salute to Heroes Night. Veterans and current armed forces members will receive a complimentary ticket (with ID), while family members can purchase tickets for \$10.

Tickets are available online at <http://www.plymouthwhalers.com>, or call the Plymouth Whalers box office at 734-453-8400. Military and their families are encouraged to call the box office early for tickets.

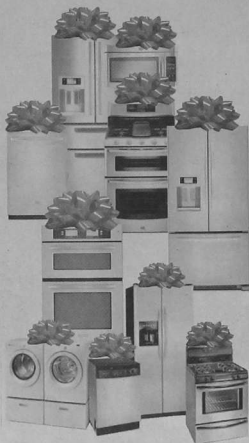
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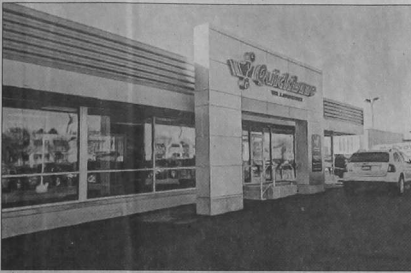
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Blackwell opens Quick Lane

Blackwell Ford announced the opening of its brand new Quick Lane of Plymouth.

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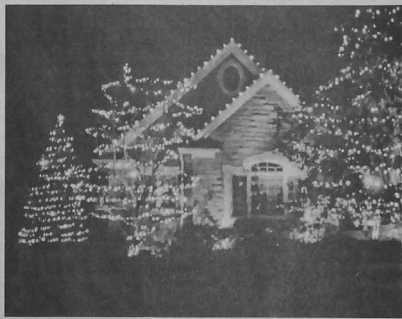
hours, Blackwell officials said the new Quick Lane "makes your oil change experience more than easy."

Blackwell Ford's Quick Lane of Plymouth's hours are 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday; 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and

Friday; 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Quick Lane of Plymouth and Blackwell Ford are located at 41001 Plymouth Road.

Visit www.QuickLaneofPlymouth.com for complete details.



Zoro's Christmas Lights specializes in outside decorations for residential and commercial properties.

Zoro's Christmas Lights does the decorating for you

Martin Zoro of Livonia, owner of Zoro's Christmas Lights, which specializes in Christmas décor for residential and commercial properties, started his business in 2004.

He has six employees and three home-based offices, including one in Livonia.

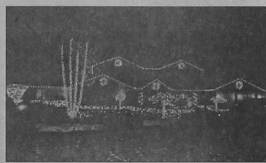
He answered the following questions about his business:

Tell us about your business, including the types of services and/or products you feature.

"We specialize in outside decorations for residential and commercial as well. We also do power washing and gutter cleaning."

What makes your business unique?

"My customer service, my prices, my company storage, meaning we



This Livonia home is ready for Christmas.

store our customers' lights so they don't worry about it."

How did you first decide to open your own business?

"I wanted to be different. I wanted to own my own company."

Do you have a funny tidbit or story to share with our readers about your experience so far as a small business

owner?

"A lady wanted Christmas lights. She was getting a divorce. I gave her the bill. She added a \$250 tip because her ex-husband was paying the bill."

Zoro's Christmas Lights can be reached 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at 248-408-6393 or www.zoroschristmaslights.com.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

Community breakfast

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual Economic Forecast Breakfast 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the Hilton Garden Inn on Sheldon Road.

Keynote speakers will be Bill Lawton, president of Community Financial, and state Rep. Kurt Heise.

Lawton will provide an overview of where the economy is likely headed next year and how to take advantage of future trends. Heise will provide a perspective on potential state legislation that will affect business and a preview of the 2014 election. Next year, chamber officials said, one of the biggest issues for business will be a ballot proposal to limit personal property tax and provide replacement revenue for local governments.

There will also be a short preview of the 2014 Plymouth Winter Fest, set for Jan. 10-12. There is a new producer for the show and renewed focus on creating high-quality ice sculptures.

To RSVP, email tr@plymouthch.org or call 734-453-1540 by Dec. 16. Cost is \$12.

Red Ryder

Visitors can celebrate the holidays at the Plymouth Historical Museum with the new exhibit "A Red Ryder Christmas Story." The exhibit is based on the Christmas movie, *A Christmas Story*, as well as the original story by Jean Shepherd from which the movie is based.

The museum will be filled with vignettes of scenes from the movie, including the infamous leg lamp and Fleck's tongue sticking stuck to the lamp pole. The movie and stories are nostalgic of the late depression era and early years of World War II, which the exhibit seeks to capture by incorporating items from the time period.

Since Red Ryder BB guns were originally sold by Daisy Manufacturing Co. of Plymouth, the story of Ralphe's quest for this particular BB gun is significant to Plymouth's history. "A Red Ryder Christmas Story" runs through Jan. 19.

Also, Santa Claus will be present at the museum for visiting children every Saturday before Christmas. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students 6-17. The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main Street, one block north of downtown Plymouth. Visit its website or call 734-455-8940 for



U.S. Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan (fifth from right) joins the Tognum America executive team in front of the Series 8000 naval defense engine during a visit Nov. 26 to MTU's Canton-based Product Training Center. At this center, MTU, a leading producer of diesel engines and propulsion systems, offers premier training for operators and other service personnel in North and Latin America.

more information.

New bistro

The Post Local Bistro will soon make its debut in downtown Plymouth on Penniman Avenue. The state of Michigan recently approved the liquor license transfer and the new owners will soon be making some renovations before opening in the former Rock Bar location.

Toys for Tots

Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel announce its annual Toys for Tots collection drive has begun. Each of the 16 Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel offices, including the Plymouth-Canton branch, will be a local toy drop-off location.

The Plymouth-Canton branch is located at 177 N. Main in Plymouth. Call 888-819-0691.

The U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program collects new, unwrapped toys during November and December each year and distributes these toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children within the community.

Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel has a long history of being involved with this program and as the company grows through the years, it is able to provide more physical locations as official drop-off sites.

Victory Lane Quick Oil Change of Plymouth is supporting the local Toys for Tots chapter this holiday season. Donations will be accepted until Dec. 18, when all will be collected. Victory Lane has consistently been a supporter of local organizations that help strengthen the community.

As a part of the program, Toys for Tots collects new, unwrapped toys during the months of November and December in collection bins throughout the community. Around Christmas, the toys are then delivered to local children.

Anyone wishing to support Victory Lane can stop in and drop off an

unwrapped toy in the collection bin. Those who would rather support Toys for Tots financially can do so by visiting www.toysfortots.org. For more information on store locations and hours, please visit www.victorylane.net or call 734-667-4304.

Victory Lane Quick Oil Change is located at 903 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth.

Goodfellows partners

Showroom of Elegance, a fine jewelry store located at 6018 Canton Center Road, is joining with the Canton Goodfellows to host a canned food drive for Canton families this holiday season. Through Dec. 11, guests who visit Showroom of Elegance and donate either a \$10 non-perishable food item or a \$10 monetary donation receive one of three free gifts. The free gifts with \$10 donation are sterling silver ball earrings, sterling silver hoop earrings or a \$25 gift card for a repair service. These gifts are available while supplies last.

"Being a partner once again for this important cause is so incredibly important to the Showroom staff and the patrons who make the drive possible," said Linda Robin, owner of Showroom of Elegance. "Past years have been successful, but we are hoping to always top our previous level of donations collected."

The Canton Goodfellows was formed in the 1940s by Edward Hauk and Robert Waldecker, Canton residents. To learn about volunteer opportunities with the local charitable organization, contact the Canton Goodfellows at cantongoodfellows@gmail.com

Questions about the food drive can be directed to the Showroom staff at 734-207-1906. Regular store hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

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OUR VIEWS

STEADY DIET

Results show food service continues to be solid program

Remember when the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education made the decision several years ago to cut ties with longtime food service contractor Sodexho and bring the operation in-house?

Remember how there was a lot of loud wailing and gnashing of teeth — some of which was at least initially understandable, since the district was severing a long-term relationship with Sodexho — from people who thought it would never work?

Food services director Kristen Hennessey, hired away from Aramark to run the program in 2009, recently told board members the program once again spent money on updating equipment and still was able to contribute more than \$290,000 to the general fund.

Hennessey and her staff — whom she lavishly credits every chance she gets for the program's success — have improved the program in nearly every way. The food is better, it's more nutritious, it's served more efficiently and more kids are eating it.

Lunch participation increased 7 percent last year and, despite a slight drop in breakfast participation brought on largely by busing issues with the district's move to all-day kindergarten, overall participation is up 1.5 percent. The district, according to a report given recently by Hennessey to the school board, served some 1.6 million meals last year.

How good is the food? Schools are earning honors such as the HealthierUS



Students are benefiting from a more nutritional, balanced diet, as these Allen Elementary students are reminded at the entrance to their cafeteria.

School Challenge Bronze Award in a national initiative spearheaded by First Lady Michelle Obama, to promote healthier school meals, physical activity and fitness opportunities and nutrition education.

Other districts want their services. Plymouth-Canton

continues its agreement with Lyvonia Public Schools to have Hennessey, who also had experience in Wayne-Westland, run that district's food services program. Hennessey's staff will also continue to provide their pool of local employers to Our Lady of Good Counsel School this year. The staff participated in the

Gleaners backpack program, building some 49 food bags weekly. They also partnered with local business to give families food baskets and turkeys, plus started the fall food service program at Starkweather at Fiegel.

Perhaps the true measure of the district's success: The kids are digging it. Hennessey and her staff are using programs like Jump with Jill and other speakers to present the upside of healthy food habits in a way that has students excited.

The days when the decision to bring the program back in-house drew whispers and outright criticism are long gone. Hennessey and her staff have worked hard to prove it was the right decision. It was then and it is now.

OUR VIEWS



The annual Compassionate Friends candlelight vigil, set for 7 p.m. Sunday in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth, is always an emotional event.

Vigil a tremendous source of support

Chances are, even if you haven't lost a child suddenly, you know someone who has.

If you're looking for a way to support those parents — or to just help others facing something you'd hate to face — Sunday's Candlelight Vigil conducted by the Compassionate Friends' Western Wayne County Chapter would be a good way to do it.

The vigil, meant to honor children lost too soon, starts at 7 p.m. in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. Families will gather near memory trees specially decorated with the names of children who have died too soon.

The event features poetry readings, songs and the reading of names of children (to register your child, call 734-778-0800 or email tcfcandlelight@yahoo.com). There are trees bearing ornaments honoring the children and the event fills Kellogg Park every year.

Candles are provided and the lighting of them is always an emotional moment. The theoretical idea is for every chapter in the world to hold its vigil at the same time, creating a "circle of light" to honor the children.

For the parents who've lost loved ones, it's a tremendous show of support, a vast demonstration that they're not alone, that others face the same emotional upheaval. It's one of the truly blessed things about The Compassionate Friends, providing a network of help as parents, families and friends work through the grief.

For the parents who haven't lost a child, the event provides an honest "There, but for the grace of God, go I" moment.

If you haven't experienced the emotion, Sunday's a good chance to feel it.

COMMUNITY VOICE

How much online shopping do you expect to do for the holidays?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"None. My shopping is all done."
Ginger Marshall
Canton



"A lot. I try to avoid the crowds (in the stores). I love Cyber Monday."
Marvin Wolak
Canton



"Maybe 10 percent, not a lot. I like to see and touch and feel before I buy, but I'm not a big shopper. I go and get it and leave."
Edie Wysocki
Plymouth



"None. We do not have those electronics in our home."
Wilma Vasher
Wayne

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Take Thanksgiving back

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln gave the American people the Thanksgiving holiday. In 2013, corporate America took the holiday away.

Macy's was the first in this area when it announced that it would open its doors at 6 p.m. Thanksgiving day. Other retailers followed suit. Kmart decided to open up at 8 a.m. Thanksgiving day. Kmart also said it would not allow its employees time off for their Thanksgiving dinner. A manager of a Taco Bell closed Thanksgiving day because his employees had been promised the day off. He was fired.

I think we should take the holiday back. We should all resolve not to shop Thanksgiving day. Maybe the sentiment would spread and retailers will get the message to close Thanksgiving and let their employees spend time with their families.

Thomas M. Hartnett
Canton

Censoring the press?

It was with some apprehension that I responded to a knock on my front door. It turned out to be the UPS driver. The reason for my caution was that I feared the Gestapo would be standing on my porch.

When the Nazis came to power, the first thing they did was censor the press to stifle the opposition and end free speech.

