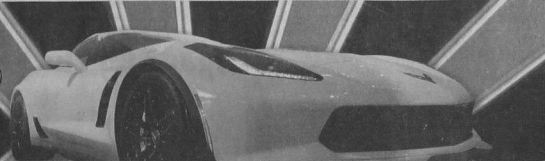


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Canton alters vicious dogs ordinance

Township board votes to remove breed-specific language that targets pit bulls and other pets

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Canton couple welcomed a Tuesday night by township officials to stop singling out pit bulls in the local

vicious dogs ordinance. In a sweeping decision, the seven-member Canton Township Board of Trustees voted to remove breed-specific language after a local couple, Jessica and Marcin Kowalewski, lobbied on behalf of their dog Loki—a pit bull and American bulldog mix—and similar pets.

“It’s great to see that a community such as Canton takes two people who live here very seriously and that average residents can make a change,” Marcin Kowalewski said.

Supervisor Phil LaJoy said the revised ordinance defines a vicious dog “based on the actions of the animal rather than due to a believed predisposition” to violence by a specific breed.

Jessica Kowalewski applauded local officials for making the change. “I’m still kind of shell-shocked,” she said. “It all

boiled down to one line (in the ordinance).”

The change is set to take effect by late January after the township board approves it on a second reading.

Township Attorney Kristin Kolb has said dog owners still could be held responsible if

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Chamber prez spells out vision for local economy

Some 100 people turn out to Summit on the Park for annual address

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Vowing to “keep the entrepreneurial spirit alive in the Canton community,” Chamber of Commerce President Thomas Paden revealed Wednesday a vision to nurture the local economy while ushering in ties to organizations such as the Detroit Tigers and the Red Wings.

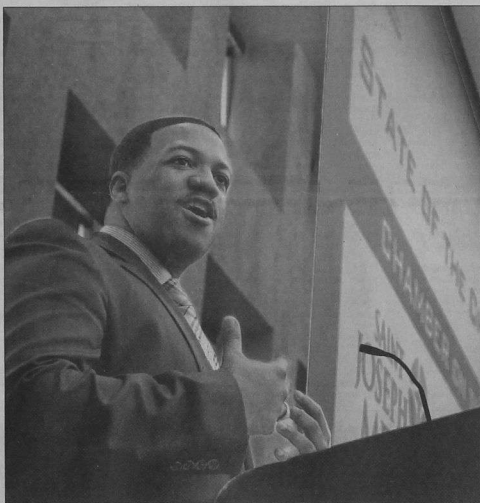
Paden rolled out an upbeat message during a State of the Chamber address that drew an estimated 90-100 people to Summit on the Park.

His message won over Angelina Muscat, a social worker and geriatric care manager for United Home Health Services, Inc., a chamber member.

“I was very impressed with all the opportunities the chamber has for organizations to let the community know about local companies,” she said.

Paden, working with a newly chosen board of directors, outlined goals for improving the chamber, a 42-year-old organization that represents 320 businesses with 22,400 employees.

Among the highlights:



Thomas Paden delivered an upbeat message at Wednesday’s State of the Chamber address. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Sarah Rowe submitted the winning middle school art honoring King.

Canton ready to celebrate MLK Day

Tuskegee Airmen veteran to give keynote address

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

Canton’s latest celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s legacy will truly span the generations by welcoming 92-year-old Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson of the Tuskegee Airmen as the keynote speaker, while displaying artwork of school children whose knowledge of King comes from history and teachings.

Jefferson, a native Detroit and author who served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, plans to greet visitors at 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20, at 502 Grill, next

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Board of Education selects new leaders for upcoming year

Mardigian will serve as president, while Davis, Crouch and Horvath will fill other leadership positions

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Judy Mardigian is starting the final year of her term on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education in a pretty familiar position.

For the fourth time in some 18 years on the board, Mardigian

was elected Tuesday as the board’s new president. She succeeds past President John Barrett, who served in that post the last two years.

Mardigian—along with Vice President Adrienne Davis, Secretary Kim Crouch and Treasurer Mark Horvath—were elected unanimously to

fill the four board leadership positions. It’s the second stint as vice president for Davis, Crouch, who hasn’t served quite a year yet after being appointed last February to finish Barry Simescu’s term, takes her first leadership position.

It’s Horvath’s first leadership position this time around. He’s a former board president

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Judy Mardigian (right) was elected Tuesday night as president of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



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from a previous stint on the board.

"I'm a numbers guy," Horvath said. "I'm looking forward to working with (administration) to get the budget right."

Mardigian, whose seat is up in the November election, said she expects a challenging year. In addition to dealing with ever-present budget issues, the district is building a new middle school in Canton and about to undertake a housing study that would redraw school boundaries.

"I don't believe there's ever been a year with so many challenges and so many opportunities," Mardigian said. "The budget never stops being a challenge and I applaud Dr. (Mike) Meissen (the district's superintendent) for addressing the budget's structural deficit. We need to right-size our district and that's going to be a challenge."

Davis, whose seat is also up this year, gets her second chance at the second chair. She was vice president two years ago and spent the last year serving as board secretary.

Crouch, who was appointed to the board in February 2013 when Simescu resigned, will also have to decide whether to seek election in November. Her election Tuesday gives her her first chance at a leadership position.

"I don't know that I was necessarily looking to serve in a leadership role," said Crouch, who hasn't made up her mind about the November election. "But filling any role that's in support of our children is important. I hope this means the board has come to respect my opinions."

Barrett, who had already served the previous two years as board president, decided not to seek a third term, instead opting to focus on committee service, where he has been the anxious to "roll up my sleeves."



Jessica and Marcin Kowalewski couldn't have been happier the Canton Township board voted to remove breed-specific language from its vicious dogs ordinance.

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their pet — regardless of breed — attacks another pet, child or adult. In dire circumstances, a dog could be ordered destroyed.

The debate over pit bulls focusing on efforts by the Kowalewskis to change the local ordinance fueled sometimes-heated comments on www.hometownlife.com, with pit bull owners defending their pets and critics alleging the dogs are more prone to violence than many breeds.

Local officials have said pit bulls were singled out nearly 20 years ago in the local ordinance, at a time when some communities had an outright ban.

Marcin Kowalewski had called the ordinance discriminatory toward pets such as Loki, which he called "a 100-pound puppy."

Canton still requires owners to place dogs on leashes in public places, except for an off-leash dog park off of Denton Road north of Cherry Hill, on the township's west side.

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Ignoring Mother Nature

Crowds brave the weather to enjoy annual ice festival

By Brad Kadrich
Staff Writer

Mother Nature did her best to spoil the 2014 Plymouth Ice Festival party, dumping steady rain on festival goers and carvers during the event's first two days Friday and Saturday.

But even two days of poor weather did little to throttle the enthusiasm of those who did brave the elements to see the 32nd annual festival in downtown Plymouth.

While crowds were down from previous years, first-year organizer James Gietzen was still ready to declare the mainstay event a success.

"I think things went extremely smooth," said Gietzen, hired last fall to organize the festival. "It was pretty seamless, especially for putting everything together in under four months."

Professional sculptors actually started carving ice a couple of days before Friday's opening ceremony. Despite the rain, the opening ceremony, the annual Fire & Ice display and the popular Dueling Chainsaws competition



Venerable local ice carver Ted Wakar works in the rain Friday night. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

drew only small Friday night.

Other popular attractions included the live entertainment and the Sun & Snow cross country ski track set up in Kellogg Park.

Cathy Florn of Westland had her kids in mind for that activity and the family enjoyed the festival despite the weather.

"It was a great day to walk around downtown Plymouth to see all the ice sculptures," Florn said. "The cross country skiing was an added bonus. My kids loved it."

Gietzen was appreciative of the folks who ignored the weather and strolled through Kellogg Park admiring the work of first the professionals and then the college students carving in an individual and team competitions Saturday.

and Sunday.

He's been around the festival before, so he knows weather is often troublesome, with bitter cold temperatures and snow among the weather impediments in the past. He also knows the weather is something he can't control.

The college students carving in the competitions had no choice but to deal with it, because the rain seemed to just keep coming Saturday. While the weather was better Sunday, it was still a tough weekend to carve.

"(Sunday's) weather was perfect," said Gernell Franklin of Highland Park, who coached the Oakland Community College team in the carving competition. "In the rain like (Saturday), it's horrible."

MLK DAY

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door to The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Theater doors, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, open at 5:30 p.m. for a reception prior to the King tribute at 6 p.m.

Anthony Davis, who chairs the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage, called it inspiring that Jefferson — who penned his personal memoirs in *Red Tail Captured, Red Tail Free: Memoirs of a Tuskegee Airman* and *POW* — is helping Canton observe King's birthday alongside more than 100 essays and artwork by local students.

"We're focused on trying to get more of the youth involved as we celebrate the impact that Dr. King has had for generations past," Davis said. "We're basically living the dream and enjoying the fruits of his labor. Many people like Dr. King died so that we can have the freedoms we have. We can't ignore

that. It really needs to be set apart that this is a true American hero."

The event, which typically draws large crowds, is presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage, members of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. subcommittee and Canton Township. This year's reception, featuring cookies and punch, is sponsored by Darian and Raynda Moore of Keller Williams Realty of Plymouth.

Admission is \$2 at the door.

The program including actor Stan Jordan delivering Dr. King's iconic "I Have a Dream" speech, much of which King delivered in Detroit in 1963 before it was woven into this nation's history later that year during a huge civil rights march in Washington, D.C. Canton's program also touts musical performances by the New Hope Music Academy, under the direction of Isaac Pippen, and soloist Alicia Dent. Rounding out the

event are the Canton Police Honor Guard, the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Step Team and tap dancer Kelsey Rose.

When organizers chose to have local students submit essays and artwork for this year's event, they didn't know what level of participation to expect, Davis said. They only knew they wanted to strive to get local youth involved.

With more than 100 entries submitted, Davis said the effort exceeded expectations. Winners were chosen in three categories.

- » At the elementary level, winners were Courtney Jordan for essay and Jordan Vidojevski for art.
- » Among middle school students, winners were Sanya Wadhwa for essay and Sarah Rowe for art.
- » High school winners were Tiffany Askew for essay and Sapphire Jackson for art.

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Canton woman gets jail for tainting husband's eye drops

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Canton woman has been sentenced to nine days in jail and placed on probation for 18 months after authorities say she put bleach in her husband's eye drops in revenge for marital problems.

Kristy Ryan McDermid, 35, was sentenced Monday by 35th District Judge James Plakas for a misdemeanor charge of domestic violence.

McDermid, a Canton mother and wife, had pleaded guilty in December to domestic violence after her husband had earlier gone to local police, saying he had gotten out of the shower and started using the tainted eye drops.



McDermid

Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh has said.

"He felt a burning sensation and could smell what appeared to be bleach," Baugh said.

The husband apparently didn't suffer any permanent damage, Baugh has said.

The victim realized there was a problem as soon as he put the drops in one eye, police said.

Canton police have said the incident happened after McDermid and her husband had been having marital problems.

McDermid could be returned to jail if she violates her probation during the 18-month period imposed by Plakas. Her case was handled in 35th District Court because she was charged with a misdemeanor rather than a felony.

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» The Chamber has teamed up with SCORE, a nonprofit association, to host counseling sessions every Friday intended to mentor local business owners and help their companies grow.

» Starting Feb. 3, the chamber debuts its Xtreme Networking program offering bus trans-

portation to and from games of the Detroit Red Wings and, later, the Detroit Tigers.

» On May 8, the chamber ushers in Girls Night Out, an event allowing local businesses to showcase their merchandise and offer discounts to attendees. A portion of proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life.

» Chamber members are cashing in on a money-saving, business-

boosting program by using discount cards that offer savings to chamber-affiliated businesses and their employees.

» Working with two companies, Zingerman's and Premier Development Solutions, the chamber this year plans to unveil its latest sessions dubbed Institute of Business Development, intended to help chamber members stand out among the competition.

» The chamber's goal is

always to support the best interests of our members," Paden said. "So the chamber is and forever will be an evolving organization, providing our members with resources, programming and events that they need or want."

For more, call the chamber office at 734-453-4040.

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Wednesday's State of the Chamber address drew an estimated 90-100 people. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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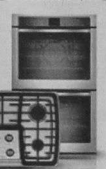


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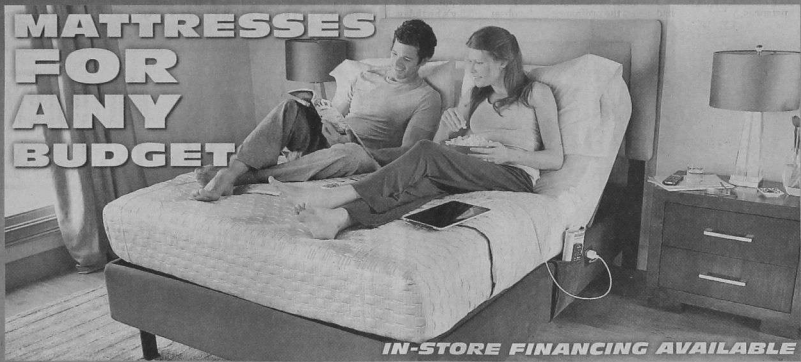
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Westland woman gets probation for theft from dementia patient

By Darrell Clem
Staff Writer

A Westland woman who police say stole jewelry from dementia patients at a Canton assisted living center has been placed on probation for 18 months and ordered to pay restitution and court fees totaling \$2,473.

Gail Lynn Good, 45, avoided a potential four-year prison term when she was sentenced Tuesday by Wayne County Circuit Judge James Chylynski, court records show.

Good's sentencing came after she pleaded guilty in November to one count of larceny in a building for an incident police say occurred last fall while she was working as a health care employee for Crystal Creek, an assisted living facility on Lilley north of Warren.

Authorities dismissed a second count of larceny after Good agreed to plead guilty to one charge, according to Wayne County Circuit Court records.

Good was arrested at work

following allegations she stole gold necklaces, one with a diamond, from elderly women who have dementia, Canton Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh has said.

Good had been released from custody while she awaited her sentencing and had shown up for her court dates, officials said.



Good

Baugh also said jewelry shops in Westland, where the necklaces had been taken, were cooperative. Police were able to recover one necklace, but one already had been melted down for money, Baugh has said.

Relatives of the victims had notified Crystal Creek administrators about the thefts. Baugh commended the facility for contacting Canton police rather than handling the matter internally.