According to an article Nov. 28 in *The Detroit News*, a right-wing politician from Troy, John Pappageorge, has introduced a bill in the Senate that sounds like it was drafted in 1935 Germany. The bill would make a criminal out of anyone who dared to share their opinion of politicians in the "Letters to the Editor" section of our newspapers.

These Tea Party hacks have no shame. Even when a law is thrown out by our courts, they have accomplished their goals: fear and intimidation.

Well, Mr. Pappageorge, let's dance. Get your cohorts to make this law, get your "yes man" governor to sign it and give it immediate effect, just like all the other laws you passed that

have hurt my people. Oh, and make it retroactive to include this letter.

Then, make me the first — how do you put it? — oh yeah, bottom-feeder, you persecute, oops, prosecute.

Finally, I would like to know who you are trying to protect with this bill? Never mind, I think I'll ask Patrick Colbeck. I'm sure he knows.

James Huddleston
Canton

Fox in hen house

According to published reports, it appears our Tea Party lawmakers have expanded the counties of millions of dollars from oil and gas operations. How will the school districts and local governments make up this huge loss, you ask?

Why, the same way we are expected to in our area: Fire fighters, police officers, fire-fighters and other crucial workers or raise our property taxes.

"People, we have to protect Big Business at all costs" or, at least, that's the theme song of Colbeck and Co.

I hope our northern neighbors now see the consequences of putting the fox in charge of the hen house. The Fox doesn't care whose chicken it eats.

James Huddleston
Canton

Consider research

A recent letter from Scott Julian, Ph.D., warned that published scientific research on child outcomes of same-sex parents was not all of the same quality and that inappropriate methodologies could lead to erroneous conclusions.

This point that it is important to consider author biases and methodological appropriateness has wide applicability. Readers and policy makers must carefully consider the best that academic research has to offer to support stands on such issues parenting outcomes.

Unfortunately, Dr. Julian has

presented an inaccurate assessment of the research, reinforcing the imperative that readers must inform themselves and come to their own conclusions. Simply having a Ph.D. does not make one an expert in all fields nor render one immune from personal bias.

The central conclusion of the noted research by Marks (2012) in *Social Science Research* is that the available data on same-sex parenting "are insufficient to support a strong generalized claim either way." In other words, research methodologies have a long way to go before the question of parenting outcomes for different types of families can be definitively answered.

The research by Regnerus (2012) also in *Social Science Research*, also cited by Dr. Julian, has a variety of flaws, the most critical being that it does not separate out stable same-sex families from single instances of a same-sex relationship nor does it control for the host of other factors that might also impact outcomes for children of same-sex couples such as adoption or age of adoption. In short, the definitions and indicators used have serious flaws.

Based on existing research, it is simply impossible to make the conclusion that "most academic research is showing [same-sex] parenting to be, on average, inferior." And suggesting that such a conclusion has been made is a gross misrepresentation of the state of the research field, generally, and of the articles specifically cited by Dr. Julian. It is thus distressing that anyone with a college education would so blatantly pick and choose facts that suit their own particular argument, especially in a letter that is snidely critical of such actions by others.

Regardless of the topic, we support Dr. Julian's advice to carefully consider the best available scientific research, including the methodology, sampling, representativeness and conclusions, before reaching a conclusion about a particular issue. We are sorry he did not follow his own advice.

Laura Reese, Ph.D.
Plymouth

Time to clean up undisclosed money

Weeks ago, before our political life got interrupted for important things (Thanksgiving, turkey, football) we were treated to a bombshell from Secretary of State Ruth Johnson.

Responding to a request by the State Bar of Michigan to require public disclosure of donors who sponsor millions in so-called "issue ads" in judicial elections, Johnson (a GOP officeholder elected in 2010) proposed to issue a new rule outlawing anonymous spending on all political ads, whether or not they actually use words of express advocacy — vote for, vote against and so forth.

That shook up her Republican colleagues, big-time. The very next day — after an emergency sudden closed-door recess — the Republican-dominated Committee on Local Government and Elections adopted, without any public discussion, a bill that would gut Johnson's proposed reporting requirement.

The full Senate, more than two-thirds of whose members are also Republican, agreed within less than 24 hours — remarkably speed for a normally "deliberative" body.

Money has long been recognized to be the mother's milk of politics and it is clear that many of those feeding are unwilling to be weaned. A top state elected Republican official gets slapped down by an alarmed Republican-dominated state Senate.

Political reformers are screaming bloody murder. And all eyes are now focused on Gov. Rick Snyder, whose "vision" statement back when he was running in 2010 said:



Phil Power
GUEST COLUMNIST

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What will House do?

The question now is: Will the state House of Representatives — still Republican-controlled, but by a much narrower margin — pass this bill? And if it does, will Snyder sign or veto it?

In a column published Nov. 24 in *Bridge Magazine*, Rich Robinson, executive director of the non-partisan, nonprofit Michigan Campaign Finance Network, wrote that "The statistical truth is that Michigan has become swamped by dark money."

What is indisputable is that we certainly live in an era when a ton of money — we simply don't know how much — that is spent on elections comes without any public disclosure. And that, in turn, opens the door to all kinds of citizen skepticism about who in the dark night is paying for all that political campaigning. You don't have to be very sophisticated to know they expect something for it.

Government should do its business in the sunshine. When this became news, we were quickly

inundated by various arguments from those trying to stop full disclosure of campaign contributions.

Opponents of openness said this would violate free speech and expose contributors to retaliation once their names are made known. Maybe so. But nobody's requiring anyone to make those big contributions and, if they want to put their money where their mouths are, they have a corresponding obligation to be accountable to the public for their financial expression of their political will.

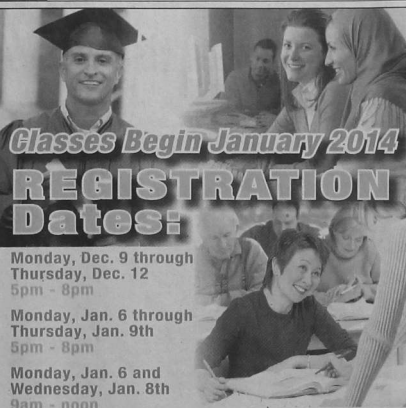
How to fix problem

As long as millions of dollars in dark money are sloshing around Michigan — much of it from anonymous, out-of-state donors — most citizens are perfectly justified in figuring that the only reason to keep this stuff secret is that something corrupt or scandalous is going on. And the only way to fix this problem is to require public disclosure for all campaign contributions.

The real solution is very simple: Take all limits off any campaign contribution of any sort — finishing a process the U.S. Supreme Court started in its Citizens United decision in January 2010.

But in return, require immediate public disclosure of all contributions — something the nation's highest court also said was perfectly acceptable. Only if we do that will we clean up the secret dark money mess that has haunted Michigan politics for decades.

Phil Power welcomes comments at ppower@thecenterforfornichigan.net.



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Student artist group holding holiday sale

By Sue Buck
Staff Writer

A community of student artists is offering its first Student Art Sale at the Michigan Art Center in Garden City.

The sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, and Friday, Dec. 13, at the center at 32129 Block.

"This will be the first of hopefully many holiday sales," said Mike Kuhn, owner and teacher. "April 15 will be our first-year anniversary."

Almost 40 students will display their artwork of ceramics, pottery and glass fusion. More than 300 pieces will be offered for sale. They range in price from about \$5 to

\$80. The majority are \$20 to \$50.

The students will keep the proceeds, minus 15 percent of the sale, which will go to the center to cover some of the overhead.

"If they were selling things in a gallery, galleries charge 50 percent," Kuhn said.

The holiday sale is student-driven.

"These students aren't beginners," Kuhn said. "This is beautifully and professionally made art. It's gorgeous. This is top-quality stuff."

Some of the students have been practicing ceramics for more than 10 years and "they have become quite accomplished at their art,"

Kuhn said.

Student work

Linda Worthington, a Livonia resident, created necklaces, ornaments and some leaf platters for the sale. Some of Worthington's work reflects her experiences when she lived in Africa. She returned to the area in 2012.

Her husband Ben, an engineer for Ford Motor Co., was assigned to work at a plant in Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

Worthington brought back to the United States in her memory her love of nature and time spent on about 40 safaris for re-creation in her art and photography. She has a love of wild life and na-



Sue Krueger of Livonia applies glaze to one of her pieces. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ture. "I had to do an extension into pottery," Worthington said.

Some of her ornaments are giraffes, which she saw up close.

"We had lions and leopards and giraffes," she said. "It depends where you went. The elephants were just out of this-world beautiful. I'm still trying to develop some patterns with elephants."

Worthington studied the pottery in South Africa, which she described as different because of the techniques used.

"Certain things are not as precise," she said. "They use a lot of beading when they do their artwork."

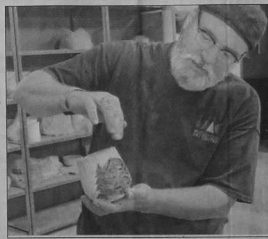
Kuhn added that much of the African work is more rustic and the residents push the pottery wheel with their feet.

Lamp for sale

Frank Florence, a Northville resident, is offering a lamp that he made for the sale.

"The base was thrown on a wheel," Florence said. "The parts in between, which are hexagon-shaped, were extruded."

Don Oakley, a Redford Township resident, will



Instructor Mike Kuhn talks about a student's work. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

sell about 20 pieces of his artwork. He has vases, bowls and covered jars. He has also produced drums.

Jan Wilkiemyer, a Northville resident, especially enjoys making bowls. She also enjoys sharing them with guests.

"Have a bowl," she tells them as they get to select their choice.

Shoppers who come to the student art sale can have a chance to try out the pottery wheel at the Michigan Art Center.

"We will give them a quick lesson and allow

them to make something," Kuhn said.

Children also have a chance to enjoy an art project. For \$5, they will be given a pendant and instructions on how to make a necklace for their mom or grandmother.

The Michigan Art Center is at 32129 Block, north of Ford and west of Merriman. The center is the third and last building in a end-of-a-drive-way in a semi-industrial area.

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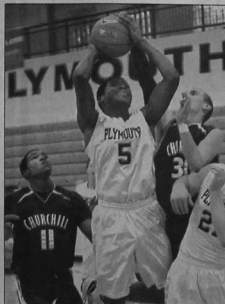
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BOYS BASKETBALL PREVIEW - PART 1

Trouble with the curve?



One of just three returnees for Plymouth is forward Deji Adebiji (No. 5), shown from a 2012-13 contest. BILL BRASLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Young Wildcats hoping that adjustment period is short

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

With the 2013-14 boys high school basketball season less than a week away, Plymouth varsity coach Mike Soukup envisions quite a "learning curve" for his squad.

Yet Soukup is hopeful that his young group — there only are three returnees — won't take too long to quickly straighten out that pesky curve.

If hard work and determination are enough, perhaps he'll find out relatively quickly.

"Our group will need to defend ferociously," Soukup emphasized. "We will need to rebound the ball very well in order to be successful early, especially."

"The biggest question will be how much of a learning curve will we have to begin the season. With so many new guys playing for the first time at this level that will be the million dollar question."

A lot of effort will be needed because most of the roster will be adjusting to the varsity level, largely on the fly as Soukup

tinkers to determine where the pieces to his lineup puzzle fit.

That work begins Tuesday, when the Wildcats host Redford Union (where Soukup previously coached at the junior varsity level). Tip-off will be at 7 p.m.

The fifth-year coach for the Wildcats is welcoming back just three players from the 2012-13 team, namely guard Josh Reynolds, forward Deji Adebiji and point guard Randall Aikins. All are juniors. Last year, Plymouth finished 11-12 overall and 4-6 in the KLAAs South Division.

"We will rely on these three players tremendously at the beginning of the season as new players adjust to playing at this level and the coaching staff gets them comfortable in their team roles," Soukup said.

Reynolds could be an eye-opening talent as he looks to rebound from an injury-plagued sophomore season.

"He can drive to score and can shoot it from the perimeter as well," Soukup noted. "He is a fantastic passer."

Another guard who can create on offense is Aikins, another key to Plymouth's chances in the KLAAs South.

"He, along with Josh, is a great passer,"

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Coaching vacancies

The Salem girls track and field team is looking for two assistant coaches for the 2014 season.

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Rocks roll in third period

Salem scored four unanswered goals in the third period Saturday to erase a 2-2 deficit and earn a 6-3 victory over Canton at Plymouth Cultural Center.

The Rocks (1-1) were led by Evan Newell's two goals and two assists. Both of his goals were in the third period.

when he also assisted on a goal by senior Jack Driscoll.

Other Salem markers were tallied by Noah Saad, Nick Danis and Jason Newell.

Tallying three assists was senior Jake Sealy, with Saad also tallying an assist to enjoy a two-point night.

Earning the goal-keeping win for Salem was Parker Gofrey, who made 16 stops.

Scoring twice for Canton (1-2) was Connor Wherrett with Kurt Snow also registering a goal.

"We started off slow, but picked it up as the game went along," Salem coach Ryan Ossemmacher said. "Our power play was strong again going 3 for 5 on the night. We need to continue working on our consistency in order to be competitive."

The Rocks host Livonia Franklin 8:30 p.m. Saturday at PCC.

Coles shines for Ocelots

Terrence Coles put on a monster performance and was clutch down to the stretch Saturday in leading the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team to the Muskegon Community College.

Thanksgiving Classic title with an 86-84 win over the host Jayhawks.

Coles, a 6-foot-4 forward from Redford Thurston, poured in a game-high 43 points and grabbed 16 rebounds as the Ocelots improved to 6-3 overall.

Coles scored the game-winning basket on a layup with only 12 seconds left after tying the game at 84 all with another layup with 1:23 remaining.

Muskegon's Jake Anderson's three-point attempt with only one second left missed the mark and Schoolcraft held on for the win.

Devonia Riley chipped in with 11 points and 12 assists, while Terrell Sewell (Canton) chipped in with 13 rebounds and six assists as the Ocelots fought back from a 45-34 half-time deficit.

Coles, who shot a blistering 19-of-27 from the floor, might have scored 50, but he struggled at the line, going 5-13.

BOYS BASKETBALL PREVIEW - PART 1

Mix and match

Chiefs lineup in flux as team deals with graduations, injury to Williams

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Every season, Jimmy Reddy prepares for turnover on his Canton varsity boys basketball roster.

But this year there is an added wrinkle as starting guard Greg Williams broke his left wrist during the football season and is lost to the team until mid- to late January.

Reddy, entering his fifth season as head coach of the Chiefs, expected a lot this year anyway.

Lost to graduation are five key members of the 2012-13 team that finished 17-7 and won the KLAAs South Division, Kensington Conference and districts. Leading that group of former players is guard Josh Mayberry, playing at Division III Dominican University (near Chicago).

"It's all hands on deck," said Reddy, about adjusting to not having Williams on the floor. "Just like last year, we had Davon Taylor in the conference championship game against (Westland John) Glenn who came off the bench and scores the winning basket."

"It's 'Next man in' philosophy. You miss some guy, next guy's got to step up and be able to do what we're asking him to do. Hopefully, all 10 can get that done this year."

Ready to lead

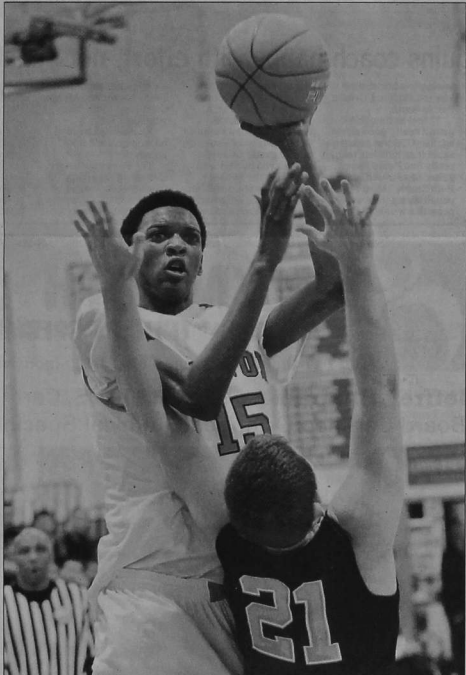
Two players Reddy will lean on during Williams' absence are 6-6 senior forward Taylor and 6-8 senior forward Jordan Nobles (who recently signed his national letter of intent with Eastern Michigan University).

"We're still figuring it out, we've got a long way to go," Reddy said. "But we've got a couple horses. I think Jordan Nobles can do a lot of different things on the basketball court."

"Obviously, he can score. He has a great touch around the rim. He can step out and shoot a three. But he's a very good passer, he can handle the ball and defensively he challenges and blocks a lot of shots."

Pretty much ditto for Taylor, who like Nobles is a co-captain (so is Williams, leading for now from the sidelines).

"Davon can have an outstanding season, it just depends on how he approaches it," Reddy said. "Again, he can help us in a lot of different ways. He can score around the rim, he can step out and knock down a jumper, and he challenges and blocks a lot of



Eyeing the basket during a 2012-13 game is Canton forward Jordan Nobles (No. 15). He's among the players expected to lead Chiefs this season. BILL BRASLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

GIRLS BASKETBALL OPENING NIGHT

Marlins show no mercy in 55-32 rout of Rocks

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

A rough first quarter proved to be Salem's undoing in Tuesday's 55-32 loss to Farmington Hills Mercy in a varsity girls basketball opener for both teams.

Mercy broke out to a 7-2 lead midway through the first and took a commanding 15-4 advantage into the second frame as the Rocks struggled with their own first-game jitters as well as the exceptional opponent they faced.

"I learned a long time ago that if you don't play against quality teams you don't get better," veteran Salem head coach Fred Thomann said. "And we played against a very, very good, quality team."

"... It's a veteran team, and they have very good skill and they finish layups and they hit threes."

Conversely, Thomann conceded some of his players might have become unglued just a bit against the talented, deep Marlins —

led by Division I recruit Candice Leatherwood (Liberty University in Virginia) Taylor Jones, who scored 11 and 14 points, respectively. Jones also had five rebounds.

"I think that's part of it," said Thomann, asked about whether opening night jitters impacted some of his players. "But the other part is, you got to stick it. When you have an open shot you got to stick it."

The speedy Marlins forced Salem players into rushing shots from around the perimeter. But the Rocks also lacked finish on layups and short jumpers.

"I thought as we went through the game we got a little bit better," Thomann said. "We're still not good enough yet, but we're working on getting better. The good news is, in two days we're playing again (7 p.m. Thursday at home against Ann Arbor Pioneer)."

Top scorers for Salem were junior guard Janyra Wilson (nine points) and senior for-



Farmington Hills Mercy's Claire Koehler (No. 20) looks to dribble past Salem's Katie Latak (No. 15) on Tuesday night. JOHN KEMSKA | EXPRESS PHOTO

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COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Hanna Warren likes CMU's pitch, signs with Chips

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Hanna Warren had opportunities to pitch college softball in Florida, Iowa and North Dakota, among other places.

But the Canton High School senior decided to stick closer to home, recently signing her NCAA national letter of intent with Central Michigan University.

"I am ecstatic to play college softball and am so blessed to be able to play at a school like Central," noted Warren in an email to the Observer. "I am most looking forward to meeting new people in a new environment."

"(Also) I am looking forward to realizing what I want to do in my life and profession."

The Division I Chipewas are likely to pencil Warren in either at pitcher or first base.

Judging from how she fared in 2013 with the Chiefs, CMU procured quite a find. She went 13-3-1 with a 1.63 earned run average over 100-plus innings pitched.

Warren was named to the all-district and all-region (and all-Observer) teams as well as honorable mention all-state for her pitching



Signing to pitch for the Central Michigan University women's softball team is Canton High School senior Hanna Warren, pictured with (standing, from left) co-athletic director Tom Willette and new Chiefs softball coach Al White.

achievements. She swung a good bat, too, with a .392 average.

According to Warren, who still has one more season with the Chiefs (now coached by Madonna legend Al White, on hand for her signing ceremony), a big assist to her development in the circle goes to playing softball on travel teams.

"Through my travel ball I have played against some of the most talented teams and players in the country which I believe has helped prepare me for college competition," Warren added.

Among other colleges looking at Warren were Iowa State University, Eastern Michigan University, Florida Gulf Coast, North Dakota University, Purdue University and University of Northern Iowa.

Ultimately, receiving a full softball scholarship from Central proved too enticing for her.

"The key to me wanting to sign my letter of intent with Central was the coaching staff and academic opportunities that Central offered," Warren stressed.

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Salem swimmer signs with GVSU



Salem senior Julia Suriano, captain for the Rocks' varsity girls swimming and diving team, recently signed her national letter of intent to swim for Grand Valley State University. Seated (from left) are Salem assistant coach Pat Wickering, Suriano, Salem head coach Chuck Olson and Salem assistant coach Derek Schmidt. Standing are Julia's parents, Rob and Nancy Suriano.

Chiefs give thanks



The Canton Chiefs junior varsity and varsity hockey teams participated Nov. 23 to collect Thanksgiving food donations to support the Salvation Army Thanksgiving Food Pantry Program. Pictured are Nick Borg, Collin Smith, Tommy Kiddle, Bryan Eastman, Hunter Schlamm, Justin Kolbicz, Isaac Salinas, Michael Gaffka, Matt Eastman, Cooper Rice, Jon Winberry, Christian Flack, Connor Wherrett and Hunter Oatman.

GIRLS HOCKEY PREVIEW

PCS Penguins coach happy with effort, not penalties in loss to GPS

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins varsity girls hockey team are off to a 1-1 start to the season.

On Nov. 19, the Penguins defeated the Walled Lake Wild 4-2 and followed that up the fol-

lowing week with a 1-0 loss to Division 1 Grosse Pointe South.

"I feel as though we gave a really good effort against GPS but penalties against us hurt our team really bad," said Penguins' head coach Mary Beth Smith. "Most of the penalties we took were penalties we should have

not taken."

GPS scored the only goal of the night on a 2-on-1 rush where a sharp-angle shot bounced in off the pad of Penguins senior goalie Gwen Gadhulka, who played well.

As for the 2013-14 season, the team will be led by senior defenseman Alexis O'Flynn and senior

assistant captains Jenna Carter and Morgan Cusumano (both forwards).

Another senior is backup goalie Becky Lough.

The Penguins' roster features a sprinkling of freshmen and sophomores as well as juniors as the team looks to con-

tend in Division 2 of the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

Juniors are defenseman CeCe Hitch and forwards Emily King, Lizzy O'Donohue and Sydney Smith.

Sophomores looking to make some noise include forwards Megan Brace,

Amanda Hoehn, Kayla Savoie and defenseman Gabby Godre.

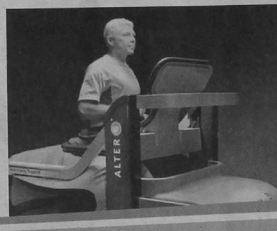
Rounding out the 19-player roster are ninth graders Serina Eadeh, Loren Hitch, Jessica Marek (all forwards) and defensemen Bryanna Lanzilotti, Alexis Pheaney and Brianna Waggoner.



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BOYS WRESTLING PREVIEW - PART 1

Wildcats will bring 'Mo' than Youssef this season

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

When a team features a stud wrestler such as Plymouth senior Mohamad Youssef, the temptation might be to just see how far "Mo" can carry the load.

But Wildcats head coach Quinn Guernsey won't fall into that trap, not with a roster boasting plenty of skill, strength and versatility.

Of course, it does start with Youssef, who placed seventh in last year's Division 1 state tournament at 103 pounds.

"Mo will be moving up to the 119-pound weight class this year where he has been competing for most of the summer," said Guernsey, adding that Youssef currently is the No. 2-ranked wrestler in his class at 119 according to Michigan Grappler.

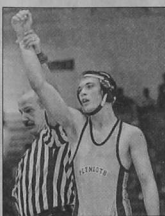
There's plenty of other reasons to like the Wildcats, coming off a strong 19-1 record (fifth in the KLAAs South Division) not to mention plenty of notable showings at tournaments.

The opening test is Saturday at the Northville Invitational. Then comes Wednesday's home dual meet (5:30 p.m.) against Salem and Belleville.

Plymouth placed fourth in the KLAAs, Wayne County, Observance, Yeti Challenge tournaments and the South Lyon Duals. Add to that championship at the Todd Schoenheide Challenge and a third-place showing at the Philip James Memorial Tournament.

Guernsey said the 2013-14 team will be better suited for competition in the tough KLAAs South, with 13 projected starters having wrestled in varsity matches last season.