Good was arrested at work

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Home-delivery theft

A 54-year-old Canton woman called police after a FedEx package was stolen from the front of her home while she was talking on the phone, a police report said. The incident happened 3:30 p.m. Friday in the 1600 block of Sheldon, north of Saltz.

The woman said the package had been placed by FedEx between her front storm door and the front entry door to her house while she was upstairs on the phone, the report said. She was looking out the window when the package was delivered.

While still on the phone, she saw a male suspect walk up to her house and thought he might be a solicitor after he knocked on the storm door, the report said. She didn't answer, but when she went downstairs to get her package, she realized it was gone.

School fight

A fight Monday morning in the Salem High School cafeteria has led to a 16-year-old student being cited by Canton police for disorderly conduct in a school, a police officer said.

A police officer was called to the school about

CANTON CRIME WATCH

11:20 a.m. after two female students, both 16, got into a verbal dispute that escalated when one of the girls punched the other in the mouth, the report said. That prompted the girl who had been struck to throw a lunch tray at her assailant, police said.

The report indicated the student who punched the other was cited for disorderly conduct and released to her father.

Hit and run

A 23-year-old Canton man notified police after his 2013 Ford Taurus was struck from behind while it was parked in the 4200 block of Saltz, near Lilley, during an 11-hour period ending 11:45 a.m. Sunday, a police report said.

The man told police he had parked his car shortly before 12:30 a.m., but when he returned to it he noticed the rear bumper had been damaged and the trunk lid was ajar, the report said. The man told police he didn't hear anything suspicious during the night.

Car vandalism

A 17-year-old Canton male notified police after someone had damaged his vehicle by scratching the letters "FU" on the driver's

side door. He said the incident happened Jan. 10, a police report said.

The next day, he told police, the car was damaged again when the letters were scratched over and, right next to that, someone had used a sharp object to draw a heart with a line through it, the report said.

The teen told police he had been having trouble with a former girlfriend after a break-up several months ago. Police contacted the girl, who denied any involvement. She was warned not to contact the ex-boyfriend.

Walmart theft

Police arrested a 31-year-old Westland man Sunday following allegations he tried to steal a pair of pajamas from the women's department of the Walmart store on Ford Road east of Lotz, a police report said.

An employee saw the suspect select a set of pajamas and walk to another department, where he allegedly concealed the merchandise in his pants, the report said. The suspect then exited the store before store personnel stopped him and detained him until police arrived, the report said.

—By Darrell Clem

PLYMOUTH CRIME WATCH

Car plows into house

Police in Plymouth are awaiting results of blood a test on a driver suspected of being drunk when he crashed his Ford Fusion through the front window of a house on Fairground last month.

The crash occurred just after 1 a.m. Dec. 31, said Lt. Jamie Grabowski of the Plymouth Police Department's detective bureau. No one was in the house at the time, he said, and the driver suffered minor injuries, while his passenger refused treatment.

The Fusion came to rest with its front end inside the house, Grabowski said. The driver had apparently failed

to navigate a turn at the intersection.

Witnesses called police after hearing the crash and a man reportedly fled the scene southbound on foot. Responding officers found two men in the area and a witness identified one of them as the driver, Grabowski said.

The driver, a Plymouth man, has not been formally charged.

Shoplifting

A 47-year-old Northville woman was arrested Friday in the theft of about \$156 in merchandise, including toiletries, cosmetics and vitamins, from the Kmart on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township.

The incident occurred about 2:30

p.m. A store security officer told police he had seen the woman put several items in her purse, then buy two bottles of Gatorade and leave the store. He confronted her outside and police were called.

The woman was issued a ticket requiring a court appearance.

Cover caper

The protective cover was stolen Sunday off of a Buick while the car was parked in the driveway of a house on Sheldon, according to a police report.

The Buick's hood ornament had also been stolen, the owner told police.

The theft occurred Sunday morning; the owner told police he left the house

for a while and returned to see the cover and hood ornament were missing.

Phone fraud

A township woman reported Jan. 8 that an iPhone had been purchased on her cellular phone account, while her own phone was switched off, without her knowledge.

The woman told police she returned from a trip Jan. 2 to find her cellphone wasn't working. When she called her carrier, she said, she learned an iPhone 5 had been purchased on her account Dec. 23 at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi and her phone number transferred to it.

—By Matt Jachman

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Lt. Robert Smedley (from left), Sgt. Eric Kolke and Sgt. Daniel Traylor were recognized Tuesday at the Canton Township board meeting.

Canton police officers earn promotions

Recently promoted Public Safety Department command officers received their new badges from Canton Township Supervisor Phil Lajoie at Tuesday night's township board meeting.

Canton Township Clerk Terry Bennett administered the Oath of Office.

Lt. Robert Smedley, a 22-year veteran, will serve as platoon commander in the patrol division, overseeing the day-to-day operation of his respective shift made

up of sergeants, patrol officers and PSSOs. In addition, he will be responsible for providing training, direction and motivation of subordinate personnel toward the accomplishment of the department's established goals and objectives.

Daniel Traylor, a 20-year veteran, is partnering for a promotion to help the Goodfellows' "No Child Without a Christmas" effort. No coupon is needed, just mention to the server you're there to support the Goodfellows fundraiser.

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leadership, training and direction to road patrol officers.

They will also be responsible for administrative assignments and special projects, under the leadership of their assigned shift commander.

"We are very excited about our newly promoted command officers and look forward to the contributions they will bring to the leadership team of the Canton Police Department," Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler said.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Pom prowess

The Salem High School junior varsity Rockettes pom and dance team braved the snow to head Jan. 5 to the Southern Michigan Dance Championships in Royal Oak. The team took second place in hip hop and fifth place in the pom division out of 14 teams. Team members include (from top, from left): captain Becky DeWater, coach Jes Wilhoite and captain Erica Garczynski; (second row, from left) Kelcie Rocheleau, Sarah O'Donnell and Morgan Poulos; and (back, from left) Kara Rocheleau, Alyssa Marshall, Maddie Martinsky, Emily Bates, Basia Bokuniewicz, Tiffany Gicotte and Hannah Parent.

Philharmonic at DIA

Date/Time: Friday, Jan. 17, 7 p.m.
Location: Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit

Details: The Michigan Philharmonic Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Nan Washburn, will be performing "Miniature Masterpieces" concert as part of the DIA's Friday Night LIVE! Series. The concert features music from Dvorak and Mozart as well as Michigan Philharmonic Concertmaster, Joseph Deller performing with the ensemble on Michael Daugherty's extraordinary piece, "Ladder to the Moon." The concert is free with museum admission.

Contact: Call the Detroit Institute of Arts at 313-833-7900

Night for the Museum

Date/Time: Saturday, Feb. 15, 6 p.m.
Location: Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center, 8768 N. Territorial, Plymouth

Details: This is the Plymouth Historical Museum's annual auction fundraiser. Merchants in Plymouth and surrounding areas have stepped up and donated numerous items for the live auction and raffle. In addition, diners will be entertained with a performance by 12-year-old Makenzie Ryder as well as the Plymouth Fire and Drum Corps. The ticket price of \$75 per person includes appetizers, a plated gourmet dinner and dessert; a cash bar will also be available. Tickets can be purchased at the museum during open hours or online at <http://www.plymouth-history.org/events/A-Night-For-the-Museum>. FT118.html?Sort-Box=201402 using PayPal. Tickets should be purchased by Feb. 7.

Contact: For more information, call 734-455-8940.

Socks and undies

Date/Time: Monday, Jan. 20, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: The Plymouth Democratic Club is sponsoring its fifth annual Socks and Undies drive to support the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Clothing Bank. This year's event is "Seats and Feets Drive," a day of service event honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Club members will be collecting new socks and underwear in all sizes (boys, girls, women and men). Older new or gently used clothing will also be accepted. All donations are tax deductible.

Contact: For more information, call 734-634-6837.

Line dancing

Date/Time: Saturday, Jan. 18, 6:30 p.m.
Location: Carl E. Stitt American Legion Post 232, Dearborn Heights (Warren and Telegraph)

Details: An instructor from Central City Dance Co. will teach at a dance party at the American Legion Post. A full buffet dinner is provided by Nicole and Helene's Catering and there is an open bar. Proceeds will go to the new 11th District (including Plymouth and Canton) Democratic group.

Contact: For reservations, contact Susan Nichols at 248-767-1141 or tsusanichols@gmail.com

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NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW

AUTO BRIEFS

Million-dollar baby

The new Porsche 911 Targa 4, with its fully retractable glass roof and starting price tag of \$101,600, was unveiled to the world at the auto show Monday.

But the real star in the room is the Porsche 918 Spyder, which has a base sticker price of \$845,000. Add in all the options and the price tag climbs close to \$1 million. Only 918 cars are being made a period. One of the cars is on display in a large glass room for the public to enjoy.

Red or blue?

Mopar has a cool lineup of monster trucks on display. The Chrysler company also has a neat idea that allows the public to customize the exterior of a 2014 Dodge Ram 1500. Change the tires and hubcaps. Try a different coat of paint. Add some running boards. The program allows you to tweak the model and design your own Dodge Ram.

Start your engines

If you love speed, the auto show has plenty of interactive racing games that allow you to slip into a race car and navigate the curves at speeds greater than 200 mph. Ford, Mazda, Toyota and other display have some super simulators for the public to enjoy.

The trick, of course, is to slow down at those curves. Otherwise you crash, over and over again.

Just build it

The granddaddy of exhibits is the giant robot assembly line that Ford built for the auto show. On display for the first time, the exhibit will show the public how a car is assembled. It took several weeks to assemble and several of the parts are being shipped to plants in Dearborn and Kansas City, where they'll be used for actual production.

Shaking hands

Vice President Joe Biden is scheduled to attend the show Thursday. Earlier in the week, U.S. Rep. Kerry Bentivolio, Sen. Debbie Stabenow, Gov. Rick Snyder and Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan were on hand.

In addition to Biden, the following were scheduled to attend:

- » U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx
- » U.S. Department of Labor Secretary Thomas Perez
- » U.S. Department of Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker
- » Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy
- » NHTSA Deputy Administrator David Friedman

- » National Transportation Safety Board Member Earl Weener
- » Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear
- » Ohio Gov. John Kasich

Under the hood

Ever wonder what a Corvette looks like under the hood? Chevrolet has a cool exhibit on display that strips away the metal frame and shows the body of the car. For Corvette lovers still celebrating the Stingray winning North American Car of the Year, it's the perfect exhibit.



This Corvette is one of the more revealing displays.

By Jay Grossman
Staff Writer

It didn't take long for Lou LaRiche Chevrolet to announce it has plenty of Stingrays and Silverados in stock.

The two vehicles were named 2014 North American car and truck of the year at the North American International Auto Show this week. Ron Chaudoin, general manager of the dealership, applauds the choices.

"They're two outstanding vehicles and I think it's just great they received this recognition," Chaudoin said. "The Corvette is the only true American sports car made — and who wouldn't want a Silverado in their driveway? It rides like a car, but can do just about anything."

Just in time for the auto show, the family-owned dealership at 40875 Plymouth Road in Plymouth announced \$500 rebates for purchase of leases on the Traverse, Equinox, Cruze or Malibu.

"They're our four core products — that's 80



Some of the Lou LaRiche Chevrolet sales staff pose for a quick photo — next to the 2014 Car of the Year — the Corvette Stingray coupe — in their Plymouth dealership. From left: Debbie Dowling, Joe Wendt, and Ron Chaudoin. JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

percent of our volume," Chaudoin said. "That means 80 percent of our customers will get an additional \$500 off between now and the end of the month. That lowers a monthly lease payment by \$15 to \$20."

As the business climate is expected to con-

tinue improving, Chaudoin said the dealership anticipates an increase of 15 percent or greater in sales for the upcoming year.

"We just renovated the entire dealership," he said. "We ordered a significant number of vehicles, so we're keyed

up. We believe this economy will seriously start to percolate."

Asked what makes the dealership so successful, Chaudoin credits the LaRiche family for being involved in the daily operation of the business.

"They're here on the

premises, so I don't have to wait on a decision — I can get an answer for a customer right away," he said. "The eyes are on the customer. When you come in, we'll get you some coffee and a snack. We'll introduce you to the store and make it a completely good experience. We've got some great products and we're very excited to show them off."

Chaudoin said the auto industry has survived an incredibly brutal economic downturn, leaving it leaner and better positioned for a successful turnaround.

"I'm still amazed that GM, Ford and Chrysler made it through," he said. "I think it shows we can build what a better car imported. The challenge now is to remain ahead. We fell behind the eight ball because we stopped paying attention to the competition — we're ahead of them now, so we have to keep the foot on the pedal."

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Aisin makes most of spot on main floor at NAIAS

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

It's hard to believe the fifth largest automotive supplier in the world has a problem with visibility.

But that is one of the many areas the Plymouth Township and soon to be Northville Township bases isin is focused on as it enjoys main floor space at the 2014 North American International Auto Show.

"I think one of the issues for us in North America is the supply base is very well-established for the Detroit customers," said Chuck Sanders, vice president of sales and marketing. "They aren't necessarily looking for a new supplier, so we have to bring them new technologies and new ideas that put us to the forefront in their mind."

The company hopes the move of its North American headquarters to Northville Township, with the addition of a \$1.1 million Michigan Business Development Grant, will help with that as it will allow the company to expand its research and development and create more than 50 new jobs.

Officials expect to invest nearly \$8 million into the facility and have additional room to expand.

Growth has been steady for the company over the years, trending up from between \$400 million to \$500 million in sales 20 years ago to an estimated \$2.4 billion. Globally,



Aisin automotive technology personnel gather at the show. Currently based in Plymouth Township, the company will soon move to Northville Township. From left are President/CEO Masayasu Saito, Vice President of Sales/Marketing John Clark and President Takashi Aoyama. JOHN HEIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

sales are about \$3.5 billion and still growing.

Sanders said the company's facilities are "nearly running at full" and an expansion is happening globally to meet the needs of the customer.

"As fast as (the economy) came back and as fast as things have grown for us, it has been a little hard to keep up so we have to be continually looking for where we are going to expand additional production," he said.

Aisin serves as the largest transmission supplier in the world, but still that only makes up about 40 percent of the company's sales. It also makes products for the drive train, engine, electronics, body, brakes, chassis and more.