"(Our) depth has spread to fill multiple weight classes, giving (us) the ability to get matchups



Plymouth's Jon Conn is one of the team's returnees with experience wrestling at the state tournament. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

and strategize which should improve overall success," he continued.

In addition to Mohamad Youssef, the Wildcats' lineup includes two state tourney participants in senior Jon Conn and junior Brandon Harris.

"Jon will be competing at 140 and Brandon will fill the 112 pound weight class," Guernsey noted. "Both will be looking to improve on their earlier successes and earn spots on the podium this year."

Work to do

Plymouth also features three regional qualifiers from 2012-13 in senior Joey Shaver (160), junior Hussein Youssef (171, up from 145) and senior Sofus Nielson, who the coach said "worked hard this summer and hopes to improve over last year's results."

Shaver and the younger Youssef enter the season with unfinished business, as both fell one round short of qualifying for the

state tournament.

The Wildcats will go to the mat with three sophomores who all have a chance to make a big impact, Guernsey added.

Sterling Schiffrer "turned heads" last year's district tournament with a pair of quality wins. This year as a full-time starter Sterling could turn heads all season long.

Dwyer collected a couple of key victories filling in for injuries at 112 and should have a successful season at 130.

According to Guernsey, Reed "was stuck on JV last season and competed well, placing at every tournament he attended. He expects to keep the tradition of having the 103 pound weight class be a strength" for the Wildcats.

Breaking it down

Following is how Guernsey expects his lineup to roll out this season:

- 103: Sophomore Collin Reed.
- 112: Junior Brandon Harris, freshman Alan Farmer.
- 119: Senior Mohamad Youssef.
- 125: Sophomore Spencer Schiffrer.
- 130: Sophomore Dylan Dwyer.
- 135: Senior Daniel Ahearn, sophomore Keegan Fahey.
- 140: Senior Jon Conn, freshman Lucas Harden.
- 145: Sophomore Sterling Schiffrer.
- 152: Seniors Sofus Nielson, Sam Campbell.
- 160: Senior Joey Shaver.
- 171: Junior Hussein Youssef, senior Tarek Tamimi.
- 189: Freshmen Zach Lohrman, Matt Wayne.
- 215: Senior Mario Gutierrez, sophomore Ronnie Dancer.
- 285: Sophomore Michael Jordan.

COMMUNITY-MINDED WHALERS

Teddy Bear Toss on deck for Whalers fans

When the Plymouth Whalers host the Guelph Storm 7 p.m. Saturday at Compuware Arena, they'll be asking fans to bring a furry little friend along to help support a great cause.

Saturday is the Whalers 14th annual Teddy Bear Toss. The first time the Whalers score in the contest, fans are encouraged to throw their stuffed animals on to the ice. Once the stuffed animals are collected, Plymouth Community United Way will find great homes for the comforting toys.

Last season, Plymouth left wing Matt Misteles scored at 11:21 of the first period to trigger the rain of stuffed animals out of the crowd and onto the ice surface.

After the Whalers' most successful Teddy Bear Toss last season, Plymouth is enlisting the help of WDIV's Chuck Gaidica and local corporate sponsor Family Heating Cooling & Electrical Inc. to try to top last season's Teddy Bear Toss.

"We're always very excited and a little anxious to see the first Whalers goal," said Dawn Frey, senior vice president of advertising for Family Heating, Cooling & Electrical Inc. "But when the stuffed animals come raining down, there's nothing but smiles in the building."

"Everyone involved is contributing something to make Saturday a special night. It's all about the right stuff — good people contributing to a great cause."

When fans arrive at the game, they'll be invited to purchase one of Gaidica's Cuddle Alert Bears for just \$5 to throw on the ice. They also have the option to bring a new stuffed animal to the game.

Saturday's game is also Plymouth's 11th annual Salute to Heroes Night. Veterans and current armed forces members will receive a complimentary ticket (with ID), while family members can purchase tickets for \$10.

Tickets are still available at plymouthwhalers.com or by calling the Plymouth Whalers box office at 734-453-8400. Military and their families are encouraged to call the box office early for tickets.



At Saturday's annual "Teddy Bear Toss," cuddly stuffed toys such as these will be launched on the Compuware Arena ice.



Salem's Kayla Kavulich (No. 3) gets a jump on Farmington Hills Mercy's Sierra LaGrande (No. 10) during Tuesday's season opener. JOHN KEMSKI/EXPRESS PHOTO

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ward Kelly Whalen (seven points). Chipping in with five each were senior guard Kayla Kavulich and junior forward Shara Long.

Marlins head coach Gary Morris gave his team full marks for following the game plan as well as could be expected for an opener.

"For the first game of the season I liked the tempo that we were trying to set," said Morris, whose team returns to Plymouth-Canton Educational Park 7 p.m. Thursday to face Canton. "We wanted to try to play fast and I thought we were able to do that at both ends of the floor."

A sign that it wasn't Salem's night came midway through the first with Mercy already up 11-4. Wilson stole the ball and moved it down the floor, but the Rocks failed to cash in.

Soon thereafter, it was 15-4 following buckets by Jones and senior guard Allie Gorcyva (five points, five rebounds) on a timely hook shot from the paint.

Mercy built the lead to 26-8 at halftime and enjoyed a 44-14 edge in the final minute of the third quarter by a basket by Leatherwood.

The Rocks made some strides in the final stanza against several Mercy reserves, winning the game 18-11 on the end game on a better note. One of the prettiest buckets of the entire

night for Salem was scored by junior forward Haley Rogers, who stole the ball and went coast-to-coast for the layup.

MARIAN 49, CANTON 38

In the opener for the Canton Chiefs on Tuesday, head coach Hills Marian went up 16-6 after one quarter and never looked back despite 16 points by Paige Aresco.

Canton trailed 32-17 at halftime and 40-25 entering the fourth. A spate of turnovers (25 for the game) cost the Chiefs, coach Brian Samulski said.

In addition to Aresco, other Canton players who played well in the non-league contest were Rachel Winters and Erin Hult (seven points each). Leading Canton in rebounds was Taylor Hun-

ley, with six. "On a positive note the kids hung in there and competed hard in the second half," Samulski said.

"The good thing about these girls is there is no quit in them."

PLYMOUTH 46, DEXTER 35

New Plymouth coach Nick Brandon tallied his first varsity win Tuesday. Leading the Wildcats (1-0) to the opening victory at Dexter were Shelby Cheston (12 points, 10 rebounds), Jada Woody (10 points, six boards) and Kylie Robb (eight points).

"Our experience was the major factor in this win," Brandon said. "I thought all four of our seniors led the way and showed the intensity and focus that it takes to win at this level."

CHIEFS

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shots around the rim as well."

With Williams out of the loop for 6-8 weeks, the Chiefs will feature 5-8 senior Chase Winingham and 6-0 junior Jack Zemanski in the backcourt. Both are energetic players who can pass, defend and connect on their open jumpers.

"Those guys will probably be handling the guard positions starting for us," Reddy noted. "... I'll be kind of by committee (point guard duties). The good thing is they can both handle the ball."

"Jordan Nobles can bring the ball for us, and even Dayton Taylor, for a big guy can bring the ball for us."

Reddy, meanwhile, understands the team is starting the season without a major contributor in Williams.

Opportunities

"Greg did a lot as a sophomore," he continued. "You're talking about someone who's going to be a four-year varsity player. As a sophomore last year, he guarded the best perimeter player on the other team for us."

"He did a great job, scored almost 11 points a game, great passer, great feel for the game. All those things we're going to miss. But we got to find a way to go without it."

Reddy's fifth starter when the Chiefs open the season Tuesday at Ann Arbor Pioneer probably will be 6-4 senior forward Shaune Keywandy.

"Our biggest strength is that we're tall and long and Kewandry is long, too," Reddy said. "So we've got some height, and we're going to use that to our advantage."

Others have the opportunity to step in and be-

come key members of the rotation, including "three sophomores that are all going to play meaningful minutes" in 6-6 forward Logan Ryan, 6-4 forward Jalen Cochran and 5-11 guard Obi Okoli.

Ryan is "very skilled, he can make open threes and score around the rim," noted Reddy.

So is Cochran, who the coach added is "a little bit raw trying to figure out what we're doing, but he can help us with his athleticism and his ability to rebound the ball."

Also athletic is Okoli, as are junior guard Juan Sturdivan and senior forward Jamal Dixon who round out the roster.

Time to jell

Reddy said Dixon is intriguing. The football and track star is playing basketball for the first time since his sophomore season.

"He's one of the guys in terms of, guys that

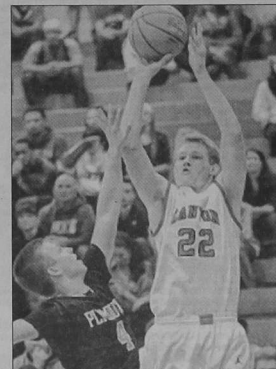
weren't with us last year, that has figured it out quicker than other guys," Reddy said. "Hopefully that continues to happen and he can help us out when we start rolling here in December."

Still, having lost the Class of 2013 (Mabrey, Scott Gring, Ryan Planey, Adnan Bayz, Matt McCoy) as well as Williams to injury, Reddy isn't about to jump to any conclusions should it take a little while for the team to jell.

"Last year we went 2-5 to start the year and finished 17-7," he emphasized. "So it doesn't always happen at the snap of the fingers at the beginning of the season."

"It's figuring out each other, it's figuring out how hard you have to work and what we're trying to do defensively. Just trying to have that championship mentality, sometimes it takes longer."

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Guard Greg Williams (No. 22) is expected to be sidelined until mid-to-late January because of a broken wrist. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

WILDCATS

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Sotkup said. "He is great at getting to the basket and has really developed into a consistent long-range shooter."

Meanwhile, Adebidi will need to be a sturdy two-way player if the Wildcats are to have success.

"Deji Adebidi is our founda-

tion on the defensive end," the coach noted. "He does a nice job guarding the other teams best big man. He also is chairman of the boards for us on the glass."

"He has developed into a better offensive player in the last year adding some range on his jump shot."

In the mix

One of the varsity newcomers likely to start is junior

forward Kevin Justice, although he'll be pushed by junior forward Cameron Anness.

Sotkup said Justice "will provide scoring, rebounding and toughness for us."

Strong options up front are junior Xavier Gardner, seniors Abdullah Absulah and senior Jon Schumaker.

According to the coach, Gardner and Absulah "are tremendous athletes, but both

are new to this level." He described Schumaker as "a great glue guy for us, he will be counted on for lots of hustle plays that can change games, especially for a young team."

Challenging Atkins and Reynolds for minutes on the perimeter will be sophomores Chris Walls and Brent Davis, both intriguing for their abilities to play inside or out.

"Walls and Davis are tremendous athletes with the

ability to strike from the outside as well as get to the basket," Sotkup noted.

When the Wildcats need a jolt of offense, Sotkup might turn to juniors Khalil Newell or Caden Farrugia.

"Both hit from long range and will be needed to score from beyond the arc," he said.

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All-CLAA volleyballers net sparkling results

FIRST TEAM
Katie Tomasic, Sr. OH, Liv. Stevenson: The 6-foot-1 outside hitter, who has signed with Miami of Ohio, made the first-team Class A all-state honors for the state quarterfinalists.

Tomasic also made all-CLAA, all-district and all-region honors, as well as being a four-time academic all-state selection. She finished with a season-record 658 kills to go along with 103 blocks and 363 total digs.

"Katie has held up to all the challenges I have given her to be one of the standout players in the conference, region and state," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said. "She has the capacity to be a total team player, help the younger girls out and is an amazing on-and-off the court leader. She is the type of kid you would want to be able to have just like in your career. She has been one of those kids. I am very thankful that I have had the opportunity to have such an amazing player be a player of mine these past four years."

Sasha Cucuz, Sr. OH, Canton: One of the powerhouses up front for Killebrew Division champion Canton was the 6-foot-1 senior Cucuz, who registered 268 kills and 41 solo blocks.

Cucuz, a left-handed hitter who recently signed to play Division I volleyball at the University of New Hampshire, also chipped in with 79 defensive digs as she helped the Chiefs build a 31-13 record.

Her efforts earned her selection to the all-CLAA first team.

"Katie has an unyielding continue to be an inspiration to the younger kids in our program," coach Steve Johnson said. "I have enjoyed coaching her through the season and previous years, and appreciate her abilities on the court."

Olivia Beyer, Jr. MB, Plymouth: The junior, in her third season with the Plymouth varsity, continued to add to her sparkling legacy.

Already verbally committed to play at Louisiana State University, the all-CLAA first teamer dominated across the board for the 28-15-2 Wildcats with 420 kills, 95 solo blocks, 338 digs and 25 aces.

Beyer made just nine errors in 179 receptions and was successful in 90.3 percent of her serves.

"Olivia has been our go-to player all year long," coach Sarah Marody said. "She was our offensive and blocking leader from the front row, and a reliable presence for us in the back."

"Her team-first attitude, work ethic and positive leadership style were extraordinary and contagious to those around her."

Jenna Lerg, Jr. Libero, Mohican: The junior libero is a three-year varsity player and repeat member of the all-area first team. Lerg, who helped her club team win an AAU national championship last summer, is committed to play at Michigan.

"She can do much more than most players do," Stevenson coach Steve Johnson said. "She started the season as the Mercy setter and can help in the attack when needed. Lerg was instrumental in the Martins commitment to a 41-6-2 record and being a Class A regional finalist."

"She has great vision on the court and a very good understanding of Rocky Mountain game," coach Loretta Vogel said. "She's just a special athlete. You only



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Sasha Cucuz, Sr. OH, Canton
Olivia Beyer, Sr. OH, Plymouth
Jenna Lerg, Jr. Libero, MB, Mercy Clarencville
Ayanna Buckley, Sr. MB, Clarencville
Madison Kietly, Sr. OH, Canton
Amanda Hawkins, Sr. OH, Stevenson
Abigail Whitehead, Sr. OH, Stevenson
Lexu Huron, Sr. OH, Plymouth
Jen Malcolm, Sr. MB, Settee, PCA
Kelly Graham, Sr. OH, Farmington
Leah Refenes, Sr. OH, Settee, PCA
Wendee Hamill, Sr. OH, Churchill
Haylee Weber, Sr. OH, Farmington
Michelle Begovic, Sr. MB, Farmington

SECOND TEAM

Chelsea Janicki, Sr. Settee, Canton
Emily Burman, Sr. OH, Plymouth
Shayla Smith, Sr. OH, Farmington
Kayla March, Soph. OH, Ladywood
Madison Dettl, Sr. OH, Libero, Huron
Meghan Butler, Sr. OH, Farmington
Lacioud, Co. Livingston, Sr. MB, Harrison
Taylor Saumeyer, Sr. OH, Farmington
Justi Gandy, Soph. OH, Settee
Madison Dettl, Jr. OH, Libero, Huron
Katelyn Kasper, Sr. OH, Farmington
Denielle Robbin, Sr. OH, Wayne

FOURTH TEAM

Jessica Reinhold, Sr. OH, Farmington
Lauren Schwaninger, Jr. OH, Canton
Alison Conroy, Sr. OH, Farmington
Alana Gregory, Sr. Libero, MB, Thurston
Julia Yang, Sr. Libero, Luthern Westland
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SIXTH TEAM

Olivia Madry, Jr. OH, Ply. Christian
Grace Cozette, Sr. OH, Farmington
Katie Conroy, Sr. OH, Farmington
Kate Conroy, Sr. OH, Farmington
Amey Dornheiser, Sr. OH, Stevenson
Jamaya Dixon, Sr. MB, Redford Union

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Gabby Bock, Hazlet, Pine, Hazlet
Stevenson
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Taylor Madry, Ladywood
Haley Moore, Luthern Westland
Wagner
John Glenn, Jr. Robinson
Stephanie Smith, Page
Huron Valley Lutheran, Onondaga
John Glenn, Jr. Robinson
Westland
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Salerno
Malcolm, Kelly
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Morby

which meant very few errors by Jenna, which indicates she is a go-to player. I think her final season at Mercy was her best season."

Ayanna Buckley, Sr. MB, Liv. Clarencville: The 6-foot-5 senior middle and outside hitter, bound for Ferris State, was a four-year varsity performer who is a two-time team MVP, all-region and Class B third-team all-state honoree.

Buckley finished with 338 total kills and 124 blocks, along with 183 digs (second on the team).

"Ayanna is an all-around player," Clarencville coach Wendy Merschman said. "Her back row play is as good as her front row play. Most teams thought about serving to her, but soon found out she was up for the challenge in every situation. She's one of our team. Her elbows easily go over the net and she is a very intimidating."

"She has grown so much as a volleyball player and continues to get better every time she steps on the court, which is amazing to see. Ayanna has no limits and I have no doubt she'll excel at the high level."

Madison Kietly, Sr. Libero, Canton: With a mix of senior savvy and new-found aggressiveness, Kietly sparked plenty of Canton's considerable success in 2013.

"The first-team all-CLAA selection chalked up 660 digs and on serve receive made only 40 errors in 439 chances. She also was stellar from the service stripe, with a success rate of 92 percent along with 45 aces."

"Madison is a true model of what the sport of volleyball encompasses," Johnson said. "She is not only a good player, but she puts as much effort into her IQ of the game as well as the physical conditioning it takes to be successful."

"We will miss not having the Kietly name that has been prevalent here for the past eight years."

Amanda Hawkins, Sr. MB, Liv. Stevenson: The 6-foot-10 middle hitter finished the year with 269 kills and a team-best 222 blocks en route to all-CLAA, all-district and all-region honors.

"Amanda with each season has grown so much in terms of leadership, court dominance and confidence," Graham said of the three-year varsity player and all-CLAA selection.

"She is the kind of kid you want on your team. She's loud, she's aggressive, and she holds her herself and her team-

mates to a very high standard. She wants to make everyone around her better and she wants to win no matter what."

Abigail Whitehead, Sr. OH, Liv. Stevenson: The three-year varsity player, bound to Siena Heights University, had a total of 252 kills, 100 blocks and 212 digs as she made all-region, and honorable mention all-CLAA.

The scholar-athlete and academic all-region honoree was one of big reasons why the Spartans won 41 matches, along with Class A district and regional titles.

"Abby has been a part of the success we have had in her three years as an MVP," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said. "On the court she is a true competitor."

Lexus Medina, Sr. OH, Huron Valley Lutheran: The senior recorded 260 kills and 140 solo blocks and 100 digs in 73 sets for the district champion Hawks.

The 5-foot-10 Medina made both all-MIAC and all-region honors, along with second-team Class D all-state.

"Lexus is a very physically gifted athlete, HVI coach Mike West said. "She is one of the top 10 outside hitter at any high school level in the state. It looks like she'll be playing at a Division I school next year."

Jen Malcolm, Sr. MB-Setter, Ply. Christian: Whether hammering home points or expertly setting up teammates in the front row, Malcolm was a complete team leader who played a key role in Plymouth Christian Academy's postseason run to the Class D regional finals.

The senior, in her second year as PCA captain in fourth season on the varsity, led the Eagles in assists (361) and blocks (72) while contributing 110 kills.

"Jen is a great leader on the court," coach Katie Decker said. "She's always dependable in tight games and the team really relies on her."

Izy Porada, Jr. Libero, Liv. Ladywood: The junior captain started the season hitting outside and had 63 kills before going back to her true position at libero where she recorded a team-best 413 digs en route to Class B honorable mention all-state honors.

"Izy was asked to take on a huge load this season," Ladywood coach Erin Craggs said of the all-Catholic League pick. "She is the kind of kid you want on your team. She's loud, she's aggressive, and she holds her herself and her team-

mates to a very high standard. She wants to make everyone around her better and she wants to win no matter what."

Leah Refenes, Sr. OH-Setter, Luth. Westland: The senior outside hitter and setter finished with a team-best 338 kills and 312 assists go along with 181 digs.

Refenes, an all-MIAC selection, also served at an 87.3 percent clip with 70 aces.

"Leah epitomized what it meant to be a leader," Luthern Westland coach Kevin Wade said. "She helped shape our mold, our team and get them to perform to their best by showing that in her heart and emotion on the court. She made everybody better through her drive and determination was second to none, and it was a true joy coaching her."

Mackenzie Hamill, Sr. OH, Liv. Churchill: The four-year varsity performer and senior captain was adept at playing either middle or outside hitter.

Hamill finished with a team-best 309 total kills, while adding 46 blocks, including 16 solo.

"As a coach, I saw her transform about halfway through the season where she played with confidence and passion," Churchill's Anna Gatt said. "Mackenzie was a go-to player during the season."

Jessica Austin, Sr. OH, Harrison: Austin had a big senior year for the Hawks, helping them win a share of the OAA White Division championship. A powerful presence at the outside hitter position, she had more than 200 kills in 475 percent and 50 blocks. Austin was an all-round player and a leader in aces and digs, too.

"She was our dominant outside hitter," coach Michael Love said. "She was the go-to player when we needed it the most. She was a senior captain and everybody looked up to her as somebody to look for when everyone else was down."

Haylee Weber, Sr. Libero, Plymouth: Plymouth's team captain had an excellent third season on the varsity, demonstrating a combination of senior leadership and all-out excellence at libero.

Weber, named to the all-CLAA first team, tallied 565 digs (to lead the Wildcats) and augmented that with a high success rate (95 percent) from the service stripe, where she also contributed 56 aces.

She added 33 assists and made just 31 errors in 390 receptions.

"Haylee was asked to fill some big shoes for us this year and she more than rose to the challenge," Marody said. "Her never quit attitude led our team to some amazing comeback victories and consistently kept us in a position to win every night."

"... Haylee improved

in her all-around game and was the one we hoped to be on the service line when the game was on the line."

Hannah Staples, Sr. OH, Westland Glenn: The two-time all-CLAA and all-region player showed her versatility for Class A district champions by ending the year with a total of 262 kills, 403 digs, 92 assists, 51 blocks and 422 perfect passes.

"Hannah is a natural libero, but is capable of playing all positions as demonstrated this year," Glenn coach Krista DePoy said. "She's the academic all-starter. 'We were plagued by injuries this year and Hannah stepped up and filled the void for her better and she wants to win no matter what.'"

Michelle Begovic, Sr. MB, Farmington: Begovic was a three-year starter in the front row for the Falcons, who were OAA White Division co-champions this year. The 6-foot-10 middle had 183 kills but did much more for her team. She was an all-round player who also had 122 aces and 142 perfect serve-receive passes.

Begovic was either first or second in every major statistical category for Farmington. Over the past two seasons, she had 360 kills, 513 digs, 91 blocks, 122 aces and 240 perfect serve-receive passes.

"Michelle was one of our senior captains and a player the rest of the team leaned on in big games," coach Mike Scorsone said. "Michelle is a hard worker who played six rotations for us."

"She was thrown into multiple positions in the front row last season and never once complained about her role. She's a sweet girl who I would welcome back in the gym anytime."

COACH OF YEAR

Kelly Graham, Liv. Stevenson: The 20th-year coach guided the Spartans to a 41-13-2 overall record in their second Class A regional title in three years before losing to Temperance Bedford in a five-set quarterfinal battle.

"Kelly has been one of many challenges for these girls," said Graham, an Indiana University grad and former All-American high school hurdler from Westland John Glenn. "They never gave up and I think going into the end of the season they truly believed in themselves and knew they were a very good team. I can't remember all the times they fought back and turned things around."

"After finishing third in the KLA Central Division, Stevenson won the regional with a comeback victory over Farmington. Her leadership and captured its third straight district title."

"I was so very proud of them on battling back. All the quarterfinals were just as intense," Graham said. "Even though we did not end up on the positive side winning, I was again so very proud of them for giving up. They battled and gave it everything they had. How can I not be positive on what they have done this season. My seniors did an terrific job as leaders."

"This season was the second team in my history to reach 41 wins. We had a great team and they Rocky Mountain did as good as anybody. Our seniors came through and had a great match."

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Crusaders rally for win over Rocky Mountain in NAIA tournament opener

By Brad Emmons
 Staff Writer

It didn't come easy Tuesday for the Madonna University women's volleyball team during the opening round of the NAIA Championships held at

the Tyson Event Center in Sioux City, Iowa.

The fourth-seeded Crusaders, who improved to 39-0, survived a stern test from the top-ranked Rocky Mountain (Mont.) by rallying for a 2-25, 25-19, 25-27, 25-9, 15-13 victory.

Five MU players notched kills in double figures led by senior Settee Catalano's 17 in a Pool D match.