"There are so many other products we make and so many other things we do," Sanders said. "We pretty much cover the gamut of the vehicle."

The company also wants to use its floor space at the auto show to get feedback on some of its new technologies and possibly attract new engineers at industry days.

"It's very tight," Sanders said of the job market in Michigan.

"Right now as everyone is rapidly expanding and with the talent pool being very shallow, it is hard to find people. We are always looking for engineers."

On a personal level, Sanders said he enjoys seeing all the new cars, concepts and technologies on display.

"Even if it never goes into production, some of the ideas out there and the way we can keep advancing always continues," he said. "You think you made this next big breakthrough and then a couple years later, it is old technology. It's amazing to see how we can keep improving."

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ZF Group fine-tunes its growth for success

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

It's getting a little cramped in the Northville Township offices and North American headquarters of ZF Group, as the German company's worldwide success continues into 2014.

The big news last year for the automotive supplier was the introduction of the new nine-speed automatic transmission and, as a result, the news this year is the growth of the company in North America.

Currently, Chrysler and Land Rover have applications with ZF Group for the transmission and CEO Stefan Sommer said a third customer will "launch a big project this year."

"We are at close to 8,000 employees in North America, so that is a significant growth for us," said Bryan Johnson, a Canton resident and manager of marketing and communications for ZF Group. "In our Northville office, we have seen a lot of growth there in different areas and are almost at capacity in our facility, which is a good thing."

Sales revenue for ZF Group, which develops and produces transmissions, steering systems, axles and chassis components, as well as complete systems for passenger cars, commercial vehicles and off-road machinery, increased by almost 10 percent in 2013 to \$23 billion — including \$4.2 billion in North America — and almost 5,000 jobs were created worldwide.

It has 121 production companies in 26 countries and eight engineering centers in four countries.

"The North American market in the future will be even more important," Sommer said. "We are

seeing it now as a very successful and growing market with a huge demand for high technology and very efficient cars."

And as demand is increasing and the market has stabilized, Johnson said it is important for suppliers like ZF Group to have "controlled growth" and be targeted about the market.

"We have all learned lessons about growth and growing too fast and that is part of the problem everyone had," Sommer said. "Now everyone is going to be a little more cautious with their growth and are finding better ways to be more efficient with their production so you can produce with the same capacities."

ZF Group has a spot on the main show floor at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit and hopes to use it to create partnerships and improve relationships.

And then when the public comes, it allows them to understand what technology might be coming," Johnson said. "The Detroit-based auto show also has a more intimate feel because it is the Motor City."

"For me, it's more about the people that the cars," Johnson said. "I'm so emerged in the car thing every day and this is my industry and these are my people and it's great getting all these people in one place."

Johnson joked that he has colleagues who won't even walk the show floor with him because he stops and talks to someone every 10 feet.

"The way relationships work, that is how you do business," he said.

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Public viewing opens Saturday

Experience the next generation of transportation at the 2014 North American International Auto Show when the public viewing opens Saturday. See more than 500 vehicles on display, representing the most innovative designs in the world and experience North America's largest and most prestigious automotive showcases.

Doors open at 9 a.m. Saturday. The public show runs until 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26.

From Jan. 17 through 25, shows

hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. (no admission after 9 p.m.) and until 7 p.m. Jan. 26.

Ticket are \$13 for adults; \$7 for senior citizens and children aged 7-12. Youths age 6 and under are admitted free with a parent or guardian.

For group discounts and other ticket information, contact the ticket office at 248-283-5173 or go to www.naias.com.

While the hundreds of vehicles on display are the stars of the NAIAS, there is plenty

of additional family fun planned for the public viewing, including the all-new ParadeLand in Michigan Hall's new Kids' Area. In ParadeLand, visitors will experience larger-than-life props from the 2013 America's Thanksgiving Parade, including sections of floats and the popular "Big Head" collection of famous Detroiters. The vehicle and parade excitement will continue on the main show floor with two daily NAIAS parades at 3:30 and 7 p.m.



Bryan Johnson, Canton resident and manager of marketing and communications for ZF Group, takes in the auto show. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Westland Mayor William Wild fires up the crowd as he officially announces his campaign for Wayne County executive. KATHY HANSEN

Wild announces his candidacy for county executive

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Officially kicking off his campaign to run for Wayne County executive at North Brothers Ford, Westland Mayor William Wild cited inspiration from the auto company's successful turnaround and also the hiring of a new coach for the Detroit Lions, owned by William Clay Ford Sr.

"There were better known names. They (the Lions) didn't care about that. They didn't care about the color of his skin. They found the right guy," Wild said. "I think Wayne County needs a new head coach. I need you to get on my team."

The football metaphor was apt. The crowd of supporters that filled the dealership showroom was loud, enthusiastic and had signs proclaiming they were "Wild for Wayne County."

"I'm running on the transformation of Westland, the 10th largest city in the state and the 10th largest city in Wayne County," Wild said. "We are Wayne County. We have weathered the financial storm in Westland."

Westland mayor since 2007, just before the financial crisis started, Wild said the city auditors asked for a meeting in 2009 to discuss the city budget.

"In 2010, we would be broken and busted. In 2009, we had a projected \$60 million accumulated deficit," Wild said. "That's our (general fund) budget."

Adjusting spending
Working with the city council and city employees unions, all of whom were under contract, as well as residents, Wild said Westland downsized its operations to reflect the city's revenues.

"We downsized in a compassionate way. We have 125 less employees. We had few layoffs," Wild said. "We had no

union problems. We laid out the finances. Now we have a balanced budget and a \$5.5 million surplus. We lived within our means. What we did in Westland, we'll do at Wayne County."

In traveling around Wayne County, Wild said he finds people are frustrated with scandals and mishandled projects like the Wayne County Jail.

"What I bring to the table more than any of the other (expected) candidates is that I'm a hands-on guy. I'm a 24/7 guy as mayor and I'll be the same as county executive."

As mayor, Wild noted his name appears on signs all over the city, something that draws some criticism. "Some people think that's bad. It's because I'm accountable. It's what people expect as mayor," Wild said. "I've not met a mayor, city manager or township supervisor who has a direct line to the county executive. That will change Jan. 1, 2015."

First candidate
Wild, who was introduced by his wife Sherri and Doug North of North Brothers Ford, is the first candidate to officially announce his candidacy for county executive.

Current Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano hasn't announced his plans. Others expected to enter the race include state Rep. Phil Cavanaugh, D-Redford, and Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara, D-Belevedere.

McNamara, son of the late former Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara, is scheduled to make a "special announcement" Thursday, Jan. 23, at the Wayne County Community College District's Downriver Campus in Taylor. It's expected he will enter the county executive race.

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Huge fire ravages ERG Services

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

The Livonia Fire Department continues to investigate a massive fire Wednesday morning that burned an environmental recycling facility on Merriman Road.

The fire, which happened at ERG Services at 13040 Merriman, forced police to shut down Merriman between Plymouth and Schoolcraft for several hours as firefighters attempted to extinguish it.

Fire Chief Shadd Whitehead said the fire broke out at the facility, which houses several hazardous materials for recycling, at about 7:25 a.m. Wednesday.

"On arrival, crews found heavy fire conditions and fire through the roof," he said. "We immediately went to a defensive operation with our operating units."

The facility houses several materials that could be dangerous,



An early morning fire at ERG Services closed Merriman Road, south of I-96, in Livonia. BILL BREISLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

including many oil-based substances for waste removal. Whitehead said the department's biggest concern was the runoff of possible materials into nearby water waste. He said the Western Wayne County HAZMAT team was on the scene to evaluate the dangers. The Environmental Protection Agency stationed in Chicago was also being called, as well as the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

"Most of the products are in small quantities, aerosol cans, small paint cans," he said. "The biggest concern for us are the oil-based petroleum products." ERG Services operates three facilities: the headquarters in Livonia, as well as two facilities in Wauson and Bowling Green, Ohio. The company handles several aspects of waste transportation, including sampling, laboratory analysis, waste characterization and packaging, among other materials, according to its website. Whitehead said crews

would be installing booms in nearby waterways to collect any possible contaminants as a precaution. He said there was no initial risk that drinking water in the area, since much of the waste goes into the sewer system and not drinking water.

While the fire department continues to investigate the incident, Whitehead said there was no appearance of foul play in the blaze.

As of 9:30 a.m., popping noises with flashes of flames could still be seen from the building. Whitehead said those noises come from storage containers like propane canisters breaking over the extreme heat. No injuries were reported. Some employees were inside the building when the fire broke out, Whitehead said, but they made it outside before it could cause injury.

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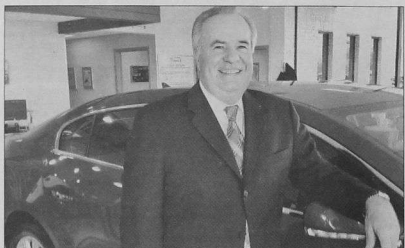
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"I think the automobile industry is on a roll," Bob Jeannotte said about expectations for 2014.

Bob Jeannotte: Auto industry 'is on a roll'

By Jay Grossman
Staff Writer

Bob Jeannotte expects to sell a lot of cars and trucks in 2014.

"I think the automobile industry is on a roll," said the owner of Jeannotte Buick GMC, 14949 Sheldon Road, Plymouth Township. "We saw a great 2013 and I know 2014 is going to be even better. They're forecasting sales of over 16 million cars, which means we're going to be in a great position to sell a lot of cars and create a lot of happy customers."

Jeannotte has been in business for 38 years. He's an integral part of the Plymouth Township community, a member of the VFW and a big-time supporter of the Salvation Army. He runs the dealership with the help of his three sons and "a lot of great employees."

"His secret to success is pretty straightforward: keep the customer happy."

"My philosophy is, if you can take care of the customer, they're going to keep coming back," he said. "When a dealership can say it's been in business for 38 years, it tells you we know the importance of making sure our customers are satisfied. We're strictly a family business—we put our time and energy into the dealership and the community."

To that end, Jeannotte is being honored for the second year in a row with a customer satisfaction award for sales and service by Buick GMC Zone Manager. It's being presented to him Thursday at the North American International Auto Show.

"It means the world to me," he said of the honor. "It tells me our employees are the best when it comes to treating our customers above and beyond their expectations. Every employee in our dealership playing a key part in winning that award."

Going into 2014, he expects GM to continue with a strong line of new products in the Buick division. Buick/GMC sales jumped more than 30 percent at the dealership last year, with many former Pontiac and Saturn owners switching to Buick. Also, Buick is GM's top conquering brand.

As for the turnaround in the auto industry, Jeannotte said it was long overdue. "Everyone got very complacent and thought it was on automatic," he said. "I never thought GM would go through bankruptcy, but it gave them a chance to open their eyes and make the changes that needed to be made. I also think (GM CEO) Mary Barra is a person who will get the job done. She knows product and she knows what the dealerships need."

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Genesis Genetics moves HQ building to Plymouth

After nearly a decade in the city of Detroit, Genesis Genetics has moved its corporate headquarters to Plymouth.

Tony Gordon, Genesis Genetics managing director, leads the team of scientists, genetic counselors and case coordinators. In the United States, Genesis Genetics focuses its science on two important fertility technologies: preimplantation genetic screening and preimplantation genetic diagnosis.

According to Gordon, the move to Plymouth was strategically planned. In addition to needing more laboratory space for the rapidly growing company, the 13-year-old firm also wanted to move to a location that would be inspirational to its team.

"Our mission is to help couples build healthy families," Gordon said. "Plymouth is a quintes-



Genesis Genetics recently moved from its longtime headquarters in Detroit to a new facility in Plymouth.

sential American family town with concerts in the park, a multitude of family festivals, events and parades and a bustling downtown replete with couples with young families. It just made sense." He is quick to add that the location is also a simpler commute to Detroit Metro Airport as the firm's work depends on timely courier deliveries.

The city of Plymouth is excited to have a growing bio-tech company downtown on Main Street. Mayor Pro Tem Ed Hingelberg said he was thrilled to see the

building at 705 S. Main now completely full.

"We love that our neighbor to the east, Ann Arbor, has become a mecca for these types of companies, but we are equally thrilled that global companies like Genesis Genetics are thinking about our city and all its offerings," Hingelberg said.

In addition to the headquarters in Plymouth, Genesis Genetics has laboratories in Arizona, Argentina, Brazil, Jordan, South Africa, Taiwan and the United Kingdom.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON CHAMBER CHAT

Showcase vendors

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is looking for vendors to reserve space at the 25th Annual Showcase and Taste of Plymouth.

The showcase is set for 5-7:30 p.m. Monday, April 14, at the Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile, in Plymouth Township. The annual showcase, with more than 90 exhibitors and 700 attendees, provides a cost-effective way to directly promote your company to consumers and businesses.

This year's event will again be held on the main floor at the Inn at St. John's in the Grande Ballroom and the Garden Gallery.

Both rooms are large with easy access for unloading and loading. The event will have 20 premium spaces.

The cost for space this year is \$135 for premium space (for chamber

members), \$110 (members) and \$210 (non-members) for regular space, with a \$10 electricity cost. Exhibit space includes a six-foot covered table.

To reserve your space, complete the attached Registration Form and return to ter@plymouthmich.org or fax to 734-404-6026.

Business development

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts a business development workshop 8:30-9:30 a.m. Jan. 28 in the chamber meeting room.

In this 60-minute workshop, presenter Jani Hayden of Inbu will educate chamber members on the latest techniques for an effective and profitable website. She will share information on what makes people use a website and how to keep them coming back. The web changes every year.

Participants will get tips at this workshop to take back and implement immediately on their websites.

There is no cost to attend, but the event can accommodate only 25 people. To RSVP, email ter@plymouthmich.org or call 734-453-1540.

Mystery dinner

"Death at Dinner," a Murder Mystery Dinner Theater, is set for Jan. 24-25, Feb. 21-22 and March 21-22 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

The premise has Ted taking Carol, his wife, out to dinner, where they bump into their friends Bob and Alice. Everything is going well until someone ends up dead! Who did it and why?

That's where the group needs the dinner.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m. Cost is \$45. For details, call 734-394-5300.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

Bank promotion

Monroe Bank & Trust has promoted Scott McKelvey to the newly created post of Wayne County regional president. The new regional

post combines administration of all branches, which provides services to anyone who lives or works in the Lower Peninsula, was recently ranked 10th in the *Forbes* Top 100 Detroit Free Press for the mid-size company grouping.