Emilie Freeman (Livonia) Luthern High Westland), Kayla Vogel and Samantha Geile added 16 apiece, while

Katie Breault chipped in 12. Senior setter Evia Prieditis finished with 61 assists, while Amanda Obyri paced the defense with 25 digs.

Other digs leaders for MU included Catalano (18), Prieditis (13), Breanna Geile (11) and

Payton Maxheimer (11).

"It was a battle," MU coach Jerry Abraham said. "That was the fourth set in our pool and they Rocky Mountain did as good as anybody. Our seniors came through and had a great match."

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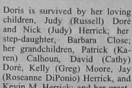
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CLOSE, DORIS I.

Age 94, of Northville, passed away peacefully November 30, 2013. She was born May 14, 1919 in Plymouth, Michigan; daughter of Harold and Olive (nee Roberts) Compton. She was a graduate of Plymouth High School in 1937. Doris was united in marriage to Donald "Mike" Herrick on December 2, 1940, who passed away April 13, 1973. Doris was united in marriage to Richard Close on May 1, 1977; they spent 18 loving years together until his death in 1995. Doris worked as a seamstress and designer for Cadillac Drapery in Plymouth, doing freelance seamstress work as well. She has been a resident of Northville since 1990, formerly of Union Lake and Plymouth. She and her husband Richard enjoyed many summers on Round Lake in the home they built together. Doris sang in the church choir for most of her life. She began while a member of the First Baptist Church in Plymouth and continued her love of singing with the First United Methodist Church of Northville after becoming a member in 1970. She was very active with FUMC throughout the years, her involvement included co-founding the Youth Club group, serving on the Youth Club Board, the FUMC Scholarship Fund, as well as the Christian Education Department. Doris also served as a co-treasure leader using her building expertise for the Appalachian Service Project, making homes in that area warmer, safer, and drier. It was a passion she shared with her family, especially granddaughter Kelly. Doris was caring, resourceful, and brilliant. Following her mother's death when Doris was 14, her father taught her and her sisters how to be inventive and creative. She instilled in her own children how to be respectful, goal oriented, and independent, without question her family was raised the right way. She loved to dance, even participating in amateur ballroom dancing competitions with her husband Richard at Arthur Murray Dance Studio in fact, she and Richard met while dancing.



Doris is survived by her loving children, Judy (Russell) Dore and Nicky (Judy) Herrick, her step-daughter, Barbara Close; her grandchildren, Patrick (Karen) Calhoun, David (Cathy) Dore, Kelly (Greg) Moore, Jay (Roseanne DiPonio) Herrick, and Kevin M. Herrick; and her great-grandchildren, Anna and Russell Calhoun, Alice, Charlotte, and Claire Dore, Sophie Moore, and Juliana Herrick. She was preceded in death by her husband Donald "Mike" Herrick and her husband Richard Close; her parents, her step-son, Dale Close; and her sisters, Helen Wallace, Catharine Sherrick, and Jeanne Metcalf. Visitation will be held Friday, December 6, 2013 from 1 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. A funeral service will be held Saturday, December 7, 2013 at 1 p.m. with visitation 12 noon until 1 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Rd., Northville 48167. Doris will be laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Appalachian Service Project or FUMC Scholarship Fund. Online condolences at: www.casterlinefuneralhome.com



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DEMING, MARGARET J.

Age 94, of Novi, died November 28, 2013. She was the devoted mother of Nancy (Michael) Becker, Terry (Susan) Deming, Irene (David) Rochette; grand-mother of eight and great-grandmother of 21. Margaret was preceded in death by her husband, Max; sons, Timothy and Daniel; and siblings Marynard, Raymond, and Kathleen. Memorial Service Thursday, Dec. 5, Visitation 11 a.m. Service at 12:30 p.m. at Market Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. Memorial tributes suggested to Angela Hospice, angelahospice.org or Nardin Park United Methodist Church, nardinpark.org. Arrangements entrusted to Heery-Sundquist Funeral Home. heery-sundquist.com HEERY-SUNDSQUIST FUNERAL HOME

KNIGHT, RICHARD ALAN

Also known as "Chip," passed away at the age of 58 on November 27, 2013 at Providence Park Hospital in Novi after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. He was a Livonia native and Franklin High School graduate. He worked as an electrician for Shaw Electric in Livonia and retired after 25 years of service. He loved golfing, country music and Friday night concerts in Downtown Plymouth. Chip was also an active member of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia. He was a devoted father and an extremely caring individual who loved helping others. He is survived by his daughter, Danielle McAffee (Ryan), son Tim Knight (Julie), two grandchildren, Tori and Miles with another grandchild on the way and his brother, Phil Knight. A memorial service will be held at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on 5 Mile Rd. between Middlebelt and Inkster roads in Livonia. The service will be on Thursday, December 5th at 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Michael J. Fox Parkinson's Foundation. (1800)708-7644. www.michaeljfox.org



Paying tribute to the life of your loved one



LOVE, REVEREND JEAN

Age 66, of Novi, a longtime United Methodist Minister, died November 29, 2013. Reverend Love was the former Pastor of Warren United Methodist Church, Oak Grove United Methodist Church, Clarenceville United Methodist Church, Calvary United Methodist Church, Holy, and Bad Axe United Methodist Church. She served on the Board of Ordained Ministers in the Detroit Conference for over 12 years. Reverend Love is survived by her siblings, Katharine Cary and Ronald Love; nephews and nieces, Rev. and Michael (Tammi) Cary, Diane Cary, Stephanie Love and Brooke Love (Sam) Adame; great-nieces, Kimberly Cary, Mikayla Cary, Rachel Cary, Ava Adame, Emma Adame and Brenna Adame. Visitation Thursday, Dec. 5, 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., at the Heery-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (bwn-910 Mile Rd., just N. of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Funeral Service Friday, Dec. 6, 11 a.m. (to state 10 a.m.), at Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt Rd., Livonia. Private burial at Burr Oak Cemetery, Burr Oak, Michigan. Memorial tributes suggested to Clarenceville United Methodist Church or of Joy Foundation, colorenj.org. heery-sundquist.com HEERY-SUNDSQUIST FUNERAL HOME

MADDEN, BETTYE

December 2, 2013. Loving wife of the late Isaac. Dear mother of July (Michael) Flynn, Tim (Fay), Terry (Bill) and Gerald. Sister of Treva Labelle. Also survived by seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Visitation Saturday at J.L. Griffin Funeral Home, 8909 Wayne Rd. (at Joy Rd.) 1 p.m. until time of service at 7 p.m. share a memorial tribute with the family at jgriffinfuneralhome.com



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MAHON, CATHERINE

A very loved Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother. Survived by husband Ralph, son's Michael, Pat, Ted, grand-children Kim, Pat, Rachel, Pat, great grandchildren Sydney, Gillian, Zachary, Palmer, Megan, Ethan, Emily, and Rebecca. Step mother to Claudia, Chip Brian, Helen. A service will be held Tuesday December 10, 2-4 p.m. R.G. & R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia.



MAINER, JOAN

(Randolph) was born on June 6, 1943, in Cincinnati, Ohio to Samuel and Alberta Randolph. Joan was the fourth in line of eight siblings. Joan graduated high school from Our Lady of Angels High School in 1961 and later married on July 14, 1962 to Walter Clarence Mainer III. Joan was the proud grandmother of four. Christopher Dawson (1992) (through marriage), grandchildren, Erik Dawson (1994), Haley Dawson (1996), and Nicholas Dawson (1998) and loved doing on them. Joan was a devoted mother, a loving grandmother, and friend. She leaves to cherish her loving memory three children, Anthony Mainer, Lisa Mainer and Brenda Lovett (Greg) and five of her siblings, Carole M. Ellis (Jimmy), Lillie Randolph, Michael Randolph and Benita Gutz (along with her nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews and grandchildren. Joan's daughter, Cheryl Dawson, and three of her four brothers, Robert, James and Samuel Jr. Randolph have preceded her in death. Joan passed away on November 27, 2013 at the age of 69, in Westland. Visitation will be Friday December 6, from 5-7 p.m. with services beginning at 7 p.m. at the Given Mooney Funeral Home (513-853-1035).

SOUBLY, GERALD "GERRY"

Age 75, December 1, 2013. Longtime resident of Bloomfield Twp. retired to Canada. Beloved husband of the late Sharon Ann for 50 years. Loving father of Michelle (David) Souibly-Jackson, Diane Souibly and Janet (John) Slominski. Proud grandfather of Lyndsey, Tyler, Devin, Paige and Anna. Special companion of Mickey and Zoey. Also survived by Gerry's special lady friend Terry Swierb. Funeral services have been held. Memorial tributes may be made to the St. Vincent & Sarah Fisher Center. www.mccabefuneralhome.com



MILLER, BARBARA A.

Age 65, passed away Monday, November 25, 2013, in Farmington Hills, Michigan. She was born December 23, 1947, to James and Virginia (Petre) Orton, in Stuart, Florida. She married Isaac Miller in 1969 and enjoyed a long and loving marriage. They were best friends who loved and cared for each other through many difficult times. Barbara loved to cook and enjoyed feeding the family as well as friends. She adored her family and pets and took great pride in taking care of them. In addition to her husband, she is survived by her three daughters, Nikki (Jack) Hoyonast, Jayme and Barbara Miller and her three grandchildren, Samantha, David and Matthew. Also mourning her loss are many nieces, nephews and a host of friends. Arrangements were entrusted to Husband Family Funeral Home in Westland. Donations to The Botford Foundation, 28050 Grand River, Farmington Hills, MI 48336 or http://tbnf.com/jwlocu

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CERAMIC ARTISTS OFFER A HANDS-ON LESSON IN THEIR CRAFT

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

38TH ANNUAL POTTERS MARKET

When: Preview sale is 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8

Where: UF & CW Union Hall, 876 Horace Brown Drive, one block south of 13 Mile, between 1-75 and John R

What: Sale features 135 potters offering nearly 35,000 pieces of pottery ranging from pots, vases, platters, tiles and mugs to bird baths, jewelry, ceramic framed mirrors, sculpture, lamps, tile-topped tables and just about every product possible in clay. Artists include those who have regularly offered their wares at Potters Market, as well as potters statewide, from individual labs to Oakland Community College studio at Orchard Ridge and Royal Oak. No strollers are permitted.

Admission: \$10 on Thursday preview night, free Friday-Sunday; parking is free

Contact: 248-554-5570; thepottersmarket.com

The wet, smooth clay feels like silk under my fingers as it spins slowly on the pottery wheel.

The wheel's motor, operated by a foot pedal, whines like my sewing machine at home.

But I quickly discover that making a pot from slippery, pliable clay is nothing like stitching fabric. I know where to place my hands on a sewing machine, but need a lot of coaching behind the potter's wheel.

And that's exactly what I got recently, when I visited with four area ceramic artists, Jan Bostwick of Royal Oak, Carol Fitzpatrick and Ruth Rycroft of Farmington Hills and Dave Albrecht, of Farmington.

They're among 135 potters who will sell their works at the 38th annual Potters Market, Dec. 5-8, in Madison Heights. Bostwick and Fitzpatrick enjoy making functional pieces, such as dishes, plates and serving ware. Albrecht focuses on sculpture and Rycroft makes a variety of items, including cottage-style buildings called "spirit houses."

"I'd be happy to make anything — functional, decorative or merely identifiable. I'm inspired by all of the artists and their beautiful works — at the Potters Market and dream about joining their ranks. Every year I vow to try my hand at pottery."

Ceramics lesson

This year, Fitzpatrick challenged me to keep my promise and get a behind-the-scenes look at Potters Market.

That's how I've ended up in Bostwick's studio, gingerly touching a dome of spinning clay that she has centered, so it wouldn't wobble on the wheel.

"I'm encouraged knowing I can use ready-made clay after Albrecht tells me that in the "good old days" — when he first began learning the process — the artists made their own medium.

"This is the easy way, just buying it," he explains. Bostwick says the process of transforming the clay into a pot will be fun. "It doesn't have to be easy or hard. You just practice."

Giving it a whirl

Under her guidance, I push my thumbs into the center of the spinning clay and a pot start to take shape. She shows me how to push the side of the



Artist wannabe, Sharon Dargay, gives a thumbs up after creating a bowl on the wheel, with the help of Jan Bostwick (right) and support of artists, Carol Fitzpatrick (left), and Ruth Rycroft of Farmington Hills and Dave Albrecht, of Farmington. PHOTOS BY JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

pot out toward me, to enlarge its shape. It takes a few tries, but after both Fitzpatrick and Bostwick tell me to brace my hands to make them steady, I finally manage to mimic the movements.

Fitzpatrick also shows me how to make a dish, using hand-building techniques rather than the wheel. Her rolled clay looks like dough that's ready for cookie cutters when she drapes it over a Styrofoam tray that will serve as a mold. We press various "found objects," including braided wire and pine cones, into clay to create textures, a fun process.

Rycroft says that for most potters, creating also is relaxing. "It's a passion. It's a passion for everybody. It gets in your blood," Rycroft notes. "And you never stop learning."

Adds Albrecht, "Even if you're having a tough time throwing that cylinder (on the wheel), the rest of the world goes away. That's what we love to do."



Sharon Dargay puts gentle pressure on the sides of her bowl, which is taking shape on the wheel in Jan Bostwick's studio in Royal Oak.



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GET OUT! CALENDAR

ART & CRAFTS GALLERY

Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, during public performances, or by appointment, through Dec. 28
Location: 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
Details: Ohio artist Mary Gaynier exhibits her intricate paper cuts.
Contact: 734-394-5300

NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through Dec. 14
Location: 215 W. Cady, Northville
Details: Visit two exhibits, *Small Works*, an all-media juried exhibit, and *Through the Lens: A Northville Camera Club Exhibit*. The *Small Works* show is "cash and carry," meaning buyers may take the art home with them immediately after purchase. The *Through the Lens* exhibit will feature photos of nature, animals, family, culture and architecture. Mary will be for sale.
Contact: 248-344-0497; <http://www.northvillearts.org>

UPPER HALL GALLERY
Time/Date: Through Dec. 7, pub hours are 3 p.m. to mid-

night Monday-Thursday, 3 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, and noon to midnight Sunday

Location: Liberty Street Brew Pub, 143 W. Liberty, Plymouth
Details: Amy Lockard exhibits photos of Michigan's Upper Peninsula

Contact: 734-207-9600

THREE CITIES ART CLUB

Time/Date: View exhibit 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday, through Dec. 29; reception, 1-4 p.m. Dec. 7
Location: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 Sheldon, Plymouth

Details: "The Gift of Art" exhibit will include two-dimensional styles from traditional to impressionistic to abstract as well as photography. Most will be for sale.
Contact: Marilyn Meredith at 313-231-3939

AUDITIONS BAREFOOT PRODUCTIONS

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 9-10

Location: 240 N. Main, Plymouth

Details: Actors interested in

auditioning for the dark comedy, *The Twilight of the Gods*, should prepare a one-two-minute dramatic monologue and bring resumes and headshots if available. Auditions also will include cold readings
Contact: www.justgobarefoot.com

COMEDY JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB

Time/Date: 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 5-7 and 10-30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 6-7
Location: 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia
Details: Ms. Pat from Atlanta, Ga., performs. Tickets are \$22 with dinner; \$12 without on Thursday and \$32 with dinner and \$20 without, Friday-Saturday
Contact: 734-261-0555

MUSIC BASELINE FOLK SOCIETY

Time/Date: 7-9 p.m. the third Saturday of the month through May

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VEGGIE, SMOKED SAUSAGE AND CHEESE BAKE

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 50 minutes
Yield: 12 to 15 servings

- 1 cup water
- 1 (14.5-ounce) can fat-free chicken broth
- 1 (1-pound) bag kale or collards
- 8 ounces rotini pasta
- 12 ounces Italian-style smoked chicken sausage
- 1 tablespoon extra light olive oil
- 4 ounces diced yellow onion
- 2 teaspoons garlic
- 15 ounces part skim milk Ricotta cheese
- 1 teaspoon fine sea salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup reduced-fat Parmesan cheese

Pour water and chicken broth in large pot and bring to boil over high heat. Add kale or collards into boiling mixture and cover. Reduce heat to medium and cook for 20 minutes, stirring often. Drain greens after cooking and set aside. Cook pasta until tender according to package directions. Drain pasta after cooking and set aside.

While pasta and greens are cooking, chop sausage into tiny pieces and set aside. Heat large skillet to high and pour olive oil into skillet. Reduce heat to low; spoon onion and garlic into oil and saute for 2-3 minutes or until onion is transparent. Add sausage pieces and cook for 5 minutes, stirring often. Pour cooked sausage mixture into large bowl; stir in cooked greens, cooked pasta, Ricotta cheese, sea salt and pepper. Spoon greens and sausage mixture into prepared 13- by 9-inch casserole dish. Sprinkle Parmesan cheese over greens and sausage mixture. Bake at 400°F for 30 minutes or until brown on top. Cool for 10 minutes before serving.



KALE AND FETA CASSEROLE

- 1 (1-pound size) bag of kale
- 1 (14-ounce size) can vegetable broth
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup uncooked brown rice
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 cup feta cheese, crumbled
- 1 cup Parmesan cheese

Cook kale in vegetable broth and water until desired tenderness. While kale is cooking, cook rice according to package directions. Cool both kale and rice. When kale and rice are thoroughly cooled, mix together and add eggs, salt, pepper, feta, and 1/2 cup Parmesan.

Put mixture in a 9- by 11-inch lightly greased casserole dish. Sprinkle remaining Parmesan on top and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until hot and cheese is browned on top.



GREENS TOPPED GRITS

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 2 1/2 hours
Yield: 8-10 serving

- 2 tablespoons extra light tasting virgin olive oil
- 6 slices low-sodium bacon
- 2 cups instant grits
- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 2 1/2 pounds Boston butt pork roast, trimmed of excess fat
- 1 1/2 cups barbecue sauce
- 2 cups reduced fat cheddar cheese
- 1 (1-pound bag) collards, cooked

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. In a large skillet, cook bacon in olive oil over medium heat until crisp. Remove bacon to paper towels to drain, reserving drippings in pan. Crumble bacon and set aside. In a small bowl, stir together garlic salt, paprika and cumin. Rub mixture evenly over pork roast. Cook pork in hot drippings for 3 minutes per side or until browned on all sides. Transfer pork to oven proof baking dish. Pour 1 cup sauce over pork and sprinkle with crumbled bacon. Cover and bake for 2 hours or until pork is tender. Meanwhile, prepare grits according to package directions. Stir in greens until melted. Keep warm. Remove pork, discarding pan juices. Pull pork using 2 forks. Toss remaining 1/2 cup barbecue sauce with pulled pork. Serve collards over grits; top collards with pulled pork.

KALE SOUP WITH CANNELLINI BEANS

Serves: 6-8

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 12 cups chicken stock-divided
- 1 (1-pound bag) kale
- 1 1/2-ounce can diced tomatoes
- 1 1/2-ounce cans cannellini beans-drained and rinsed
- 3 carrots, peeled and sliced
- 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
- 2 tablespoons dried parsley
- 2 teaspoon pepper
- 3 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1/3 cup water

In large stock pot, heat olive oil on medium heat; add onion and garlic. Cook until onions are clear about 3-5 minutes. Add 1 cup chicken stock and kale. Cover and cook until wilted about 3-5 minutes. Add remaining chicken stock, tomatoes, cannellini beans, carrots, Italian seasoning, parsley and pepper. Bring soup to boil on medium high heat, turn down to medium low and simmer for 25 minutes. Place cornstarch and water in jar and shake. Bring soup to boil on medium high heat slowly add cornstarch mixture and stir to thicken soup.

GREENS, SAUSAGE, AND POTATO SOUP

Yield: 9 cups

- 1 (1-pound size) bag Nature's Greens Trio
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 (8-ounce size) container Versatile Veggies Diced Yellow Onions
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 6 cups chicken broth
- 4 large potatoes, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 (14-ounce size) package smoked turkey sausage, thinly sliced
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh ground pepper
- 2 tablespoons smoked paprika
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 cup fat free half and half

In a Dutch oven, sauté onion and garlic in oil. Add broth and potatoes. Bring to a full rolling boil. Cover; reduce heat to simmer and cook for 20-30 minutes. Add sausage, pepper, smoked paprika, and salt. Simmer for 15 minutes. Increase heat to boiling and add greens. Boil for 5 minutes; reduce heat to medium and cook for 25 minutes. Stir in half and half and serve.



SAUTEED COLLARDS WITH PASTA

Yield: 6 large servings

- 1 (1-pound size) bag collards
- 6-8 slices bacon, diced
- 1 large onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 red bell pepper, diced
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper (hot)
- 2 cups whipping cream
- 1 (11-ounce size) package Parmesan cheese, divided
- 1 (12-ounce size) package angel hair pasta, cooked and drained

Cook greens in water (may season to taste) for 10-15 minutes. Drain and set aside. Cook bacon in large skillet or large saucpan until crisp. Remove and drain on paper towels. Reserve 2 tablespoons drippings in skillet. Sauté red bell peppers, onion, and garlic in drippings until tender. Add greens, salt, pepper and crushed red pepper. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, for 15 to 20 minutes or until greens reach desired tenderness. In a small sauce pan, warm cream over medium heat. Add all but 2 tablespoons of the Parmesan cheese and stir until melted. Toss cream and Parmesan mixture with the pasta. Put pasta mixture on plate and top with greens mixture. Crumble bacon over the top and sprinkle with remaining Parmesan cheese. Serve immediately.

Laurel Park building gains kudos, commercial real estate leaders feted

The Building Owners and Managers Association of Metro Detroit held its annual awards program. The Outstanding Building of the Year (TOBY) and Leadership Awards Presentation on Nov. 15 at the MotorCity Casino Sound Board, Detroit.

The program honors outstanding leadership and commercial properties in the local commercial real estate industry. The TOBY Awards, now in its 29th year, is the most prestigious and comprehensive program of its kind in the commercial real estate industry, recognizing excellence in office building ownership and management. Judging is based on community impact, tenant/employee relations programs, energy management systems, emergency evacuation procedures, building personnel training programs and overall quality indicators. A team of expert industry professionals conducted comprehensive building inspections.

"The winners of this year's TOBY Awards have shown exceptional achievement in their respective categories," said Paul S. Magy, president of BOMA of Metro Detroit. "They are remarkable professionals that provide superior accommodation for Michigan business through their building quality and excellence in property management on par with the best in class."



Laura Marble from U.S. General Services Administration received the Outstanding Service Award. She is pictured with Bill Wylons, BOMA immediate past president, and Paul Magy, BOMA president.

across the country." With a sold-out crowd of nearly 300 people in attendance, honorees were Kimberly Hespel of Equity Office, Property Manager of the Year; Jon Brach, Newmark Grubb Knight Frank, Facility Manager of the Year; Tom Bartkowiak of REDICO, Building Engineer of the Year; Moylan Energy Management, Inc., Service Provider of the Year; and Neal Hopkins of Mr. Kleen Maintenance, Inc., Supplier Member of the Year.

Dan Kuchersky of PIC Maintenance, Inc., Emerging Leader; Laura Marble of U.S. General Services Administration, Outstanding Service Award; and

Scott Milligan of REDICO, the President's Award.

Local TOBY winners are the Chase Tower, Southfield property; Southfield Centre, and Laurel Park Place Office Center in Livonia all took first place in their respective square footage categories as Building of the Year. Detroit's Coleman A. Young Municipal Center was first in the Historical Building class and the Chrysler House first in Renovated Building. Oak Tech Professional in Auburn Hills took the top award in the Medical Office category, and Dearborn's Corporate Crossings top bill as Corporate Facility. The Bingham Office Center in Southfield was recognized in the Suburban Office Park Low Rise grouping.

Local TOBY winners advance to regional competition and then move on to international competition at the BOMA International North American Real Estate Congress and the Every Building Show in Orlando, Fla., in June 2014. For additional information on the 2013-2014 TOBY and Leadership Awards, visit www.bomadet.org.

Founded in 1908, BOMA of Metro Detroit is a professional, nonprofit trade association whose nearly 400 members either own or manage commercial real estate, or provide goods and services to the industry.

Amsterdam residents often rent

Q: Do you think it is better to buy or rent a home in Amsterdam since I want to live there during the summer?

A: I think that it is no brainer since 20 percent of the houses in Amsterdam are purchased while 80 percent are rented. It costs you five euros an hour to park in town and eight euros a day outside of the city center, and they will give you a tram ticket to get into town. Obviously, there is an incentive on people to rent houses in the outside of the metropolitan area. There are approximately 600,000 bikes in Amsterdam with only 800,000 inhabitants. You may be best if rent.