"It's an honor to be selected as a top workplace for the fifth year in a row," said Jackie Buchanan, president and CEO of the company. "Genesis is excited to place in the top 10 for the first time," he added. The firm's employees believe that Genesis really is "where you come first."

This program is designed by Workplace Dynamics based on the belief that the most successful companies are the ones that employees believe in. Companies are awarded the honor based on the characteristics of innovation, flexibility, outstanding leadership and employee perks. There were more than 50,000 Michigan workers surveyed this year.

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Press Top 100 Workplaces. The credit union is very proud to be able to offer great pay and benefits, as well as focus on the wellness of all Genesis employees," Buchanan said.

Top credit union

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Lighting concepts

Plymouth-based HELLA, a leading global supplier of automotive lighting systems, is working with major car makers to develop new, innovative interior lighting concepts.

Land Rover, SEAT, Volkswagen and Opel are among the companies developing interior lighting systems utilizing HELLA LED technology that in many cases allows drivers to customize the interior appearance of their cars.

"New HELLA interior LED-lighting systems now can be found on a broad range of vehicles from compact to luxury SUVs," said Steffen Pietzonka, vice president of marketing for HELLA's lighting group. "Car makers are focusing more and more attention on interior lighting concepts that can enhance brand awareness and improve customer satisfaction levels."

Pietzonka points out that the trend toward the use of more and more LEDs in automobiles, beginning with headlights and taillights, has gone unabated for nearly 20 years. LEDs offer new design possibilities in many ways and it is shown through the continuous climb in the rankings of the *Detroit Free*

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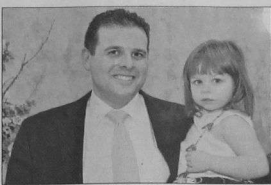
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Canton to host Butterfly Ball

Dads and daughters are invited to put on their dancing shoes and step out together for a fun Valentine's Day event at this year's Butterfly Ball - also known as the annual Daddy/Daughter Dance.

This special daddy and daughter date night will be held at the Summit on the Park, located at 4600 Summit Parkway. Organizers said the dance gives participants a chance to make "plenty of sweet memories that are sure to last a lifetime" as they enjoy dancing, refreshments, a special butterfly souvenir and the always dazzling balloon drop that caps off the festivities.

Dads and their special dates have three chances to attend this popular



Canton hosts its annual Daddy/Daughter Dance Feb. 7-8 at the Summit on the Park.

event. Dances will be held in the Summit's gymnasium 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, and 2-4 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8. "Canton's Daddy/Daughter Dance is a chance for fathers and

daughters to dress up and enjoy some time together," said Jennifer Girard, recreation specialist. "It really is a treasured experience where dads and daughters can create special memories that they'll

cherish forever." Keepsake photos and special face painting will be available for an additional cost. Semi-formal/dressy casual attire is recommended.

Preregistration is required for this event and walk-ins will not be accepted.

Tickets are on sale now for residents and will go on sale for non-residents starting Monday. Ticket sales end for everyone Feb. 3. Ticket prices are \$10 for residents and \$13 for non-residents. Corsages can also be preordered at the time of ticket purchase. Both daddies and daughters require a ticket to attend.

For more information, call 734-394-5460 or visit www.Cantonfun.org.

W-W board to elect new set of officers

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland school board will soon have new leadership.

The board will elect new officers during its organizational meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the district's administrative offices on Marquette.

Current President Carol Middel of Canton has indicated that she doesn't plan to seek a third term after filling the board's top spot for 2½ years. In a poll of board members' interests conducted at the December meeting, Middel let her colleagues know she wasn't interested in being president.

"I'll do whatever my fellow trustees would like me to do except president," she said.

Under the board's policies and procedures, members are polled prior to the organizational meeting to determine what positions they'd be interest-

ed in for the coming year. Board officers serve one-year terms.

Board Treasurer Shawna Walker, who was absent from the meeting, was the only board member who expressed interest in any of the open leadership positions.

Trustee Frederick Weaver said he was interested in serving as secretary or treasurer, while Vice President Thomas Buckalew said he was interested in serving as vice president, secretary and treasurer.

Board Secretary John Goci selected only one position. "I'm interested in president; it's the only position I haven't held since my term on the board started," he said. Two trustees, Sally Madison and Charles "Tav" Griffin, indicated they were not interested in a board office.

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Be proactive, protect yourself from fraud

Most have read about or heard about the story of more than 100 million people who had their credit card, debit card or other personal information stolen by hackers who hacked into Target's database.

Target is not the first company that this has happened to and it certainly won't be the last. In fact, Neiman Marcus just announced that its database was also recently hacked and there are also rumors that two other large retailers will soon be announcing their sites were also hacked.

This should be a reminder to all that we live in a technology-based world and it is extremely important to be aware and on guard in order to protect ourselves. Although there is nothing to guarantee 100 percent that information won't be stolen by hackers, there are things to do to minimize the effect it will



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

have.

What can hackers do with the information? With your charge card number, expiration date and security code, these crooks can go to town at your expense.

Although there are laws that protect you and minimize your losses, you have to be proactive and notify your bank or charge card company when there is a fraudulent transaction. When you receive your charge card statement or bank statement, it is important to review them immediately for accuracy. If there is a charge that is not yours, immediately notify your bank or charge card company.

Don't assume that the bank or credit card company will catch these

inappropriate charges, because they don't. If you do not notify them, you could be held liable for unauthorized charges.

These crooks also use the information to get more information on you. Hackers typically have a few different ways which they can contact you. For example, they may contact you through email seeking the additional information. Typically, they will send an official looking email that asks you to click on a link for further information. Once you click on the link, the hackers can get more information from your computer.

If you get an email for example from Target, don't click on the link. The better way to do it is to go directly to Target's website and type the information in the browser yourself.

Hackers will also attempt to contact you by telephone, claiming that you have been affected

by the hacking and that they need additional information to protect you. If you receive one of these calls, hang up.

We live in a world where every aspect of our financial affairs is affected by technology. Whether it's direct deposit of paychecks, filing tax returns or paying bills online, technology is a key ingredient.

If you see something you're unsure of in any financial statement - credit card, bank or mutual fund - don't ignore it or assume that it must be right. Protect yourself by reviewing statements and challenging anything that appears to be inappropriate.

Good luck.
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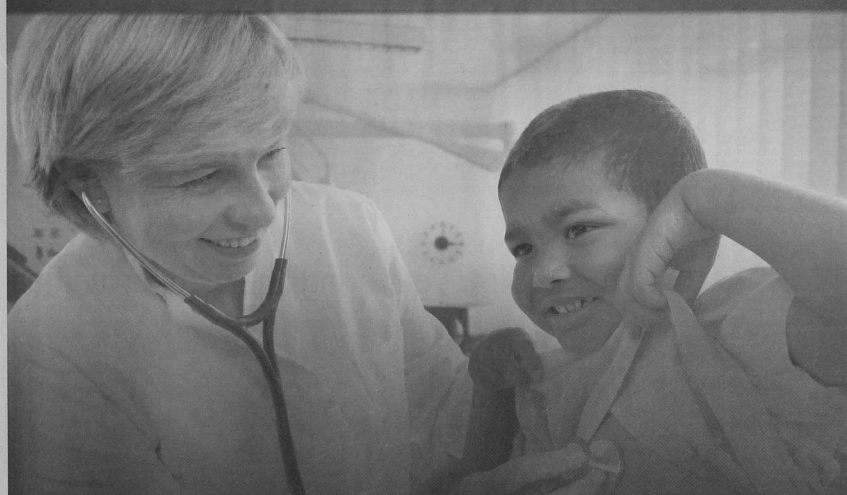
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OUR VIEWS

Rec, library survey gives residents a voice

Canton Township officials have commissioned a survey of local residents, likely beginning in early March, to help them develop a blueprint for improving parks, recreation facilities, walking trails and library services.

Canton residents who are contacted should take part in the survey, because it gives them a prime opportunity to make their wishes known, to have their voices heard.

It's not a new survey — Canton Leisure Services does it every year in order to qualify for state grant money. It is using the same outside firm — ETC Institute of Olathe, Kan. — it used five years ago. That survey showed residents wanted more walking trails, which led, among other things, to improvements along the Lower Rouge River Recreation Trail.

There's a difference this time: Canton Leisure Services is sharing the \$24,000 cost with the Canton Public Library — CLS will pay \$14,000, the library the other \$10,000 — to do the scientific survey, for which residents will be randomly selected. They're expected to begin in March, with results by late April.

Working together will not only divide the cost, it'll help when the funding looks to the state for other funding. Gov. Rick Snyder is impressed by communities that work together to save money. That certainly can't hurt Canton's reputation in Lansing.

Leisure Services Director Debbie Billebrew-Honsowetz and Library Director Eva Davis are both "very excited" to hear what their customers think of their respective services, as well as

what they want from them in the future.

Not that either is used to hearing anything but good comments; Canton Leisure Services and the Canton Public Library have routinely garnered high marks from customers. But both leaders say the survey will help ensure their organizations remain sharply focused on their path forward.

Canton Township needs the survey to qualify for potential state grants, but officials want it for more than that. With an anticipated confidence level of 95 percent, they're hoping it will also confirm the two organizations "are on the right path," according to Davis.

Canton residents can help make that happen by taking part in the survey.



A survey commissioned by Canton Leisure Services and the Canton Public Library will help determine what customers of both want to see in the future.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Supporting Slavens

I was very pleased to read in the *Canton Observer* that state Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, will run for state Senate in the 7th District.

I have known Dian Slavens and her family for over 20 years. We both attended the same church on a weekly basis. Dian Slavens was very active in teaching Sunday school. She showed her interest in children and education.

In addition, she has a background as a health professional. She was a respiratory therapist. I believe she will be a forceful advocate on men's, women's and children's health issues. The 7th District would be well-served by electing Slavens as its next state senator.

Thomas Hartnett
Canton

Expand domestic energy

On Dec. 5, this newspaper printed a letter, "Fox in hen house," which asserted "...our Tea-Party lawmakers have expanded their pool of potential employees to include the Michigan Oil and Gas Association," without providing any evidence or describing what his issue is. One has to do extensive research to determine the basis for his complaint, or are we just to accept his "talking points?" But is this anything like the unions, the teachers' associations, the abortionists, the atheists, and other special interests owning the Democrat Party?

Sen. Colbeck does not pick and choose special-interest groups to support; he researches issues that his committee is involved in and legislation he votes on. Both Consumers Energy and DTE Energy in the Lower Peninsula have announced the closure of numerous coal-fired power plants. We Energy is closing a plant in the Upper Peninsula, causing loss of thousands of jobs (coal being the lowest cost source of energy). The cost of energy continues to increase, with the cost of electricity increasing by 42 percent nationally in the last 10 years, as coal is penalized and as very expensive solar and wind power systems were installed. The majority of solar panels and wind turbines and generators are made overseas at the expense of American jobs.

Extensively researched, there are many misconceptions of energy sources for vehicles: the cost of corn (a major world food source) has increased substantially, causing protests in nu-

merous countries as it is also used for the production of ethanol which is added to gasoline (which numerous experts claim is a serious mistake).

Hydrogen is very costly, being a vapor, has to be pressurized to about 5,000 psi, stored in special tanks and if used in automobiles requires special fueling equipment. The same is true for natural gas, not a liquid is a vapor, not a liquid like gasoline, requires pressure about 1,500 psi, also requiring special fueling equipment.

In addition, when in a hydrogen or natural gas fueled vehicle, also very costly. Electric vehicles have limited range, have proven to be expensive, with battery power storage a major problem and would not experience the present sales level without the costly government rebates.

Domestic energy sources, such as, hydroelectric power generation, which is very inexpensive, very clean, very reliable and grossly underfunded, as well as clean natural gas for generating electricity need to be expanded.

Michael Hansel
Canton Township

Tobacco battle not won

It's been 50 years this month since the surgeon general first informed the public that smoking was linked to increased risk of cancer and other chronic diseases. Since then, we've come a long way in reducing tobacco's grip on our country: restricting sales to children, passing comprehensive smoke-free laws in 30 states, including Michigan, increasing the average price of a pack of cigarettes and cutting the national smoking rate in half.

But if you think the battle is won, think again. There are still millions of smokers in the country and more than 3,000 kids nationally try their first cigarette every day. Tobacco remains the leading preventable cause of death.

It's time to finish the fight against tobacco. It's time for Michigan to increase funding for our tobacco prevention and cessation programs. Doing so will save thousands of Michiganders' lives and millions of dollars in costly related health care costs.

Liz Paruch
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volunteer, American
Cancer Society
Cancer Action Network

OUR VIEWS

Remember King, his work

The year 1968 was a watershed year in American history. In a span of two months, the country lost two charismatic leaders — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy — to assassins' bullets.

The losses came at a time when the fabric of life in the country was being ripped apart. Opposition to the Vietnam War was increasing and confrontations over the push for civil rights were escalating. Americans in their 50s and older, who lived through those turbulent times, remember the rallies and marches, the mass of people who descended on Washington, D.C., to demand jobs and equal treatment.

But for the younger generations, there is a disconnect. Everything that happened is simply information found in history books. King and Kennedy are names under photographs and what they did or hoped to accomplish are just words on a page.

An advocate of non-violence, King was a transformational figure in American history. He sought to make real the promises of democracy." He called on the country to "rise up from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice... to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood. Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children."

He challenged America to fulfill the promise of liberty and justice for all. Under his leadership, change came and blacks experienced more progress. We have made real the promises that King had been seen in many, many years. He came to forefront with the

MLK DAY

What: Canton Township's Martin Luther King Jr. celebration
When: 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20

Where: Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill
Features: 62-year-old Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson of the Tuskegee Airman will be the keynote speaker as Canton honors Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Jefferson will greet visitors before the ceremony at 5 p.m., at 502 Grill, next door to the theater.

Admission: \$2 at the door



Birmingham, Ala., bus boycott and stayed there until his death, leading blacks and whites in peaceful protests to end segregation.

His August 1963 speech given on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial during the March on Washington was a defining moment of the American civil rights movement.

The 1963 rally on the mall in Washington was instrumental in the passage of the Civil Rights Act in 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

In looking back, it appears that segregation as it was existed in the 1950s and 1960s is all but gone. People of all colors live and work together. They attend the same schools and colleges. There is no separate seating in public places or on public transportation or separate bathrooms and drinking fountains.

But before we pat ourselves on our backs for a job well done, we need to ask ourselves what King would think. Would he see us at the end of the journey he

started? Or would he tell us we need to do more? Would he say that segregation has not gone away, that it has taken on a new form, fueled by poverty and lack of access to a quality life?

On Monday, the nation will pause to remember King. There will be marches, there will be speeches about his life and his vision of social and economic justice for all people. There will be ceremonies remembering what he did so many years ago.

Monday is MLK Day. It isn't a black holiday, it's an American holiday, a time to reflect on the commitment of one man to bring equal opportunity to all people. Through his words and his actions, we now can step up to the ballot box and vote without the fear of threats and intimidation. We cannot be discriminated against because of who we are, what we believe in or the color of our skin.

Communities from Westland and Canton to Southfield and beyond are holding events to celebrate the life and work of King. Let them be the opportunity to reflect on King's vision of liberty and justice for all and recommit to making that happen.

Let Monday be the starting point for change, not another day off from work or school. King did not tolerate inequality and we shouldn't, either.

GUEST COLUMN

New year brings new opportunities

Over the past three years, Michigan has charted a new course toward prosperity for all of our citizens. Michigan is growing again. Income is up. Private-sector job growth is the fourth highest in the nation. The unemployment rate is at 8.8 percent, down from 14.2 percent during the "lost decade."

We have added more than 124,000 jobs since then. If our workforce would have remained constant with the January 2011 levels, our unemployment rate would actually be 8.3 percent. More than 1.5 million people are staying together.

To get a true measure of the vitality of our economy, we need to look beyond the unemployment rate. How do we really know more of us are earning a decent living in the workplace? Tax revenue.

State tax revenue alone is up more than \$1.2 billion since fiscal 2012 without raising tax rates. It is simple: More people working results in more people generating income and buying goods. This spending translates into more state revenue generated via income and sales taxes. The key question is: What do we do with it?

We are told that we need a minimum \$1.2 billion investment to keep our roads from degrading further. There are persistent



Patrick Colbeck
GUEST COLUMNIST

demands for more money for schools so that we can cover the escalating costs of school employee pension plans. What about more money to local governments to cover the escalating health care costs for police and firefighters?

Do you want more money for roads, schools, police and firefighters? Implement growth policies that return money back to those who know how to use money most effectively — "we the people." In a nutshell, that translates to a state government that "taxes less" and "spends less."

On the state tax policy front, we can start by eliminating the Senior Pension Tax, eliminating progressive Homestead Property Tax provisions, restoring charitable tax deductions and making a significant cut to our income tax. On the spending front, we should be reducing spending on services not explicitly required in the Michigan Constitution. A 5-percent reduction in state spending on non-essential services would free up more than \$1 billion for higher-priority expenditures like roads, schools, police and firefighters.

We can cut taxes and still free up funding for essential services.

There are 10 million residents in Michigan. The transparency legislation I introduced with Sen. Tonya Schumaker, which is now law, empowers all citizens with information on how our state government is spending your tax dollars. Ten million accounts can help us trim the state budget. Let's focus on the services demanded by "we the people" rather than special-interest groups.

Thanks to our legislation, you can download a roll-up of each state agency's spending plan for fiscal year 2013 at TenMillionAccounts.com. If you would like to become a citizen accountant, please send your top five spending reduction suggestions from the fiscal year 2013 State of Michigan Spending Plans spreadsheet to my office at senpcolbeck@state.michigan.gov.

As we commence state budget deliberations for fiscal year 2015, we need to remind ourselves that it is our nation's track record of limited government that has yielded unlimited opportunities for our citizens to pursue the American Dream.

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, represents the 7th State Senate District, which includes Canton and Plymouth Townships, the City of Plymouth, Northville Township and part of the City of Northville.

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Yankee Air Museum offers flights for World War II vets

The Yankee Air Museum is going where it's never gone before by offering its first ever Flight Experience recognition season.

In 2014, YAM is honoring World War II Veterans with free rides on the B-17 Yankee Lady and the B-25 Yankee Warrior when a paid rider accompanies them. This special two-for-one pricing is effective for the season beginning in May and running into October.

"All of us feel the deepest honor when a World War II veteran steps aboard one of our aircraft," said Kevin Walsh, YAM executive director. "We want as many World War II veterans as possible to have the opportunity to fly on the B-17 or B-25. This is a special offer for them and an imperative for us."

Next year, the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II will be observed and, with America's Greatest Generation now in the upper 80s and 90s, Walsh said it's an opportunity to continually pay tribute to these veterans.

"This year it's time to take dad or grandpa back through time to the era and skies where heroes have flown," Walsh said. "And it's time to go with him."

While some WWII veterans fly in the Yankee Lady and Yankee



The pride of the Yankee Air Museum is its fully restored B-17 bomber, Yankee Lady.

Warrior every year and are usually accompanied by son, daughter or grandchild, Walsh hopes this incentive will bring them out in scores.

'It's all good'

"We've flown a lot of vets, especially airmen and many who were shot down and taken prisoner," said Norm Ellickson, crew chief of the B-17. "It's impossible to imagine the thoughts they have during these flights. For some it's a little hoohah, I'm sure. For others it's more somber, like a final farewell, closing a clasp on the mission well done. One thing is sure, in every case, it's all good."

Ellickson said that a veteran's presence on any flight enriches the experience for everyone on board. He added that veterans from all branches of the military are interested in the bombers, but especially those from the Army Air Forces.

"We work very hard to get it right, so our

Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress and North American B-25 Mitchell. To keep in top flight condition," Ellickson said. "The museum spends thousands of dollars and volunteers donate hundreds of hours to maintain these planes. We pass every inspection."

Rates for FLEX rides on the B-17 Flying Fortress heavy bomber are \$450 and \$425 for the B-25 Mitchell medium bomber. YAM members get a \$50 discount on flights.

A FLEX ride is a 45-minute experience with approximately 30 minutes of air time. FLEX rides are being booked now for select Wednesday evenings out of YAM's home base at Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti and other venues in the region.

"Although we're fortunate to have some exceptional engineers, mechanics and craftsmen donate their skills to keep costs down, we still need the revenues provided by all flights,"

said Dave Wright, director of the FLEX ride program. "This year, more than ever, we need people to scratch a 'ride' in a B-17 or a B-25 off their bucket list."

To book a date

People who are interested in booking a FLEX ride and flying with their WWII hero are encouraged to plan early. Some of the premium dates may sell out early, Wright said. To order a FLEX ride or to obtain a gift certificate, call Wright at 734-483-4030, ext. 236.

Donations are tax-deductible within the limits of the law and will directly support the B-17 and B-25. Certain restrictions and limitations apply and WWII veterans may be asked to provide documentation of their service.

Veterans from all branches of the military are eligible to participate.

Established in 1981, the Yankee Air Museum is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Visit the www.yankeeamuseum.org website to learn more about the museum and how the USAF Thunderbirds demonstration team will Thunder Over Michigan, Aug. 9-10.

Also visit YouTube and view "Where Heroes Have Flown" for a 90-second glimpse of a B-17 or B-25 flight experience.



BeckRidge Productions artistic director Michael Gross believes singing can be an excellent workout.

Chorale director: Singing is exercise

Michael Gross said he's read "many wonderful articles" on the benefits of singing. He says it gives the lungs a workout, tones facial and stomach muscles, boosts the immune system, relieves stress and stimulates circulation.

And while Gross, artistic director of BeckRidge Productions, can still be found working out, he is encouraging people to try singing as part of total mental and physical workout in the new year.

"When we are singing, our mood improves, we forget those aches and pains and our concentration and memory improve," he said.

Gross should know; he has been leading the BeckRidge Chorale for 35 years. BeckRidge Productions has two different high school choirs through adult mixed performing groups.

Cherry Hill Singers is designed for people who may have never sung before and want to give it a try or those who have been away from it for a while.

"I look forward to Cherry Hill Singers on Monday evenings,"

Gross said. "It is a fun group. I work on teaching how to sing knowing, at the end of the season, we are going to show what we have been able to accomplish as a group. Our spring concert features music from Broadway — songs like *Climb Every Mountain* and *Hello, Dolly!*"

For those who have experience singing, love creating harmony and want more of a challenge, there is also the BeckRidge Chorale.

"BeckRidge is a larger and auditioned ensemble," Gross said. "I ask more of them. The music is more challenging, but our time together is energizing with time for a few laughs — usually at my expense."

The BeckRidge Chorale rehearses each Tuesday evening and will sing music of the Beatles for its March concert.

For more information about BeckRidge Productions, Cherry Hill Singers or to schedule an audition for the BeckRidge Chorale, visit the website at www.beckridgechorale.org or call Gross at 734-667-3127. BeckRidge Productions is located in Canton.

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THOMANN TRIBUTE

CELEBRATING A LIFE AND LEGACY

Spartans spoil the party for Rocks

Only on the basketball court, that is, 39-27

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Before Tuesday's tribute game to Fred Thomann, Salem senior Kayla Kavulich read a speech about going full tilt until the final buzzer.

The Rocks tried to honor Thomann's memory with such an effort, but so did the visiting Livonia Stevenson girls basketball team — and the Spartans came away with a 39-27 KLA A Central Division win.

"I tried to keep it loose before the game, I didn't even give them too much," Salem interim head coach Lindsay Klemmer said. "I just said 'I want you guys to go play.' That's what Fred always said."

"The first half was all right but then they came out in the second half flat and that really hurt us. It's usually the second half that we play better, actually."

Klemmer said the final outcome was a disappointment, given the fact so many Salem basketball alums from over his storied, 41-year coaching career were on hand.

"But am I ecstatic at the outcome of everybody that showed up? All the support of the teams and the community? Absolutely," Klemmer said. "He was a great man. We just got to take this and learn from it, that's what he would do."

Stevenson head coach Jen Knoph said her team was honored to be part of the Thomann tribute and

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Salem's Kayla Kavulich scores a layup at the end of Tuesday's first quarter. BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Former Salem player Tiffany Grubaugh speaks about Fred Thomann's legacy. Behind her, more former players, dating back to the 1970s, gather to honor Thomann. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A night for Fred

Salem basketball community bids farewell to one-of-a-kind Thomann

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Fred Thomann's niece told the jam-packed crowd at Salem High School Tuesday that family dinners included his basketball team.

Thomann's extended "basketball family" grew over 41 years, with the Rocks' gymnasium his "kitchen table" where important discussions took place.

"This place (gym) more than any other was the place Fred considered home," said Tanya Thomann, during halftime ceremonies honoring the legendary coach, who passed away on Dec. 27 at age 71.

Then, turning toward the long line of men and women who played on Thomann's teams dating back to 1972-73, she told them that "Fred's life was richer because of all of you. Thank you so much."

It was a rich experience for the many folks who attended the "Celebration of the Life and Legacy of Fred J. Thomann," too.

Life lessons

Before the Salem-Livonia Stevenson girls basketball game, the current boys and girls basketball teams from all three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park high schools paraded into the gym wearing their uniforms.

There was a speech read by Salem senior point guard and co-captain Kayla Kavulich.



Team armbands honor coach Fred J. Thomann.

"Although we lost a member of our basketball family," Kavulich read, "we all know he'd only want one thing. For us to rise above this and play our hearts out."

Kavulich, who later said she incorporated input from teammates into the speech, also talked about how Thomann "wanted us to learn about life as well" as the sport he loved teaching them to play.

Following the speech, Salem freshman bas-

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BOYS HOCKEY

Spartans' Lutz thorn in Salem's side

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Before the crowd at Plymouth Cultural Center could get comfortable Saturday night, Livonia Stevenson's Dominic Lutz again showed why he is a world-class player.

Lutz ripped a slap shot over the shoulder of Salem senior goalie Parker Godfrey just 2:09 into the KLA A non-division varsity boys hockey matchup to open the game's scoring.

It was Lutz 2, Salem 0 before the end of the opening stanza when the forward banged in a rebound for his 29th of the season and that proved to be enough as the defending Division 2 champions tallied a 3-1 triumph. Stevenson's third goal was by Michael Sinclair into an empty net with 14 seconds to go.

"Dom is just a special player. He's a guy we'll all see at the next level," Stevenson head coach David Mitchell said. "He popped a couple early, and had all kinds of chances the rest of the night,



Livonia Stevenson forward Dominic Lutz (No. 15) tries to knock the puck away from Salem forward Jason Newel on Saturday night at Plymouth Cultural Center. BRIAN QUINTOS

and battled through and through."

The lone Salem goal was scored early in the third period by senior forward Jake Sealy, who sent a seemingly harmless shot from the left circle that bounced off a Stevenson defenseman past netminder Andrew Rozenbaum (21 saves) to cut the deficit to

2-1. Salem (5-6) put on plenty of pressure in an attempt to force overtime, but could not do so — following a recent trend so far this season of having trouble cashing in scoring chances. "They had two goals, one

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CAMPUS RIVALRY RESUMES

Chiefs eke out low-scoring KLA A South win over 'Cats

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Down 14-11 at halftime Monday night, Jimmy Reddy implored his Canton varsity boys basketball team to somehow shed the defensive blanket being draped all over them by the pesky Plymouth Wildcats.

"We talked about urgency, and playing with more enthusiasm and passion," Reddy recalled.

That happened right from the start of the third quarter, when Canton senior guard Jack Zemanski swiped Plymouth's in-bounds pass.

With 7:20 left in the frame, the player who had been held scoreless in the first half —



Going up for two Monday night is Canton's Davon Taylor (No. 21), while Plymouth's Kevin Justice (No. 4) tries to thwart the shot. At right are Plymouth's Deji Adebij (No. 5) and Canton's Shaine Keyandwy (No. 1). JOHN KEMSKI/EXPRESS PHOTO

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kethall coach Bill Mair needed to take a deep breath before answering a question about what Thomann might have thought about the night in his honor.

"He'd have been very happy, to hear the kids speak highly of him like that," said Mair, wearing blue armbands with Thomann's initials—which all Salem players are wearing for the rest of the season. "He would have really enjoyed hearing that."

Carry it on

The tribute resumed at halftime, with former Salem player Tiffany Grubaugh speaking while all of the former players stood behind her.

There were so many players back to honor "Coach Fred" that they were not introduced individually by Sue Heinzman, P-CEP co-athletics director. Instead, all players from a particular decade were asked to step forward.