Q: How do we deal with a board member of our condominium association who doesn't think we need an attorney? We have no one on retainer now and the management company has recommended that we get an attorney, but this board member doesn't want to spend any money. What are your comments?

A: You are running a business. You are a member of the board of directors of a corporation. You have legal issues that come up including the obligation to collect assessments, enforce the bylaws, pursue claims against contractors and/or developers, deal with third party lawsuits, FHA certification, procedures to implement your collection and bylaw enforcement policies, and a myriad of other issues that an attorney can assist you with. If you don't think you have a pending legal problem, your board member should be apprised of her legal liabilities and the probability of her to be sued. Perhaps she will get her act together at that point in time and overcome her naivete.



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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

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If you owe more than what your house is worth, you may be interested in a free informational seminar on short sale procedures. Many sellers are misinformed or not sure about the pros and cons of short sales. Organizers will also discuss the internal workings of short sales and the different steps involved.

Bonnie David, broker/owner of Quantum Real Estate, is the presenter. It will be held at the office at 129 N. Lafayette, downtown South Lyon. Additional parking across the street in back. Please call the office at 248-782-7130 or email june.quantum@gmail.com for your reservation or additional information.

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Investors
The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne will have an open forum. Investors will answer questions and offer a market update. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. each first Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster on Eureka in Southgate.

Members are free, guests \$20, which will be applied to their membership. Any questions or concerns, call Wayne Koehler at 313-277-4168.

HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded during the weeks of July 29 to Aug. 2, 2013, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds Office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

BEVERLY HILLS	16333 Beechwood Ave	\$245,000
	16975 Locherlie Ave	\$190,000
	32811 Old Post Rd	\$370,000
	31850 Verona Cir	\$410,000
	7826 Paradise Ln	\$365,000
	31404 Walham Dr	\$370,000
BINGHAM FARMS	32949 Bingham Ln	\$500,000
BIRMINGHAM	6051 Balmorhea Way	\$145,000
	444 Chester St #416	\$124,000
	615 Emmons Ave	\$295,000
	1493 Graefield Rd	\$119,000
	2728 Hanna St	\$390,000
	663 Harmon St	\$455,000
	600 Henrietta St	\$625,000
	1471 Humphrey Ave	\$137,000
	933 N Manchester Rd	\$211,000
	863 N Woodland Rd	\$333,000
	863 N Woodland Rd	\$270,000
	900 Puritan Ave	\$710,000
	16075 Thee Hills Dr	\$619,000
	1562 Sheffield Rd	\$239,000
	1823 Southfield Rd	\$110,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS	1505 Pine Ridge Ln	\$375,000
	490 Fox Hills Dr #5	\$61,000
	627 Inaker Dr	\$238,000
	6487 Maple Hills Dr	\$172,000
	945 Martell Dr	\$875,000
	4250 Sedgemoor Ln	\$420,000
	3633 W Bradford Rd	\$239,000
	4041 W Maple Rd #3	\$59,000
	606 Westfield Rd	\$313,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	2795 Fox Hills Dr	\$265,000
	25924 Central Park Dr	\$430,000
	770 E Ayles Dr	\$69,000
	1902 Eagle Pointe	\$190,000
	5253 Farmington Hill Ct	\$185,000
	1769 Fog Ridge Dr	\$185,000
	1155 Hilltoppe Cir	\$220,000
	2375 Mulberry Sq #69	\$73,000
	2743 Plum Brook Dr	\$220,000
	1429 Ravinview Ct	\$180,000
	1155 Hilltoppe Cir	\$183,000
	1565 S Hill Blvd	\$115,000
	5425 Spinningwheel Ln	\$180,000
	3895 Top View Ct	\$310,000
	4043 W Maple Rd #2	\$63,000
	328 Wadsworth Ln	\$190,000
	42333 Woodward Ave	\$100,000
	5744 Woodwind Dr	\$428,000
	6425 Worthington Rd	\$662,000
	2633 Indian Mound S	\$735,000
COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP	1833 Applebrook Dr	\$50,000
	6011 Balmorhea Way	\$389,000
	6133 Birchcrest Ln	\$382,000
	8656 Bucksden Dr	\$160,000
	3525 Buell Ct	\$330,000
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	4690 Colquhoun Ln	\$210,000
	3348 Edgewood Park Dr	\$1,200,000
	515 Fair St	\$101,000
	8030 Flagstaff St	\$459,000
	2415 Hill Rd	\$275,000
	5726 Lancaster Ln	\$440,000
	2633 Laurel Dr	\$190,000
	2834 Laurel Dr	\$176,000
	3735 Loch Bend Dr	\$558,000
	8888 Orrick St	\$305,000
	4998 Parkgate Dr	\$50,000
	5026 Parkgate Dr	\$50,000
	4665 Vandalla St	\$173,000
	1455 Wadsworth Dr	\$850,000
	4853 Waldon Woods Dr	\$285,000
FARMINGTON	23077 Farmington Rd	\$190,000
	2218 Hawthorne St	\$131,000
FARMINGTON HILLS	37614 Avon Cir	\$265,000
	37659 Avon Ln	\$252,000
	27900 Berrywood Ln	\$56,000
	27248 Bramwell St	\$100,000
	32370 Dunford St	\$223,000
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	31070 Evergreen Ct	\$294,000
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	15956 Sunbury St	\$160,000
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	48808 Freemast Dr	\$385,000
	18774 Grande Vista Dr	\$175,000
	320 Linden St	\$203,000
	48067 Manorwood Dr	\$1,200,000
	19733 Marilyn St	\$270,000
	4404 Westwood Dr	\$453,000
	49704 Parkville St	\$550,000
	17409 Rolling Woods Cir	\$395,000
	49118 Running Trout Ln	\$250,000
	725 Spring Dr	\$190,000
	46154 Academy Dr	\$625,000
	15661 Troon Ct	\$730,000
	15744 Troon Ct	\$650,000
PLYMOUTH	45151 Arborvitae Dr	\$319,000
	46515 Arboretum Cir	\$425,000
	3717 Beech St	\$299,000
	13697 Burning Tree Ln	\$415,000
	2650 Fernside Dr	\$115,000
	53300 7561 Gary Ave	\$300,000
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	7362 Manor Cir	\$238,000
	9827 North Lane	\$115,000
	8285 Melvin Ave	\$205,000
	38201 Overbrook Ln	\$182,000
	909 Patricia Place	\$260,000
	902 Van Lan St	\$321,000
	38111 Warner Farms Dr	\$375,000
	33639 Warren Rd	\$476,000
	1083 Millwood Dr	\$275,000
	640 Parkview Dr	\$125,000
	11676 Parkview Dr	\$190,000

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CANTON	5059 Amberwood Rd	\$77,000
	7541 Andover Dr	\$445,000
	2495 Barkhill Rd	\$362,000
	1515 Briarfield St	\$154,000
	3903 Brighton Ln	\$167,000
	1948 Brookfield St	\$174,000
	4826 Central Park Dr	\$430,000
	7523 Chichester Rd	\$242,000
	8772 Columbia Cir	\$255,000
	48854 Crescent Dr	\$310,000
	48469 Eastbridge Dr	\$215,000
	8169 Eastman Dr	\$340,000
	2036 Eiche Woods Dr	\$270,000
	5792 Federal Blvd	\$77,000
	41154 Hadley Ct	\$180,000
	50191 Harding St	\$395,000
	7383 Hillside Dr	\$181,000
	14859 Hyderabad Way	\$460,000
	1965 Kniolwood Dr	\$170,000
	48340 Oakwood Dr	\$340,000
	45193 Lorborn Rd	\$345,000
	48389 Manor Bridge Dr	\$122,000
	5836 Meadowview Dr	\$355,000
	837 Morning Dove Ct	\$226,000
	4445 Pond Run	\$236,000
	45044 Prestbury Rd	\$168,000
	745 Princes Dr	\$155,000
	408 Princeton Dr	\$79,000
	47855 Pennfield Ln	\$323,000
	44485 Seabrook Dr	\$325,000
	4273 Woodbridge Dr	\$336,000
	46231 Woodside Dr	\$326,000
GARDEN CITY	1916 Arcola St	\$85,000
	28420 Back St	\$9,000
	31333 Back St	\$83,000
	15956 Sunbury St	\$180,000
	15753 Swaggio Ln	\$58,000
	31065 W Chicago St	\$61,000
	17230 Wayne St	\$69,000
	9392 Westwind Dr	\$77,000
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	19427 Bradner Rd	\$395,000
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	18774 Grande Vista Dr	\$301,000
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	13697 Burning Tree Ln	\$240,000
	2650 Fernside Dr	\$112,000
	53300 7561 Gary Ave	\$260,000
	37024 Gladys Ave	\$260,000
	7362 Manor Cir	\$277,000
	9827 North Lane	\$182,000
	8285 Melvin Ave	\$250,000
	38201 Overbrook Ln	\$165,000
	131 Hawthorn St	\$277,000
	909 Patricia Place	\$202,000
	902 Van Lan St	\$250,000
	48430 Meadowtop Dr	\$175,000
	1083 Millwood Dr	\$171,000
	45536 N Turtlehead Ct	\$175,000
	640 Parkview Dr	\$171,000
	11676 Parkview Dr	\$85,000

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Thursday PUZZLE CORNER

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

- Propane holder (2 wds.)
- Deep trench (2 wds.)
- Gotcha!
- Mishmash
- Comics pooch
- Some bout
- Downy fungi
- Field mouse
- Genie
- Kyoto rite (2 wds.)
- Very goat
- Phone button
- Skippier's OK
- Help
- Uncertain
- Whats one had'n?
- Once named
- Dramatic intro
- Prefix for
- Flabbergast
- Noisy dispute

DOWN

- Back-fence yowler
- Oodles (2 wds.)
- Nefertiti's river
- Brownie creator
- Took up residence (2 wds.)
- 1 Back-fence yowler
- 2 Oodles (2 wds.)
- 3 Nefertiti's river
- 4 Brownie creator
- 5 Took up residence (2 wds.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

O	A	F	S	E	L	F	M	I	C	A
A	D	E	C	O	A	L	O	O	R	
K	A	T	M	A	N	D	U	S	A	L
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		N	F	O		B	Y	R	O	N
L	O	P	S	E	E	L	S	E	C	O
B	L	L	E	T		B	L	K	S	
S	E	E	D	S		A	B	S		
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SUDOKU

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SUDOKU

2				1	4						
4	8	7									
4	9		5	3		6	1				
		5						8			
	3	9		5		7		8			
				1			3				
8		1	7			9					

Level: Beginner

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HOLIDAY WORD SEARCH

WORDS

Z F A M I L Y I U G N I K O O C S E H M
M U S I C D F S K W A N Z A R L X F
V X C P K N E R D L I H C B C E I T R X
E D O G R G W Y T R A P W B H H I C E
M R C R E O V A S Z T W X P B A E E I
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APPRECIATION
ATMOSPHERE
BOTTING DAY
CANDLES
CELEBRATION
CHERKAKH
CHILDREN
CHRISTMAS
COCKTAILS
DANCING
GARDENING
HOLIDAY
JANUARY
KITCHEN
KHANZAA
MUSIC
NEW YEARS DAY
PARTY
PRESENTS
SHARING
SOCIALIZED
SOCIATIONS
SONGS
SURPRISES
THANKFUL
TREE
WINTERTIME

Sudoku

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

9	5	6	2	4	1	7	8	3
7	8	9	1	6	2	5	3	4
1	2	7	5	9	8	6	3	4
6	7	2	9	5	1	3	8	4
3	9	6	8	7	2	5	1	4
2	7	1	8	9	5	6	7	3
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Cool Yule



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Art and Craft Show
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
at South Lyon High School
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CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS

One Day Vacation Bible School
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church
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CRAFTS WITH BUDDY THE ELF

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
at Providence Medical Center
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CANDY CANE HUNT

11:00 a.m. at McHattie Park
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COOKIES WITH KRIS KRINGLE

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COUGAR CHRISTMAS CABARET

and Spaghetti Dinner 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at VFW Hall
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GINGERBREAD HOUSE JUDGING

1:00pm at First Presbyterian Church
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FREE FAMILY FUN EVENT

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church
Sponsored by First United Methodist Church

CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXTRAVAGANZA

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish
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HISTORICAL SOCIETY OPEN HOUSE

5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Wilches Hat Museum
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