"I had the pleasure of playing for, coaching with and coaching against Fred," Grubaugh said. "He instilled in me and everyone who stepped out on the court with him, hard work, discipline, toughness and motivation, knowledge and love of the game of basketball."

Grubaugh added that those who were touched by Thomann have the chance to carry on his legacy as role models to future generations of student-athletes.

Also at halftime, Paul Dillon (a Salem player in the 1970s for Thomann) discussed the new Fred Thomann Memorial Scholarship.

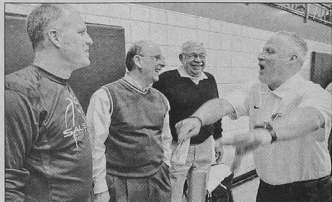
Private donations will fund the scholarship, to be awarded to any student-athlete in the Park with aspirations to be a coach and teacher (Thomann also was a teacher for more than 30 years).

Dillon said Thomann's mantra to his players was to "get there" to do their respective assignments.

"While I always didn't have the chance to get there" on the basketball court," Dillon noted, "Coach Thomann helped me



A moment of silence for Salem coach Fred Thomann took place before Tuesday's girls basketball game. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Former Canton boys coach Bob Blohm (right), now Chiefs' assistant girls basketball coach, talks about Thomann with coaching colleagues Geoff Baker, Tommy Williams, and Ray Franzen.

and countless others develop a mental toughness to work through the obstacles that we all face in life."

He also pointed out the banners on one wall of the gymnasium, featuring many of the championships won under Thomann's guidance. Thomann won over 700 games, including 20 district and 21 league titles and took four teams to the state's final four.

Big impact

Another player from the 1970s, Steve Robb, said Thomann left quite an impression on him and his teammates in the summer of 1972.

"He was very intimidating," Robb recalled. "The first time we ever saw him was in the parking lot at Central Middle

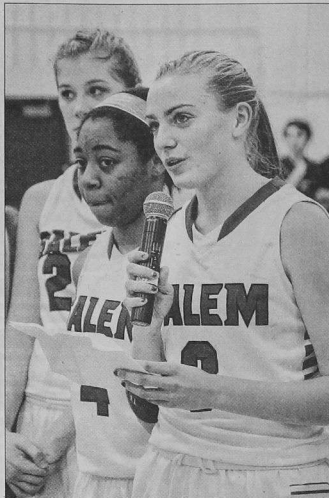
School. He kind of uncurling his 6-foot-9 body out to a Datsun 280i, and he had the Atsun 280-Z. And he had had the fu manchu, the goatee and long hair. We thought 'Man, we're in luck.'"

"And we found out he was one of the toughest coaches we ever had, but also that he cared about us very much."

Robb said Thomann would have been "extremely happy" to see the celebration of basketball in his honor.

"Just the fact he had an impact on so many young people's lives, he would be smiling," Robb noted. "I'm sure he is smiling."

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Kayla Kavulich speaks about Thomann. At left are Jamyra Wilson (No. 4) and Kelly Whalen.

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she was proud of how the Spartans (4-2, 1-1) responded on the floor.

The Rocks led 9-5 after the first quarter, but then Stevenson took control with an 8-0 run midway through the second to go up 15-14 at halftime. Stevenson's 14-5 edge in the third pretty much sealed the fate of the Rocks (5-4, 0-3).

"They wanted to honor his memory, too," Knoph said. "I thought they recognized that it was going to be about the 32 minutes, not everything else that was around."

"They did a really good job of that, of focusing. I was just really proud of them, that was the best I've seen them getting on the floor for loose balls and the rebounding was great."

Leading Stevenson with eight points was senior Rosemary Morse, one of the post players (along with Charlesann Roy and Kyrá Johnson) that kept Salem players away from the rim.

Roy tallied seven points and six rebounds. Others chipping

in were Johnson (six points, eight rebounds, four steals) and Arryn Dochentz (four assists).

Lost spark

Klemmer lamented too many times where Stevenson players got multiple chances around the Salem basket.

"I feel we came out focused and with a spark in the first half," Klemmer noted. "Our shots weren't falling (20 percent range), and I just told them to keep playing defense and our offense will come."

"But then in the second half it was kind of like we almost got in our own heads. We don't them dictate the tempo, I let know how many missed box outs we had that led to a basket."

Top scorers for the Rocks were senior forward Shara Long (11 points, eight rebounds) and junior guard Jamyra Wilson (seven points).

Adding five points was junior forward Hayley Rogers while Kavulich helped out with four points and two steals.

Salem did have some moments in the first half where it looked like it might be a magical night on the court, too.

With the first quarter closing out, Rogers stole the basketball in the Stevenson end and dished it to Kavulich—who sprinted the length of the floor for a layup at the buzzer.

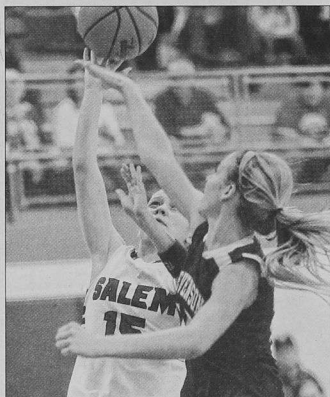
And late in the first half, Wilson threw a no-look shot from the side of the key that hit high on the glass and dropped through the cylinder to make it 13-13.

Unfortunately for the Rocks, any good feelings from the halftime ceremony honoring Thomann did not last long as Rachel Wilkinson's trey with 6:40 left opened up an 18-14 Stevenson lead.

Rogers did answer with a triple to make it 18-17, but that was about it for the home team as Stevenson took a 29-19 edge into the final frame.

Thomann's niece, Danya Thomann of Berkley, laughed following the contest that "He would not be pleased. He'd be back in there chewing those girls' ears and telling them they have to get some stuff taken care of so they can get out and finish their season successfully."

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Salem's Katie Latack (No. 15) shoots the ball over Livonia Stevenson's Rachel Wilkinson. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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senior power forward Jordan Noward got some room in the paint and sank a nifty turnaround shot to make it 14-13.

The energized Chiefs (8-1 overall, 2-1 in the KLAAs South) outscored the Wildcats 10-5 in the stanza to go up 29-19 and held off their campus rivals in the game, played one day earlier than originally scheduled to accommodate Tuesday's Parkville tribute to the late Salem basketball coach Fred Thomann.

"Jack is a kid that always does that," said Reddy, about the flip-the-switch moment at the start of the second half. "... Not too many people are going to steal that in-bounds pass right there, and Jack made a heck of a play."

"That's a hustle play and an energy play so I think that absolutely flips the momentum a little bit and gets our moving a little bit and our motor going."

Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup said the Chiefs came out of halftime finding a way to crack the 2-3 zone that the Wildcats had employed with success in the first two frames.

"They made some good adjustments against our zone a little bit," Soukup said. "And they were able to get some shots inside, easy shots for Nobles and easy shots for (6-6 forward Javon) Taylor as well."

"That hurt us, and our offense kind of went into the can, too. We weren't cutting as hard and not as aggressive as we should be. It didn't help that we missed nine free throws tonight."

Nobles still managed to score only five points, hitting two of nine from the floor. He tallied eight rebounds.

Triple threat

Canton's top scorers were Taylor (15 points, eight boards) and junior guard JaJuan Sturdivant, who came up clutch with three treys including two in the second half, both launched from the left wing after receiving perfect feeds from Zemanski.

"He (Sturdivant) was huge off the bench tonight," Reddy said. "I think he helps us that way, especially when they're playing a 2-3 zone. He's a guy that can come in and shoot the basketball."

Plymouth had scored four points in a row to take a 19-18 lead with two minutes remain-



Driving past Plymouth's Chris Walls (No. 23) on his way into the photo is Canton senior forward Jordan Nobles (No. 15). JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

ing in the third, thanks to a layup by junior guard Randall Aikins and two free throws by junior wing Josh Reynolds.

But Sturdivant drained a 3-ball to put the Chiefs back in front 21-19 going into the

fourth and they never gave the lead up after that—although Aikins buried a triple with 20 seconds left to make it 29-27 and give the home team something to think about.

The Chiefs managed to hit

just 34 percent from the floor (11-32), but the Wildcats were even worse (8-34, 23 percent).

Both teams also were dismal from the charity stripe. Canton sank just six of 20 tries while the Wildcats made 10 of 20 chances.

"We got to make free throws, too," Reddy said. "... We could have extended the lead, but we missed a ton of free throws down the stretch."

Leading Plymouth (4-4 overall, 1-2 in the KLAAs South) with 13 points was Aikins, a sparkplug for the Wildcats who also had four steals.

Scoring six points each were sophomore guard Chris Walls and Reynolds.

"We competed and played their tails off tonight," Soukup said. "I got no knock on my group as far as playing hard tonight. Kudos to Canton, they were just a little bit better than us tonight."

"We see them again two more times, once in league and again in the districts. Hopefully we can give them two more good games."

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PREP WRESTLING

Plymouth, Salem grapplers have big weekends

With virtually every weekend, success finds the Plymouth and Salem varsity boys wrestling teams. Last weekend was no different. The Wildcats won all five dual meets at the Gladwin Invitational...

bella for the Gladwin crown and did just that, 45-24. The Wildcats managed to prevail despite close losses sustained by Dylan Dwyer, Jon Conn, Joey Shaver and Hussein Youssef...

Louis. Highlights included Nielson's 10-6 win over previously unbeaten Adam Kern of Reed City at 152 pounds. Salem improved to 10-2 in dual meets following the invite at Kingsley.

ley, 51-19 over Grayling and 58-21 over Shepard. Cameron Shaughnessy, Peter Bushaw and Conner Thornbury all went 2-0 with Hamad Abed, Caleb McCabe, Roy Foster and Mitchell Gross 4-1.

Wildcats skate past South Lyon

Plymouth's varsity boys hockey team used a 61-shot attack to overpower South Lyon Unified for a 7-0 win at the Kensington Valley Ice House on Monday.

High to a 1-1 overtime tie on Friday. Both games were played at Pullar Stadium.

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Junior center Josh Smith led the attack with two goals and two assists. Senior forward Zach Tavarene added a short-handed goal and two assists...

The Wildcats overcame a 2-0 first period deficit in Saturday's game with two goals each by Schultz and Bump, and a tally from Smith. The team outreaced the Jets 42-18.

off a face-off and another just off a rebound. Salem head coach Ryan Ossennmacher said, "For us, we had a ton of chances, I don't know how many empty nets we missed again tonight but it happens. Right now, pucks just aren't bouncing are way."

full 51-minute game, especially since it was our third game in four days," head coach Gerry Vento said. "While the scoring was nice, it was also helpful to see us limit their shots and scoring chances."

After giving up a first-period power play goal Friday, senior defenseman Colin Staub fired in a second-period goal to tie the game. Sault High, a 2013 Division 3 state finalist, outshot the Wildcats 31-29, but that did not include three goal posts hit by Plymouth players...

"These are the type of games that help you at the end of the year, you hope," Ossennmacher added. "They're the No. 1 team in Division 2 for a reason. We play the No. 1 team in Division 1 team (Orchard Lake St. Mary's) on Tuesday. If we bring this effort tonight we have a chance."

Plymouth started the game strong by outshooting South Lyon 21-6 in the first period, but Unified goalie Justin Zabinski stopped all the shots. Smith scored 18 seconds into the second period to ignite the offense for the Wildcats that outshot South Lyon 61-18.

"We put together two good solid efforts last weekend," Vento said. "I hope to build on that for the rest of season." In the three seasons Vento has been the head coach of the Wildcats, the Wildcats are 5-0-1 in games played at Sault Ste. Marie.

Keying off close Lutz never registered a hat trick when he broke in on Godfrey during a Salem power play with less than four minutes to go in the third. Godfrey challenged Lutz and dove toward the speedy skater to poke the

pick off his stick. It probably was Godfrey's biggest save (he made 26) of the game because it kept the Rocks within a goal.

"Parker's a good goalie," Ossennmacher said. "In a game like tonight you're going to need a good goalie to stay in the game. I think they've probably merited half the teams they've played this year, so to keep them to two goals for most of the game, you're happy with that."

"Mitchell said it was key for the Spartans to start strong and they did just that when Lutz scored off Devin Kelly's face-off win. Tyler Irvine and Ray Chatterly collected the helpers on Lutz' second of the night with 3:01 left in the opening stanza.

"We're a team that likes to prepare and likes to make sure we're ready to play and that's been a good thing for us," Mitchell noted. "We knew we were going to be in a hockey game, we knew that Salem's a solid, solid hockey club so we knew we were in for a battle for us."

He also pointed out that it was a good test for his team to have to fight and scrap until the end, particularly with so many of Stevenson's games being lopsided affairs. "Our work ethic showed tonight," Mitchell said. "We battled."

The team traveled to Sault Ste. Marie last weekend and earned a 5-2 win over Jeffers on Saturday and battled Sault

PCS PENGUINS 2, W.L. WILD 0 Senior goalie Becky Lough stops 31 shots to pace the PCS Penguins (girls) hockey team in its victory Saturday night over the Wilded Lake Wild at Suburban

Karla Seaver got the Penguins on the board in the second period and Morgan Cusumano added an empty netter in the winning seconds. PCS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE AUCTION JANUARY 23, 2014 AT 10 A.M.

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THESE VEHICLES HAVE BEEN DEEMED ABANDONED AND WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION THE AUCTION WILL BE ON TUESDAY JANUARY 21ST AT 10:00AM AT 4375 HIX WESTLAND MI, 48186. THE VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD AS IS, STARTING BID IS FOR TOWING AND STORAGE.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE #2014-01 PEDICAB BUSINESS AND OPERATION

The Plymouth City Commission has adopted Ordinance #2014-01 at their regular meeting held on Monday, January 6, 2014. This Ordinance is pertaining to Pedicab Business Operations in the City of Plymouth.

The entire Ordinance is available for viewing and is located in the City Clerk's office, Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This Ordinance will be inserted in Section #22 of the Municipal Code and will be on line at some point in time. The following is a synopsis of this Ordinance:

- Sec. #22-288 Purpose - To regulate the pedicab industry, set basic safety standards, operating procedures and insurance requirements, and ensure safety and welfare of passengers in the operation of pedicabs and pedicab companies.
Sec. #22-289 - Definitions
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Sec. #22-298 - Preliminary Breath Test

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DANIEL DWYER MAYOR LINDA LANGMESSER, CMC CITY CLERK

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE #2014-02

The Plymouth City Commission has adopted Ordinance #2014-02 at their regular meeting held on Monday, January 6, 2014. This Ordinance is pertaining to amending Chapter #78 of the City of Plymouth Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of modifying Article XXIII by adding Rooftop Seating as a special use, and adding a special use revocation procedure.

The entire Ordinance is available for viewing and is located in the City Clerk's office, Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This Ordinance will be inserted in Section #78 of the Zoning Code and will be on line at some point in time. The following is a synopsis of this Ordinance:

- Section #78 Modify Article XXIII Special Uses
#280 - Intent - To provide for specific regulations which apply to special land uses. The regulations set forth in the article are in addition to the standards and procedures set forth in the various zoning districts.
Section #78-281 - Special uses
Section #78-297 - Rooftop Seating at Establishments Serving Alcohol.
Section #4 - Rights and Duties
Section #5 - Validity
Section #6 - Ordinances Repealed
Section #7 - Effective Date

This Ordinance was introduced on December 16, 2013, approved on January 6, 2014, published January 16, 2014, effective date January 17, 2014.

DANIEL DWYER MAYOR LINDA LANGMESSER, CMC CITY CLERK

Published Ordinance Number: 2162014

PLYMOUTH CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PLYMOUTH, MI 48170 SECTION 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools, consisting of Additions and/or Remodeling Projects at: Discovery Middle School, East Middle School, Pioneer Middle School, West Middle School

will be received at the office of Mr. Brodie Killian, Deputy Superintendent of Business & Operations, Plymouth Canton Community Schools, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 until 1:30 PM local time on Thursday, January 30, 2014. Bids will be opened and read publicly at Plymouth Canton Community School, E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170.

Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened.

Envelopes will not be accepted. This Project will consist of separate sealed bids for the following Bid Divisions of work:

- 101: Earthwork / Site Utilities
102: Asphalt Paving / Site Concrete
103: Protective Demolition
104: Concrete Foundations
105: Masonry
106: Carpentry / General Trades
107: Steel
108: Roofing / Sheetmetal
109: Hiding Metal / Wood Doors / Finish Hardware
110: Metal Stairs / GP/W / EIFS
111: Acoustical Treatments
112: Interior Partitions
122: Interior Signage
125: Toilet Sights
130: Window Treatments
142: HVAC
148: Landscaping

Bidding documents prepared by TMP Architecture, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335, the Dodge Plan Room, Construction Association of Michigan (CAM), Reed Construction Data, and Builders Exchange, Lansing.

Bid Documents will be available beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 via the following:

- Bidders may obtain one (1) set of 1/2 size bidding documents for a refundable \$50.00 deposit, beginning at 12:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., at (248) 427-8400. Deposit checks should be payable to Plymouth Canton Community Schools. Deposit will be refunded upon return of complete documents in good condition to McCarthy & Smith, Inc. no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the bid opening.

- Bidders may download bid documents from Gradecom.com free of charge by contacting the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., at (248) 427-8400 to obtain log in information for access to the project documents.

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc. The bid division(s) being bid is/are to be identified on the outside of the envelope.

There will be a pre-bid meeting held on Thursday, January 16, 2014 at 3:00 P.M. at West Middle School, located at 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI 48170. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the project, schedule and to answer any questions that bidders may have. All bidders are encouraged to attend.

All bids must include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 00 41 26), Proposal Execution Form (Section 00 42 00), and the Iran Economic Sanctions Act Affidavit. The Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by Section 1267 of the Revised School Code, as amended, MCL 386.1297, and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted. The Iran Economic Sanctions Act Affidavit form may be found in section 00 42 10 of the Bidding Requirements & General Conditions Manual.

All bids must be accompanied by Bid Security, in the form of a bond or certified bank check, in the amount of five (5) percent of the bid, payable to Plymouth Canton Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the amount is accepted, the school district is secured from loss or damage by reason of the withdrawal of the bid or failure of the bidder to enter a contract for performance. Further, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract.

If awarded a contract, the successful bidder may be required to furnish a Performance Bond and surety and Material Payment Bond. Plymouth Canton Community School reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding.

This project is authorized by Plymouth Canton Community School's Board of Education Secretary Adrienne Davis.

Published January 16, 2014

PREP BOWLING

Super! Salem boys best at PCS tournament

Salem's varsity boys bowling team continued its strong season with Saturday's championship of the Plymouth-Canton-Salem Bowling Tournament at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton.

The Rocks tallied 3,704 pins to outscore Novi-Detroit Catholic Central (3,520), Canton (3,499) and Westland John Glenn (3,402).



The top three boys at Saturday's Plymouth-Canton-Salem bowling tournament were (from left) Salem's Brandon Allison, Canton's Josh Pozan and Wayne Memorial's Kody Wojewski.

Ridgetway also cracked the 600-point plateau, with 615 and 614 series, respectively. Nolan Rudis and Tyler Snyder each finished with 567.

Glenn girls prevail

Westland John Glenn captured its second major girls bowling title in as many weeks by winning Saturday's PCS tourney, also at Super Bowl. The Rockets, on the heels of their Livonia LadyWood Holiday Tournament crown, scored a team best 3,391, including a 2,660 in the four-game regular set along with a 731 in the four Baker sets.

Coach Ralph Cabildo's squad posted a high regular game of 896 and a Baker best of 193.

Canton and Wayne Memorial finished a distant second and third, respectively, with 2,875 and 2873.

Salem came in fourth (2,868) while Ladywood was 10th with a 2,505 total.

Canton's Megan Macunovich had a 586 series, second

only to Wayne's Christina O'Harris (623).

As for top individual games, Katherine Kehoe of Salem rolled a 207 for the fourth best of the day.



Salem's boys bowling team celebrates the PCS tournament championship. Pictured are head coach Kathie Hahn (far right) along with the following (listed alphabetically) bowlers: Brandon Allison, Steven Cadwell, Tyler Ridgetway, Nolan Rudis and Tyler Snyder.

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ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Whalers reward Vellucci's confidence

By Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Friday's Ontario Hockey League trade deadline came and went and Mike Vellucci decided to stay the course with his young squad for the rest of 2013-14.

There would be no blockbuster trade for a high-scoring forward like Vince Trocheck this time around. But Vellucci likes the progress being made — slowly, but surely — by his team, as demonstrated in Saturday's 3-1 win over Ottawa at Computware Arena.

The Whalers also secured a point in Friday's 4-3 shootout loss at Sarina and are 16-21-0-5 and in eighth place in the OHL Western Conference (the final play-in spot).

"We're young," Vellucci said. "We've picked up (Francesco) Viardi and (Brook) Hindick and some of the other guys are in the year. We're a new team and there's really nothing to move. I think they're getting more familiar with the league, more familiar with the system and competing. That's the key. My teams usually have better second halves and hopefully that continues."

Since returning from the holiday break, the Whalers have gone 4-1-0-1 and are starting to jell.

If there were any worries about the team's performance against the Eastern Conference's 67's (14-23-3-1) it was the power play. The Whalers went 0-for-7 with the extra man.

We went 2-for-8 last night and tonight we went 0-for-7. But the ice was terrible," Vellucci said. "Because it was warm



Plymouth Whalers goalie Alex Nedeljkovic makes a pad save against Ottawa's Erik Bradford Saturday night, as Plymouth defenseman Josh Wesley (No. 20) tries to control the rebound. RENA LAVERTY/PLYMOUTH WHALERS

outside and with the rain, the ice was chippy. So it made (for) a couple tough breaks, but we had a few chances. We played great on the power play."

Plymouth did get off to a quick 1-0 lead thanks to a goal by center Zach Lorentz just 2:08 into the game. Setting up the goal were winger Matt Misteale and defenseman Gianluca Curcuruto.

The 67's cut the margin to 2-1 with 54 seconds remaining in the period, when Dante Salutori one-timed a feed from Alex Lintuniemi past Nedeljkovic.

That lead held up throughout the third period, although Plymouth did get some insurance when Misteale scored an

empty-netter with 43 seconds left. Misteale lofted a high shot from his own blue line that bounced into the Ottawa net, touching off a celebration from the Computware crowd of 2,589.

Plymouth will play home games at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday against Sudbury and Windsor as part of Military Appreciation Weekend. The Whalers will wear camouflage jerseys that will be auctioned off, with proceeds earmarked for the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System.

Call (734) 453-8400 for more information or go online to www.plymouthwhalers.com/buytickets.

smith@hometownlife.com

Trading goals

Ottawa turned up the offensive heat in the second period, outshooting the Whalers 18-7.

But Plymouth goalie Alex Nedeljkovic (41 saves) once again performed brilliantly while Lorentz netted his second of the night (and 18th of

the season) to make it 2-0 at 12:25.

A shot from the right circle was knocked down by Ottawa goalie Philippe Trudeau (29 saves), but he could not handle the rebound. Lorentz retrieved the puck, circled the net and stuffed it in at the 10th spot.

Misteale and forward Ryan Hartman (in his second game back from the World Juniors) assisted on the tally.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

PREP BOYS SWIM RESULTS

DOUBLE-DUAL MEET RESULTS
Jan. 10 at Ann Arbor Pioneer
TEAM SCORES: Livonia Westland 110, Salem 53, Ann Arbor Pioneer 151, Salem 35, Plymouth 109, Pontiac 57.

100-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Parker Bellmore, Nick Accaroni, Bradley Ruffalo, Jake Gonskiak), 1:37.5-4. 2. Stevenson (Matt Della Mora, Grant Warner, Tom O'Donohue, Ryan Pott), 1:49.2-5. 3. Salem (Patrick Casey, Charles Liu, Brandon Wellman, Noah Fleming), 1:49.5-3.

200 freestyle: 1. Jackson (O'Donohue), 1:46.95-3. 2. Matt LaPrade (LS), 1:51.8-6. 3. Ryan Kimes (SA), 1:58.0-9.

200 individual medley: 1. Aerialian (LS), 1:37.0-3. 2. Bialicki (LS), 2:06.5-16. 3. Wang (W), 2:06.6-16.

500 freestyle: 1. K. Williams (AAP), 3:20.7-3. 2. K. Williams (AAP), 3:28.6-7. 3. 26. S. Michael Chen (LS), 23.31.

1-mile diving: 1. Chris Mariani (LS), 3:07.50 points. 2. Michael Fabian (Salem), 114.55-6. Franco Pappalardo (Salem), 10.95.

100 butterfly: 1. Max Corbinale (AAP), 1:31.5-1. 2. Michael Chen (LS), 55.7-1. 3. 25. S. Michael Chen (LS), 1:00.17.

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100 backstroke: 1. Williams (AAP), 54.98-1. 2. Bellmore (LS), 55.03-3. Gonskiak (SA), 59.6-6. Casey (Salem), 1:02.03-8.

100 breaststroke: 1. Aerialian (LS), 1:31.91-3. 2. Michael Chen (LS), 1:38.0-6. 3. Jackson (O'Donohue), 1:50.24-10.

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Campus classic: Chiefs overtake Wildcats, 31-28

Monday night's varsity girls basketball game between Canton and Plymouth proved to be the latest episode in a long-running series of defensive battles.

Finally, the Chiefs rallied from a 22-19 deficit after three quarters to squeak out a 31-28 KLAА South Division win. Scoring 11 of Canton's 12 points in the twilight four were seniors Rachel Winters and Paige Aresco.

"Rach was solid tonight, both her and Paige were outstanding in the fourth," Canton head coach Brian Samulski said.

Plymouth head coach Nick Brandon described it as a "war" and a "classic Park rivalry game" while Samulski summed up the action as "a defensive battle."

"I thought both teams came out and played really hard to-

night," said Samulski, whose team improved to 6-3 overall and 3-0 in the division. "It was a defensive battle."

The Wildcats (6-2, 1-1) were paced by senior point guard Kylie Robb, who Brandon called "a warrior tonight and really stepped up as a senior leader." Robb led Plymouth with 10 points, and tallied three steals.

Winters led the Chiefs with 13 points while Aresco chipped in with seven points.

"Winning the fourth quarter 12-6 was big," Samulski stressed. "I thought the girls really stepped up and guarded."

Canton's physical brand of defense really stymied Plymouth senior forward Jada Woody (two points).

Senior center Shelby Cheston managed five points for the Wildcats, but she contributed

six boards and four blocks.

Scoring seven points for Plymouth was Kendall Rose while Patti Begoske chipped in with six points and four rebounds.

"Patti Begoske also showed outstanding toughness in the game," Brandon noted. "She took two charges that totally earned us the momentum in the first half, and it was fantastic to see her translate what we worked on in practice into the game."

"Patti just keeps getting better and better with every game."

Aresco led Canton with eight rebounds and four assists. Also helping the cause was Alanna Brown, with six rebounds.

The teams, playing one night earlier than originally scheduled due to Tuesday's tribute to Salem coach Fred Thoman

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Chiefs stay on winning track at Farmington

The Canton Chiefs girls gymnastics teamaced an early season test, capturing Friday's KLAА dual meet against Farmington by a 144.425-140.525 score.

Canton improved to 6-0 with the victory.

Jocelyn Moraw led the Chiefs, with firsts on uneven parallel bars (9.075), balance beam (9.65) and all-around (37.025). She also scored nines on vault (9.0) and floor exercise (9.3).

Canton's other first was from Hailey Hodgson, with a 9.15 on vault.

Melissa Green enjoyed her best meet of the season, posting a 9.35 on vault. She finished second in all-around (35.9) and also topped the 9.0 mark on vault (9.0), beam (9.25) and floor (9.15).

Also helping the Canton cause were Maddie Toal (35.425, third all-around, including 9.1 on beam), Erica Lucas (9.075 on beam, 35.225 all-around) and Stephanie Cox (sixth on floor, 9.05).

"The most refreshing part of the meet was the improvement of Jocelyn and Melissa's routines," Canton head coach John Cunningham said. "And a 144 score with many 'easy' trick and routine fixes to improve our score" moving forward.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

MU softball camps

Madonna University women's softball coach Jerry Abraham will stage a fundamentals camp from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and a pitching camp (all ages) from noon to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan.

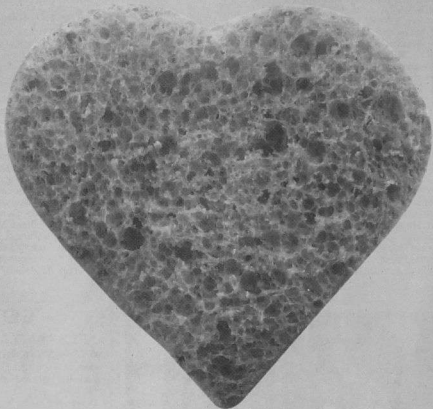
Free-throw contest

The annual Knights of Columbus Youth Free Throw Championship for boys and girls ages 9-14 will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19, at St. Thomas a'Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley,

Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. and the contest is free. Contestants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent.

For more information, call David Lengel at 734-516-4930.

HEART-HEALTHY RECIPES YOU'LL



Eating heart healthy foods is easier when you have a good plan and a variety of delicious recipes.

According to the FDA, a diet rich in whole grain and organic foods that contain little saturated fat and cholesterol, may help reduce the risk of heart failure.

Here are some tips for preparing heart-healthy choices:

— Choose leaner cuts of meat. There are many delicious options such as skinless poultry, and lean meats, including beef and pork. You also can make smart substitutions. Use turkey, for example, instead of ground beef to make meatloaf leaner.

— Add fruits and vegetables to every meal. It's easier

than you think to provide nutrients to your diet. For example, add fruit to yogurt and blueberries to salads. Create snacks with carrots and hummus. Eat fruits and vegetables of different colors for more nutritional benefits.

— Eat more whole grains. Whole grains provide carbohydrates for energy, fiber to fill and important nutrients for health.

For more tips and heart-healthy recipes that add whole grains to your diet, visit www.PostShreddedWheat.com

Courtesy of Family Futures



SHREDDED WHEAT APPLE CRISP

Prep time: 20 minutes
Total time: 1 hour, 5 minutes
Servings: 6

5 cups peeled apple slices
½ cup firmly packed light brown sugar, divided
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 tablespoon tapioca
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
1½ cups finely crushed shredded wheat cereal
½ cup (½ stick) margarine, melted
Mix apples, ½ cup of the sugar, lemon juice, tapioca and cinnamon in large bowl. Let stand 10 minutes. Stir crushed cereal, remaining ½ cup sugar and margarine in medium bowl until well blended. Spread apple mixture in ungreased 1½-quart baking dish. Sprinkle evenly with cereal topping. Bake at 350°F for 45 minutes or until topping is browned and apples are tender when pierced with fork.



BANANA BREAD

Prep time: 15 minutes
Total time: 1 hour, 5 minutes
Servings: 16

1½ cups flour
1 cup shredded wheat cereal, finely crushed
1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
½ teaspoon baking powder
½ cup sugar
½ cup (1 stick) margarine
2 eggs
½ cup fat-free milk
1 cup mashed ripe bananas (about 2 large bananas)

Preheat oven to 350°F. Mix flour, cereal, spice, baking powder and baking soda in medium bowl; set aside. Beat sugar and margarine in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy. Add eggs; mix well. Add flour mixture alternately with milk, beating well after each addition. Blend in bananas. Pour into greased 9-by-5-inch loaf pan. Bake 1 hour to 1 hour 5 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan 10 minutes on wire rack; remove from pan. Cool completely. Cut into 16 slices.



SAVORY MEATLOAF

Prep time: 15 minutes
Total time: 1 hour, 15 minutes
Servings: 12

2 eggs
1 cup milk
2 pounds ground beef
3 biscuits Post Original Shredded Wheat Cereal, crushed
1 can (8 ounces) stewed tomatoes, undrained
1 medium onion, chopped
½ cup chopped green pepper
2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
2 teaspoons salt
½ teaspoon ground black pepper
Preheat oven to 375°F. Beat eggs and milk in large bowl with wire whisk until well blended. Add remaining ingredients; mix well. Shape meat mixture into oval loaf in shallow baking pan. Bake 1 hour or until cooked through (160°F).



GRAB 'N GO PEANUT BUTTER BARS

Prep time: 10 minutes
Total time: 20 minutes
Servings: 16

½ cup firmly packed brown sugar
½ cup honey
½ cup reduced fat peanut butter
3 cups shredded wheat cereal, coarsely crushed
½ cup raisins
Mix sugar, honey and peanut butter in large microwavable bowl. Microwave on high 1½ to 2 minutes or until bubbly at edge; stir until well blended. Stir in cereal and raisins. Press firmly into 8-inch square pan sprayed with cooking spray. Cool. Cut into bars. Store in airtight container.

RELIGION CALENDAR

JANUARY
BETHANY
Time/Date: 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 18
Location: 8301 3049 Ford Road, Garden City
Details: The group meets for breakfast.

Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit office of youth ministry, providing peer support to divorced and separated persons of all Christian faiths
Contact: www.bethanysemi.org

WORLD BREAKFAST
Time/Date: 9:11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 18
Location: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Between Inkker and Arnold/Melbeck/Garden City.
Details: All you can eat, pancakes, sausage and beverage, \$6
Contact: 734-427-3660

WORLD BREAKFAST
Time/Date: 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 19
Location: St. Theodore social hall, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland
Details: All-you-can-eat menu includes pancake and French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, ham, juice, applesauce and coffee. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, 2-10.
Contact: 734-425-4421

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CUSAC, EARL KENNETH
Age 96 of Scottville passed away on December 31, 2013 at his home in Scottville, MI. He was born on October 20, 1917 in Detroit, MI the son of the late W. Ray & Grace (Roy) Cusac. Earl married A. Frances Harding on September 6, 1940 at the Metropolitan Methodist Church in Detroit, MI. He was employed as a product engineer with General Motors until his retirement in 1977. Earl was a lifetime member of the SABBAR SHRINE in Tucson, AZ. He loved playing tennis and played until his late 80's. He also loved to fish, sing, and talk on his Ham Radio and did stage make-up and acted in plays for the Scottish Rite in Detroit. Earl is survived by his children, Margarette (John) Staples of Tucson, AZ, Kenneth (Kathy) Cusac of Scottville, MI, Patricia (Richard) Rubland of Garden City, MI, 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife, A. Frances Cusac and his brother, Roy Cusac. Cremation has taken place and a Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at the Wayne Masonic Temple, 31737 Palmer Rd., Westland, MI 48186. Memorial contributions in memory of Earl may be directed to the Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation, 1200 Wright Ave, Alma MI 48801, or Hospice of Michigan. Please visit at www.oakgrovech.com. The family has entrusted funeral arrangements with Oak Grove Funeral Home & Cremation Center in Ludington, MI.

GEDEON, JOYCE JUNIATA

Age 88, of Fenton, Michigan formerly of Redford Township, MI will be 3 - 7 p.m. Friday at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton, with a Scripture Service to follow at 7 p.m., Fr. Dwight Epp officiating. Committal Services will be 11:30 a.m., Saturday, January 18 at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Westland. Burial in Southfield in lieu of flowers, contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Born March 22, 1925 in Detroit. Married to Bartol Gedeon on December 13, 1941; he preceded her in death on May 25, 1997. Surviving are daughter Nikki Weisberg Black and husband Bill Black of Fenton; son Anthony Gedeon and wife Michelle of Palm Coast, Florida; six grandchildren, Todd Gedeon, Catty and husband Will DeMille, Aimee and husband Dana Smith, Kirk Gedeon and wife Jessica, Laura Weisberg and husband Shawn Rubin, and Bart Gedeon and wife Dori Bracco; and eight great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her father Louis Olean, and step-mother Mary Olean; mother Pauline Proysk and step-father Louis Proysk; and son-in-law William Weisberg.
www.sharppfuneralhomes.com

IRVINE, JAMES DAVID

Mr. James David Irvine, age 86, went home to his heavenly Father Saturday, August 11, 2014. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on September 29, 1927 to William and Mabel (Robertson) Irvine. James proudly served his country in the Army during WWII. After his time in the service he went to college on the GI Bill and became a corporate attorney at Ford Motor Company for 20 years. On June 18, 1966 he married Mona Louise Roester. He was a member of Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church, MAPHD, Rockford Sportsman's Club, and St. Andrews Society of Detroit. James is survived by his wife, Mona; children, Margaret Jean Cable, Delina (David) Enos Irvine, Delina (David) Atwell, Jim (Lisa) Irvine, John (Sandy) Irvine; 15 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, first wife, Margaret, Robert, William S. Irvine and John R. Irvine. The visitation will be 2-4 p.m. Thursday, January 16, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at the Pederson Funeral Home, 127 N. Monroe St., Rockford, MI. The Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 a.m. Thursday, January 16, 2014 at Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church, 4865 11 Mile Rd., Rockford, MI with Rev. Lam T. Le, Presiding. Memorial contributions can be made to the English Springer Spaniel Foundation, ESSSTAF Treasurer, 4917 Wagon Wheel Way, Richmond, CA 94803, www.englishspringerfoundation.org Pederson Funeral Home www.pedersonfuneralhome.com

PIERCE, ROBERT WILLIAM

Passed from this world December 27, 2013, at age 55. A native of Westland, he was born in Royal Oak, Michigan on November 4, 1958, and lived in Wayne County most of his life. He graduated from Wayne Memorial High School and worked at restaurants and Mejer's stores throughout his years. He was a Christian, and enjoyed a good life with his friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Lorraine Pierce, and his brother, Charles "Molby" Charyl Stockwell. A memorial service will honor his memory at 12:00 p.m., January 19, at the VFW Hall in Garden City, Michigan.

HAYES, GERMAINE (ZADRA)

Age 85, January 15, 2014, Livonia, MI. Preceded in death by husband Wayne Hayes and daughter Barbara. Survived by son Daniel (Mary) Hayes and one grand daughter Kelly. Germaine was a loving and devoted mother with a fun spirit. She taught at Gaspar Elementary in Livonia for over 30 years and she was an avid reader. No funeral services, a private gathering planned. Donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

QUINN, HUGH

passed away at the age of 90 in Des Moines, Iowa December 24, 2013. Hugh suffered a fall on December 20, 2013, which resulted in a broken hip and a mild heart attack. After several days at the hospital, when all seemed well he underwent surgery to repair his hip. However the surgery was initially successful, Hugh deteriorated later that day and suffered a cardiac arrest. Hugh was born in Cumbalong, Scotland February 1, 1923. He immigrated to Detroit, MI with his family around 1924. Hugh served in the US Army during WWII, receiving 2 purple hearts. Hugh retired to West Palm Beach, FL and resided there until his recent move to Des Moines, IA. Hugh is survived by his widow, Margu Quinn, her children, Suzanne Colella of New York, Michelle (Robert) Kimbrell of Des Moines, IA, Mark (Peggy) Rochoen of Washington, DC, 5 step grandchildren, 3 step great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his first wife, Madeline Quinn, their four sons - Michael (Patricia) Quinn of Brighton, MI, John (Mary Ann) Quinn of Gregory, MI; Robert Quinn of Orlando, FL; Dennis (Lydia) Quinn of Berkeley, MI, 10 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and by his brother Charles (Elizabeth "Betty") Quinn of Plymouth, MI. Hugh was predeceased by his siblings Frank (Shirley) Quinn, Ann (Jerry) Rancour, Mary Margaret (Hugh) McLean and his parents William Charles "Charley" Quinn and Mary Margaret "Molly" O'Neill Quinn. Memorial Services will be held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 111 Rickett Rd Brighton, MI on 30-Jan at Saturday, February 8, 2014.

RICHARD, RILEY P.

69, of Northville died January 12, 2014. Riley is survived by his beloved wife, Kathleen; devoted children, Mark (Erica) Richard and Marianne (Arthur) Richard; D'Elia; loving sister, Sharon Martin; and cherished grandchildren, Madeline and Natalie. Sadly, Riley was preceded in death by a sister, Jacqueline Traver Riley who was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He practiced law for 40 years at a dedicated advocate for his clients. He enjoyed spending time with his family and attending Michigan State University sporting events. Visitation Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2:30 pm, with 7:30 pm eulogies, at the Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (I-96) 9.10 Mile Rd., just N. of Grand River, downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Funeral mass Wednesday, January 15th, 10:30 am (in state 10:00 am) at St. James Catholic Church, 46325 Ten Mile Rd., Novi. Memorial gifts suggested to Salvation Army, Madonna University or the Brightspot Alliance. heeneys-sundquist.com

WASHBURN, CAROLYN "LYNN" PRIEST

of Greenville, formerly of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, passed away on Thursday, January 9, 2014 in Carson City, Michigan with her family at her side. She was born May 1928 in Boston, Massachusetts; the daughter of Henry B. and Verne E. Priest, both natives of Iraaburg, Vermont. She grew up in Verona, NJ where her father taught English at Montclair (NJ) High School for many years. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, John M. Washburn III, whom she married on September 23, 1950; their children, Christine Kohn (Thomas) of Greenville, MI, David (Washburn) (Gail) of Ringwood, NJ and Carol Kechery (Paul) of Plymouth, MI; grandchildren, Aaron Kohn (Katie), David Kohn (Kristen), Laura Kohn (Francis Alexander), Jacquelyn Washburn, Laura Sama (Andrea), Brian Washburn, Carolyn Rose (Jason), Jennifer (Brian) Washburn, Daniel (Cathy) (Taylor), great-grandchildren, Madison and Payton Rose, Alyssa Emily, and Daniel Kohn and Noah and Charlotte Kohn; sister, Virginia Weston (Ralph), sister-in-law, Jane Parker; and Ann Samuels Carolyn graduated from Tufts University (Medford, MA) in 1950 where she received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in history. Later, after she and John had raised their family, she earned a Master Degree in special education from Eastern Michigan University and taught special education in the Farmington Public Schools for 17 years. She had a great love for the children that she taught. She especially enjoyed spending summers on beautiful Parker Pond, West Glover, VT at the summer camp that her parents had built in 1937. These summers held many special memories for her, and she has passed her love of Parker Pond on to her children and grandchildren. A graveside Memorial Service will take place this summer with interment in the Iraaburg, Vermont Cemetery. For those desiring to do so, the family suggests memorial considerations be made to either the John M. Washburn III and Carolyn P. Washburn Endowed Scholarship Fund at Alma College, 614 West Superior Street, Augusta, ME 04901 or to the Old Stone House Museum, c/o Orleans County Historical Society, 109 Old Stone House Road, Brownsville, VT 05860. The family is being served by Hurst Funeral Home, through which messages of condolence may be sent via:
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